



# A Report to Our Members

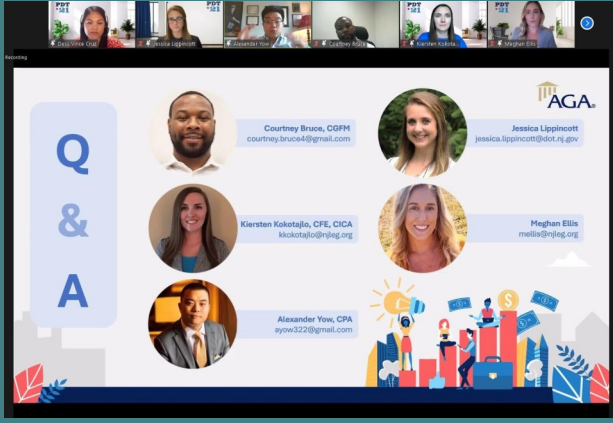
## Citizen Centric Report 2020 - 2021

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Three AGA Trenton Board members presented at PDT 2021: Jessica Donoher, Meghan Ellis, and Kiersten Kokotajlo.

### Vision Statement

AGA is to be the premier association for advancing government accountability.

### COVID-19 Pandemic

On March 9, 2020, Governor Murphy declared a State of Emergency to marshal the full resources of government to address the impacts and risks associated with the novel corona virus, COVID-19. The AGA Trenton Chapter altered/postponed events to meet the state health mandates. In light of the pandemic, the AGA Trenton Chapter held their first ever fully virtual training event in June 2020 and have continued to do so into in 2021. With the use of the GoToWebinar platform, training events have been held virtually with the ability to expand speaker demographics without travel restrictions.

### Our Mission

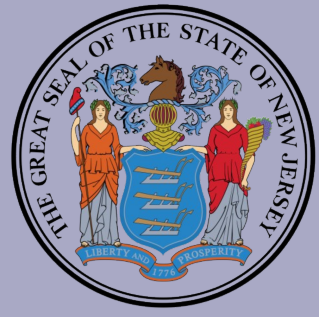
The Trenton Chapter of Association of Government Accountants is a leading advocate for improving the quality and effectiveness of Governmental fiscal management. To this end, our goal is to carry forward the purpose of the AGA itself—to promote continuing education, development, and professionalism in the areas of government financial management and to promote opportunities for community service.

### National Mission

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership, and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

### Total Members by Employer

	2020	2021	% Difference
State	77	73	-5%
Federal	10	9	-11%
Local	3	3	0%
Private Sector	16	16	0%
Retired	15	17	12%
Academic	2	2	0%
Student	2	4	50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>-1%</b>



# How We Have Progressed In 2020 - 2021

## Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Hours Awarded

We strive to provide our members with more than 40 hours of CPE credits per year. The following table shows total CPE credits awarded over the past five years.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Audio Conferences	224	194	296	572	286
Fall Seminar	700	720	763	847	525
Spring Symposium	847	889	840	270	609
Dinner Meetings	112	103	98	93	15
Other	0	0	0	0	716
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>1,906</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>2,151</b>

*Variations: in 2021 the chapter hosted 3 less audio conferences than the prior year, in 2020 the Spring Symposium was only 5 CPEs due to issues finding speakers during the pandemic, in 2021 the chapter only hosted one dinner meeting due to lack of interest from the membership. The Chapter partnered with the NJ Office of the State Auditor to offer the required four hour NJ Law and Ethics 2018—2020 training course.*

## Community Service



Members participated in a program prior to Memorial Day to honor veterans by assisting in placement of flags on Veteran's grave sites.



Raised \$700 for the Paul M. Vidunas Community Service Memorial Donated to Home Front.  
Collected donations for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and the Trenton Animal Shelter throughout the year.



Hand made Valentine's Day cards for senior citizen's in the local care facility.

### EARLY CAREER

The Chapter hosted a bowling networking event in February 2020 to get to know potential new members.



### AWARDS

The awards banquet has not been hosted for 2 years due to COVID-19 but the chapter continues to recognize professionals and students for excellence.



	2021
Active CGFM	24
Retired CGFM	7
Inactive CGFM	0
Non-CGFM	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>

**Not a CGFM?**  
**What are you waiting for?**  
25% of the Trenton Chapter members (active and retired) are CGFMS!  
Reach out for more information on how you could become a CGFM!  
Ask about scholarship opportunities!

# Our Finances

## Revenues and Expenses

### Independent Audit

Independent audits of the Association's finances were conducted, resulting in clean opinions.

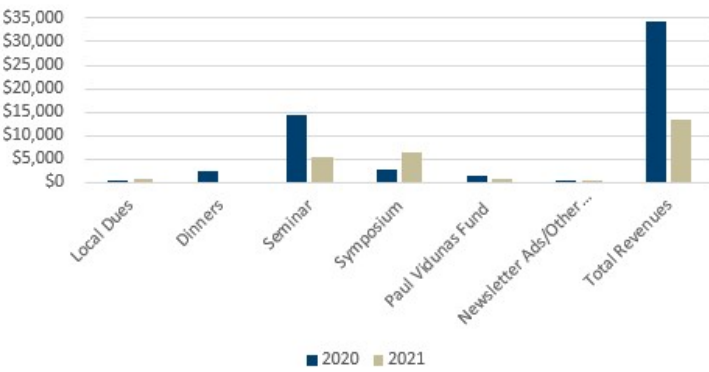
### Fiscal Year 2020 & 2021 Expenses

Primary Sources:	2020	2021
Dinners	\$3,676	\$0
Board Meetings	\$349	\$0
Seminar	\$9,644	\$117
Symposium	\$71	\$64
Website Design and Maintenance	\$185	\$11
Awards	\$1,605	\$3,033
Other Education Expenses	\$4,415	\$3,994
*PDT		
Paul Vidunas Fund	\$1,300	\$670
Miscellaneous	\$1,125	\$332
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$22,370</b>	<b>\$8,221</b>

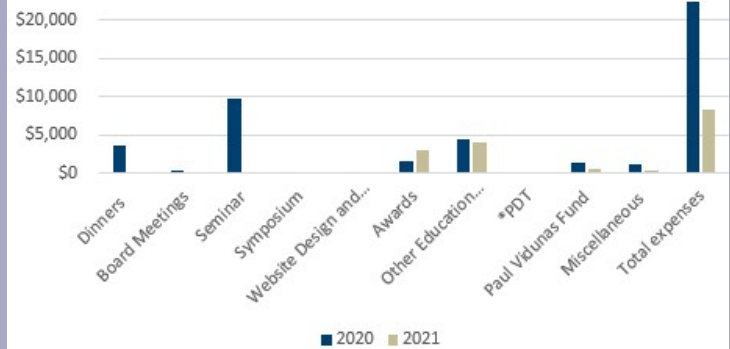
### Fiscal Year 2020 & 2021 Revenues

Primary Sources:	2020	2021
Local Dues	\$570	\$598
Dinners	\$2,527	\$0
Seminar	\$14,475	\$5,215
Symposium	\$2,630	\$6,520
Paul Vidunas Fund	\$1,246	\$670
Newsletter Ads/Other Education/Misc	\$476	\$256
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$21,924</b>	<b>\$13,259</b>

Revenues



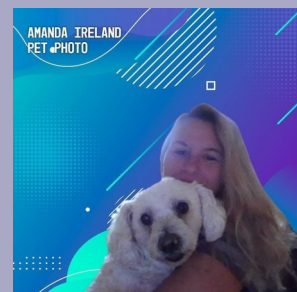
Expenses



*Variances: No dinners were held during 2021. The Seminar under 2020 was the last in person training, all others were virtual. Lack of in person events diminished fundraising for the PVF.*

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# PDT 2021 Photo Booth Fun!



# What's Next?

## *Challenges moving forward*

### We want to hear from you!

Do you like this report?  
Would you like to see other information?

Please let us know by contacting AGA with attention to Kiersten Kokotajlo, VP of Membership.

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**2021 Young Professional Training Scholarship**

Jennifer Dougherty  
Trenton Chapter



Congrats to Jennifer Dougherty  
2021 YP Training Scholar

- ◆ Continue to increase our presence in the professional community through constant upgrade and update of our website and use of social media to provide the most current and important information to the Chapter's members and friends and by issuing periodic electronic newsletters. This will strengthen and move AGA-Trenton forward to communicate its vision, mission, and goals to the existing and potential membership.
- ◆ Continue constant and regular communication with AGA's National coordinators to exchange information and ideas.
- ◆ Membership:
  - ◆ Continue improving and expanding annual Membership-Scholarship Program to promote AGA-Trenton Chapter and its membership especially among early career government employees by providing full sponsorship of the one full year of membership dues (national and chapter) along with registration for all AGA-Trenton Chapter's functions during the year at the member's rate (including annual Fall Seminar and Spring Symposium) for one or more individuals.
  - ◆ Continue promoting AGA-National Members' Recruitment and Retention Program with the Focus on Early Career and Student Members.
- ◆ Raise Public Awareness of Government Accountability, Transparency and Performance:
  - ◆ Preparing and distributing Chapter's Citizen-Centric Report to AGA-Trenton's membership and beyond.
  - ◆ Encouraging governmental entities to adopt four-page Citizen-Centric Report for greater governments' transparency and accountability.
  - ◆ Establishing and maintaining the Board position of Accountability Coordinator.
- ◆ Continue providing regular education programs through CPE dinner meetings, audio conferences, and Annual Fall and Spring Symposiums inviting highly respected and recognized speakers from all levels of government, private enterprise, and academia.
- ◆ Continue to promote the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program. Maintain and promote the scholarship incentive to become a CGFM.

