

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

TRENTON CHAPTER

HISTORY REPORT FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2019

**ROSE M. TODARO
HISTORIAN**

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Trenton Chapter holds annual elections in April for the following Chapter Officers (see Attachment A for 2018-2019 Officers):

President
President-Elect/Vice President of Education
Vice Presidents (2)
Treasurer
Secretary

During program year 2018-2019, fifteen directors, appointed by the President, were active within the Chapter (see Attachment A for 2018-2019 Officers and Directors).

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING DATES

The full Executive Board met twice during the 2018-2019 program year. The Board held a reorganization meeting on July 18, 2018. An additional mid-year Board meeting was held on January 23, 2019.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
September 6, 2018	The Chapter kicked off its 2018-2019 program year with a meet and greet happy hour. Nineteen attended the event. The attendees included 16 members including one member from the Northern New Jersey Chapter and three non-members.
September 19, 2018	Heather Graham and Chantel Wilson, Supervising Administrators from the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Unclaimed Property Administration (UPA). They discussed UPA's mission to recover and record abandoned or lost intangible and tangible property, and to ultimately return these properties to their rightful owners. They also explained that governing statutes ensure that property owners never relinquish the right to these properties, and UPA only acts as a custodian until the properties can be returned to their rightful owners. One CPE was offered to the 24 attendees.
November 15, 2018	Dorothy Guzzo, Executive Director of the New Jersey Historic Trust, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. The topic of her discussion highlighted the benefits of historical preservation in New Jersey. She explained how historic preservation projects impact a locality's tax revenue and the job market. One CPE was offered to the 24 attendees.
January 9, 2019	Jill Ann Murphy, CPA, CGMA Director, Mercadian P.C. and Holly Sabo, Manager, Mercadian Group, P.C. The topic of their discussion was 2018 tax update and insight to the tax changes for 2018. One CPE was offered to the 29 attendees.
March 13, 2019	Anthony Carabelli Jr., Director of Mercer County Office of Economic Development and Sustainability. His presentation highlighted the economic development programs available to businesses at the county level. Their assistance provides counseling to small businesses and they cover such topics as how to seek loans, potential bidding opportunities on municipal and county contracts, and available financing programs from private lenders. One CPE was offered to the 21 attendees.
May 22, 2019	Annual Awards Dinner

Four of the six monthly meetings offered one CPE to those attending.

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

WEBINARS HELD

October 10, 2018	Webinar conference topic was <i>Leveraging IT to Detect Fraud, Waste and Abuse</i> - 21 individuals attended. The session offered 2 CPE credits.
November 28, 2018	Webinar conference topic was <i>Escape the Blindspot Zone</i> - 24 individuals attended this session. The session offered 2 CPE credits.
January 23, 2019	Webinar conference topic was <i>Grants Management: The Focus on Internal Controls and Compliance</i> - 23 individuals attended this session. The session offered 2 CPE credits.
February 6, 2019	Webinar conference topic was <i>GASB Update</i> - 18 individuals attended. This session offered 2 CPE credits.
March 27, 2019	Webinar conference topic was <i>Cybersecurity: Protecting and Utilizing Government Data</i> - 16 individuals attended. This session offered 2 CPE credits.
April 24, 2019	Webinar conference topic was <i>DATA Act</i> - 15 individuals attended. This session offered 2 CPE credits.
May 5, 2019	Webinar conference topic was <i>Fighting Fraud with Data Analytics</i> - 15 individuals attended. This session offered 2 CPE credits.
June 12, 2019	Webinar conference topic was <i>Leadership: Journey to the Frontline</i> - 16 individuals attended. This session offered 2 CPE credits.

These training sessions were offered to AGA members free. Non-members were charged a small fee.

FULL DAY TRAINING EVENTS

October 28, 2018	Annual Fall Seminar titled “ Data Analytics: Leading a New Generation ”. The seminar offered 7 CPE credits to the 109 individuals who attended. Presentations related to the following topics; Data Transparency: New Jersey Population Health Data Project; US Internal Revenue Service Fraud Prevention measures; and Big Data and Data Mining.
April 26, 2019	Annual Spring Symposium titled “ Fraud, Security, and Innovation: The Impact Across Fiscal and Technology Components ”. The symposium was divided into two tracks as follows and offered 7 CPE credits to the 120 individuals who attended. The day started with: Keynote Presentation: Michael Geraghty, Director, New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. The topic of his presentation was the mission of the Office which leads and coordinates New Jersey’s counterterrorism, cybersecurity and preparedness efforts while building resiliency throughout the state of New Jersey. The mission is fulfilled through execution of five core values which include service, teamwork, excellence, diversity and integrity in order to protect the State and its citizens.

Plenary Session was a panel discussion on fraud. The panelists were from the following State and Federal agencies; the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller, Medicaid Fraud Division, and the US Internal Revenue Service.

Workshop Session was a presentation by Dr. Sean Stein from Lehman College on **Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies: FAQ's, Fraud Prevention, and What CPA's Need to Know.**

Concurrent Workshops:

Track 1 Fiscal Issues Presentations

- Session 1 *Public Integrity and Accountability - Law Enforcement and You* presented by the NJ Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Public Integrity and Accountability, and NJ State Police, Office of Corruption Bureau
- Session 2 *Fraud Risk Management*, Jonathan T. Marks, CPA from the Baker Tilly CPA Firm

Track 2 Technology Presentations

- Session 1 *How Technology is Used by the NJ Office of Innovations*
- Session 2 *How Technology is Used by the NJ Economic Development Authority, Technology & Life Sciences*

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

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| November 6, 2018 | Seven AGA Trenton Chapter members volunteered as waitstaff for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen serving lunch. |
| October 28, 2018 &
April 26, 2019 | Collection of canned goods and donations was held for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen during each of the events held on these dates. |
| May 16, 2019 | Seven members and one non-member participated in a program to honor our veterans by assisting the Mercer County Veterans' Service Office with placing flags on veterans' grave sites at a local cemetery. |
| September 2018 to
May 2019 | Various projects were undertaken to raise funds for the Paul M. Vidunas Community Service Memorial. Paul passed away during his term as Chapter President and the Chapter established the fund to recognize Paul's dedication to community service. Annually the Chapter selects a community service entity to receive this award. The 2018-2019 recipient selected was "Signal 22 Canteen". Signal 22 Canteen's mission is to respond to any man-made or natural disaster, and to provide proper nourishment for police, fire fighters EMS and other agency personnel assigned to any disaster. It also furthers its mission by providing substance to the victims of disasters. Signal 22 Canteen is a non-denominational, independent organization, and all services are open to everyone needing assistance. |

PUBLICATIONS

The Chapter issued six newsletters between September 2018 and June 2019 containing our President's letter, financial status of the Chapter, CGFM information, meeting announcements, speaker's biographies, etc. Each newsletter was posted to the Chapter's website. (Attachment B)

During the year the Chapter prepared the 2017-2018 Citizen Centric Report which highlighted the demographics the Chapter's membership by employer and professional certification; educational events offered during the program year; community service activities; the Chapter's financial activities for the 2017-2018 program year; as well as, discussing the Chapter's efforts to enhance its communications with current members; and efforts to expand its membership. The Citizen Centric Report was posted to the Chapter's website. (Attachment C)

The Chapter prepared and submitted its 2017-2018 annual history report to the National Office. The annual history report was posted to the Chapter's website.

CHAPTER BY-LAWS UPDATE

During the 2018-2019 program year the Chapter's Director of By-Laws formed a committee that included himself, the current Chapter President and the Chapter Historian. The purpose of the committee was to update the Chapter's by-laws and bring them more in line with AGA National's by-laws. AGA National's by-laws served as the model for the Chapter's update, and the by-laws are the guidelines by which the Chapter operates. At the January 2019 Board meeting, the By-Law Director presented the draft of the updated by-laws to the Board members. He requested that the members review the updates and make any additional recommendations they felt necessary. Since there were no recommendations, the updated Chapter By-Laws were approved and posted the Chapters website.

EARLY CAREER EVENT

On February 1, 2019 the Chapter held a meet and greet bowling night in order to introduce college students and early career government employees to the Chapter and all that it has to offer future and current governmental employees. The event was attended by 10 Chapter board members, 5 Chapter members, 2 students from a nearby area college and 5 professional non-members. The event was free to students and young professionals. Members and professional non-members paid \$6 to attend, and these monies went to the Paul M. Vidunas Community Service Memorial Fund.

CHAPTER HONORARIUMS AND AWARDS

The Annual Awards Dinner was held on May 22, 2019 and the following awards were presented to members and non-members:

Achievement of the Year

Roy Hambrecht, NJ Juvenile Justice Commission

Special Achievement Award

Kevin J. Dehmer, NJ Department of Education

Chapter Service Award

Jennifer Dougherty, NJ Office of the State Auditor

Chris Fuccello, NJ Office of the State Comptroller

Marie Samson, NJ Department of Transportation

Distinguished Leadership Award

Robert F. Voorhees, NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Membership Scholarship Recipients

Amanda Ireland, NJ Office of the State Auditor

Thomas J. Kaschak Scholarship

Kyle Calamia

Paul M. Vidunas Community Service Memorial (\$1,400)

Signal 22 Canteen

Special Assistants Award

Robyn Boyer, NJ Office of the State Auditor

James J. Dolan Award

Kiersten Kokotajlo, NJ Office of the State Auditor

President's Award

Brian Larkin, NJ Office of the State Auditor

Past President's Award

Robert Rizzo, NJ Office of the State Auditor

CGFM CERTIFICATION

During the 2018-2019 program year one member obtained the CGFM designation and received the Trenton Chapter's CGFM Achievement Scholarship.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

During the 2018-2019 program year a Chapter Board member passed and obtained the Certified Internal Auditor Certification.

During the 2018-2019 program year another Chapter member obtained the Registered Municipal Accountant designation.

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Three of the Chapter's members earned their Lifetime membership designation.

NATIONAL LEVEL SERVICE and RECOGNITION

The Chapter's In-Coming President, the Chapter's In-Coming Treasurer, the Chapter's Webmaster/Communications Director, the Out-Going 2017-2018 President, one Chapter member, and the Chapter's three-time Past President attended the July 2018 Professional Development Training (PDT) held in Orlando, Florida.

The success of National's annual Professional Development Training (PDT) is not only dependent on offering high quality educational sessions and being well attended, but also having the support and services of volunteers. The Chapter's three-time Past President answered National's request for volunteers and served on the Welcoming Committee for the 2018 PDT held in Orlando, Florida.

The Chapter's CGFM Representative continued to be part of the National CGFM Certification Board. The third year of a three-year term. This nine member Board is responsible for establishing and/or changing the CGFM certification and/or exam rules, regulations, and qualifications; handle candidate's complaints, questions or concerns; review exam

questions and other issues regarding the administration of the CGFM certification process.

In December 2018, AGA National asked the Chapter President to select someone from the Board to be the Chapter's National Council of Chapter (NCC) Representative for upcoming program year 2019-2020. The Chapter's Accountability Outreach Chairperson and the 2016-2017 Past President was chosen and approved by the Board. This individual had just begun to serve as the North Atlantic Regional Vice President Elect. The NCC is National's modification of the regional vice president governance. AGA National revised the chapter representation from one individual for a region of chapters to a NCC representative from each of the 100 active chapters, thus allowing each active chapter to have a voice in the overall governance of AGA.

The Chapter's President Elect/Vice President of Education, the Chapter's Accountability Outreach Chairperson and North Atlantic Regional Vice President Elect, and one Chapter member attended the AGA LEAD! meeting held in Baltimore, Maryland in April 2019. In addition, the Chapter's Regional Vice President Elect/ NCC Representative was asked to do a presentation on the Trenton Chapter's membership best practices. The NCC Representative highlighted the Chapter's dedication to providing timely and relevant educational events, and described the success the Chapter has had with its scholarship program to attract young professionals, diversifying the Chapter's board, and demonstrating the value of being an AGA member through involvement in the Chapter's activities.

NATIONAL AWARDS and CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

The Trenton Chapter earned the Platinum Award from National for 2018–2019 program year. The Chapter earned over 19,501 credits. Credits are awarded by the National Association for fulfilling all the various goals set by the National office.

The Chapter was awarded the Certificate of Excellence for its 2017–2018 Citizen Centric Report. (Attachment D)

The Trenton Chapter was selected as the recipient of the 2019 Chapter Accountability and Transparency Award. Each year, AGA recognizes financial management professionals and chapters whose visionary leadership, outstanding accomplishments and exceptional service have significantly advanced the profession, strengthened the Association and improved communities. The Trenton Chapter's Accountability Outreach Chairperson and the North Atlantic Regional Vice President Elect completed and submitted the nomination form which required answering questions demonstrating how the Chapter is accountable and transparent. The Chapter's Recognition report served as the supporting documentation to the required questions answered. (Attachment E)

The Chapter's Director of Community Service was nominated and awarded Volunteer of the Year Award. The Chapter's President-Elect/Vice President of Education submitted the nomination to AGA National. The award recognizes the distinguished contributions the nominee has made during the program year to the development and enhancement of the nominee's chapter. The recipients of the award embody the spirit of volunteerism. (Attachment F)

CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2018-2019

OFFICERS

President - Robert Rizzo
President-Elect/Vice President of Education - Nikki Farrell
Immediate Past President/Nominating Committee Chair - Andy Bishop
Vice President of Membership - Kiersten Kokotajlo
Vice President of Finance/Administration/Programs - Christopher Schwartz
Treasurer - Tyler Frounfelker
Secretary - Michelle Blatt

DIRECTORS

Fall Seminar - Co-chairs: Robert Rizzo/Jessica Lippincott + Fall Seminar Committee includes but not limited to Rene Gervasoni, Andy Bishop, Brian Larkin, Tyler Frounfelker, and Marie Samson
Spring Symposium - Co-chairs: Robert Rizzo/Chrissy Brennan + Spring Symposium Committee includes but not limited to Meghan Ellis and Mike Salberta
Audio Conferences - Michelle Blatt/Thalia Treby
Sponsorship - Guy Tassi
Chapter Recognition - Brian Larkin
CGFM Chairperson - Margarita Stanislavskaya
Community Service - Stephanie Rybak/Chris Fuccello
Awards - Christopher Schwartz
Early Career - Taylor Leavy
Budget/Finance - David Illuminate
Newsletter - Marie Samson
Meeting Chair - Rene Gervasoni
Paul Vidunas Coordinator - Jennifer Suchan
Historian - Rose Todaro
By-Laws - David Kaschak
Accountability Outreach Chair - Kiersten Kokotajlo
Webmaster/Communications - Brian Larkin
North Atlantic Regional Vice President Elect - Kiersten Kokotajlo



Newsletter

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Chapter Leadership

2019-2020 Program Year

Chapter President

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Secretary

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Nominations

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President's Message

Robert Rizzo

Dear Members and Friends,

Hope everyone is having a great beginning of Spring! It is nice not having to warm up your car every single morning.

In Chapter news, we had a dinner meeting at Tessara Restaurant with speaker Anthony Carabelli Jr., Director of the Mercer County Office of Economic Development on March 13th. I want to thank Anthony for taking time out of his busy schedule to speak to the Chapter. Based on the feedback we received, everyone enjoyed it!

On Friday, April 26, we will be holding our 2019 Spring Symposium on *Fraud, Security, and Innovation: The Impact Across Fiscal and Technology Components* at The College of New Jersey. Sessions will include a keynote presentation on cybersecurity by speaker Michael Geraghty, Director of the NJ Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell at the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. In addition, we will have a fraud panel discussion along with speakers from Division of Criminal Justice, NJ Office of Innovation, NJ Economic Development Authority, Internal Revenue Service, Baker Tilly, and Lehman College. Please see additional details in the Day at a Glance and Registration Form included in the newsletter. You can also register [here](#). We hope to see you there!

We will also have a DATA Act webinar on Wednesday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m. This will take place at the Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street in Trenton. This webinar is FREE for members! Please register [here](#).

Take care,
Robert Rizzo
Trenton Chapter President



SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 AGA Spring Symposium – Friday, April 26, 2019

Earn up to 7 CPEs!

7:30 AM – 4:45 PM

The College of New Jersey

Education Building, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08618

Refer to pages 3-4 of the newsletter for:

- Day At A Glance (*Draft - Subject to Change*)
- Registration Form

[Register Online](#)

WEBINARS

Data Act Webinar – Wednesday, April 24, 2019

- Where: 12th Floor Conference Room, Office of the State Comptroller – 20 West State Street, Trenton NJ 08625
- Time: 2:00 PM-3:50 PM
 - 2 CPEs
- Field of Study: AUDG

[Register Online](#)

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER – MEMBER RECRUITMENT

As treasured members, we can influence the future of AGA by sharing our experiences with peers, colleagues, and others in our organizations with any interest in government financial management. Membership in AGA has many benefits, including education and networking opportunities, awards and scholarship programs, discounts for training, exclusive CPE opportunities and access to our resources. Members join a local chapter through which they gain additional networking, leadership and education experiences. Start recruiting today.

Provide the following information to our prospective members:

- Online application – <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx>
 - E-mail - agamembers@agacgfm.org
- Telephone – (800)-AGA-7211 or (703)-684-693

Fraud, Security, and Innovation: The Impact Across Fiscal and Technology Components

The College of New Jersey
2000 Pennington Road Ewing NJ 08608 Education Building

Introduction and Opening Remarks	8:15am to 8:30am	Education 212
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Opening Session:	8:30am to 9:30am	Education 212
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Keynote Presentation: Michael Geraghty, Director, NJ Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell,
Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness

Plenary Session: 9:30am to 10:45am Education 212

Fraud Panel Discussion

Moderator: Christine Brennan

Guests: Michael Palumbo, Division of Banking and Insurance

Christine Hoffman, Division of Criminal Justice

Khia O'Neal and Mike Kennedy, Office of the State Comptroller, Medicaid Fraud Division

Glenn Gizzi, Internal Revenue Service

Workshop: 11:00am to 12:15pm Education 212

“Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies; FAQ’s, Fraud Prevention, and What CPAs Need to Know”
Dr. Sean Stein Smith, Lehman College

Lunch	12:15pm to 1:45pm	Education 212
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Concurrent Workshops: 1:45pm to 3:00pm

Fiscal Track 1: Anthony Picione, John Nicodemo, Kiersten Pentony, and Gene Redko, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Public Integrity and Accountability and New Jersey State Police, Official Corruption Bureau **Education 212**

<u>Fiscal Track 2:</u>	Fraud Risk Management Jonathan T. Marks, Baker Tilly	Education 115
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Concurrent Workshops: 3:15pm to 4:30pm

Technology Track 1:	Kai Feder, New Jersey Office of Innovation	Education 212
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<u>Technology Track 2:</u>	Tim Rollender New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Technology & Life Sciences Team	Education 115
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Please note the schedule and speakers are subject to change

Credits for Continuing Education: 7 credits in the subject area of “Accounting/Auditing/Information Technology/Regulatory Ethics”

*****CPE certificates will be available at the conclusion of the Symposium. In the event of your early departure, the certificate will be adjusted accordingly and mailed.*****

2019 AGA Spring Symposium Registration Information

Group Registration:

- Complete a registration form for each member of the group and submit it with a list of all registrants. Include a contact name and phone number for the group.
- Each registrant's individual form should indicate the method of payment being used.
- Each registrant must sign the form.

All Other Registrants:

- Complete and fax, mail, or email the registration form; or register and pay online via PayPal at www.agacgfm.org/trenton.
- Please be sure to sign the form in the space provided.
- Pre-registration is encouraged; registration at the door costs more!

Cancellation Policy:

- If a registrant cannot attend, substitutions will be accepted.
- Cancellations will be accepted through 4:00pm on April 19, 2019.
- Cancellations received after this date and no-shows will be liable for payment in full.

I agree with the above terms of the cancellation policy.

Fees:

Registration Type	Fee
Pre-Registered AGA or ASPA Members	\$115.00
Pre-Registered Non-Members	\$140.00
Day of Event (at the door, no credit cards)	\$160.00
Full-Time Students	\$40.00

Registration includes all presentations, breakfast, morning and afternoon refreshments, and a full course buffet lunch.

- Make checks and vouchers (do not mail cash) payable to:

AGA Trenton Chapter
Vendor ID #V530217158-03
DUNS# 966734985
CAGE code# 6YQD4

- Registrations must be received by Friday, April 19, 2019
- No phone registrations will be accepted.
- Send correspondence, faxes, payment, and questions to:

AGA Symposium
C/O Robyn Boyer
Office of the State Auditor
PO Box 067
Trenton NJ, 08625-0067

Fax: (609) 633-0834 Email: rboyer@njleg.org

Signature _____

Date _____

2019 AGA Spring Symposium Registration Form

Individual Information		
Name:		
Title:		
Organization:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:	Phone:	
Total Enclosed: \$		

Seminar Date:

April 26, 2019

Seminar Location:

The College of New Jersey
 2000 Pennington Road
 Ewing, NJ 08618
 Education Building



Do you require a special meal or accommodation?

Please Explain:

Credit for Continuing Education

Level of Knowledge	Basic
Prerequisite	None
Advanced Preparation	None
Recommended Credit	7 CPE Hours

Payment Method

NJ Check or Payment Voucher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal or Company Check	<input type="checkbox"/>

Registration Type	Fee	Select
Pre-Registered AGA or ASPA Members Chapter: _____	\$115.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-Registered Non-Members	\$140.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Full-Time Students	\$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>



Scholarship Opportunities!

Young Professionals PDT Scholarship

AGA annually selects up to five young professionals to attend AGA's [Professional Development Training \(PDT\)](#) in July. The participants in this program will act as ambassadors for attendees and assist at the AGA exhibit hall booth and other activities throughout the training event.

Application deadline was extended to April 12, 2019.

Requirements

- Must be an AGA member in good standing
 - A first-time PDT attendee
- Working directly for government (federal state, local, tribal or nonprofit)
 - Under the age of 30 as of July 21, 2019
- Available starting at 3 p.m. on Sat., July 20, 2019, and willing to assist at the AGA exhibit hall booth and other AGA activities throughout PDT.

Participants receive

- Five-night hotel scholarship (check-in July 20, 2019 — a \$680 value)
- Complimentary registration for the entire event (up to a \$900 value)
- CPEs to help you advance your career (number of CPEs may vary depending on assignments)
 - Opportunities to meet and network with government leaders from around the country

How to apply

Write an essay explaining why you should be selected to attend PDT 2019 (max 250 words). Send the essay and the completed application below to membership@agacgfm.org



What is CGFM?

Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

CGFM is a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager.

Being a CGFM allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field.

How do you become a CGFM?

To earn the CGFM, you must fill out an online application and meet the following requirements:

- [Ethics](#) — read and agree to abide by AGA's *Code of Ethics*
- [Education](#) — have a bachelor's degree in any subject area from an accredited U.S. college or university
- [Examinations](#) — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations
- [Experience](#) — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



The mission of the MCIA is to serve the needs of Mercer County improving the quality of life for the residents by providing programs and services for the County, Municipalities, school and fire districts, and not-for-profits in the areas of financing, project management, redevelopment, solid waste and recycling.



KPMG LLP, the U.S. audit, tax, and advisory services firm, operates from 87 offices with more than 23,000 employees and partners throughout the U.S. The firm's purpose is to turn knowledge into value for the benefit of their clients, people, and capital markets.



Today, Mercadien's focuses on four primary service areas: Accounting, Consulting, Technology and Wealth Management; work with a wide range of clients throughout the U.S. and in Europe; have a diverse team of dedicated associates, and invest in the most cutting-edge technology and office facilities to ensure Mercadien remains a firm of the future. The firm's leadership team consists of 18 managing directors. Sought-after experts in their practice areas, they are seasoned when it comes to owning and running businesses, solving industry and economic challenges, and building partnerships.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION PERIOD ENDING 3/31/2019

ASSETS:		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:	
Cash (BOA)-		Accounts	
Savings	\$12,184.76	Payable	\$791.16
Cash(BOA)		Deferred	
Checking	\$13,103.05	Income	\$110.00
Accts. Rec. -			
Symp/mtg/Sem	\$0.00		
PrePaid		Fund	
Expenses	\$2,231.56	Balance	\$26,618.21
TOTAL		TOTAL	
ASSETS	\$27,519.37	L&E	\$27,519.37



CHAPTER DIRECTORS - 2018-2019 PROGRAM YEAR

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VP of Membership - Kiersten Kokotajlo

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Chapter Recognition - Brian Larkin

CGFM Chairperson - Margarita Stanislavskaya

Community Service - Stephanie Rybak/Chris Fuccello

Awards - Christopher Schwartz

Early Career - Taylor Leavy

Budget/Finance - Dave Illuminate

Newsletter - Marie Samson

Meeting Chair - Rene Gervasoni

Paul Vidunas Coordinator - Jennifer Suchan

Historian - Rose Todaro

By-Laws – David Kaschak

Accountability Outreach Chair - Kiersten Kokotajlo

Webmaster/Communications - Brian Larkin

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LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/trenton-aga>

Attachment C



A Report to Our Members

Citizen Centric Report 2017-2018

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Rob Rizzo presenting Andy Bishop with the Past-President's Award

Vision Statement

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

Our Mission

The Trenton Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) 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.

Total Members by Employer

	2017	2018	% Diff
State	92	86	-7%
Federal	13	8	-8%
Local	4	3	-33%
Private Sector	13	12	-8%
Retired	19	17	-12%
Academia	7	4	-75%
Student	0	1	100%
Total	148	135	10%

Member Certifications

	2017	2018
CGFM	35	33
CPA	57	54
CIA	4	4
CFE	13	12
Other	11	11
Total	120	114



2018 Spring Symposium presentation held at TCNJ

HOW WE HAVE PROGRESSED

IN 2017 - 2018

National Mission

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

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Hours Awarded

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

	2016	2017	2018
Audio Conferences	238	224	194
Fall Seminar	700	700	720
Spring Symposium	700	847	889
Dinner Meetings	112	112	103
Other	0	0	0
Total	1,750	1,883	1,906

Past Presidents having some photo booth fun at AGA's 40th Anniversary Celebration



Community Service

- Various canned goods and other donations were provided to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen throughout the year.
- Members participated in a program on Memorial Day to honor veterans by assisting the Italian American War Veterans Post # 2 in placement of flags on Veterans' grave sites at a local cemetery
- Raised \$1,750 for the Paul M. Vidunas Community Service Memorial donated to The City of Angels NJ, Inc.

Awards Banquet

- Presented various awards to members and non-members for a number of services in governmental financial management
- \$2,250 awarded through scholarships to college students

Early Career

- Hosted a bowling networking event where four students from TCNJ and Rider as well as six non-member young professionals were in attendance



May 2018 Veteran Flag Placing Community Service

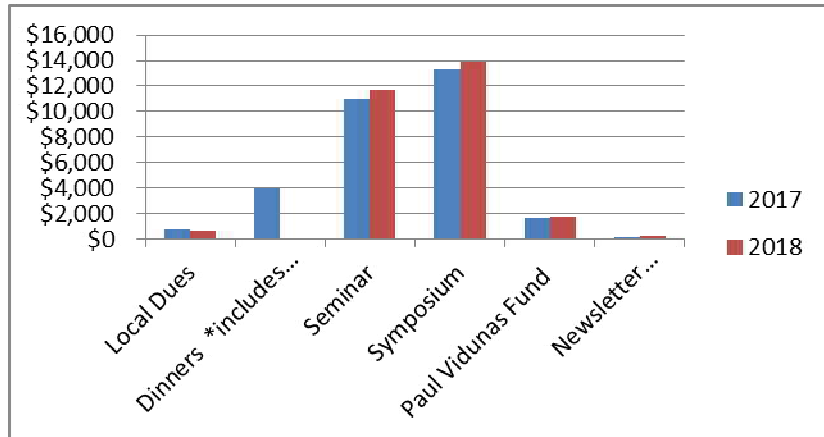


January 2018 Dinner Meeting
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Primary Sources of Revenue

	2017	2018
Local Dues	\$763	\$661
Dinners *includes 40th Anniversary Dinner	\$3,974	\$4,394*
Seminar	\$10,945	\$11,741
Symposium	\$13,307	\$13,905
Paul Vidunas Fund	\$1,600	\$1,757
Newsletter Ads/Other Education/Misc	\$26	\$275
Total Revenues	\$30,615	\$32,733

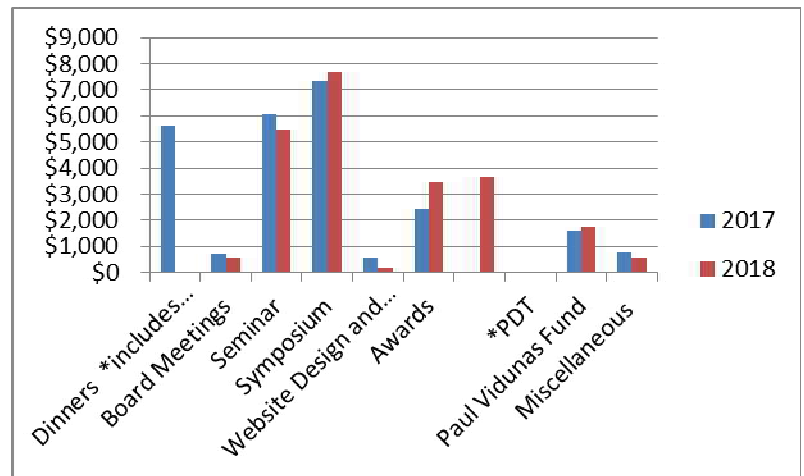
Fiscal Year 2017 & 2018 Revenue by Type



Primary Functional Expenses

	2017	2016
Dinners *includes 40th Anniversary Dinner	\$5,601	\$8,106*
Board Meetings	\$728	\$545
Seminar	\$6,084	\$5,460
Symposium	\$7,359	\$7,674
Website Design and Maintenance	\$554	\$154
Awards	\$2,423	\$3,485
Other Education Expenses *PDT	\$2,421*	\$3,651*
Paul Vidunas Fund	\$1,600	\$1,757
Miscellaneous	\$772	\$586
Total expenses	\$27,542	\$31,418

Fiscal Year 2017 & 2018 Expenses by Type



Independent Audit

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



2017 Fall Seminar



2018 Spring Symposium

We want to hear from you.

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Please let us know by contacting Kiersten
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2018 Bowling-Networking Event at Slocum's



2018-2019 Membership Scholarship Recipients
at AGA's Award's Dinner



- 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 Regional and 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. Implement a scholarship incentive to become a CGFM.



Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting

presented to

AGA Trenton Chapter

for the fiscal year ending 2018

Ann M. Ebberts, MS, PMP
Chief Executive Officer, AGA



May 8, 2019

Dear Kiersten:

Each year, AGA recognizes financial management professionals and chapters whose visionary leadership, outstanding accomplishments and exceptional service have significantly advanced our profession, strengthened our Association and improved our communities. This year, on behalf of the AGA National Awards Committee, I am pleased to inform you that the Trenton Chapter has been selected as a recipient of the **2019 Chapter Accountability and Transparency Award**.

Congratulations on receiving this special honor which formally recognizes AGA chapters that have successfully promoted AGA's accountability and transparency programs to their chapter members and the government financial community.

We will celebrate all national award winners in New Orleans at our 68th Annual Professional Development Training, July 21-24, 2019. We hope that a representative of your chapter can join us to receive the award in person—please [RSVP here](#) by May 24 to let us know. The attached document provides more information about the event.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence and to *Giving Back to our Profession* – my theme for the 2018-2019 year. I hope to see you in New Orleans!

Sincerely,

John H. Lynskey, CGFM, CPA
National President

cc: Kelly Stefanko, CGFM, CPA, Chair, AGA National Awards Committee



June 17, 2019

Dear Christopher,

Congratulations on being named AGA Trenton's 2018-2019 Volunteer of the Year. You have made a powerful impact on your chapter...and our organization.

The theme for my presidential year is "Giving Back to the Profession." Your significant contributions to your chapter have helped us do just that! You are vital to AGA's success, and I am pleased to recognize your service.

We will share the faces of the people who make AGA thrive and your accomplishments in the coming months on AGA's website, in our publications and at PDT in New Orleans. In fact, you are already featured on our 2018-2019 VOY web page at <https://www.agacgfm.org/VOY2019>.

We hope you will be proud to call yourself an AGA Volunteer of the Year. Thank you for inspiring me and AGA members across the country.

Sincerely,

John H. Lynskey, CGFM, CPA
National President

cc: Joe Connolly, Senior Vice President Section I
Jamila Webb, North Atlantic Regional Vice President
Robert Rizzo, President, Trenton Chapter
Nikki Farrell, President-Elect, Trenton Chapter