



# A Report to Our Members

## *Citizen Centric Report 2019-2020*

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Meghan Ellis, Kiersten Kokotajlo, Rob Rizzo, and Nikki Farrell at the AGA PDT 2019 in New Orleans

### Vision Statement

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



2019 Fall Seminar held at MCCC

### 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

	2019	2020	% Diff
State	90	77	-17%
Federal	11	10	-10%
Local	3	3	0%
Private Sector	15	16	6%
Retired	11	15	27%
Academia	4	2	-100%
Student	0	2	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>7%</b>

### 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.

### Member CGFMs

Not a CGFM? What are you waiting for? More than 20% of the Trenton Chapter members are CGFMs! Reach out for more information on how you could become a CGFM!

On March 31, 2020, Governor Murphy acknowledge AGA Trenton Chapter’s request, in conjunction with the Northern New Jersey Chapter, and signed a proclamation proclaiming March 2020 as Certified Government Financial Manager Month!

### 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 with more than 40 hours of CPE credits per year. The following table shows total CPE credits awarded over the past three years:

	2018	2019	2020
Audio Conferences	194	296	572
Fall Seminar	720	763	847
Spring Symposium (Virtual PDT in 2020)	889	840	270
Dinner Meetings	103	98	93
Other	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,906</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>1,782</b>

AGA Trenton Members at the Paul Vidunas Charity, PCDI Walk



### Community Service

- Various canned goods and other donations were provided to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and Trenton Animal Shelter throughout the year.
- Members participated in a program prior to 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 \$1,300 for the Paul M. Vidunas Community Service Memorial donated to Princeton Child Development Institute.

### Awards Banquet

- Presented various awards to members and non-members for a number of services in governmental financial management
- \$1,500 awarded through scholarships to college students

### Early Career

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



2020 Veteran Flag Placing Community Service



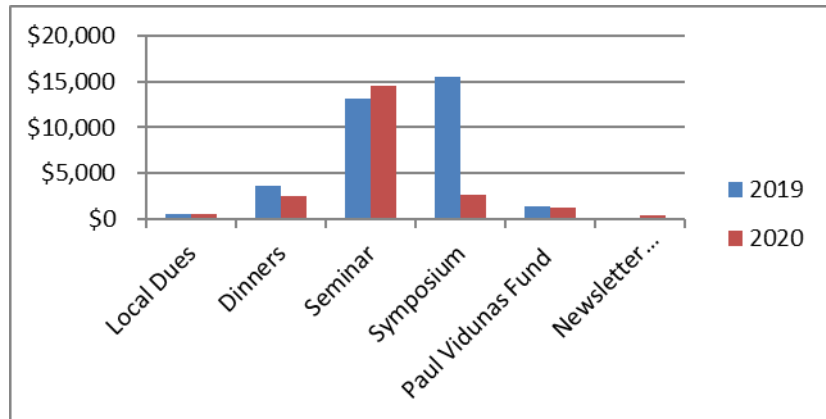
Monthly Dinner Meeting

## REVENUES AND EXPENSES

### Primary Sources of Revenue

	2019	2020
Local Dues	\$632	\$570
Dinners *includes 40th Anniversary Dinner	\$3,624	\$2,527
Seminar	\$13,067	\$14,475
Symposium	\$15,540	\$2,630
Paul Vidunas Fund	\$1,408	\$1,246
Newsletter Ads/Other Education/Misc	\$52	\$476
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$34,323</b>	<b>\$21,924</b>

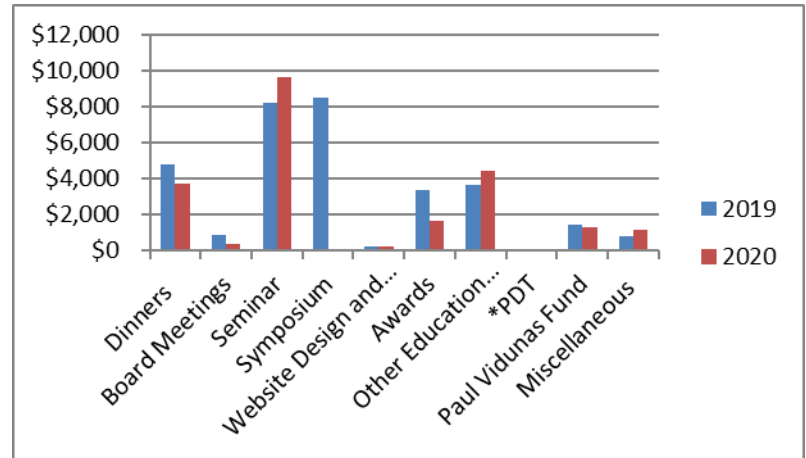
### Fiscal Year 2019 & 2020 Revenue by Type



### Primary Functional Expenses

	2019	2020
Dinners	\$4,818	\$3,676
Board Meetings	\$847	\$349
Seminar	\$8,227	\$ 9,644
Symposium	\$8,509	\$71
Website Design and Maintenance	\$194	\$185
Awards	\$3,343	\$1,605
Other Education Expenses *PDT	\$3,655	\$4,415
Paul Vidunas Fund	\$1,408	\$1,300
Miscellaneous	\$750	\$1,125
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$31,751</b>	<b>\$22,370</b>

### Fiscal Year 2019 & 2020 Expenses by Type



### Independent Audit

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



Fall Seminar



2020 Annual Bowling – Networking Event



## 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 Kiersten Kokotajlo at [kkokotajlo@njleg.org](mailto:kkokotajlo@njleg.org).

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Trenton Soup Kitchen and Animal Shelter donations collected at our 2019 Fall Seminar



Due to COVID-19 our Annual Awards recipients were honored through various virtual and published platforms since we could not host an in-person dinner.

We're proud to introduce our 2020-2021 Membership Scholarship Recipient:

**Arashdip Singh**



- 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. Implement a scholarship incentive to become a CGFM.