

# AGA Trenton Chapter Annual Report of Accomplishments & Service to Members Program Year 2017 – 2018

## CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Trenton Chapter held annual elections in April for the following Chapter Officers:

President, President-elect-First Vice President, Vice Presidents (2), Treasurer, and Secretary.

During the program year, 18 directors, appointed by the President, were active within the Chapter.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

September 7, 2017 – Trenton Chapter 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

September 19, 2017 – Dinner Meeting with speaker Kenneth Kaman, President of Mercadien Asset Management and Mercadien Securities (1 CPE/person – 23 CPE's offered)

November 15, 2017 – Dinner Meeting with speaker Carole Hedinger, CPA, CGMA, Executive Director, New Jersey Lottery (1 CPE/person – 26 CPE's offered)

January 10, 2018 – Dinner Meeting with speakers Jill Ann Murphy, CPA, CGMA Director, Mercadien P.C. and Holly Sabo, Manager, Mercadien P.C. (1 CPE/person – 32 CPE's offered)

April 11, 2018 – Dinner Meeting with speaker Joseph Simon, CGFM, MPA, MAIR Senior Associate with Grant Thornton (1 CPE/person – 22 CPE's offered)

May 16, 2018 – Annual Awards Dinner

## EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

### WEBINARS

September 13, 2017 – Topic: ***Managing 90% of Your Job*** (2 CPE's/person – 30 CPE's offered)

November 15, 2017 – Topic: ***Spotting Fraud in Your Organization*** (2 CPE's/person – 38 CPE's offered)

December 6, 2017 – Topic: ***Accounting & Financial Auditing Challenges/Best Practices*** (2 CPE's/person – 38 CPE's offered)

February 7, 2018 – Topic: ***Understanding GASB's New Standards on Leases and Fiduciary Activities*** (2 CPE's/person – 32 CPE's offered)

April 11, 2018 – Topic: ***Beyond the Code: Ethics in the Real World*** (2 CPE's/person – 36 CPE's offered)

May 16, 2018 – Topic: ***Leveraging Data Mining to Uncover Fraud*** (2 CPE's/person – 20 CPE's offered)

### **FULL DAY TRAINING EVENTS**

October 27, 2017 – Annual Fall Seminar titled “**Addiction Epidemic: Fiscal to Fraud – The Far Reaching Impacts**” (8 CPE's/person – 720 CPE's offered)

April 20, 2018 – Annual Spring Symposium titled “**Changes in Government: Preparing for the Future**” (7 CPE's/person – 889 CPE's offered)

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS**

October 27, 2018 and April 20, 2018 – Collection of canned goods and donations was held for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen during each of the events held on these dates.

May 23, 2018 – 10 members and 1 non-member participated in a program to honor veterans by assisting the Mercer County Veterans' Service Office with placing flags on veterans' grave sites at a local cemetery.

September 2017 to May 2018 – Various projects were undertaken to raise funds for the Paul M. Vidunas Community Service Memorial. The 2017-2018 recipient selected was “City of Angels” who offer different services to the addiction community.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

The Chapter issued nine newsletters between September 2017 and June 2018.

The Chapter also prepared the 2016 – 2017 Citizen Centric Report which highlighted the demographics the Chapter's membership by employer and professional certification; education events offered during the program year; community service activities; the Chapter's financial activities for the 2016 and the 2017 program years; as well as, discussing the Chapter's efforts to enhance its communications with current members; and efforts to expand its membership.

### **EARLY CAREER EVENT**

February 2, 2018 – Meet and Greet Bowling Night to introduce college students and early career government employees to the Chapter and all that it has to offer future and current government employees. The event was attended by 12 Chapter board members, 3 Chapter members, 1 visiting member from the Northern New Jersey Chapter, 4 students from a nearby college and 6 professional non-members.

### **CHAPTER HONORARIUMS AND AWARDS**

The Annual Awards Dinner was held on May 16, 2018 and the following awards were presented to members and non-members.

**Achievement of the Year** – Pamela Robertori, NJ Department of Transportation

**Special Achievement Award** – Nick Hansen, NJ Department of Transportation

**Chapter Service Award** – 1) Andrew Glowdowski, NJ Department of Transportation, 2) Brian Larkin, NJ Office of the State Auditor, and 3) Jessica Lippincott, NJ Department of Transportation

**Distinguished Leadership Award** – Joseph Guider, NJ Department of Human Services

**Education and Training Award** – Michael Morgese, NJ Office of the State Comptroller

**Membership Scholarship Recipients** – 1) Stephanie Rybak, NJ Office of the State Auditor, 2) Marie Samson, NJ Department of Transportation, 3) Jennifer Suchan, NJ Office of the State Auditor

**Thomas J. Kaschak Scholarship (\$1,500)** – Justine Maher

**Trenton Chapter Scholarship (\$750)** – Ross Talbot

**Paul M. Vidunas Community Service Memorial (\$1,750)** – City of Angels

**Special Assistants Award** – Robyn Boyer, NJ Office of the State Auditor

**President's Award** – Rene Gervasoni, NJ Office of the State Auditor

**Past President's Award** – Andrew Bishop, Bishop & Bishop, CPA's and Litigation Consultants

### **CHAPTER TO CHAPTER SERVICE**

Two up-and-coming Trenton Chapter board members were invited to be presenters at the Central Kentucky Association of Government Accounts 2018 Spring Training Event. The topic of their presentation was *Predictive Modeling in Financial Statement Fraud*.

### **NATIONAL LEVEL SERVICE and RECOGNITION**

The Chapter's In-Coming President, Vice President of Membership, the Chapter's Secretary, the Out-Going 2016-2017 President, the Regional/Chapter CGFM Coordinator and one Chapter member attended the July 2017 Professional Development Training (PDT) held in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Chapter's CGFM Representative Representative continued to be part of the National CGFM Certification Board. The second year of their three-year term.

The Chapter was recognized in National's August 16, 2017 Newsletter Leadership Matters. The article was written by the Chapter's CGFM Representative, and it described the Chapter's initiative to attract young professionals, diversify the Chapter's board, and demonstrating the value of being an AGA member through involvement in the Chapter's activities.

The Chapter's Board Secretary received a Young Professional Group (YPG) grant to attend the July 2017 PDT.

The Chapter's Vice President of Membership served on the Welcoming Committee for the 2017 PDT.

Two of the Trenton Chapter's up-and-coming Directors attended the AGA Sectional Leadership Conference held in Baltimore, Maryland in April 2018.

**NATIONAL AWARD and CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE**

The Trenton Chapter earned the Platinum Award from National for the 2017-2018 program year.

The Chapter was awarded the Certificate of Excellence for its 2016-2017 Citizen Centric Report.