

# **CHAPTER NEWSLETTER**

## OCTOBER 2020



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# President's Message Jessica Lippincott

Hello Members & Friends.

Welcome to October! Not only are we in the middle of baseball playoffs, but football is finally back and in full swing as well. You know what else that means? You got it! That means the Fall Seminar is coming up soon. Be sure to save the date for our virtual Fall Seminar on November 12th. We will be using the GoToWebinar platform as we did with the spring PDT back in June. This year's Fall Seminar will offer 7 CPE's and will be an action packed day! The credits will be in the subject areas of accounting, auditing, regulatory ethics and personal development. This is one event that you won't want to miss. The Fall Seminar Committee has worked very hard to get some hot topic speakers as well as motivational and leadership speakers. Check out the Day at a Glance and do not forget to register!

Some of the Fall Seminar presenters will include Ernie Almonte, AGA's Immediate Past President, KPMG, Mario Lewis from mariolewisconnects.com, and record holder, speaker, and author, Monika Sattler. KPMG will be speaking on the topic of COVID-19 Funding, Monitoring & Oversight. Mr. Mario Lewis will be speaking on leadership. Please feel free to check out his website for more details. Lastly, Ms. Monika Sattler will be speaking on her personal experience of "How To Pursue Goals That Scare Us". You can also check out her book "Unleashing My RAD Potential: From Corporate Life to Setting a World Record".

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# President's Message (continued)

Also, please do not forget about our first Lunch & Learn as well. The Lunch & Learns will be taking place of the dinner meetings for the time being. The Lunch & Learn will also be through the GoToWebinar platform and will be hosted on October 14th from 12pm to 1pm. Mr. Daniel Altobelli will be presenting on the topic of Blockchain 101. You can register for this Lunch & Learn by going to our website. Once registered, you will receive an additional link to follow to be able to access the Lunch & Learn.

With that being said, we are still accepting donations to the Paul Vidunas fund for HomeFront, NJ. You may donate through PayPal using the friends & family option. However, if you do not have PayPal and you wish to still donate, you may contact Arashdip Singh at arashdip.singh@njleg.org or David Illuminate at david.illuminate@njleg.org for more ways to donate.

I also would like to make mention that the New Jersey Consumer Affairs has issued a rule waiver temporarily extending the expiration of certain exam credits for the multipart CPA exam until December 31, 2020. Additionally, the deadline for licensees to complete continuing professional education to June 30, 2021. Please see more information on this later on in the newsletter.

Stay well and hope to "see" you all soon Jessica Lippincott Trenton Chapter President

### CHAPTER LEADERSHIP 2020-2021 PROGRAM YEAR

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Webinar - Ethics

(2 CPEs)

Date: November 4, 2020

Location: Online

Time: 2:00pm-3:50pm

Register via

www.agacgfm.org/trenton

2020 AGA Trenton's Virtual Fall Seminar

Date: November 12, 2020

Location: Online Register via

www.agacgfm.org/trenton

Webinar - NJ Law and Ethics 2018-2020

Date: November 18, 2020

Location: Online Register via

www.agacgfm.org/trenton

Webinar - NJ Law and Ethics 2018-2020

Date: November 24, 2020

Location: Online Register via

www.agacgfm.org/trenton

We hope to virtually continue to fundraise for our Paul Vidunas charity - HomeFront! Please make donations through our PayPal (AGATrentonPayPal) using the "Sending to a friend" option or contact our Treasurer, Dave Illuminate at dilluminate@njleg.org for other donor options. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

\*<u>Prizes</u>\*\* A gift card raffle will b<mark>e</mark> held for PV donors.

### Meet the Speaker -Monika Sattler November 12, 2020

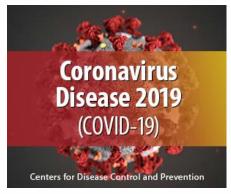


Monika Sattler is an endurance cyclist, speaker, and author. Having set a seemingly impossible cycling record, her talks empower the audience to reach beyond their perceived limits by overcoming challenges through determination, goal setting, resilience and teamwork.

Her previous speaking engagements include TEDx, Morgan Stanely, Vistage, Ciena, Colt, Women Coaches Symposium and Eurobike.

She holds a M.A. from Georgetown, M.Sc. from University of Minnesota, B.A. from Bryant University and speaks English, German and Spanish.

Learn more about her at www.radmonika.com or www.instagram.com/rad\_monika You can buy her book on Amazon.



**Access AGA's COVID-19 Resource Exchange** 

AGA launched the AGA COVID-19 Resource Exchange, a resource for our community, featuring thought leadership, training, tools, events and more to help us and our Chapter navigate this crisis.

**Help Flatten the Curve** 

# AGA Trenton Chapter 2020 Virtual Fall Professional Development Training

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Opening Remarks	8:00am to 8:10am	Jessica Lippincott, AGA Trenton Chapter President
Session 1	8:10am to 9:00am	Mario Lewis, Award-winning Speaker, MarioLewisConnects.com

"What Type of Speaker or Leader Are You?"

**Break** 9:00am to 9:10am

Session 2 9:10am to 10:00am Richard F. Keevey, Bloustein School of Planning and Policy,

**Rutgers University** 

"New Jersey Budget and Fiscal Issues"

Break 10:00am to 10:10am

Session 3 10:10am to 11:00am Kathleen E. Titsworth, Outreach Coordinator

Conneticut Department of Banking

"Coronavirus Scams: How to Avoid These and Other Common Banking

Scams"

Break 11:00am to 11:10am

Session 4 11:10am to 12:00pm Ernie Almonte, AGA Immediate Past President

Topic: TBD

Lunch 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Session 5 1:00pm to 1:50pm Monika Sattler, Record Holder, Speaker, Author

"How to Pursue Goals That Scare Us? Lessons Learned from

a Cycling Record Holder"

Break 1:50m to 2:00pm

Session 6 2:00pm to 2:50pm Chris Mangano, Ocellus Tech

Michael DePalma, Datto

"Cyber-Risk Compliance/ C-19 & Beyond"

Break 2:50pm to 3:00pm

Session 7 3:00pm to 3:50pm KPMG

"COVID-19 Funding Monitoring & Oversight"

Closing Remarks 3:50pm to 4:00pm

Please note the schedule and speakers are subject to change.

Credits for Continuing Education: 7 credits in the subject area of "Auditing/Auditing Governmental/ Information Technology/Economics/Personal Development"

\*\*CPE's are only available to participants from NJ and PA\*\*
CPE certificates will be available via email. In the event of your early departure, the certificate will be adjusted accordingly.

AGA Trenton Chapter NJ Sponsor #20CE00023700, PA Sponsor #PX177258

### 2020 AGA VIRTUAL Fall Professional Development Training 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 <a href="https://www.agacgfm.org/trenton">www.agacgfm.org/trenton</a>.
- 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 Monday November 9, 2020.
- 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	\$55.00	
Non-Members	\$110.00	
Day of Event (at the door, no credit cards)	N/A	
Full-Time Students	FREE	

CPE Sponsor Numbers NJ: 20CE00023700 PA: PX177258

• 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 Monday November 9, 2020
- No phone registrations will be accepted.
- Send correspondence, faxes, payment, and questions to:

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

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

## 2020 AGA Virtual Fall PDT Registration Form

	Individual Inform	ation	
Name:			
Title:			
Organization:			
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Email:	P	hone:	

Registration Type	Fee	Select	
AGA or ASPA Members	\$55.00		
Chapter:	\$33.00		
Non-Members	\$110.00		
Day of Event (at the door, no credit cards)	N/A		
Full-Time Students	FREE		

Seminar Date: November 12, 2020

Seminar Location: Virtual Webinar





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		
Personal or Company Check		

Credit for Continuing Education

# Extensions of CPA Examination Credit Window and Continuing Professional Education Deadline

Dear licensees and CPA exam candidates,

Please be advised that the Division has issued a Rule Waiver (<u>DCA-W-2020-17</u>) temporarily extending until December 31, 2020, the expiration of certain exam credits for the multi-part Certified Public Account Exam (CPA Exam). Additionally, DCA-W-2020-17 extends until June 30, 2021, the deadline for licensees to complete continuing professional education (CPE).

The Division takes this action today due to the COVID-19 pandemic and difficulties CPA Exam candidates have faced – and continue to face – in sitting for the multi-part CPA Exam within the required 18-month window, and the challenges licensees have experienced obtaining CPE credits. Under the order, candidates' exam credits that expire between March 9, 2020, and December 30, 2020, will be extended to the new December 31, 2020 deadline. Additionally, the order extends – from December 31, 2020, to June 30, 2021 – the deadline by which Board-licensed certified public accountants and public accountants must complete 120 CPE credits. This order takes effect immediately.

We at the Division recognize the many challenges our licensees face during this difficult time and thank you for the work you do to serve the public.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Rodríguez
Acting Director
Division of Consumer Affairs
New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety

# Get Your CGFM Certification!



Interested in getting your employer to recognize the AGA Certified Government Financial Manager certification? Use the following sample CGFM professional certification letter to bring awareness to the benefits of AGA and the CGFM certification.



# AGA Training Scholarships, Member Recruitment and CGFM Certification

## **Training Scholarships**

This year, AGA will award:

National Collegiate Leadership Program: AGA annually selects up to 10 full-time college students for the opportunity to attend the National Leadership Training (NLT). Deadline to apply for 2021 is Nov. 6, 2020; search "collegiate leadership" at www.agacgfm.org to apply.

## **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, such as free utilization of the CGFM Online Library. Members join a local chapter through which they gain additional networking, leadership and education experience. Start recruiting today. Provide the following information to our prospective members:

Online application via website: https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx

E-mail - agamembers@agacgfm.org

Telephone – (800)-AGA-7211 or (703)-684-6931



# **CGFM Certification**

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.

To become a 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!









# AGA Trenton Chapter's September 2020 Balance Sheet

### AGA TRENTON CHAPTER SEPTEMBER 2020 ASSETS

 Cash - Savings
 \$12,188.13

 Cash - Checking
 \$7,892.48

 Accounts Receivable - Symp/mtg/Sem
 \$ 

 Prepaid Expenses
 \$4,296.31

TOTAL ASSETS \$24,376.92

#### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Accounts Payable \$ Deferred Income \$ 10.00

Fund Balance \$24,366.92

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$24,376.92

# WHAT'S NEW CORNER "CGFM LIBRARY"

Are you interested in taking the CGFM exams but are hesitant about the costs of study materials? The AGA Trenton Chapter may be able to help!
Interested candidates can contact Jessica Lippincott to learn more about our CGFM Library Pilot Program!

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Budget Director - Amanda Ireland Newsletter Director - Marie Samson

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