



Newsletter

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Chapter Leadership 2019-2020 Program Year

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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**

Opening Session: **8:30am to 9:30am** **Education 212**

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**

Concurrent Workshops: **1:45pm to 3:00pm**

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

Fiscal Track 2: **Fraud Risk Management** **Education 115**
Jonathan T. Marks, Baker Tilly

Concurrent Workshops: **3:15pm to 4:30pm**

Technology Track 1: Kai Feder, New Jersey Office of Innovation **Education 212**

Technology Track 2: Tim Rollender **Education 115**
New Jersey Economic Development Authority,
Technology & Life Sciences Team

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.

Signature _____ Date _____

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

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



CHAPTER DIRECTORS - 2018-2019 PROGRAM YEAR

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VP of Finance/Administration/Programs - Christopher Schwartz

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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

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Chapter Recognition - Brian Larkin

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