



PROGRAM YEAR 2024-2025  
HOLIDAY 2024 EDITION  
AGA TRENTON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AGA Trenton Chapter Members,

As we transition into the holiday season, I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing commitment to excellence in governmental financial management. This year, we have made significant strides in enhancing our professional development and networking opportunities. I encourage you to participate in our upcoming events and educational programs designed to strengthen our skills and knowledge. Together, we can continue to improve the quality of fiscal management across New Jersey. Thank you for your dedication and support.

Best regards,  
Douglass MacArthur  
AGA Trenton Chapter President


## NEWSLETTER NOTICES



### AGA Mentoring Program

The program is open to AGA members only. We all have a responsibility to leave this world better than we found it and to have a positive impact on the next generation of government leaders. Mentoring is important, not only because of the knowledge and skills young professionals can learn from mentors, but also because mentoring provides professional socialization and personal support.

Email AGA or contact a board member with any personal news you would like to share to the Chapter in future newsletters.

  
AGA Trenton Chapter is currently soliciting and accepting thoughtful articles on a wide range of government financial topics, and may also publish articles relating to Tax, Practice Management, Financial Reporting, Audit, and Accounting. Chosen articles will be featured in the next newsletter and may qualify for CPE credits. For additional information, please contact: [agatrenton@gmail.com](mailto:agatrenton@gmail.com).



# Members' Milestones

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LIFETIME MEMBERS

Anthony L. Manno  
Terence P. Sharkey  
Rose M. Todaro  
Anthony J. Glebocki  
Robert J. Alu  
Janet E. Gregorovic  
Betty Jane Eddowes  
Richard Grahovac  
Steven J. Csogi  
Michael L. Einhorn  
Paul R. Baron  
Thomas Troutman  
Michael P. Fabian,  
William G. Shannon

AGA Trenton Chapter congratulates the following members celebrating 20 or more years of membership:

*20 Years*

Barbara E. Galager  
Robert H. Davidson  
Christopher D. Soleau  
Warren Alan Broudy  
Margarita Stanislavskaya

*25 Years*

Claudine W. Zellman  
Jack H. Fein  
Gerald J. Miller  
Mark E. Talbot  
Susan Ward

*30 Years*

Guy L. Tassi  
Andrew C. Bishop

*35 Years*

Connie M. Mason  
James M. King  
Richard F. Keevey  
David J. Kaschak  
Donald J. Cammus  
Linda P. Maher

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# Upcoming Events

## National Leadership Training 2025

February 19–20, 2025  
Washington, D.C. or Virtual

### National Leadership Training (NLT)

February 19–20, 2025 | Washington, D.C.

National Leadership Training (NLT) is the essential event for developing and training government financial professionals to excel as leaders in today's competitive market. Don't miss this opportunity to share best practices, find new solutions to challenges, network with peers and learn from the top financial management leaders and industry experts. [Learn More](#)



developing and training  
government financial leaders

February 19–20 | Washington, D.C.

14 CPEs

### Registration and Fees

Early bird deadline – Jan. 31, 2025

	Online	All Other
<b>AGA Members</b>		
Early Bird	\$550	\$575
Standard	\$650	\$675
<b>Non-members</b>		
Early Bird	\$725	\$750
Standard	\$825	\$850

## AGA NATIONAL EVENTS

**December**  
**4**  
Wednesday  
Enabling Technology Responsibly within Financial Programs (Internal Control)  
Webinar | 2 CPE

**December**  
**11**  
Wednesday  
Free Members-Only Webinar – Free for AGA members!  
Webinar | 1.5 CPE

**January**  
**13**  
Monday  
Datathon 2025 - FREE to Students  
Virtual and Washington, D.C. | 0 CPE

## AGA TRENTON CHAPTER EVENTS & NOTICES

Renew Your Membership!  
You can also give the gift of Membership

*Join us!*



Get your CGFM Certification!

Check our our Job Board for opportunities!







SEASON'S  
*Greetings*

AGA TRENTON  
CHAPTER  
WISHES YOU THE  
WARMEST  
THOUGHTS AND  
BEST WISHES TO  
A JOYFUL  
HOLIDAY  
SEASON AND A  
BRAND NEW  
YEAR!



# AGA TRENTON FALL 2024 SNAPSHOTS



**AGA Trenton Chapter members participated at the 2024 HomeFront's Halloween 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk on Sunday, October 27, 2024.**

AGA offers leadership and speaking opportunities that have significantly enhanced my public speaking skills, allowing me to confidently engage with diverse audiences and effectively communicate complex ideas.

Douglass MacArthur  
Senior Auditor  
NJ Office of the State Auditor



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**AGA Trenton Chapter President, Douglass MacArthur, was recently featured on AGA National's Facebook Page and Instagram!**



**A snapshot of a live raffle that occurred during AGA Trenton's Virtual 2024 PDT. The proceeds from this event went directly to AGA Trenton's charity of the program year: The New Jersey Special Olympics!**



Celebrating 30 Years



## CGFM Turns 30!

The New Year brings reason to celebrate — 30 years of CGFM®! AGA created the Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM) program in 1994 to fill a need in the government financial management community. Through preparation and exams encompassing governmental accounting, auditing, internal controls, budgeting, and financial reporting at all levels of government, CGFMs become well versed in the knowledge and skills needed for the rigors and complexities of their duties.

Furthermore, coverage of federal, state and local government financial management allows CGFMs to expand their career opportunities throughout the United States.



Certified Government Financial Manager

## WHAT IS CGFM?

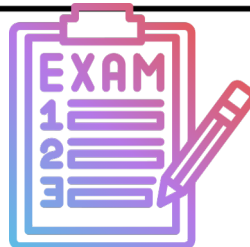
Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

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.

## WHAT IS THE CGFM CERTIFICATION PROCESS?

- Step 1 — Read AGA's Code of Ethics
- Step 2 — Apply for the CGFM Program
- Step 3 — Submit Required Degree Documentation
- Step 4 — Receive an Eligibility Letter
- Step 5 — Prepare for the CGFM Examinations
- Step 6 — Schedule the CGFM Examinations
- Step 7 — Take the CGFM Examinations
- Step 8 — Submit a Work Verification Form
- Step 9 — Receive CGFM Award Letter
- Step 10 — Receive Your CGFM Certificate and Maintain Your Certification



## HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THE EXAMS?

- Take AGA's Live, Virtual Courses
- AGA's CGFM Online Training Portal
- In-person: Individuals looking for scheduled classroom training can register for CGFM course 1, course 2 and course 3 held through Management Concepts.

## SAMPLE AGA CGFM EXAM QUESTION

### AGA CGFM Examinations Sample Questions

#### Governmental Environment Examination

1. According to the AGA Code of Ethics, a vendor using an agency contract monitor as a personal reference on a resume, would constitute
  - (A) fraud.
  - (B) professional incompetence.
  - (C) a conflict of interest.
  - (D) nepotism.

### CGFM Examinations Requirement

The three comprehensive examinations that make up the core requirement of the CGFM program are:

- Examination 1: Governmental Environment (GE)
- Examination 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting (GAFRB)
- Examination 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control (GFMC)

## AGA's CGFM Online Training Portal

Online preparation for CGFM examinations with AGA's self-paced courses

[Learn more >](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL CGFM REFERENCES](#)



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## AGA TRENTON CHAPTER'S OCTOBER 2024 BALANCE SHEET

### AGA TRENTON CHAPTER OCTOBER 2024

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Cash - Savings	\$ 24,197.25	Accounts Payable	\$ -
Cash - Checking	\$ 4,045.10	Deferred Income	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ 6,565.00	Fund Balance	\$ 36,642.78
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 1,734.93		
Other Assets	\$ 100.50		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 36,642.78</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 36,642.78</b>





# Hello. Nice to Meet You!

## 2024-2025 AGA TRENTON CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

<b>Chapter President</b>	<b>Douglass MacArthur</b>
<b>Chapter President-Elect</b>	<b>Eric Fonseca</b>
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	<b>Michael Salberta</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Joseph Pica</b>
<b>National Council of Chapters Representative</b>	<b>Meghan Ellis</b>
<b>Chapter Treasurer</b>	<b>Amanda Ireland</b>
<b>Finance Chair</b>	<b>Tanja Fessler</b>
<b>ACE Reporting</b>	<b>Eric Fonseca</b>
<b>Accountability Outreach</b>	<b>Kiersten Zadworney</b>
<b>PDT Chair</b>	<b>Robert Rizzo</b>
<b>CGFM/Professional Certification</b>	<b>Margarita Stanislavskaya</b>
<b>Community Service</b>	<b>Christopher Fuccello</b>
<b>Communications</b>	<b>Stephanie Rybak</b>
<b>Young Professionals</b>	<b>Abeeda Razack</b>
<b>Audio Conferences</b>	<b>Rene Gervasoni</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Morgan Stec</b>
<b>Programs</b>	<b>Tanja Fessler</b>
<b>Chapter Historian</b>	<b>Rose Todaro</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>Tanja Fessler</b>
<b>Awards</b>	<b>Tanja Fessler</b>
<b>Budget &amp; Finance</b>	<b>Eric Carter</b>
<b>Bylaws &amp; Procedures</b>	<b>David Kaschak</b>
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	<b>Marie Samson</b>
<b>Nominations</b>	<b>Michael Salberta</b>
<b>Sponsorships</b>	<b>Nikki Farrell</b>
<b>Paul Vidunas Coordinator</b>	<b>Nat Jackson</b>
<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>Michelle Blatt</b>
<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>Jennifer Dougherty</b>
<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>Douglass MacArthur</b>
<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>Dana Mark</b>

### Additional Resources



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