



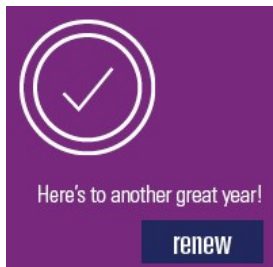
AGA TRENTON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
ARE DUE MARCH 31!**



Chapter 2021-2022 Leadership

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Margarita Stanislavskaya,
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members & Friends,

With spring right around the corner, I'm soaking in the sporadic warm days we are getting here in New Jersey.

AGA has some exciting news at the National level. We have rebranded! AGA has new colors of blue and orange, for all you Mets fans out there and a new logo. Check it out on our website, along with National's website.

In the next month, we have a webinar to earn 2 CPEs on the topic of Cybersecurity and ERM on Wednesday, March 23rd. You can register on our website.

I am happy to announce that we have decided on a date of Friday, April 8th for our Bowling Event at Slocum's Bowling Alley in Ewing, NJ. We are crossing our fingers that with the warmer weather and COVID cases dropping, we will get a good turnout. Registration is up and open on our website! If you know a college student or co-worker who would be interested in networking with us, please forward along the registration link. The event is free for students and non-members!

Save the date for our annual Spring Professional Development Training (PDT) on Thursday, April 28th. This event will give you a chance to earn 7 CPEs and hopefully learn something new from some great speakers. It will be held virtually this year with the hopes of returning to in-person for our Fall PDT. If you have any topic or speaker suggestions, please email those my way at MEllis@njleg.org. Registration will be available soon, so keep an eye out for an email.

Award nominations are now open for our 2021-2022 Trenton Chapter Awards. We will be accepting nominations for various awards and scholarships through April 30th. Keep reading the newsletter for more details! Please don't forget to renew your membership by March 31st on National's website! We value you!

Sincerely,
Meghan Ellis
Trenton Chapter President



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND AGA NATIONAL EVENTS



Cybersecurity and ERM Webinar

March 23, 2022

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter

Email: agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

Annual Bowling Networking Event 2022

April 8, 2022

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter

Email: agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

Save the Date - Spring PDT

April 28, 2022

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter

Email: agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

Fraud and Data Analytics Webinar

May 11, 2022

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter

Email: agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

Leadership Webinar

June 8, 2022

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter

Email: agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

National Events

March

Improper Payments

March 2, 2022

Webinar | 2 CPEs

2

Wednesday

March

AGA Women's Forum

March 9, 2022

Virtual | 5 CPEs | FREE for AGA Members

9

Wednesday

March

March Members Only Webinar

March 16, 2022

Virtual | 1.5 CPEs

16

Wednesday

March

Cybersecurity/ERM

March 23, 2022

Webinar | 2 CPEs

23

Wednesday

April

Ethics

April 6, 2022

Webinar | 2 CPEs

6

Wednesday

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Bowling & Networking Event

Friday, April 8th, 2022

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Slocum's Bowling Alley

1675 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ

FREE for STUDENTS & Non-Members!

\$6 for AGA Members

Join us for bowling, appetizers, & networking opportunities!

www.agacgfm.org/trenton ~ facebook.com/AGATrentonNJ



Please use discretion and stay at home, if you are not feeling well. Thank you.



SAVE THE DATE!
SPRING 2022
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Earn 7 CPEs!

Save the Date for our Annual Spring Professional Development Training on Thursday, April 28th.

Registration will be open soon!

AGA NATIONAL RECRUITMENT CHALLENGE

AGA National News



AGA's Recruitment Challenge - Everyone Get One!

In anticipation of our return to *normalcy* as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, we're heading back to the basics of recruitment with a member-get-a-member campaign. Our target for the 2021-2022 membership year is to recruit 2,022 new members by April 30, 2022.

AGA membership is more important than ever. It is a key link to our profession, an opportunity to learn from others, invest in ourselves and make our profession stronger.

As members, YOU are the best advocates for AGA membership! Only you know how AGA membership has impacted you and your professional career and can easily convey it to others. Tell them *what AGA means to you!* By recruiting new members, you can help strengthen your Association and impact the future of your profession!

In as little as 5 minutes — with a quick call, a Zoom chat, or an email, you can have a tremendous impact!

Plus, by encouraging your friends and colleagues to elevate their professional potential via AGA membership can lead to awards and rewards for you!

Step 1: Reach to Colleagues and Friends

Step 2: Share What AGA Means to You

Step 3: Invite Them to Join AGA

Step 4: Receive Awards and Rewards!

The Fine Print

- All AGA members in good standing are eligible to participate.
- Recruiting free electronic members (students and professors), retired and suspended members do not qualify for campaign awards and rewards.
- The 2021-2022 Recruitment Challenge runs for 9 months! July 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022.

Submit Your Articles and Be Featured in the AGA Trenton Newsletter!

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 agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

CGFM CERTIFICATION



Interested in getting your employer to recognize the AGA Certified Government Financial Manager certification? Reach out to Margarita Stanislavskaya, Trenton Chapter CGFM Chairperson, for more information.

AGA MENTORING PROGRAM

Give back to the profession
Apply to be a mentor today!



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.



DESCRIPTIONS OF AWARDS CATEGORIES

The James J. Dolan Award

Established in honor of the Chapter's founding president, conferred on a member of eminent service to the Chapter. (Any member of AGA, except an individual serving as a Chapter Officer, is eligible for this award.)

Distinguished Leadership Award

Conferred on individuals in government service who have provided sustained outstanding leadership in financial management over a period of years, resulting in notable contributions to financial management. (Nominees need not be a member of AGA.)

Achievement of the Year Award

Accords recognition for leadership or outstanding achievement in developing, implementing, or improving financial management in government. (Nominees need not be a member of AGA but must have been employed in government service at the time the work being recognized was performed.)

Education and Training Award

Conferred on individuals who have made significant contributions to the education and training of government financial managers. (Nominee need not be a member of AGA.)

Special Achievement Award

Accords recognition for notable contributions toward improving government financial management early in a professional career. (Nominee must under age thirty-five at the end of the preceding calendar year is eligible for this award.)

Chapter Service Award

Conferred on individuals who are active members of the Association for consistently important contributions to the development and enhancement of the Chapter over long periods of time or for distinguished or spectacular contributions to the Chapter during the year of nomination.

Thomas J. Kaschak Memorial Scholarship

Established as a memorial to Thomas J. Kaschak, a member of the Trenton Chapter of the AGA and First Vice President at the time of his death in 1982. A scholarship is presented, together with a plaque at the Chapter's Annual Awards Meeting, to an individual who is demonstrating sound scholastic achievement, in addition to participation in extracurricular and/or civic activities. (Nominees must be enrolled in an institution of higher learning in the pursuit of a degree. First priority for scholarship will be given the dependents of Chapter members.)

2022 AGA TRENTON CHAPTER AWARDS

Date: _____

I would like to nominate the following individual for a 2022 AGA Trenton Chapter Award:

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

(City/State/Zip) _____

(Telephone Number) _____

Please check the designation of the award for which you nominate this individual.

CHECK ONE ONLY

- The James Dolan Award
- Distinguished Leadership Award
- Achievement of the Year Award
- Education and Training Award
- Special Achievement Award
- Chapter Service Award
- Thomas J. Kaschak Memorial Scholarship*

**Note: This award requires submission of the "Scholarship Application"*

Additional supporting information may accompany this nomination form. Please be concise as possible. We may contact you for additional information, if necessary.

Biographical Sketch of Nominee (*position, title, education, other pertinent background information, etc.*)

Description of Accomplishments/Achievements

Citation (*For use as the formal award citation. Succinctly describe accomplishments, particularly their impact or results.*)

Signature of Nominator _____

Printed Name of Nominator _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

◆ **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION is April 30, 2022** ◆

Mail or E-Mail Nomination Forms to:
Stephanie Rybak (SRybak@njleg.org), AGA Trenton,
P.O. Box 536, Trenton, NJ 08604

THOMAS J. KASCHAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Association of Government Accountants

Trenton Chapter

NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of College/University: _____

Year Beginning College/University: _____ Year in 2022-2023: FR SO JR SR OTHER: _____

College Major: _____

Scholastic Standing (Grade Point Average) * _____

Membership In - Out of School Organizations ** _____ Office Held: _____

School Activities Participated In ** _____ Office Held: _____

Honors or Awards Received * _____

Other Family Members Attending College 2022-2023.

NAME	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	YEAR
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Nominator Information:

Member of AGA? (Please Circle) YES NO How Long? _____

Printed Name of Nominator: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number () _____ E-Mail _____

Employer: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____ Signature of Nominator: _____

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION is April 30, 2022

Mail Nomination Form to:

Stephanie Rybak

AGA Trenton

P.O. Box 536, Trenton, NJ 08604

*Attach High School and College (if any) Transcripts

** Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary

PREVIOUS AWARDEES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

Membership-Scholarship Program

In order to promote the AGA-Trenton Chapter and its membership, the AGA-Trenton's "Membership-scholarship" program (the Program) was launched in January 2011. For one year, the Program sponsors National and Trenton's Chapter AGA membership dues, CPE awarding monthly meetings, Annual Fall Seminar and Annual Spring Symposium for the individuals (one or more) who meet the following selected criteria.

The qualified individual is the one who:

- * Works for Federal, State, or Local Government
- * Performs accounting, auditing, or IT related duties
- * Has not previously been a member of AGA-Trenton
- * Regularly attends (commits to attend) AGA-Trenton Chapter's functions (e.g. monthly meetings, Seminar and Symposium, etc.)
- * Agrees to serve as a Board member (at the position available or assigned by the Board)
- * Committed to actively promote the AGA-Trenton Chapter, its membership, and events

Evaluation criteria and scholarship's term:

At the end of the first year the Program's Committee will evaluate the scholarship recipient's performance based on the criteria specified above, and, if satisfied, this member may be awarded one more year of the sponsorship for full membership (Dues-National and Trenton Chapter-only).

The application for the Program will be placed on AGA-Trenton website shortly. The scholarship recipient will be announced and introduced at AGA-Trenton's annual Award Dinner in June 2022. Please, forward this information to your colleagues, clients, and friends. Please, nominate your colleagues, clients, and friends who are not yet members of AGA-Trenton.

The due date for the application/nomination is April 30, 2022.

(please see application on next page)

Return via email (srybak@njleg.org)

We look forward to hearing from you,
Stephanie Rybak, Director of Awards



**AGA-Trenton Chapter
Membership-Scholarship Program
Application**

Name _____

Place of work _____

Position _____

Contact Info _____

Experience _____

Candidate Statement (why interested in joining AGA) _____

Comments/References (optional) _____

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AGA TRENTON CHAPTER'S JANUARY 2022 BALANCE SHEET

JANUARY 2022

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Cash - Savings	\$ 24,190.55	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,348.98
Cash - Checking	\$ 12,435.77	Deferred Income	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ 290.00	Fund Balance	\$ 36,710.08
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 1,142.74		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 38,059.06	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 38,059.06

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CHAPTER DIRECTORS 2021-2022 PROGRAM YEAR

President - Meghan Ellis
President Elect/VP of Education - Robert Rizzo
Immediate Past President/Nominating Committee Chair - Jessica Donoher
VP of Membership - Kiersten Kokotajlo
VP of Finance/ Administration/Programs - Stephanie Rybak
Treasurer - Michael Salberta
Secretary - Michelle Blatt
National Council of Chapters Representative - Nikki Farrell
Fall PDT/Technical Coordinator - Co-chairs: Nikki Farrell & Meghan Ellis + Fall PDT Committee
Spring PDT/Technical Coordinator - Co-chairs: Nikki Farrell & Meghan Ellis + Spring PDT Committee
Audio Conferences - Rene Gervasoni - Backup: Michelle Blatt
Sponsorship - Guy Tassi
Chapter Recognition - Robert Rizzo and Meghan Ellis
CGFM Chairperson - Margarita Stanislavskaya
Community Service - Chris Fucello
Awards - Stephanie Rybak
Young Professionals/Early Career - Meghan Ellis
Budget/Finance - Amanda Ireland
Newsletter - Marie Samson
Meeting Chair - Rene Gervasoni - Backup: Joseph Pica
Paul Vidunas Coordinator - Nat Jackson
Historian - Rose Todaro
By-Laws - David Kaschak
Accountability Outreach Chair - Kiersten Kokotajlo
Webmaster/Communications - Jennifer Dougherty - Backup: Nikki Farrell

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