



Our Mission

The AGA Boston Chapter serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development, and participating in local community projects for the enhancement of everyone in the New England area.

We Work Together

Greetings fellow members to our October newsletter!

We had a successful September to kick off the program year, including hosting a productive chapter executive committee meeting and a community service donation drive to benefit local food pantries.

The October fraud seminar was a great success, and we cannot wait for the chapter's virtual event coming up in November on internal controls.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the chapter's program year will be different. Now more than ever, we need to work together and support each other. Your executive committee will do our best to plan great events this year, but we realize that you have been hit hard by the pandemic. The chapter's events will be virtual and we will all do the best we can do!

If you have questions, ideas, or just want to get involved, please reach out to Benjamin Howe at benjaminhowe@yahoo.com.

You can also visit

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/Home.aspx>.

Stay safe chapter family!

Chapter Recognition

The Chapter Recognition Program is designed to support, encourage, and promote the accomplishment of AGA's mission and to provide flexible noncompetitive guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. The Chapter Recognition Program year begins on June 1 and concludes on May 31.



AGA Boston Chapter's Mentoring Program

The Boston Chapter has an active mentoring program. This program brings together chapter members interested in mentoring, as either a mentor or a mentee.

Want to learn more?

Please visit

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/Chapter-Resources/Mentoring.aspx>

Welcome Members!

Randall Wong

John M. Sliva

Chapter Training Calendar

From your own location:

Ethics Webinar

November 4, 2020

Internal Controls

November 17, 2020

Online training classes - registration is open

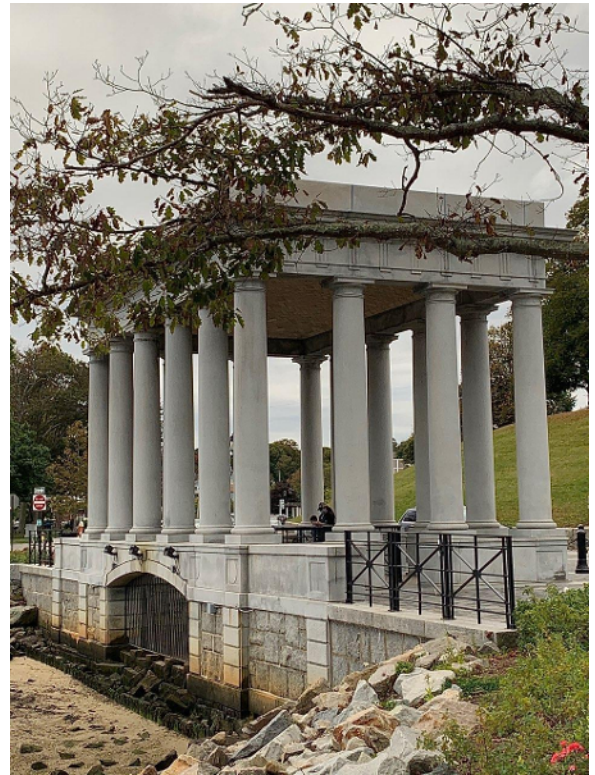
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<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/Training-Events/Event-Calendar.aspx>



Chapter Online Training Opportunities

The AGA Boston Chapter is pleased to announce a partnership with the Accounting Continuing Professional Education Network (ACPEN) to offer CPA-specific online training. The Chapter initiated this relationship because ACPEN is the largest provider of streaming video webinars for continuing education for CPAs in the U.S. ACPEN's CPA training sessions for September through December 2020 are now available for purchase on the Chapter's online library at <https://agaboston.ce21.com/>.

ACPEN webcasts are sponsored by the Business Professionals' Network, Inc. This network, which produces ACPEN programming, is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. For more information on ACPEN, please visit <https://www.acpen.com/>.

The AGA Boston Chapter is also still offering replays of all fall and winter seminars held since 2016. All sessions are available for replay each Thursday from September through December 2020. For more information and to register for these events, please visit our library at <https://agaboston.ce21.com/>.

REGISTER FOR EVENTS TODAY

Chapter News

Boston Chapter Hosts Successful Virtual Fraud Seminar

On Thursday, October 15, 2020, the chapter held its annual MANY FACES OF FRAUD Seminar. From their location, participants learned virtually about fraud, including detection and prevention in government programs, from experts working in federal and state agencies and private firms.

The following insightful and entertaining sessions were provided during the day for eight CPEs:

- The Use of Integrity Monitors in Disasters and Large Capital Construction Projects, provided by Executive Managing Director Steven Pasichow, CFE, CIG, Deluca Advisory Services
- Grant Fraud Awareness and Schemes, provided by Special Agent Erik Saracino, NASA OIG
- Proactive Review: A Powerful Investigative Tool, provided by Special Agent Nicholas Macedonia, CFE, CAMS, National Science Foundation OIG
- Public Benefit Fraud Schemes, provided by Director/Legal Counsel Gina Cash, Esq., Bureau of Special Investigations, MA Office of the State Auditor
- Cyber Fraud, provided by State Risk Counsel Jenny Hedderman, Esq., MA Office of the Comptroller
- A Former CIA Officer's Guide to Vetting People in Your Life, provided by President Marc Hurwitz, Crossroads Investigations

The chapter would like to thank these speakers and the 95 people who attended the event, including chapter members Benjamin Howe, Julie O'Sullivan, William Muench, and Karen Payne.

Missed the event? The event will be replayed on October 22, October 29, November 5, and November 12. Visit

<https://agaboston.ce21.com/item/the-faces-fraud-virtual-seminar-368523#tabFaculty> to register.





Community Service

THANK YOU to members who have donated food to food banks and for those who have donated blood or volunteered at a Blood Bank. The Community Service Committee would like members to continue these efforts, especially during the upcoming Holiday season.

The Boston Chapter Community Service Committee would like to encourage our members to sponsor a wreath for the Holiday Season through **Wreaths Across America**, a 501(c)(3) organization. Their mission, each December is to place a wreath on every Veteran's grave throughout the United States. You can sponsor a balsam wreath, in honor of a living veteran or in memory of those family/friends that have passed away. You can sponsor a wreath in memory of a Non-Veteran too! **What a great way to honor a family member or a friend!** Our Chapter choose the MA National Cemetery at Bourne to place our wreaths.

The last day to order a wreath is November 30, 2020. All wreaths will be placed on graves, Saturday, December 19, 2020 along with ceremonies at over 1,200 cemeteries, throughout the United States. It is only \$15 to sponsor a wreath. (Again, you can dedicate your wreaths).

Please visit website to order wreaths: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MA0119>

You can call 1-877-385-9504 to order wreaths **(GROUP ID # MA0119)**

You can mail a check to Wreaths Across America, PO Box 249, Columbia Falls, ME04623.

Please Note: When your logged in website above, please remember to honor a relative/friend, go to Options – In Honor and Memory Of ...

OUR CHAPTER GROUP NAME:AGA-Boston Chapter

GROUP ID:MA0119

LOCATION NAME:Massachusetts National Cemetery at Bourne

LOCATION ID:MANCBO

Our committee will to continue our collections and volunteering! We will think outside the box with virtual volunteering and other initiatives. More information will be forthcoming in future newsletters. From all of us on the Chapter's Community Service Committee, thank you again and stay safe and healthy!

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Intergov features AGA tools *by you, for you!* They are designed to help government financial management professionals do their jobs better. Intergov features tools that officials from any level of government can use to improve program performance and enhance accountability. These tools can be used to prevent fraud, reduce improper payments, improve outcomes, mitigate risk and enhance collaboration. They can be used by auditors, accountants, grants managers, IT professionals, program managers and others.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools-Resources/intergov.aspx>

AGA has launched the **AGA COVID-19 Resource Exchange** as a resource for our community, featuring thought leadership, training, tools, events and more to help you and your organization navigate this crisis. Please check back often, as the site will be updated as new information becomes available.

The Exchange Features:

- Government Resources
- AGA Corporate Partner Resources/Events
- AGA Chapter Resources/Events
- For First Responders
- Useful Articles
- AGA Session Videos to Inspire You
- AGA Session Videos to Increase Productivity
- And More!

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Corporate Sponsorship Program – THANKS to RSM & CLA

Our Boston Chapter would like to THANK RSM and CLA (CliftonLarsenAllen) for their partnership as a Gold Sponsor this past year. We greatly appreciate their patronage to aid our Chapter in serving professionals in the government financial management community by helping us provide quality education, foster professional development, and participate in local community projects for the enhancement of everyone in the New England area. Their staff has done a marvelous job in supporting our Education program by providing speakers for our education events. In addition, RSM and CLA have provided staff to assist our Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) to better serve its members. The Program goal is to have both the Chapter and the for-profit entity benefit from the partnership by working together to ensure each other's success. The firm gets visibility and access, branding with a respected organization, such as the Boston Chapter, and the opportunity to showcase their subject matter expertise. As we move forward to enhance our Corporate Sponsorship Program, we are always looking for new ideas to expand and improve the program. An enhanced program will help us to continue offering great educational programs and services by increasing non-dues revenue, increase and diversify our membership roster, attract new speakers, and enlist additional volunteers.

Please contact **Bill Muench** at william.muench@comcast.net or (508) 259-3382 to discuss any ideas you may have, or for more information about corporate partnership sponsor opportunities with the AGA Boston Chapter.

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Citizen-Centric Reporting

The Association of Government Accountants, the thought leader for the government accountability profession, evaluates reports for the Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting award.

AGA determines award recipients based on content, visual appeal, readability, distribution, and timeliness of reporting.

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