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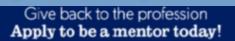
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The program is open to AGA members only. We all have a responsibility to leave this world better than we found it and to have a positive impact on the next generation of government leaders. Mentoring is important, not only because of the knowledge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

ARTIGLE

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

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



Hello Members and Friends, Hope everyone is enjoying their winter! Spring is right around the corner. Speaking of Spring, our first in-person PDT in three years will be happening on Friday, April 28th, at Mercer County Community College. I think we have a great program lined up as sessions will include topics on hiring practices, workers' compensation law, re-imagining state and local audit organizations, tax scams and more. You can register here.

There is a virtual 2 hour Cybersecurity webinar on March 22, 2023. This webinar will be FREE for members and \$10 for non-members. Space is limited and it will be first come, first serve. You can register <u>here</u>.

We are also accepting nominations for our 2022-2023 Trenton Chapter Awards. We will be accepting nominations for various awards and scholarships through March 31st. More information is included within the newsletter.

On a sad note. I would like to send my condolences to the family and friends of Christopher Schwartz, who recently passed away. Chris was a long-time member of the AGA Trenton Chapter and was a valued member of our board for many years. Chris was last year's recipient of the James J. Dolan Award which is presented to an individual who has enthusiastically supported and made contributions to enhance the Chapter's activities and goals over many years. He was a great person who always had a smile on face and was willing to help with anything that was asked. He will be missed! Take care, **Robert Rizzo**

Trenton Chapter President

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP 2022-2023

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MEMBERS' MILESTONES

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IS BESTOWED UPON INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MAINTAINED ACTIVE MEMBER STATUS FOR 40 CONSECUTIVE YEARS, TO RECOGNIZE THEIR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO AGA. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS ARE AWARDED EACH JANUARY.

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR MEMBERS ON THEIR LIFE MEMBERSHIPS!

> PAUL BARON TOM TROUTMAN MICHAEL FABIAN WILLIAM SHANNON

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

AGA Trenton Chapter members were all smiles (and no gutter frowns!) at the annual Bowling and Networking Event at Slocum's Bowling Alley.

RIDESHARE ZONE

AGA Trenton Chapter members had a great time at the Happy Hour Social Event at Blend Bar & Bistro.



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IN MEMORIAM CHRISTOPHER SCHWARTZ 1964-2023



AGA TRENTON IS SAD TO ANNOUNCE THE PASSING OF OUR FRIEND AND LONGTIME MEMBER, CHRISTOPHER SCHWARTZ. CHRISTOPHER WAS AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF THE TRENTON CHAPTER AND HELD THE POSITION AS TRENTON CHAPTER'S VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND PROGRAMS IN 2019 HE ATTENDED THE FORMER TRENTON STATE COLLEGE AND RECEIVED HIS BACHELORS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND WENT ON TO WORK IN A FINANCIAL CAPACITY FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION. CHRISTOPHER WORKED FOR THE STATE FOR OVER 30 YEARS. MANY IN OUR CHAPTER REMEMBER HIM WELL, AND APPRECIATE THE GENEROSITY OF HIS TIME, ESPECIALLY IN HELPING WITH SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS DINNER.

Paul Vidunas Charity For The 2022-2023 Year: Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County

AGA Trenton is pleased to have Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County as their Paul Vidunas Charity of the 2022-2023 Chapter Year.

Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1994 with a "Faith in Action" grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. For well over two decades, we have worked to improve the quality of life and help meet the concerns and special needs of the underserved, homebound elderly and adults with disabilities in Mercer County, New Jersey.

Their interdenominational coalition of 25 congregations and over 360 trained volunteers provide caregiving support and wellness program that enables seniors and adults with disabilities to age safely in their homes and communities. All services and programs are offered free-of-charge without proselytization or regard to race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, or income.





Serving seniors and disabled neighbors

Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Merce...

icgmc.org



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Registration and Fees Early bird deadline - Jun. 23, 2023

	Online	All Other
AGA Members		
Early Bird	\$925	\$950
Standard	\$1,025	\$1,050
Non-members		
Early Bird	\$1,125	\$1,150
Standard	\$1,225	\$1,250



Professional Development Training (PDT) July 23–26, 2023 | Orlando AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT) brings together a broad audience of federal, state and local government financial

professionals. PDT offers educational sessions over three days of training.

Apcoming Events



ERM Workshop

April 18 | Washington, D.C. | 5.5 CPEs

Enterprise Risk Management Workshop (ERM) Washington, D.C. This event provides participants with practical insight from

Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) leaders. The workshop includes presentations as well as facilitated table discussions, where we move from academic

discussions to "how-to" explanations and examples. The small, facilitated groups enhance opportunities for both hands-on work and Q&A.

Private-sector participation is available via sponsorship only.

April 18	Washington,	DC
	5.5 CPEs	

Registration and Fees

	Online
General Admission	
Government Member	\$160
Government Non-member	\$160

Register Now



TRENTON





2023 SPRING PDT FRIDAY APRIL 28, 2023 AT MERCER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Earn 7 CPEs!

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

For more information, please contact: **agatrenton@gmail.com**



AGA Trenton Chapter 2023 Spring Professional Development Training

Friday, A	pril 2	28, 20	23
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7:30am to 8:15am	Registration/Breakfast
8:15am to 8:30am	Opening Remarks - Robert Rizzo, AGA Trenton Chapter President
8:30am to 9:30am	Session 1 – Topic: TBA; Speaker: Suzanne Bump, National AGA Director-At- Large
9:30am to 10:30am	Session 2 - Topic: Best Practices for Hiring, Onboarding, and Employee Retention, Speaker Frank Bellino, Manager – Office of Legislative Services Human Resources
10:30am to 10:45am	BREAK
10:45am to 11:45am	Session 3 - Topic: Workers' Compensation Law, Speaker - Mark S. Setaro, Weber Gallagher, LLC
11:45am to 12:00pm	Luncheon Speaker - Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County
12:00pm to 1:00pm	LUNCH
1:00pm to 2:00pm	Session 4 - Topic: "Re-imagining State and Local Audit Organizations", Speaker - Omid Yazdi, KMPG
2:00pm to 3:00pm	Session 5 - Topic: Tax Scams, Speaker - Glenn Gizzi, Internal Revenue Service
3:00pm to 3:15pm	BREAK
3:15 to 4:15 pm	Session 6 – Topic: 2022 Tax Filing – Backlogs and Ongoing Hiring Challenges Led to Poor Customer Service and Refund Delays, Speakers - Heather Collins, Senior Analyst and Ben Moser, Analyst, United States Government Accountability Office
4:15pm to 4:30pm	Closing Remarks, Awarding of CPE Certificates
	Please note the schedule and speakers are subject to change.
	redits for Continuing Education: 7 credits in the subject area of 'Auditing/Accounting/ Personnel-Human Resources/Taxation"
	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



GFM *



Take a CGFM exam between March 1 and April 30, 2023, and get your next exam *FREE!*



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?

CGFM

Certified Government Financial Manager

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

March is

Month!

AGA CGFM Examinations Sample Questions

Governmental Environment Examination

- 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 LIVE, VIRTUAL COURSES SCHEDULE

Course Schedule and Registration

- Course 1 ("Governmental Environment")
 April 3-4, 2023, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. ET each day
 - April 3-4, 2023, 10
 \$325 per person
- Register
- Deadline to register or cancel March 27, 2023
- Course 2 ("Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting")
 June 13–16, 2023, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ET each day
 - \$725 per person
 - Register
- Deadline to register or cancel June 6, 2023
- Course 3 ("Governmental Financial Management and Control")
 April 17-19 2022 10:20 cm = 2:20 cm 57 sectodary
 - April 17-19, 2023, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ET each day
 \$525 per person
- \$525 per per
 Register
- Deadline to register or cancel April 10, 2023

CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL CGFM REFERENCES



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AGA TRENTON CHAPTER DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

The AGA Trenton Chapter annually recognizes outstanding individuals with meritorious achievement in the field of financial management. This is a great opportunity to recognize your staff. We are pleased to announce that the awards committee is currently accepting nominations for the following awards:

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 government management (financial, IT, human resources, etc.) over a period of years, resulting in notable contributions to government 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 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 employees. (Nominee need not be a member of AGA)

Special Achievement Award

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

<u>Thomas J. Kaschak Memorial Scholarship</u>

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.) ***NOTE: To nominate someone for this scholarship, you must fill out and complete the attached "2023 Thomas J Kaschak Scholarship" and attach any High School or College Transcripts***

AWARDS COMMITTEE MAY CONSIDER CANDIDATES OUTSIDE OF THE STATED PARAMETERS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

If you would like to nominate someone, please complete the following steps no later than Friday, <u>March 31, 2023:</u>

Please click the following links to complete the applications online: Chapter Awards: <u>https://forms.gle/7HnKoAtr4QJ2mfFU8</u> Thomas J. Kaschak Memorial Scholarship:<u>https://forms.gle/j8Cnbn6LpAPrbJ1g6</u>



2023 AGA TRENTON CHAPTER AWARDS

Date: _

I would like to nominate the following individual for a 2023 AGA Trenton Chapter Award:

(Name)

(Address) (City/State/Zip)

(Telephone Number)

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

CHE<u>CK ONE ONLY</u> () The James Dolan Award () Distinguished Leadership Award () Achievement of the Year Award () Education and Training Award () Special Achievement 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 March 31, 2023 Mail or E-Mail Nomination Forms to: Stephanie Rybak (SRybak@njleg.org), AGA Trenton, P.O. Box 536, Trenton, NJ 08604



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 May 2023. 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 March 31, 2023. You may complete the application online at: <u>https://forms.gle/fGgSmDWjVMy6WxX66</u>.

Or you may fill out the application on the next page and 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)

NOT	Trenton Chapter	ountants
	TE: Incomplete applications will not	t be considered.
Nominee Information:		
Name:		
Year Beginning College/University:	Year in 2023-2024: FR	SO JR SR OTHER:
Scholastic Standing (Grade Point Av	verage) *	
Membership In - Out of School Org	ganizations **	Office Held:
School Activities Participated In **		Office Held:
Honors or Awards Received *		
Other Family Members Attending C	ollege 2023-2024.	
NAME	COLLEGE/UNIVERSI	TY YEAR
Nominator Information:		
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BALANCE SHEET

AGA Trenton Chapter

February 2023

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Cash - Savings Cash - Checking Accounts Receivable	\$ 24,193.20 \$ 14,227.96 \$ -	Accounts Payable Deferred Income	\$ \$	502.97 -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 1,998.73	Fund Balance	\$ 39	9,916.92
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 40,419.89	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 40	0,419.89

ASSETS

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AGA TRENTON CHAPTER 2022-2023 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM YEAR

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Director Meghan K. Ellis NJ Office of the State Auditor

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Communications Jennifer Dougherty, CEA NJ Office of State Auditor

Communications Eric Carter NJ Office of State Auditor

Young Professionals Morgan E. Cole NJ Office of the State Auditor

Fall Training Event Robert Rizzo NJ Legislative Services - Office of the State Auditor

Audio Conferences Rene Gervasoni NJ OLS OSA

Spring Training Event Nicki Farrell, CICA New Jersey Office of Legislative Services

Meetings & Events Joseph P ca NJ Office of State Auditor

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