



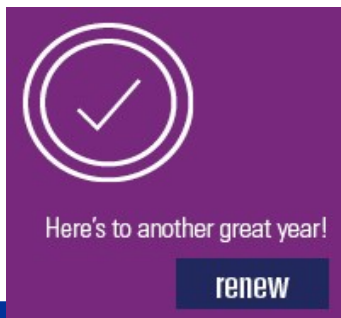
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE MARCH 31!



Chapter 2021-2022 Leadership

Chapter President Meghan K. Ellis NJ Office of the State Auditor	Membership Kiersten Kokotajlo NJ Office of the State Auditor
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members & Friends,

Happy Spring! And happy **CGFM month!**

We honor and value all of our CGFMs this month. There is a special promotion going on right now until the end of this month, March 31st. Apply for the CGFM in March and get a free exam! Can't beat that deal!

I hope to see you all as we kick off our first in-person networking event on Friday, April 8th at Slocum's Bowling Alley in Ewing, NJ. Come for some bowling, appetizers, and prizes! Registration is now open on our website. This event is free for students and non-members, so invite your friends, co-workers, neighbors, and any college students you may know.

Registration is also open on our website for our annual Spring Professional Development Training (PDT) on Thursday, April 28th. This event will give you the chance to earn 7 CPEs and hopefully learn something new from some great speakers, along with some returning speakers, such as Greater Trenton to give us an update since they last spoke in the Fall of 2019. The Spring PDT will be held virtually this year so there's no reason not to register!

We are also accepting nominations for our 2021-2022 Trenton Chapter Awards. We will be accepting nominations for various awards and scholarships through April 30th. More information within the newsletter. Friendly reminder to renew your AGA membership by March 31st!

Sincerely,
Meghan Ellis
Trenton Chapter President



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND AGA NATIONAL EVENTS



Trenton Chapter

Annual Bowling Networking Event 2022

April 8, 2022

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter

Email: agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

2022 Virtual 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

April

6

Wednesday

Ethics

Webinar | 2 CPEs

April

14

Thursday

Enterprise Risk Management
Workshop (ERM2022)

Washington, DC

April

20

Wednesday

CARES Act

Webinar | 2 CPEs

April

26

Tuesday

AGA's Council for the Advancement
of Women Book Talk

Zoom (No CPE)

April

26

Tuesday

CGFM Live, Virtual Course 3:

Governmental Financial
Management and Control

Zoom | 16 CPEs

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Trenton Chapter

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 is now open!
Click on our website for more information!
2022 Virtual Spring PDT



2022 Virtual Spring Professional Development Training
Thursday, April 28, 2022

Opening Remarks	8:00am to 8:10am	Meghan Ellis, AGA Trenton Chapter President
Session 1	8:10am to 9:00am	Frank Kellogg Founder of Frank Kellogg Enterprises “Live Legendary, Gain Greatness, Moving through Adversity with Perseverance and Adaptability”
Session 2	9:10am to 10:00am	Chip Fulghum COO, Endeavors, Inc. “Dare to Win: The Cost of Not Taking Risks”
Session 3	10:10am to 11:00am	Holly Sabo, CPA, PFS, MST, CGMA Patrick Kramer, MBA Mercadien “Automation in Accounting”
Session 4	11:10am to 12:00pm	Chris Mangano Strategic Alliance Executive, Withum Topic: TBD
Lunch	12:00pm to 1:00pm	
Session 5	1:00pm to 2:50pm	Bryan Evans Senior Vice President, Greater Trenton “Trenton, New Jersey’s Economic Recovery”
Session 6	3:00pm to 3:50pm	Dr. Benjamin Dworkin Director, Rowan Institute for Public Policy & Citizenship “The State of State Politics”
Closing Remarks	3:50pm to 4:00pm	

Please note the schedule and speakers are subject to change.

Credits for Continuing Education: 7 credits in the subject area of
 “Auditing/Auditing Governmental/ Information Technology/Economics/Personal Development”

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

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



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.



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March is
CGFM[™]
Month!

Special CGFM
Application Promotion
For a Limited Time!

[learn more](#)

Get Your CGFM Certification! Interested in getting your employer to recognize the AGA Certified Government Financial Manager certification? Use the following sample CGFM professional certification letter to bring awareness to the benefits of AGA and the CGFM certification.



Happy CGFM Month from your AGA Trenton Chapter Members!

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 FEBRUARY 2022 BALANCE SHEET

FEBRUARY 2022

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Cash - Savings	\$ 24,190.74	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,593.98
Cash - Checking	\$ 12,686.07	Deferred Income	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ 290.00		
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 861.74	Fund Balance	\$ 36,434.57
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 38,028.55	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 38,028.55

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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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