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President's Message

Nikki Farrell

Hello Members & Friends,

This past month has been a whirlwind with planning and preparation for our 2019 Fall Seminar. This year, we had our largest turnout in attendance in the past three years! Thank you again, to everyone who made this possible. If you attended our 2019 Fall Seminar, what were your key takeaways? I hope you walked away with some new information and skills that you may not have gained otherwise.

Our community service day at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen was rewarding. Being able to be of service to those who are in need warms my heart. Our November events are right around the corner starting with our dinner meeting on November 13th, Dr. Ben Dworkin will be giving another one of his riveting presentations on the current hot topics in politics. Don't miss out on this one!

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President's Message

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We are also hosting an ethics webinar on November 20th.

Finally, don't forget to support PCDI with their Meadows Miler 10k/5k/1 mile fun run on November 2nd. Currently, there are 12 AGA Trenton members signed up to race!

More information about the race and upcoming webinars are on the next page.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Halloween!

Nikki M. Farrell, CICA
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Upcoming Events

PCDI's Meadows Miler Fun Run

Date: November 2, 2019
 Location: Rosedale Park,
 Pennington, NJ
 Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

November Dinner Meeting

Date: November 13, 2019
 Location: Tessara Restaurant, 812
 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619
 Time: Social Hour begins at 5:30pm;
 Dinner and presentation to follow.

Webinar - Ethics (2 CPEs)

Date: November 20, 2019
 Location: Roebling Building, 2nd Floor
 Room 218
 Time: 2:00pm-3:50pm

Webinar - Uniform Guidance (2 CPEs)

Date: January 8, 2020
 Location: Roebling Building, 2nd Floor
 Room 218
 Time: 2:00pm-3:50pm

Webinar - Cyber Security (2 CPEs)

Date: March 25, 2020
 Location: Roebling Building, 2nd Floor
 Room 218
 Time: 2:00pm-3:50pm

Meet the Speaker November 13, 2019



Ben Dworkin

Named one of the 100 most powerful unelected people in New Jersey politics in 2016, Dworkin, 50, joined Rowan in January. From 2008-17, he led Rider University's Rebovich Institute for New Jersey Politics.

Dworkin earned his doctoral and master's degrees in political science from Rutgers University and his bachelor's degree in politics from Princeton University.

Before pursuing a career in academia, Dworkin spent several years in both politics and the private sector. He served as president and CEO of Dworkin Strategic Communications. Prior to that, he was vice president at Robinson Lerer & Montgomery, a leading New York-based corporate public relations firm. His clients have included several leading Fortune 500 companies, such as WebMD, Time-Warner, Texaco, Maidenform, and Hollywood Video. His primary areas were media relations, strategic communications and crisis management.

Dworkin formerly served as deputy research director for the New Jersey Assembly Minority Office in Trenton. He helped oversee a staff of several other policy analysts and developed expertise in insurance, health care, public safety and veterans' issues. In that role, he wrote and edited legislation, policy analyses, floor speeches, and talking points for use in debates and media interviews, as well as leading overall strategy.

Dworkin also has worked as legislative aide to the late state Senator Matthew Feldman, past president of the Senate and longtime chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee. His primary responsibilities were speech writing, constituent relations, and legislative monitoring.

An award-winning journalist for his work with the New Jersey Jewish Standard, the state's oldest Anglo-Jewish newspaper, Dworkin also has had his work published in newspapers throughout the state. He is recognized as a leading political observer and freelance film critic. Miramax featured Dworkin on the DVD of the Oscar-winning film, *Life is Beautiful*.

Members' Spotlight

AGA Members Volunteer at TASK!



Below are our AGA Trenton members and volunteers at the 2019 AGA Fall Seminar.



L-R: Amanda Ireland, Kiersten Kokotajlo, and Nikki Farrell

L-R: Jessica Lippincott, Robyn Boyer, and Dave Illuminate



Above is NJDOT Assistant Commissioner, Lewis Daidone, presenting at the 2019 AGA Fall Seminar.

Below are 2019 AGA Fall Seminar presenters (Top) George Sowa and Bryan Evans of Greater Trenton, and (Bottom) Melanie Walter, Director of NJ Department of Community Affairs.



AGA Training Scholarships, Member Recruitment and CGFM Certification

Training Scholarships

This year, AGA will award:

National Collegiate Leadership Program: AGA annually selects up to 10 full-time college students for the opportunity to attend the National Leadership Training (NLT). Deadline to apply for 2020 is Nov. 8, 2019; search "collegiate leadership" at www.agacgfm.org to apply.

Young Professionals PDT Scholarship: AGA annually selects up to five young professionals to attend AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT). Deadline to apply for YP PDT 2020 is March 12, 2020. Search "YP PDT" at www.agacgfm.org to apply.

Member Recruitment

As treasured members, we can influence the future of AGA by sharing our experiences with peers, colleagues, and others in our organizations with any interest in government financial management. Membership in AGA has many benefits, including education and networking opportunities, awards and scholarship programs, discounts for training, exclusive CPE opportunities and access to our resources, such as free utilization of the CGFM Online Library. Members join a local chapter through which they gain additional networking, leadership and education experience. Start recruiting today. Provide the following information to our prospective members:

- Online application via website: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx>
 - E-mail - agamembers@agacgfm.org
- Telephone - (800)-AGA-7211 or (703)-684-6931



CGFM Certification

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.

To become a CGFM, you must fill out an online application and meet the following requirements:

- * *Ethics - read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics*
- * *Education - have a bachelor's degree in any subject area from an accredited U.S. college or university*
- * *Examinations - pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations*
- * *Experience - have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.*

Thank You To Our Sponsors!



AGA Trenton Chapter's September 2019 Balance Sheet

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER SEPTEMBER 2019 ASSETS	
Cash - Savings	\$ 12,185.99
Cash - Checking	\$ 13,352.38
Accts. Rec Symp/mtg/Sem	\$ 30.00
PrePaid Expenses	\$ 1,046.31
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 26,614.68
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Deferred Income	\$ 255.00
Fund Balance	\$ 26,359.68
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 26,614.68

WHAT'S NEW CORNER "CGFM LIBRARY"

Are you interested in taking the CGFM exams but are hesitant about the costs of study materials? The AGA Trenton Chapter may be able to help! Interested candidates can contact Nikki Farrell to learn more about our CGFM Library Pilot Program!

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 includes but not limited to Rene Gervasoni, Mike Salberta, and Stephanie Rybak
 Spring Symposium – Co-chairs: Nikki Farrell/Christy Brennan + Spring Symposium Committee
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