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President's Message

Andrew Bishop, CPA / CGMA

Newsletter-May/June 2018
Message from the President

Dear Members & Friends:

As the program year comes to an end, I'd like to say what a true honor it has been to serve as President of the AGA Trenton Chapter. During my time as president, I've learned a great deal about this organization and appreciate the professional and personal relationships I've established during my term. I would also like to thank our chapter directors, committees, members and friends for your hard work and commitment. Without your effort and dedication, our chapter would not be the successful organization that it is today.

April and May were very busy months for our chapter, I'd like to start out by thanking our speakers and planning committee who made this year's Spring Symposium a success! Thank you all for attending the event and your generous support to our charities at the event and throughout the program year as well.

I would like to continue by thanking those who volunteered to work with the Italian American War Veterans Post #2 by placing American flags on Veterans' graves to honor their service to our country at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery in Trenton. This event was originally scheduled to take place on

Saturday, May 19th but had to be rescheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 23rd due to weather.

On Wednesday, May 16th the AGA Trenton Chapter held its Annual Awards Dinner at Villa Mannino's. I'd like to thank all of those who organized this successful event. At the dinner, we honored those who have made positive efforts in their profession and/or contributions to the association. The dinner provided me with the opportunity to pass on the president's gavel and pin to our incoming president, Robert Rizzo. I'd like to welcome our new president and the executive board and wish them all the success in Program Year 2017-18!

I would also like to congratulate Kiersten Kokotajlo and the entire team who worked on the CCR for our chapter. We received the Certificate of Excellence from National this month, a big achievement for our chapter!

It's hard to believe our great organization turned 40 this past program year. I look forward to working with all of you for the next 40 years! It was, again, truly an honor to work with all of you who have helped make this a successful year!

Sincerely,

Andrew Bishop
AGA, Trenton Chapter President

**AGA—Trenton Chapter
Balance Sheet as of 5/31/18**

ASSETS:		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:	
Cash (BOA)-Savings	12,182.71	Accounts Payable	2,257.16
Cash(BOA) Checking Accts. Rec.	14,143.46	Deferred Income	0.00
Symp/Mtg/Sem	1,613.78		
PrePaid Expenses	<u>1,054.62</u>	Fund Balance	<u>26,737.41</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>28,994.57</u></u>	TOTAL L&E	<u><u>28,994.57</u></u>



To our new Executive Board for the 2018-2019 Program Year!

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MAY 2018

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13	14	15	16 Webinar/ Awards Dinner	17	18	19 Flag Placement for US Veterans
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- 1)** Webinar (from 2:00 to 3:50PM) Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room – 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625
Fraud and Data Analytics
- 2)** Annual AGA Trenton Chapter Awards Dinner, Villa Mannino, 73 Route 130, Bordentown, NJ
- 3)** American Flag Placement for Deceased Veterans, 10:00AM
Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, 400 Woolsey Street Trenton NJ, 08610

JUNE 2018

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What are the initial requirements?

To earn the CGFM, individuals must apply for the CGFM program and meet the following requirements:

- [Ethics](#) — read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics
- [Education](#) — have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- [Examinations](#) — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations
- [Experience](#) — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

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A big Congratulations to Kiersten Kokotajlo and our team who worked on the 2016-2017 Citizen-Centric Report!

AGA National presented our chapter with the Certificate of Excellence. The CCR not only showcases our past accomplishments and areas of improvement, but also outlines our chapter's mission and goals for the future. We are proud to be a part of the AGA Trenton Chapter, and look forward to what tomorrow brings!



Certificate of Excellence
in Citizen-Centric Reporting

presented to

AGA Trenton Chapter

for the fiscal year ending 2017

Ann M. Ebberts, MS, PMP
Chief Executive Officer, AGA



A Very Special

Thank You!

To our guest speakers from NJ Spotlight at the Spring Symposium.

We encourage our AGA Members to check out
<http://www.njspotlight.com/>

If you find their articles informative and enjoyable, please consider creating an account by clicking “Sign Up” on the top right section of their homepage.

Annual Awards Diner

The Trenton Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) thanks everyone who was able to attend the Annual Awards Dinner!

We hope you had an enjoyable night while we welcomed our new members, recognized some outstanding individuals with meritorious achievements in the field of financial management, and presented our Paul Vidunas charity with the money we raised this year.



American Flag Placement for Deceased Veterans

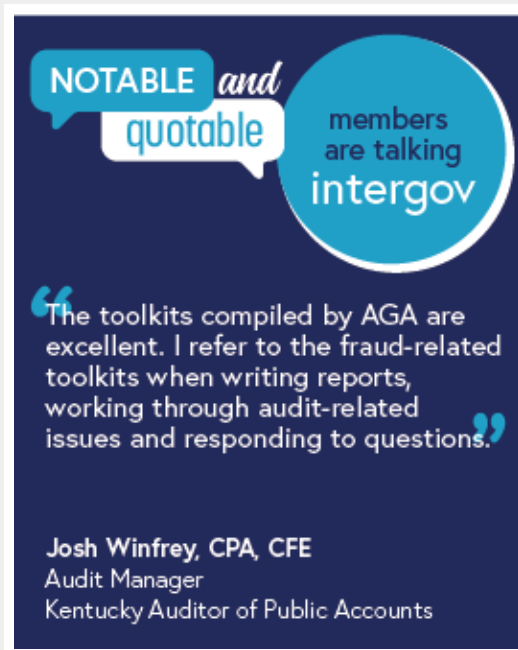
Thanks to all who joined us on Wednesday, May 23rd
at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetary
for our Annual Flag Placement!

The AGA Trenton Chapter, in participation with the Italian American War Veterans
Post #2, placed hundreds of American flags at the resting place of our deceased
Veterans in order to remember and honor their sacrifices.



2018 PDT Agenda is Now Available

The PDT Technical Committee is thrilled to release the agenda for the [2018 Professional Development Training](#). The agenda features more than 100 dynamic sessions designed to help you gain the knowledge and understanding to improve your job effectiveness.

[view agenda](#) A graphic featuring a stylized map with a road and a red location pin. The text reads: **AGA'S ON-SITE COURSES**
Bring AGA's highly-rated training to your staff. A graphic with a dark blue background. It features a speech bubble saying "NOTABLE and quotable" and a circular badge saying "members are talking intergov". A quote from Josh Winfrey, CPA, CFE, Audit Manager, Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts, is displayed: "The toolkits compiled by AGA are excellent. I refer to the fraud-related toolkits when writing reports, working through audit-related issues and responding to questions."

One Day, Two Opportunities to Strengthen Your Workforce and Improve Collaboration

On May 1, join AGA as we team up with AFFIRM and the American Evaluation Association (AEA) for two separate sessions. In the morning, AGA and AFFIRM will discuss the intersection of policies and management issues that impact CFOs and CIOs. In the afternoon, AGA and AEA will hold the Performance Improvement Officer/Chief Financial Officer Summit — focusing on emerging policies that impact and increase the need for collaboration between the federal financial management community, evaluators and the broader evidence community. Both events are complimentary for government employees.

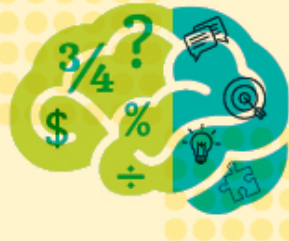
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Upcoming events

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New CGFM Preparation Option Available for South Floridians

This May, Florida International University will offer “Public Financial Management.” This course was designed to prepare students for the three CGFM examinations. It’s being offered to noncredit-seeking students as continuing education and to those in their graduate program.

[learn more](#)

President's Management Agenda Focused on Three Key Components

On April 12, senior leaders in government and industry gathered together to hear about key aspects of the President’s Management Agenda (PMA) from prominent leaders of this new agenda. The event, hosted by the Partnership for Public Service, featured:

- Margaret Weichert, Deputy Director for Management, OMB
- Emily Murphy, Administrator, GSA
- Dr. Jeff Pon, Director, OPM
- Suzette Kent, Federal Chief Information Office, OMB

Speakers emphasized three key components and drivers for a transformation of our government: IT modernization; data, accountability and transparency; and people — workforce for the 21st Century. This event highlighted the visible comradery and commitment to collaboration of this group of new leaders, which should give all of us hope that there will be progress on these goals in the coming years.

[learn more about PMA](#)

About the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund



**Thank you all for your contributions throughout the year!
We raised a total of \$1,700!**



The Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund was established in 1998 shortly after the death of then Trenton Chapter President Paul Vidunas. During his lifetime, Paul was as an enthusiastic volunteer for various community based organizations. The establishment of a fund that would support a variety of community service groups seemed a fitting tribute to this memory.

Each year a different recipient is selected to receive funds collected throughout the program year. The local area charity for this year's Paul Vidunas fund is City of Angels. City of Angels NJ, Inc. offers many different services to the addiction community, all at no charge. Services include interventions, recovery support, Family Program, counseling services and more. COA is a non-denominational, independent organization and all services are open to everyone needing assistance. For information about the charity: <http://www.cityofangelsnj.org/about-coa/>

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