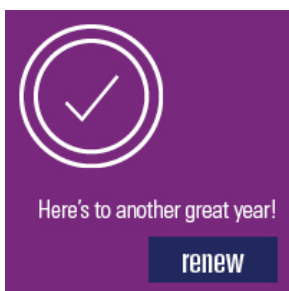




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President's Message

Nikki M. Farrell

Dear Members & Friends,

I hope this edition of the AGA Trenton Chapter newsletter finds you all well. To recap the month of May, we successfully “hosted” another webinar in conjunction with AGA National on May 13th. I always find the topic of fraud and data analytics very interesting and hope you enjoyed it too. A small group was able to get together on May 24th for our annual Memorial Day community service event. We honored our fallen veterans by placing American flags at the Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery in Trenton. If you or any of your family members have served or are currently serving our country, thank you for your service. Freedom isn't free and the AGA Trenton Chapter truly appreciates the sacrifice our soldiers make every day to keep us safe!

Looking ahead to June, the AGA Trenton Chapter will be hosting our first ever virtual event! Our 2020 Spring Professional Development Training (PDT) will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd from 8:00AM to 1:00PM using the GoToWebinar platform. This PDT will touch on GASB updates, the CARES Act, and more! Registration is open on our website and will close on June 1st, so please register as soon as possible.

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President's Message

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If social distancing measures continue farther into the month of June, we will be “hosting” our final webinars of the program year using the same method as the April and May webinars. A webinar on Leadership will be held on June 10th and a presentation on The Great Act will be held on June 24th. AGA National will also be hosting a free webinar to members on June 26th for 1 CPE. Please visit our website to register for all of our remaining events.

**Wishing you all the best,
Nikki M. Farrell, CICA
Chapter President**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2020 AGA Virtual PDT (5 CPEs)

Date: June 3, 2020

Location: Online

AGA member fee: \$40

Non-member fee: \$80

Full-time college students: FREE!

Registration will close on Monday, June 1st

Complete GoToWebinar registration by Tuesday, June 2nd

Webinar - Leadership (2 CPEs)

Date: June 10, 2020

Location: TBD

Time: 2:00pm-3:50pm

Webinar - The Great Act (2 CPEs)

Date: June 24, 2020

Location: Online

Time: 2:00pm-3:50pm

Webinar - Professional Development

Free for AGA Members*

(2 CPEs)

Date: June 26, 2020

Location: Online

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm



AGA launched the AGA COVID-19 Resource Exchange, a resource for our community, featuring thought leadership, training, tools, events and more to help us and our Chapter navigate this crisis.

Access AGA's COVID-19 Resource Exchange

Help Flatten the Curve

Clean your hands often

Avoid close contact

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face

Cover when around others

Cover coughs and sneezes

Clean and disinfect

Members' Spotlight

Veterans Flag Placement

Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery - May 24, 2020



“This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.”

Elmer Davis



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.



AGA Training Scholarships, Member Recruitment and CGFM Certification

Training Scholarships

This year, AGA will award:

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.

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 2021 is Nov. 6, 2020; search "collegiate leadership" 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 April 2020 Balance Sheet

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER APRIL 2020	
ASSETS	
Cash - Savings	\$12,187.42
Cash - Checking	\$14,516.89
Accts. Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem	\$ -
PrePaid Expenses	\$ 4,296.31
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 31,000.62
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,246.00
Deferred Income	\$ -
Fund Balance	\$ 29,754.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 31,000.62

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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 Spring Symposium – Co-chairs: Nikki Farrell/Chrissy Brennan + Spring Symposium Committee
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