



Newsletter

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President's Message

Andrew Bishop, CPA / CGMA

Dear Members and Friends:

October is here which means Fall activities are underway!! Our Fall Seminar committee has been working diligently putting together this event. The seminar will be held on Friday, October 27, 2017, at Mercer County Community College Conference Center with registration and breakfast beginning at 7:30 am. This year's theme "Addiction Epidemic: Fiscal to Fraud- The Far Reaching Impacts" hits close to home for many of us. Don't miss out, register early! Feel free to invite someone, who may or may not be an AGA member, to attend the event. Don't forget to take advantage of our online registration/payment option at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Training-Events/Event-Calendar/2017-Annual-Fall-Seminar.aspx>

Fall seminar attendees; please remember to bring food or monetary donations to the event for donation to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) and or Paul Vidunas Fund. If you would like to get involved with AGA Trenton Chapter community services efforts contact us at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Home.aspx>

I want to thank all of those involved with the planning and preparation of our 40th Anniversary Celebration last month. This successful event was a great way to kick off our 2017-18 program year! It was my pleasure meeting the many past presidents, as well as members and non-members, who attended our celebration. We had 52 attendees at the event, of which 43 were Trenton Chapter Members; 6

AGA members from other chapters and 3 Non Members.

September was the kick off of our six (6) webinars. Last month's topic, "Communications/ Leadership Skills", and event was a success! Thank you to our organizers who worked hard to plan these events. Our next webinar entitled "Ethics Relating to Fraud" will be held November 15, 2017 (from 2:00 to 3:50 PM) at the Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

Last month's dinner meeting was a success, I want to send special thanks to Kenneth Kamen, president of Mercadien Asset Management and Mercadien Securities, as well as the author of the book entitled "Reclaim Your Nest Egg: Take Control of your Financial Future" for an excellent presentation. Our next dinner meeting will be Wednesday, 11/15/2017 (Speaker – Carole Hedinger, CPA: Exec Dir of NJ Lottery) at Tessara's on Route 33 in Hamilton, NJ. Social hour starts at 5:30 pm.

For the latest information on AGA events and activities please visit our website: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Home.aspx>
Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook for updates as well as pictures from our events!

I am looking forward to continuing our successful program year and seeing you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,
Andrew (Andy) Bishop
Trenton Chapter President

**AGA—Trenton Chapter
Balance Sheet as of 9/30/17**

ASSETS:

Cash (BOA)-Savings 12,181.07

Cash(BOA) Checking 6,513.89
Accts. Rec.

Symp/Mtg/Sem 145.00

PrePaid Expenses 4,054.62

TOTAL ASSETS 22,894.58

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:

Accounts Payable 406.00

Deferred Income 110.00

Fund Balance 22,378.58

TOTAL L&E 22,894.58



IMPORTANT!!

Save this Date for the 2017 AGA Fall Conference:

October 27, 2017 - Located at The Conference Center at Mercer (Mercer County Community College)

Address: 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, NJ 08550

Earn up to 7 CPEs!

For information: <http://www.agatrenton.com/events.html>

Congratulations!

to Brain Larkin for being selected to be
a part of the AGA National Executive
Committee's Inclusivity Task Force!

Brain will be working with other members
from around the country to help AGA grow
and diversify membership, and to increase
the value AGA provides to its members.

Best of luck with this new opportunity. We are all proud to have a
member of the Trenton Chapter on this task force!!





CGFM® Certification

CGFM Intensive Review Course & Exams

AGA's Intensive Review Course (IRC) with CGFM examinations *included* is a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM!

The next IRC, offering up to 18 CPEs, will be held in Alexandria, Va., Nov. 9-10, 2017. The class will run 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days. The cost of the course for qualified participants is as follows:

- \$375 for AGA members
- \$425 for non-AGA members

SPECIAL BONUS: The CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to course attendees — a \$375 savings!

The CGFM examinations can be taken by appointment only at Pearson Professional Testing Centers from **Nov. 11, 2017 – Feb. 28, 2018**, using vouchers provided by AGA.

- ***What is the Intensive Review Course?*** It is a special, limited enrollment opportunity for those individuals who have already been studying for the CGFM examinations and want extra reinforcement of the material. It is a review of the main topics covered on the CGFM examinations, led by a knowledgeable instructor.
- ***What it's NOT:*** It is not a shortcut. It is not an exam prep course with strategies on how to pass the exams. The Intensive Review Course is not a substitute for the three AGA instructor-led training courses. It is usually not enough, by itself, to prepare for the CGFM examinations – advance preparation is strongly recommended.

Registration

To participate in this event, individuals must:

1. Apply and be accepted into the CGFM program (see CGFM Process for more information)
2. Pre-register for this event

register

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Registration.aspx?ID=251>

OCTOBER 2017

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1) Fall Seminar - October 27, 2017 (Times and Agenda Below)
Mercer County Community College 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor
Township, NJ 08550

NOVEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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12	13	14	15 Webinar / Dinner Meeting	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		



1) Webinar (from 2:00 to 3:50PM) Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625
Ethics Related to Fraud

2) Dinner Meeting (Happy Hour starts at 5:30PM) Tessara Restaurant
812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619



TRENTON CHAPTER

**2017 Fall Seminar
October 27, 2017**

“Addiction Epidemic: Fiscal to Fraud- The Far Reaching Impacts”

DRAFT: Subject to Change

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration / Breakfast
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance Opening Remarks and Introductions- Andy Bishop, President, Trenton Chapter
8:45 am – 9:45 am	Session 1 – Politician Panel, Speakers TBD
9:45 am – 10:45 am	Session 2 – New Projects and Funding Addressing the Opioid Crisis – NJ Division of Addiction Services (DAS)
10:45 am – 11:00 am	BREAK
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Session 3 – NJ Treatment Incentive Program (NJTIP), Speakers Lt. Lou Fisher and Michael Sarubbi.
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	LUNCH
12:45 pm – 1:15 pm	Luncheon Speaker – City of Angels – AGA Trenton Chapter 2018 Charity Recipient
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Session 4 – Addiction Programs- Implementation Strategies, Speaker Meghan Watson, Management Consulting Services, Withum
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	BREAK
2:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Session 5 – “Pills to Heroin Abuse”, Speaker Chadd Lackey, Gen. Counsel, NJ State Commission of Investigation (SCI)
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Closing Remarks, Seminar Evaluations, Awarding of CPE Certificates

Save this Date!

November 15, 2017

AGA - Trenton Chapter Dinner Meeting

Who: Carole Hedinger, CPA: Executive Director of New Jersey Lottery

Where: Tessara Restaurant, 812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

When: November 15, 2017 – Social Hour begins at 5:30 pm.

For information and registration, please visit our website:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Training-Events/Event-Calendar/November-2017-Dinner-Meeting.aspx>

If you have any questions, email us at:

agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com



RIDER UNIVERSITY

On October 5th, Rider University welcomed AGA Trenton Chapter President, Andy Bishop, and Member, Jessica Lippincott, to speak to eager students

Invited to present to the University's Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting Society organizations, Andy and Jessica both spoke about their personal experiences with State accounting and participation within the AGA.

Students left with a greater understanding of the types of government jobs available after graduation, the perks of being an AGA member, and the benefits of becoming a CGFM.

Andy and Jessica hope to present at other local colleges as well, and will be returning to Rider in the Spring for another presentation and their Career Fair!

Thank you Andy and Jessica for spreading the word about government accounting and the AGA to the next generation of accountants!





Webinars (Fall 2017)

WEBINAR: Ethics Relating to Fraud

November 15, 2017 (from 2:00 to 3:50 PM)

[Register Online](#)

Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter

Email: agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

WEBINAR: Best Practices for Auditing & Quality Assurance

December 6, 2017 (from 2:00 to 3:50 PM)

[Register Online](#)

Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

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Dinner Meetings (2017-2018)

November 2017 Dinner Meeting

November 15, 2017 (Happy Hour starts at 5:30 PM)

Tessara Restaurant

812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

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January 2018 Dinner Meeting

January 10, 2018 (Happy Hour starts at 5:30 PM)

Tessara Restaurant

812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter

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March 2018 Dinner Meeting

March 7, 2018 (Happy Hour starts at 5:30 PM)

Tessara Restaurant

812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

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topics

AGA Trenton Chapter in the National Spotlight!



PDT 2017 pics are ready to download

Want to relive the experience? Share with friends or your employer? View and download photos from educational sessions, the exhibit hall and more.

[learn more](#)



Chapter Spotlight

Trenton Chapter celebrated its 40th anniversary Sept. 1.

[learn more](#)

Chapter best practice: Trenton's Membership Scholarship Program

Margarita Stanislavskaya initiated the Membership Scholarship Program to diversify the chapter's board and attract new members. Through activity board, scholarship recipients work with other board members on projects integral to the chapter's success. Being an active board member keeps these scholarship recipients in AGA by showing them the value of their membership.



[learn more](#)

Nominations now being accepted for National Leadership Awards

Know a federal, state or local official, or private-sector financial executive who promotes excellence in the profession? Nominate them by Nov. 30.

[learn more](#)

ERM Hub on intergov

Intergovernmental Partnership celebrates its 10th anniversary with launch of new ERM Hub. View this and all the tools created by you, for you.

[learn more](#)

Upcoming Events

View AGA's calendar for national and chapter events.

[learn more](#)

**BRAIN
TEASER**

[test yourself](#)

Chapter Spotlight

New York Capital Chapter celebrates its 40th anniversary Oct. 20. Congratulations!



Auditing Relevance and Reliability of Performance Information

Oct. 11 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs

Learn criteria and best practices to assess relevance and methods that can be used to audit or assist an organization in ensuring they are using the right performance measures.

[learn more](#)



DoD continuous evaluation, potential fraud center of excellence make news

Headlines "DoD to bring more employees with 'critical positions' under continuous evaluation" and "Potential for fraud CoE emerges amid agencies' cyber risk responses" resulted from 2017 Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training.

[learn more](#)

New: search our onsite courses online

Did you know AGA will send instructors to your location to train groups on a variety of topics? Browse our offerings with our new online catalog.

[learn more](#)

What data are
you protecting?



read the fall *Journal*

Journal
OF GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT



Overwhelmed by data?

The data explosion and ever-more powerful analytic capabilities beg the question: Does government have, and is it protecting, the right data?

[learn more](#)



Meet fellow member: Eric S. Berman, MSA, CPA, CGMA

Eric studied journalism and political science and worked in retail management before taking advice to study accounting. Now, he's a partner at a firm.

[learn more](#)

Sign up before it's too late — CGFM Intensive Review Course

Attend in the fall and AGA will pay for your exams!

[learn more](#)



AGA's Intergovernmental Partnership is celebrating 10 years of increasing communication among all levels of government and improving performance and accountability!

About the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund



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/>

The Trenton Chapter AGA holds drawings at monthly meetings and educational events to raise funds for the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund. For more information on how you can contribute to this worthy cause contact the AGA Trenton local chapter now at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Home.aspx>

Thank you to all our newsletter sponsors!



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