

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Friends:

As our program year comes to an end, I'd just like to say what a true honor it has been to serve as your President for the past year. I've learned a great deal in this position and value the professional and personal relationships I've formed. But before I get too sentimental, our program year is NOT over yet.

I'd like to thank our speakers and planning committee who made this year's Spring Symposium a success! The speakers were calm, cool, and collected while giving chillingly amazing presentations. The day breezed by at our new location and your generosity stopped our charities cold in their tracks with gratitude for your donations. Thank you all for attending and filling out our online survey which we noted some feedback about the temperature of the room and will do our best to regulate that in the future!

I also would like to thank those who volunteered to work with the Italian American War Veterans Post #2 on Saturday, May 20th by placing American flags on Veterans' graves to honor their service to our country.

On Wednesday, May 17th the AGA Trenton Chapter held its Annual Awards Dinner at Villa Mannino's. At the dinner, we honored those who have made positive efforts in their profession and/or contributions to the association. Also, the 2017-18 Executive Board was officially announced. Congratulations to all Executive Board Members, thank you to all of those who organized this successful awards dinner event.

We are in the midst of planning our 40th Anniversary celebration to be held in September 2017! Keep an eye out for more details by checking out our website at [AGA Trenton Chapter](#) for updates & "like" us on Facebook!

To get sentimental for a moment again – thank you to the board, members, and friends who have helped make this a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Kiersten Kokotajlo
Trenton Chapter President

**TRENTON
CHAPTER**

AGA

Association of Government Accountants





CONGRATULATIONS

2017-18 AGA TRENTON CHAPTER OFFICERS AS OF JULY 2017!

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

President: Andy Bishop

President-Elect, Vice President of Education: Robert Rizzo

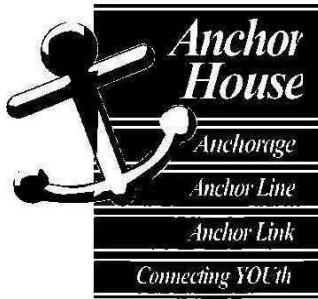
Immediate Past President/Nominating Committee Chair: Kiersten Kokotajlo

VICE PRESIDENTS:

- *Vice President of Administration/Programs: Christopher Schwartz*
- *Vice President of Membership: Nikki Farrell*

Treasurer: Dave Kaschak

Secretary: Michelle Blatt



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Website: www.anchorhousenj.org
Email: info@anchorhousenj.org

May 18, 2017

Mr. David Kaschak
Treasurer
Association of Government
Accountants of Trenton
P.O. Box 536
Trenton, NJ 08604-0536

Dear AGA Membership:

Anchor House Inc. was honored to be named the recipient of the Paul M. Vidunas Community Service Memorial Award. We are grateful for the \$1,600 donation and the Association of Government Accountants of Trenton's strong commitment to support organizations serving our community. Thank you for supporting our programs for abused, runaway, homeless and at risk youth in Mercer County. We invite you to visit our programs, speak with the staff and youth themselves to learn more about the challenges they face and the courage and perseverance needed to overcome so many obstacles.

Anchor House Inc. seeks to end youth homelessness and prepare youth to live productive and independent lives. Our work could not be accomplished without the support of generous and caring organizations like yours. Thank you for supporting our mission to provide a safe haven where abused, runaway, homeless and at risk youth and their families are empowered to succeed and thrive.

Sincerely,

Kim McNear
Executive Director



2017 Awards Dinner held May 18, 2017





2017 Spring Symposium held April 21, 2017 @ TCNJ



THANK YOU!

To all volunteers who participated in our recent community service event honoring our Veterans by assisting the Italian American War Veterans Post #2 in placing flags on Veterans grave sites on Saturday, May 20th at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery.





THANK YOU!

AGA Members and Guests who attended the Spring Symposium

Your Donations and Contributions are appreciated!

****P.V. Fund Contributions totaled \$498 at the event****

****Anchor House received a check totaling \$1600 at this year's awards dinner!****

****T.A.S.K. donations totaled \$298 in cash and numerous bags of non-perishable food items!****



Membership
Young Professionals Group
(YPG) PDT Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS to Michelle Blatt who received a YPG National Scholarship to attend this year's PDT in Boston!

More Information on PDT Scholarships:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Awards-Recognition/Young-Professionals-PDT-Scholarship.aspx>



Your local AGA chapter is getting greener!

We now offer more paperless options for our services:

- 1) Online purchasing feature providing convenience and paperless option to pay for events and dinner meetings;
- 2) Electronic surveys are now available. The AGA Trenton Chapter is now using Survey Monkey for course and event evaluations. Convenient, easy and less paper;
- 3) E-mail blasts and downloadable Newsletters keeping members up to date on important events;
- 4) Improved website offering more features and downloadable content;
- 5) Webinars offering free CFE and downloadable content;
- 6) E-meetings (via email) availing board members to vote on important chapter matters with out leaving the office or home.

We are continuing to seek more green options while continuing to better serve our members.

Click on the link below for some easy Ways to Live Greener: An eco-friendly lifestyle doesn't need to be difficult or expensive. Try these tips and tricks (plus over 65 more) from throughout Good Housekeeping's 125 years to create a home that'll make you – and the earth – proud:

<http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/a18573/ways-to-go-green/>

AGA—Trenton Chapter Balance Sheet

| ASSETS: | LIABILITIES AND EQUITY: |
|---|--|
| Cash - Savings (BOA) \$12,180.04 | Accounts Payable \$1,553.00 |
| Cash - Checking (BOA) 10,508.48 | Deferred Income 110.00 |
| Accts Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem 6,895.00 | Fund Balance <u>29,594.40</u> |
| PrePaid Expenses <u>1,673.88</u> | |
| TOTAL ASSETS \$31,257.40 | TOTAL L&E \$31,257.40 |



Remaining AGA Audio Conference

Topic: Fraud/Data Analytics

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

Date: June 14, 2017 Time: 2 PM to 4 PM



Get Social! AGA Trenton Chapter is on Facebook! Come join us in this cyber community, "Like" us now!

[**Click here to connect with us!**](#)


May 2017

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 28 | 29  Memorial DAY | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |



1) Awards Dinner at Villa Mannino's, 73 Route 130, Bordentown, NJ...For details:
<http://www.agatrenton.com/events.html>
 2) Community Service Event - Italian American War Veterans - Check website:
<http://www.agatrenton.com/community-services.html>

June 2017

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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14  Webinar (2:00-3:50 pm) | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18  | 19 | 20 | 21  Summer Begins | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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1) Webinar: Location - Office of State Comptroller, 20 W. State St, 12th Fl, Trenton NJ

Attention all CGFM applicants!

The Trenton AGA Chapter will be offering the CGFM Achievement Scholarship, an award for CGFM applicants that will reimburse the scholarship winner for the cost of study materials and exam fees for CGFM exams (maximum of \$250). Requirements for this scholarship are as follows:

- Must be an AGA Trenton Chapter member in good standing
- Must be a government employee
- Must have passed 2 of 3 parts prior to applying
- Must fill out application before taking the final exam in order to establish commitment from the Chapter for the scholarship
- Scholarship will be paid only if all 3 exams are passed within the timeline established by the AGA to achieve the certification

Please, see the next page for the application.

If you would like more information about this scholarship, please contact Margarita Stanislavskaya at mstanislavskaya@mercercounty.org.

For more information on the CGFM certification, please visit <http://agacgfm.org/cgfm/>.





CGFM Achievement Award Application

Name _____

Member ID # _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone # _____

Email address _____

Current Employer: _____

Position/Title: _____

Did you pass 2 of 3 exams for the CGFM certification?
(Attach Proof)

Yes

No

I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct.

Applicant _____
(Signature)

Date _____

For AGA Trenton Use Only

AGA-Trenton Board

Approval _____
(Authorized representative name and
signature)

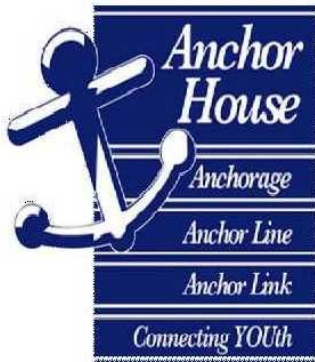
Date _____

Please, complete this form and email to:

Margarita Stanislavskaya

mstanislavskaya@mercercounty.org

About the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund



ANCHOR HOUSE
The Houses Where Healing Begins

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 very involved in community service 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 collect throughout the Chapter's program year. The local area charity for this year's Paul Vidunas fund is Anchor House. The agency's mission is to work with abused, homeless, runaway, at risk and aging out youth to utilize their strengths and the support of their families and communities in order to ensure a stable and successful home. For information about the charity

[CLICK HERE!](#)

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!



The mission of the Mercer County Improvement Authority (MCIA) is to serve the needs of Mercer County improving the quality of life for the residents by providing programs and services for the County, Municipalities, school and fire districts, and not-for-profits in the areas of financing, project management, redevelopment, solid waste and recycling.



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Membership

AGA members form a diverse group of individuals--from students to entry-level employees to senior executives and elected officials--working for local and state governments, school districts and retirement systems, colleges and universities, federal agencies and public accounting firms.

Whatever your role in government financial management, AGA offers a membership package tailored to meet your professional needs and interests.

AGA Member Types:

Full Government Member

This class of membership requires three or more years of government experience, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational activities having the same objectives as the Association, or who have made a contribution toward the improvement of government financial management. \$100 national + 5 local/year.

Private Sector Member

This class of membership is available to individuals working for commercial activities/ventures that are actively engaged in and support AGA's purpose and objectives. \$160 + \$5 local/year.

Early Career Member

This class of membership is available to government employees with less than three years experience. \$45 + \$5 local/year.

Student Member Student:

This class of membership is available to college/university students. \$30 + \$5 local/year.

Retired:

This class of membership is available to AGA members who have permanently retired and are not working. \$35 + \$5 local/year.

Membership Link:

<https://www.agacfm.org/Membership/overview.aspx>

2016-2017 Chapter Officers and Directors

President: Kiersten Kokotajlo

President-Elect, Education: Andy Bishop

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Audrey Hoyle

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Treasurer: Dave Kaschak

Secretary: Michelle Blatt

Accountability Outreach Chair: Nikki Farrell

Communications: Nikki Farrell

Sponsorship: Michael Hoyle

Audio Conferences: Michelle Blatt

Fall Seminar: Audrey Hoyle/Rene Gervasoni/Jessica Lippincott

Spring Symposium: Guy Tassi/Brian Larkin

Chapter Recognition: Brian Larkin

CGFM Chairperson (Trenton Chapter): Margarita Stanislavskaya

Regional Vice President: Joe Connolly

Community Service: Robert Olsen, Christopher Fucello

Awards: Christopher Schwartz

Regional & Chapter Early Career: Meghan Ellis

Budget/Finance: Tyler Frounfelker

Newsletter: Andrew Bishop

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Paul Vidunas Coordinator: Audrey Hoyle

Historian: Rose Todaro

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Website: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Home.aspx>

Please note that we are a **GREEN** Chapter

Check out our Citizen Centric Report:
<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/2016-Citizen-Centric-Report.aspx>

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FEEDBACK WANTED!

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