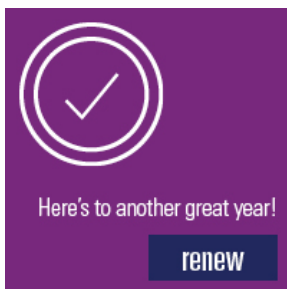




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President's Message

Jessica Lippincott

Dear Members & Friends,

I would like to welcome you all to the 2020-2021 program year and wish you a Happy Summer! I first would like to say that I am very excited to be serving as Chapter President and can assure you that this year will be just as successful. I also would like to congratulate Nikki Farrell on her presidency, as well as the entire 2019-2020 Chapter Executive Committee for a job well done. Without them, we wouldn't have been able to transition to having a successful virtual PDT, along with many other accomplishments this past year.

With everything going on right now in the COVID-19 pandemic, I would also like to wish good health for you all and hope that you all are staying safe! I know during this pandemic, it can be difficult to enjoy time with friends and family. Please feel free to reach out to me if there is anything I can do to help! With that being said, I also attended my first virtual AGA National Professional Development Training (PDT). It was very successful, although, I did miss seeing everyone in person. I hope this broadens our outlook not only as a chapter, but as an organization overall.

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President's Message *(continued)*

As Chapter President, one of my main goals is to further transition to virtual seminars as well as being in-person, if allowable. I think providing an in-person event, as well as being able to host them virtually at the same time, will be of huge benefit to the Chapter. I also would like to extend our networking with local colleges and universities. I think getting young professionals and college students involved early is key to growing our chapter. I am excited to get involved in any way possible.

For those whom do not know me, I would like to further introduce myself. I graduated from Rider University with both my Bachelor's degree as well as my Master's degree. Additionally, I also received a certificate in business analytics from Rider. I currently work for the New Jersey Department of Transportation and have been with them for the last six years. I will be getting married in May of 2021 (hopefully being able to keep that date due to the COVID-19 Pandemic). As I am still fairly new to the chapter, I will do my best to keep in touch with everyone. I am always willing to lend a listening ear. I am also open to any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for anything at all!

Here's to another successful chapter year!

**Stay well,
Jessica Lippincott
Trenton Chapter President**

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP 2020-2021 PROGRAM YEAR

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2020 AGA Trenton Chapter Awards
Nomination

Due date: July 31, 2020

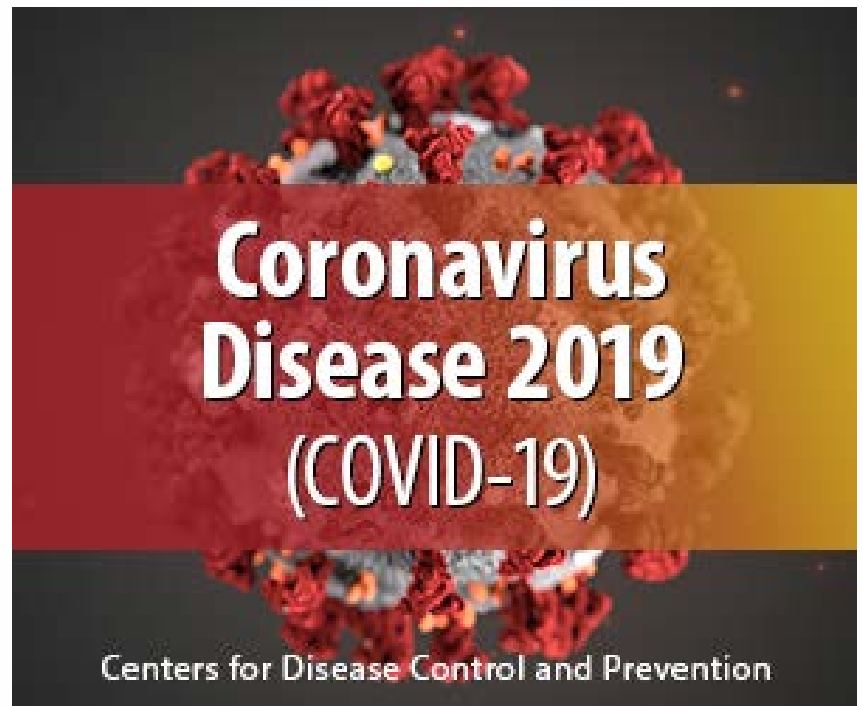
Submit your nominations to
Mellis@njleg.org

Webinar - Personnel/Human
Resources Free for AGA Members*
(1 CPE)

Date: September 2, 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

Accomplishments



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Trenton and Northern New Jersey Chapters of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) are professional organizations, part of the Association of Government Accountants which has a network of more than 15,000 members in 101 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 200 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, AGA Trenton and Northern New Jersey Chapters' members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as they continue their broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of New Jersey by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim:

**MARCH 2020
AS
CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER
MONTH**

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirty-first day of March in the year two thousand twenty, the two hundred forty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States.

Phillip D. Murphy
Lt. GOVERNOR

Philip D. Murphy
GOVERNOR

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:

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.*

2020 AGA TRENTON CHAPTER AWARDS

Date: _____

I would like to nominate the following individual for a 2020 AGA Trenton Chapter Award:

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

(City/State/Zip) _____

(Telephone Number) _____

Please check the designation of the award for which you nominate this individual.

CHECK ONE ONLY

- The James Dolan Award
- Achievement of the Year Award
- Education and Training Award
- Chapter Service Award

Additional supporting information may accompany this nomination form. Please be concise as possible. We may contact you for additional information, if necessary.

Biographical Sketch of Nominee (*position, title, education, other pertinent background information, etc.*)

Description of Accomplishments/Achievements

Citation (*For use as the formal award citation. Succinctly describe accomplishments, particularly their impact or results.*)

Signature of Nominator _____

Printed Name of Nominator _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

◆ **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION is JULY 31, 2020** ◆

Please E-Mail Nomination Forms to:

Meghan K. Ellis

MEllis@njleg.org

DESCRIPTIONS OF AWARDS CATEGORIES

The James J. Dolan Award

Established in honor of the Chapter's founding president, conferred on a member of eminent service to the Chapter. (Any member of AGA, except an individual serving as a Chapter Officer, is eligible for this award.)

Achievement of the Year Award

Accords recognition for leadership or outstanding achievement in developing, implementing, or improving financial management in government. (Nominees need not be a member of AGA but must have been employed in government service at the time the work being recognized was performed.)

Education and Training Award

Conferred on individuals who have made significant contributions to the education and training of government financial managers. (Nominee need not be a member of AGA.)

Chapter Service Award

Conferred on individuals who are active members of the Association for consistently important contributions to the development and enhancement of the Chapter over long periods of time or for distinguished or spectacular contributions to the Chapter during the year of nomination.

Thank You To Our Sponsors!



AGA Trenton Chapter's June 2020 Balance Sheet

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER JUNE 2020	
ASSETS	
Cash - Savings	\$12,187.83
Cash - Checking	\$12,398.97
Accts. Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem	\$ 20.00
PrePaid Expenses	\$ 4,296.31
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 28,903.11
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Deferred Income	\$ 40.00
Fund Balance	\$ 28,863.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 28,903.11

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 Jessica Lippincott to learn more about our CGFM Library Pilot Program!

CHAPTER DIRECTORS 2020-2021 PROGRAM YEAR

Chapter President - Jessica Lippincott
 Chapter President-Elect/Vice President of Education - Meghan Ellis
 Immediate Past President - Nikki Farrell
 Secretary - Michelle C. Blatt
 Chapter Treasurer - David M. Illuminate Jr.
 National Council of Chapters Representative - Kiersten Kokotajlo
 Vice President of Membership - Kiersten Kokotajlo
 Vice President of Finance/ Administration/Programs - Stephanie Rybak
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 Sponsorship Director - Guy Tassi
 Chapter Recognition - Jessica Lippincott/Directors
 CGFM Chairperson - Margarita Stanislavskaya
 Community Service Director - Chris Fucello
 Awards Director - Stephanie Rybak
 Young Professionals/Early Career Director - Taylor Leavy
 Budget Director - Amanda Ireland
 Newsletter Director - Marie Samson
 Meeting Director - Rene Gervasoni/Michael Salberta
 Paul Vidunas Coordinator - Membership Scholarship Awardee
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