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President's Message

Jessica Lippincott

Welcome to August! As we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are working very hard to accommodate everyone with all of our upcoming events! The show must go on for the 2020-2021 program year!

Kiersten, Marie, and myself just attended the first virtual LEAD! hosted by national. LEAD! had so much to offer and provided us with a lot of great ideas on how to move forward with holding virtual events. We are currently trying to determine what the best virtual platform would be to use for all of our events this year. Some contenders are GoToWebinar, which we have used in the past, as well as looking into using Zoom. With this temporary transition, some of our dinner meetings and events will be done virtually. In the meantime, be on the lookout for some upcoming webinars. Our first webinar is free for AGA members and will be held on September 2, 2020. The second webinar will be on the topic of communications and will be held on September 9, 2020. You can attend both CPEs from the comfort of your own home! Please go to www.agacgfm.org/trenton to register. We also have a few fun things in mind to keep everyone engaged, so be sure to keep your eyes peeled on that.

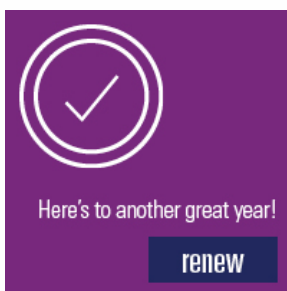
I also want to take this time to congratulate our awardees in the following categories for winning awards for the 2019-2020 program year. Congratulations to you all, well-deserved!

Achievement of the Year Award - Keith A. Costello, New Jersey State Commission of Investigation

Special Achievement Award - Sean McCarthy, New Jersey State Parole Board

Chapter Service Award - Kiersten M. Kokotajlo, New Jersey Office of the State Auditor

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- Distinguished Leadership Award - Adrienne Kreipke, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*
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- Thomas J. Kaschak Memorial Scholarship - Ryan Fisher*
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In addition, we have selected Homefront as the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund recipient for this year. HomeFront's mission is to end homelessness in Central New Jersey by harnessing the caring, resources and expertise of the community. They lessen the immediate pain of homelessness and help families become self-sufficient. They work to give their clients the skills and opportunities to ensure adequate incomes, and they work to increase the availability of adequate, affordable housing. They help homeless families advocate for themselves individually and collectively.

Make sure to periodically check our website for any additional events or information and if you're not receiving our email blasts but would like to, email agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com and you will be added to our distribution list!

Hope you are all staying well,
 Jessica Lippincott
 Trenton Chapter President

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP 2020-2021 PROGRAM YEAR

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Date: September 2, 2020

Location: Online

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Webinar - Communications (2 CPEs)

Date: September 9, 2020

Location: Online

Time: 2:00pm-3:50pm

Webinar - Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training 2020 (14 CPEs)

Date: September 23-24, 2020

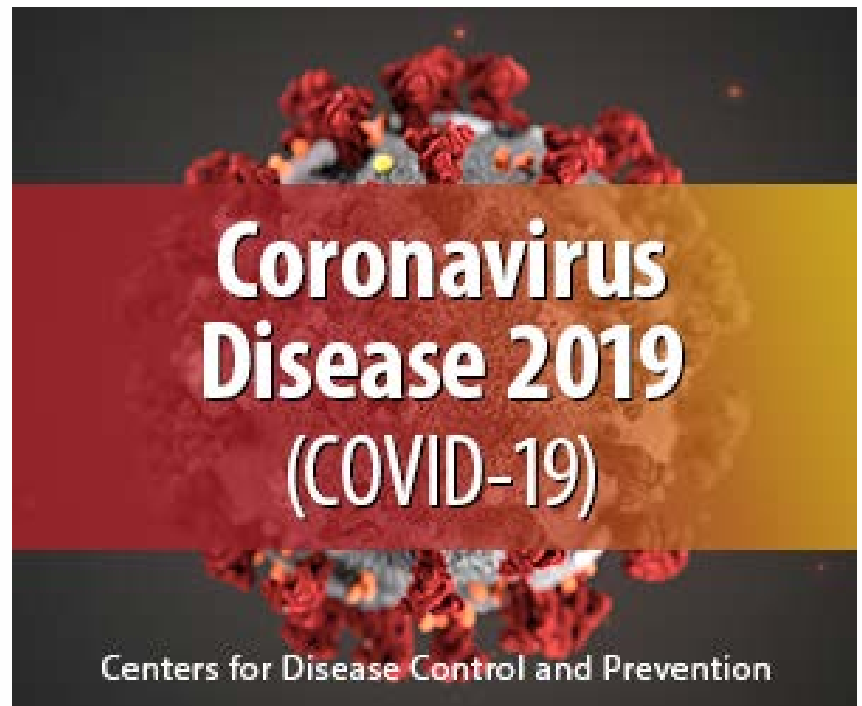
Location: Online

Time: 9:00am-5:00pm both dates

Early-bird Price (Before 9/4/2020)

AGA Member \$300, Nonmember \$425

Regular price: AGA Member \$400, Nonmember \$525



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

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.*



CONGRATULATIONS!

TO OUR

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Thank You To Our Sponsors!



AGA Trenton Chapter's July 2020 Balance Sheet

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER JULY 2020	
ASSETS	
Cash - Savings	\$12,187.93
Cash - Checking	\$10,295.77
Accts. Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem	\$ -
PrePaid Expenses	\$ 4,296.31
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 26,780.01
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Deferred Income	\$ 40.00
Fund Balance	\$ 26,740.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 26,780.01

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

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