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President's Message

Nikki Farrell

Hello Members & Friends,

My sincerest "Thank You" goes out to everyone who attended and/or presented at our September events!

We kicked-off the 2019-2020 program year with a Happy Hour at Uno's, followed by an AGA nationally-hosted webinar on communications, and closed the month with a mind-opening presentation by George Sowa, CEO and Bryan Evans, VP Marketing and Communications of Greater Trenton. There are numerous plans in the works to revitalize Trenton, returning the City back to the greatness it once was. Do you work in the Downtown area and travel 30+ minutes into the office only to get stuck in that pesky tunnel traffic? Well, Greater Trenton and their revitalization efforts might have a solution for you. Imagine living Downtown in a bustling metropolis with the ability to walk, ride your bike, or take the bus to your area of employment and shops. Think about all the extra sleep you could catch up on! For more Trenton news and progress reports, head to trentondaily.com. **(continue on page 2)**



President's Message

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Don't forget to sign-up to receive their email alerts!

October is just around the corner and with that, our 2019 Annual Fall Seminar! This year, we will be focusing on professional development as a whole. This allows us the opportunity to bring a myriad of topics to our Seminar without restricting us to a theme. We plan to have presentations from the NJDOT, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Taxation, and the Government Accountability Office (GAO). We also plan on having a session on "soft skills", which is crucial to professional development as a whole. This event will take place on Friday, October 25th. I hope to see you all there!

Do you have an itch for giving back to the community? Our Chapter is accepting volunteers to serve lunch at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) on Monday, October 14th from 10:30AM-12:50PM. Spots are limited, so register on our website before they are all gone!

Wishing you all the best,

Nikki M. Farrell, CICA
AGA Trenton Chapter, President

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Upcoming Events

PCDI's CitySeek 2019

Date: September 28, 2019

Location: Havana Restaurant & Bar,
New Hope, PA

Time: 12:00pm-6:00pm

TASK Volunteer Day

Date: October 14, 2019

Location: Trenton Area Soup Kitchen,
72 Escher Street, Trenton, NJ

Please join us in serving our local community at TASK on October 14th. This is a government holiday so no need for most of our members to take off! Spots are limited so if you are interested please register ASAP!

2019 AGA Fall Seminar

Date: October 25, 2019

Location: Mercer County Community College, Conference Center

Refer to page 5 for the "Day At A Glance" and page 6 for paper registration of the 2019 Fall Seminar.

PCDI's Meadows Miler Fun Run

Date: November 2, 2019

Location: Rosedale Park,
Pennington, NJ

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

November Dinner Meeting

Date: November 13, 2019

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

Time: Social Hour begins at 5:30pm;
Dinner and presentation to follow.

Webinar - Ethics (2 CPEs)

Date: November 20, 2019

Location: Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Fl Conference Room

Time: 2:00pm-3:50pm

Meet the Speaker November 13, 2019



Ben Dworkin

Named one of the 100 most powerful unelected people in New Jersey politics in 2016, Dworkin, 50, joined Rowan in January. From 2008-17, he led Rider University's Rebovich Institute for New Jersey Politics.

Dworkin earned his doctoral and master's degrees in political science from Rutgers University and his bachelor's degree in politics from Princeton University.

Before pursuing a career in academia, Dworkin spent several years in both politics and the private sector. He served as president and CEO of Dworkin Strategic Communications. Prior to that, he was vice president at Robinson Lerer & Montgomery, a leading New York-based corporate public relations firm. His clients have included several leading Fortune 500 companies, such as WebMD, Time-Warner, Texaco, Maidenform, and Hollywood Video. His primary areas were media relations, strategic communications and crisis management.

Dworkin formerly served as deputy research director for the New Jersey Assembly Minority Office in Trenton. He helped oversee a staff of several other policy analysts and developed expertise in insurance, health care, public safety and veterans' issues. In that role, he wrote and edited legislation, policy analyses, floor speeches, and talking points for use in debates and media interviews, as well as leading overall strategy.

Dworkin also has worked as legislative aide to the late state Senator Matthew Feldman, past president of the Senate and longtime chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee. His primary responsibilities were speech writing, constituent relations, and legislative monitoring.

An award-winning journalist for his work with the New Jersey Jewish Standard, the state's oldest Anglo-Jewish newspaper, Dworkin also has had his work published in newspapers throughout the state. He is recognized as a leading political observer and freelance film critic. Miramax featured Dworkin on the DVD of the Oscar-winning film, Life is Beautiful.



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NATIONAL EVENTS

- OCTOBER 2, 2019 - WEBINAR: FINANCE

**- OCTOBER 23, 2019 - WEBINAR:
INTERNAL CONTROL**

**- OCTOBER 29, 2019 - 2019 AFERM ERM
SUMMIT**

**- NOVEMBER 14, 2019 - SHARED SERVICES
SUMMIT**

- NOVEMBER 20, 2019 - WEBINAR: ETHICS

**More information at
www.agacgfm.org/events**





2019 Fall Seminar | October 25, 2019 | Professional Development Training

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| 7:30 am – 8:15 am | Registration / Breakfast |
| 8:15 am – 8:30 am | Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Opening Remarks |
| 8:30 am – 9:30 am | Session 1 – “Active Listening in the Workplace”, Speaker: Aaron Chavis, EmPathic Institute |
| 9:30 am – 10:30 am | Session 2 – NJ Transportation Trust Fund/Gas Tax, Speaker: Lewis Daidone, Assistant Commissioner of Finance & Administration NJDOT |
| 10:30 am – 10:45 am | BREAK |
| 10:45 am – 11:45 am | Session 3 – Overview of Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, Speaker: Melanie Walter, Director |
| 11:45 am – 12:00 pm | Luncheon Speaker – Princeton Child Development Institute (PCDI) – AGA Trenton Chapter 2019-2020 Paul Vidunas Charity Recipient |
| 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | LUNCH |
| 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm | Session 4 – TBA |
| 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm | Session 5 – Tax Amnesty Program, Speaker: Frank Liberi, Division of Taxation, Chief of Operations - Collection & Enforcement |
| 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm | BREAK |
| 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm | Session 6 – GAO Yellow Book Update, Speaker: Elizabeth Martinez, CPA, CGFM, Assistant Director of Financial Management and Assurance, U.S. Government Accountability Office |
| 4:15 pm – 4:30 pm | Closing Remarks, Seminar Evaluations (online), Awarding of CPE Certificates |

Credits for Continuing Education:

7 CPE credits in the area of “Accounting/Auditing/ Government Environment”

CPE certificates will be available at the conclusion of the seminar. In the event of your early departure, the certificate will be adjusted accordingly and mailed

AGA Trenton Chapter will also be collecting donations for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen as well as accepting donations for the Trenton Animal Shelter

Note: Schedule is subject to change

2019 AGA Fall Seminar Registration Information

Group Registration:

- Complete a registration form for each member of the group and submit it with a list of all registrants. Include a contact name and phone number for the group.
- Each registrant’s individual form should indicate the method of payment being used.
- Each registrant must sign the form.

All Other Registrants:

- Complete and fax, mail, or email the registration form; or register and pay online via PayPal at www.agacgfm.org/trenton.
- Please be sure to sign the form in the space provided.
- Pre-registration is encouraged; registration at the door costs more!

Cancellation Policy:

- If a registrant cannot attend, substitutions will be accepted.
- Cancellations will be accepted through 4:00pm on October 18, 2019.
- Cancellations received after this date and no-shows will be liable for payment in full.

I agree with the above terms of the cancellation policy.

Signature

Date

Fees:

| Registration Type | Fee |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| Pre-Registered AGA or ASPA Members | \$110.00 |
| Pre-Registered Non-Members | \$155.00 |
| Day of Event (at the door, no credit cards) | \$165.00 |
| Full-Time Students | \$75.00 |

Registration includes all presentations, breakfast, morning and afternoon refreshments, and a full course buffet lunch.

- Make checks and vouchers (do not mail cash) payable to:

AGA Trenton Chapter
Vendor ID #V530217158-03
DUNS# 966734985
CAGE code# 6YQD4

- Registrations must be received by Friday, October 18, 2019
- No phone registrations will be accepted.
- Send correspondence, faxes, payment, and questions to:

AGA Fall Seminar
C/O Robyn Boyer
Office of the State Auditor
PO Box 067
Trenton NJ, 08625-0067

Fax: (609) 633-0834 Email: rboyer@njleg.org

2019 AGA Fall Seminar Registration Form

| Individual Information | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| Name: | | |
| Title: | | |
| Organization: | | |
| Mailing Address: | | |
| City: | State: | Zip: |
| Email: | | Phone: |
| Total Enclosed: \$ | | |

Seminar Date:
October 25, 2019

Seminar Location:
Conference Center at
MCCC
1200 Old Trenton Rd,
West Windsor, NJ 08550



| Do you require a special meal or accommodation? |
|-------------------------------------------------|
| Please Explain: |
| |

| Registration Type | Fee | Select |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Pre-Registered AGA or ASPA Members Chapter: _____ | \$110.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pre-Registered Non-Members | \$155.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Day of Event (at the door, no credit cards) | \$165.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Full-Time Students | \$75.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Credit for Continuing Education | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Level of Knowledge | Basic |
| Prerequisite | None |
| Advanced Preparation | None |
| Recommended Credit | 7 CPE Hours |

| Payment Method | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| NJ Check or Payment Voucher | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Personal or Company Check | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Members' Spotlight

AGA Trenton's Social Hour at Uno's!



September Dinner Meeting's Speaker, CEO of Greater Trenton, George Sowa.



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 2020 is Nov. 8, 2019; search "collegiate leadership" at www.agacgfm.org to apply.

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.

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 below: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx>

- E-mail - agamembers@agacgfm.org

Telephone - (800)-AGA-7211 or (703)-684-693



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 earn the 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 August 2019 Balance Sheet

| AGA TRENTON CHAPTER AUGUST 2019 | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Cash - Savings | \$ 12,185.79 |
| Cash - Checking | \$ 13,988.17 |
| Accts. Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem | \$ - |
| PrePaid Expenses | \$ 1,046.31 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 27,220.27 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ - |
| Deferred Income | \$ 250.00 |
| Fund Balance | \$ 26,970.27 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | \$ 27,220.27 |

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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