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President's Message

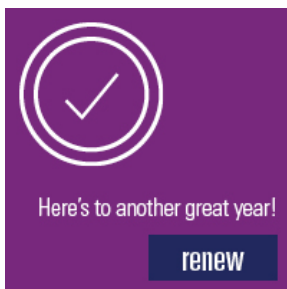
Jessica Lippincott

Hello Members & Friends,

September is here and in full effect! I want to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who was part of the first webinar, "Communicate and Lead Through Intention, Interaction and Influence" of this program year that was hosted on September 9, 2020. Our next webinar will be on October 7, 2020 and the topic will be on Internal Controls. Registration will be posted shortly so be sure to register as spots may fill up quickly. In the event that you register, but are unable to attend, please send an email to agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com.

On Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. AGA Trenton will be hosting their first "Lunch and Learn" webinar through the GoToWebinar Platform. The topic of this Lunch and Learn will be on Blockchain and will be presented by Daniel Altobelli from OSA. I am very excited for this topic and cannot wait to see what this presentation will offer! Please be on the lookout for the email to register for this event.

I am also excited to announce that our Fall Seminar Committee has the Fall Seminar Planning underway! Our Fall Seminar will be tentatively taking place on Thursday, November 12, 2020 via the GoToWebinar Platform as well. Some tentative topics that have been discussed for this year's Fall Seminar include, but not limited to, Telecommuting, Cyber Security and Soft skills. Please note, these topics are subject to change based on speaker availability. However, we would like to try to put the focus on the transition to working from home and how IT security and the focus is constantly changing with those whom now need to work from home.





President's Message (continued)

As 2020 continues and we move into virtual activities, I would like to mention that we are still continuing to collect items and donations for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. If you would like to donate, please reach out to Chris Fuccello at Chris.Fuccello@osc.nj.gov for more details!

As always, policies and standards are constantly updating. Please be sure to check out the Standards and Guidance section on the AGA National website to stay up to date with policies from OMB, GASB, FASAB, FASB and others. This standards can be found by going to <https://www.agacgfm.org/Standards-Guidance/recent-guidance.aspx>.

Suggestions, comments and concerns are always welcomed. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me in any instance. I am looking forward to continuing this journey with all of you!

Make sure to periodically check our website for any additional events or information. 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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

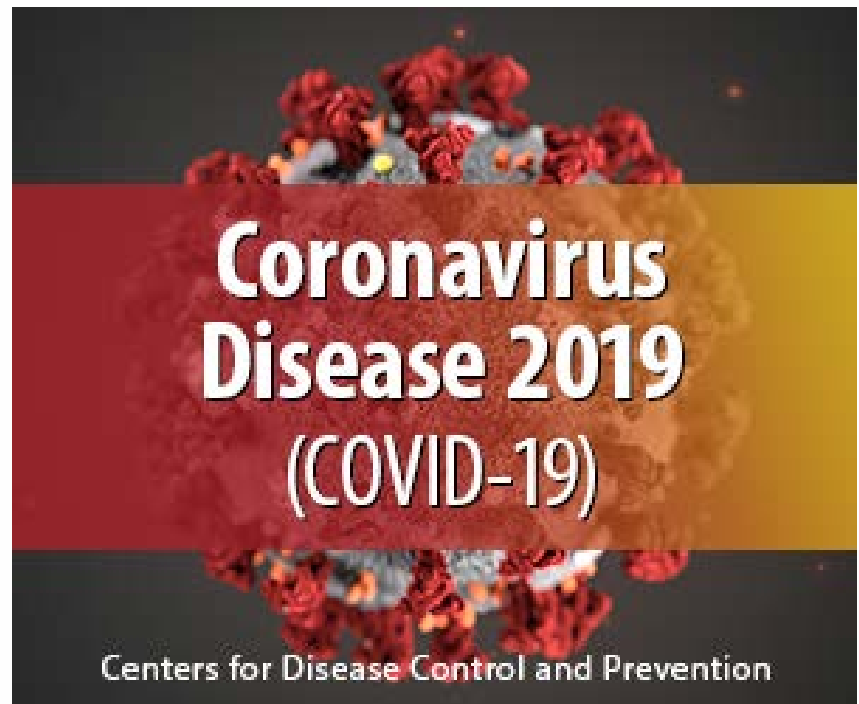
AGA New York Webinar -COVID-19
Funding Monitoring & Oversight
(1 CPE)
Date: September 29, 2020 Location:
Online
Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm
Regular price: AGA Member FREE,
Nonmember \$20
*Refer to page 4 for more
information.

Webinar - Internal Control &
Proper Payments
(2 CPEs)
Date: October 7, 2020
Location: Online
Time: 2:00pm-3:50pm

October Lunch & Learn Meeting
-"Blockchain 101"
Date: October 14, 2020 Location:
Online
Time: 12:00pm
Register via
agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

2020 AGA Trenton's Virtual Fall
Seminar
Date: November 12, 2020
Location: Online
Register via
agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

Webinar - Ethics
(2 CPEs)
Date: November 4, 2020 Location:
Online
Time: 2:00pm-3:50pm



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



NEW YORK CAPITAL CHAPTER

TOPIC:
**Webinar: COVID-19 Funding
Monitoring & Oversight**

DATE:
Tuesday, September 29, 2020

TIME:
1:00 – 2:00 PM

SPEAKER:
Thomas Stanton, KPMG

CPE:
1 Credit

COST:
FREE For AGA MEMBERS
\$20 For All Others

The New York Capital Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is pleased to announce a new webinar on COVID-19 Federal Funding Monitoring and Oversight.

Join us for this timely and informative webinar as **Thomas Stanton, KPMG** discusses the challenges in monitoring and oversight of COVID -19 and some tools and techniques that can be used.

Thomas Stanton has more than 20 years of experience providing disaster recovery compliance and monitoring services, including serving as the integrity monitor for the City and State of New York, State of New Jersey and State of Alabama. Since March 2020, he has been helping states and local governments design and administer pandemic responses and recovery programs to use and disburse CARES Act, CRF, Stimulus, and FEMA funding. He specializes in regulatory compliance reviews, investigations and provides fraud risk management advisory services to multinational public corporations, as well as public service and not-for-profit organizations.

Register online at www.aganycap.org or contact Robert Lynch, Registrar for more information at robert.a.lynch@opwdd.ny.gov or (518) 402-4368.

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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.*

Thank You To Our Sponsors!



AGA Trenton Chapter's August 2020 Balance Sheet

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER AUGUST 2020	
ASSETS	
Cash - Savings	\$12,188.03
Cash - Checking	\$ 8,610.77
Accts. Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem	\$ -
PrePaid Expenses	\$ 4,296.31
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 25,095.11
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Deferred Income	\$ 40.00
Fund Balance	\$ 25,055.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 25,095.11

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!

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