

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Friends:

April has arrived and we have some awesome events to kick off the spring season!

I'd like to thank Dan Napoleon from the MCIA for sharing the importance of recycling in our state. All attendees learned useful tips and there were many requests for MCIA's recycling robot to join us at our next event!

Our members and friends looked radiant in red attire to honor CGFM month! Thanks to all who participated and I hope we'll get to welcome more CGFMs this season! National has released a CGFM badge for electronic signatures or social media outlets. It's available for CGFMs. Good luck to those pursuing this designation! Please don't hesitate to contact us for assistance!

We're excited about our Annual Spring Symposium on Friday, April 21st which will be held at a new location - The College of New Jersey in the Education Building! Our theme revolves around The Fiscal impact of IT Trends in State and Local Government. To register and view our lineup of distinguished speakers go to our website's events page. We'll also be collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to those who were able to get their nominations in by March 31 for recognition at our Annual Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 17th at Villa Mannino. The Academic Scholarship applications deadline has been extended to April 14th by AGA National. For more information: [CLICK HERE!](#)

We're happy to announce that Brian Larkin and Jessica Lippincott will be representing our chapter at AGA's Sectional Leadership Conference in Baltimore at the end of this month. We look forward to getting feedback from their experiences at this event.

Check out our website at [AGA Trenton Chapter](#) for updates & "like" us on Facebook!

Sincerely,

Kiersten Kokotajlo
Trenton Chapter President

**TRENTON
CHAPTER**

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Association of Government Accountants





CONGRATULATIONS

*To David Jonas, new member,
on passing the Certified
Government Financial
Manager (CGFM) Exam!*

 **CGFM.**



[Click here for more information on becoming a CGFM!](#)



WELCOME!

New AGA - Trenton Members

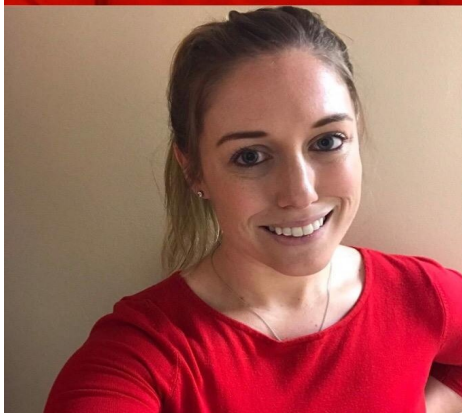
Name: Spring R. Jones
Member Type: Full Member
Title: Trenton Chapter
Employer: State of NJ
Email: spring_j@hotmail.com

Name: David B. Jonas – New CGFM!
Member Type: Early Career
Title: Trenton Chapter
Employer: New Jersey Office of the State Auditor
Email: davjonas@yahoo.com

[Click here for more information on becoming an AGA Member!](#)



Thank you to all those who participated in AGA Trenton's "Wear Red Day" in March to acknowledge the Celebration of CGFM Month!





Save this Date:

Friday April 21, 2017

The AGA Spring Symposium will be held on Friday, April 21st, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the College of New Jersey's Education Building, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08618

This year's theme is "The Fiscal Impact of Technology on State and Local Government" (7 CPE).

Pricing:

Pre-registered AGA or ASPA Members	\$115
Pre-registered non-members	\$140
Day of Event (at the door - cash, check or PV only)	\$160
Full-Time Student	\$ 75

Remember: We will be collecting non-perishable food items and/or cash donations for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK).

[Click here for the latest updates for this year's Spring Symposium!](#)

The Fiscal Impact of IT Trends in State and Local Government

The College of New Jersey
2000 Pennington Road Ewing NJ 08608 Education Building

Opening Session: 8:30am to 10:30am Education 212

Keynote Presentation: *Dr. James Hughes – Dean, Bloustein School at Rutgers*

Plenary Session: Municipal Government Roundtable

Host: Robert Prunetti, President – MIDJersey Chamber of Commerce
Liz Lempert – Mayor of Princeton
Colin Driver – Director of Economic Development of Somerville
Michael Darcy, Executive Director – New Jersey League of Municipalities

Concurrent Workshops: 10:45am to 12:00pm

Track 1: Fiscal Issues: Education 212

Marita Sciarrotta, Department of the Treasury, Division of Taxation

Track 2: Technology Issues: Cyber Liability Insurance and Cybersecurity Study Education 113

*Michael Smith, Department of the Treasury, Division of Risk Management
Annette Evans and Swapna Aurora, Deloitte*

Lunch 12:00pm to 1:30pm Education 212

Luncheon Speaker – Dr. Gerald Miller, The College of New Jersey

Concurrent Workshops: 1:45pm to 3:00pm

Track 1: Fiscal Issues: A New Digital Day with the Financial Automation Submission (FAST) Solution for the Division of Local Government Services Education 212

*Maureen Mitchell and Christine Caruso, Department of Community Affairs,
Division of Local Government Services*

Track 2: Technology Issues: Cyber Hygiene Education 113

Marc Pfeiffer, Bloustein School at Rutgers

Concurrent Workshops: 3:15pm to 4:30pm

Track 1: Fiscal Issues: Green Procurement in New Jersey Education 212

Dr. Kevin Lyons, Rutgers Business School

Track 2: Technology Issues: Statewide Cybersecurity Update Education 113

Michael Geraghty, Office of Homeland Security and Protection

Credits for Continuing Education: 7 credits in the subject area of “Accounting/Government Environment”
CPE certificates will be available at the conclusion of the Symposium. In the event of your early departure, the certificate will be adjusted accordingly and mailed.

NOTE: Subject to change. Check website for updates [CLICK HERE](#)



SAVE THIS DATE

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Event: Audio Conference

Topic: Ethics (2 CPE)

Location: OSC, 20 W. State St, 12th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08625

[Click here to register NOW!](#)



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

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



SAVE THIS DATE

Date: Wednesday, May 17 @ 5:30 pm

Event: Annual Awards Dinner

Location: Villa Mannino, 73 Rte 130, Bordentown, NJ 08620

[Click here for more information on the Dinner Meeting](#)



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Membership

National Academic Scholarships

Are you or a family member pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, economics, finance, information systems/technology or public administration? If so, consider applying for an AGA Academic Scholarship today!

This year, AGA will award:

Rising College Freshman: One full-time (\$3,000) and one part-time (\$1,500)

[Full-Time Application](#)

[Part-Time Application](#)

Current Undergraduates: Three full-time (\$3,000) and two part-time (\$1,500)

[Full-Time Application](#)

[Part-Time Application](#)

Graduate Students: Two full-time (\$3,000) and one part-time (\$1,500)

[Full-Time Application](#)

[Part-Time Application](#)

Community Service: AGA can award two \$1,500 scholarship for community service amongst the three collegiate categories noted above.

[Rising College Freshman Community Service Application](#)

[Current Undergraduate Community Service Application](#)

[Graduate Community Service Application](#)

The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, April 14, 2017.

[National Collegiate Leadership Program:](#) Provides full-time college students the opportunity to attend National Leadership Training (NLT) or Professional Development Training (PDT).

[Young Professionals PDT Scholarship:](#) The Young Professionals Focus Group (YPPFG) annually selects five young professionals to attend AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT).





Membership

Young Professionals PDT Scholarship

The [Young Professionals Focus Group \(YPFG\)](#) annually selects five young professionals to attend AGA's [Professional Development Training \(PDT\)](#) in July. The participants in this program will act as ambassadors for attendees and assist at the AGA exhibit hall booth and other activities throughout the training event.

Requirements:

Must be an AGA member in good standing

A first-time attendee at this annual event

Working directly for government or nonprofit (federal, state, local or tribal)

Under the age of 30

Available Saturday afternoon prior to the start of the PDT and assist at the AGA booth throughout the event

Willingness to provide feedback on their PDT experience prior to departure

Participants Receive:

Five-night hotel scholarship at the PDT host hotel

Complimentary registration for the entire event

CPEs to help you advance your career (number of CPEs may vary depending on assignments)

Opportunities to meet and network with AGA leaders

More Information on PDT Scholarships:

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

apply now

Spring 2017 *Journal* quiz is live — earn 3 CPEs!

The issue on sustainability will hit mailboxes soon, but is available now if you prefer to read online or on the go!

[learn more](#)

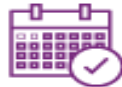
By the Number

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CPEs you can earn by attending our CGFM training program.

[learn more](#)

Upcoming Events



View AGA's calendar for national and chapter events.

[learn more](#)

Chapter Spotlight



Atlanta
Celebrated CGFM Month with Gov. Nathan Deal. View photo.

[learn more](#)

Assessing Government Performance Across the Triple Bottom Line

Government organizations are natural leaders in advancing the triple bottom line. Local sustainability initiatives promote positive change.

[learn more](#)



Extra! Extra!
Read the spring issue on sustainability.

[Click here for more AGA Topics Information](#)

AGA Citizen Centric Report (CCR) Turns 10!

In 2007, AGA launched the Citizen Centric Reporting (CCR) Initiative. Former AGA CEO Relmond P. Van Daniker brought together AGA members representing federal, state and local governments to develop criteria for a 4 page report designed to communicate to citizens the business of government.

The AGA Winter Journal for 2016-2017 featured an article of the CCR turning 10! The CCR offers transparency and accountability for public-sector entities. Read what AGA has to say about the CCR hitting this great milestone. Click on the link below:

[https://www.agacgm.org/aga/chaptersites/Trenton/files/CCR%20from%20AGAJournal Winter2016 17 F LR.PDF](https://www.agacgm.org/aga/chaptersites/Trenton/files/CCR%20from%20AGAJournal%20Winter2016%2017%20F%20LR.PDF)

AGA looked at ways to improve financial performance reporting more than 10 years ago, and, following an extensive study and examination of the public-sector financial and performance reporting outputs and surveys of citizens by AGA members and staff, the AGA Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) was conceived.

In extolling the platform for CCR, AGA's former executive director, Relmond Van Daniker was often quoted as saying, "Citizens are

drowning in data but starving for information." Ann Ebberts, AGA's CEO, said CCR can be viewed as an early adopter in providing transparency and information in context in a way all Americans should be able to understand. "The CCR can be used in so many ways and can quickly get the public, staff, and new leaders current on the agency mission, demographics, accomplishments and priorities for the future. It's come a long way in 10 short years, and we look forward to the next 10!"



AGA—Trenton Chapter Balance Sheet as of 2/28/17

ASSETS:		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:	
Cash - Savings (BOA)	\$12,179.63	Accounts Payable	\$954.00
Cash - Checking (BOA)	9,406.15	Deferred Income	110.00
Accts Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem	0.00	Fund Balance	<u>23,805.66</u>
PrePaid Expenses	<u>3,283.88</u>	TOTAL L&E	\$24,869.66
TOTAL ASSETS	\$24,869.66		



Remaining AGA Audio Conferences

Topic: Ethics

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

Date: April 12, 2017 Time: 2 PM to 4 PM

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

April 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	 Webinar (2:00-3:50 pm)	13		15
	17	18	19	20	Spring Symposium	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	1) Webinar Location - Office of State Comptroller, 20 W. State St, 12th Fl, Trenton NJ 2) Spring Symposium - https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Home.aspx				


May 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1	2	3	4	5 	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16	17  Awards Dinner at 5:30 pm	18	19	20  Community Service Event
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 	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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14  Webinar (2:00-3:50 pm)	15	16	17
18 	19	20	21  Summer Begins	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1



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 _____

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AGA-Trenton Board

Approval _____
(Authorized representative name and
signature)

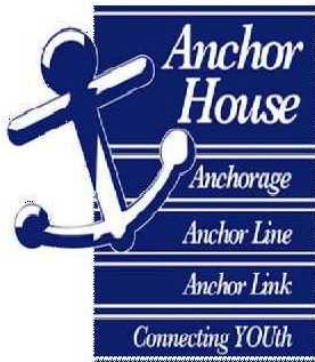
Date _____

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

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Spring Symposium: Guy Tassi/Brian Larkin

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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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Please feel free to offer any comments or suggestions for the newsletter's design, format, or style. We look forward to hearing from you!