



## Our Mission

**The AGA Boston Chapter serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development, and participating in local community projects for the enhancement of everyone in the New England area.**

## We Work Together

Greetings Fellow Members!

As our first message for the Chapter newsletter to start the 2020-2021 program year, we would like to congratulate AGA Boston Chapter Members Suzanne Bump and William Killmartin.

Massachusetts State Auditor Suzanne M. Bump was honored with the President's Award by the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT) at its annual conference, where they recognized Auditor Bump's continued service and commitment to government transparency and her leadership related to the prevention of Medicaid fraud.

In addition, NASACT named former Comptroller of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts William Killmartin to the NASACT Hall of Fame. He served as Comptroller from 1989 to 1999. NASACT commended his achievements during his tenure.

We also have a virtual event on October 15th that should be spectacular!

We hope everyone has enjoyed their summer, and we look forward to working with you.

## Chapter Recognition

The Chapter Recognition Program is designed to support, encourage, and promote the accomplishment of AGA's mission and to provide flexible noncompetitive guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. The Chapter Recognition Program year begins on June 1 and concludes on May 31.



## Welcome Members!

Sara A. Baruffaldi

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## AGA Boston Chapter's Mentoring Program

The Boston Chapter has an active mentoring program. This program brings together chapter members interested in mentoring, as either a mentor or a mentee.

Want to learn more?

Please visit

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/Chapter-Resources/Mentoring.aspx>

# Chapter Training Calendar



## **Boston 2020 Many Faces of Fraud Virtual Seminar**

**October 15, 2020**

**From your own location.**

**Contact: Joseph Valchuis  
Email: [jvalchuis@gmail.com](mailto:jvalchuis@gmail.com)  
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## **Webinar - Ethics**

**November 4, 2020**

**From your own location.**

**Contact: Joseph Valchuis  
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**<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/Training-Events/Event-Calendar.aspx>**

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## Chapter News



### Chapter Online Training Opportunities

The AGA Boston Chapter is pleased to announce a partnership with the Accounting Continuing Professional Education Network (ACPEN) to offer CPA-specific online training. The Chapter initiated this relationship because ACPEN is the largest provider of streaming video webinars for continuing education for CPAs in the U.S. ACPEN's CPA training sessions for September through December 2020 are now available for purchase on the Chapter's online library at <https://agaboston.ce21.com/>.

ACPEN webcasts are sponsored by the Business Professionals' Network, Inc. This network, which produces ACPEN programming, is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. For more information on ACPEN, please visit <https://www.acpen.com/>.

The AGA Boston Chapter is also still offering replays of all fall and winter seminars held since 2016. All sessions are available for replay each Thursday from September through December 2020. For more information and to register for these events, please visit our library at <https://agaboston.ce21.com/>.

### Online Store is Open!

The AGA Boston Chapter [online store](#) for purchasing goods and supplies with our logo is open.

[Visit the Store Today!](#)







## Community Service

### COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Boston Chapter would like to CHALLENGE all members to a special Community Service request. During this COVID-19 crisis, food banks all over the area have been busier than ever helping those in need. In the past, our Chapter was always very generous with collections during the October “Faced of Fraud” seminar. Although our October 15th “Faces of Fraud” seminar is virtual, we would still like to keep the spirit of collections going!

Our Chapter would like to take the month of September to encourage our members to donate non-perishable food items or make a monetary donation to a local food shelter in your town. No amount is too small! One idea is to ask your neighbors to donate an item or two, collect the items, and bring them to your local food bank. Maybe your older children could initiate a collection in your neighborhood. We would love for you to take a picture of your collections, so we can post it on our social media page.

Thank you for your continued support!

Our committee will to continue our collections and volunteering! We will think outside the box with virtual volunteering and other initiatives. More information will be forthcoming in future newsletters. From all of us on the Chapter's Community Service Committee, thank you again and stay safe and healthy!

## NEWS FROM NATIONAL

### Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training 2020



### Fraud 2020

focusing on internal controls and minimizing fraud, waste and abuse

September 23-24 | Virtual | 14 CPEs | 11 PDU's

Registration and fees

AGA has launched the **AGA COVID-19 Resource Exchange** as a resource for our community, featuring thought leadership, training, tools, events and more to help you and your organization navigate this crisis. Please check back often, as the site will be updated as new information becomes available.

#### The Exchange Features:

- Government Resources
- AGA Corporate Partner Resources/Events
- AGA Chapter Resources/Events
- For First Responders
- Useful Articles
- AGA Session Videos to Inspire You
- AGA Session Videos to Increase Productivity
- And More!

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## Corporate Sponsorship Program – THANKS to RSM & CLA

Our Boston Chapter would like to THANK RSM and CLA (CliftonLarsenAllen) for their partnership as a Gold Sponsor this past year. We greatly appreciate their patronage to aid our Chapter in serving professionals in the government financial management community by helping us provide quality education, foster professional development, and participate in local community projects for the enhancement of everyone in the New England area. Their Staff has done a marvelous job in supporting our Education program by providing speakers for our education events. In addition, RSM and CLA have provided Staff to assist our Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) to better serve its members. The Program goal is to have both the Chapter and the for-profit entity benefit from the partnership by working together to ensure each other's success. The firm gets visibility and access, branding with a respected organization, such as the Boston Chapter, and the opportunity to showcase their subject matter expertise. As we move forward to enhance our Corporate Sponsorship Program, we are always looking for new ideas to expand and improve the Program. An enhanced Program will help us to continue offering great educational programs and services by increasing non-dues revenue, increase and diversify our membership roster, attract new speakers, and enlist additional volunteers.

Please contact **Bill Muench** at [william.muench@comcast.net](mailto:william.muench@comcast.net) or (508) 259-3382 to discuss any ideas you may have, or for more information about corporate partnership sponsor opportunities with the AGA Boston Chapter.



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The Association of Government Accountants, the thought leader for the government accountability profession, evaluates reports for the Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting award.

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