

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends:

September's meeting was awesome thanks to our guest speaker, Joe Hart and all of our members for attending.

It is hard to believe that October is already here and we are closing in on our Fall Seminar. The theme this year is "Combating Fraud to Protect New Jersey's Interest". The date is October 30, 2015 and at Mercer County College. The Seminar committee has worked hard bringing in a variety of diverse speakers, experts in their respective field who should make this seminar one of our best educational events. I encourage everyone to register early and to invite someone from their office, who may not be a member, to attend as well.

One of the goals of our chapter is to grow, by bringing in new members who will carry the Chapter torch into the future. We have several events planned designed to share the chapter with those young men and women who can become the next key members. I encourage each of you to look around your office, and invite one or two people to come to these events and learn more about it.

Our next AGA- Trenton chapter meeting will be November 12, 2015 at Tessara's on Rte. 33 in Hamilton, New Jersey. Dr. Ben Dworkin, will provide us with significant insight into the upcoming Local, State and the Federal elections next year. Dr. Dworkin is entertaining as well as informative with his viewpoints on the politicians and the politics which will shape New Jersey's and the Nation's future.

Sincerely,

Audrey Tyndall-Hoyle

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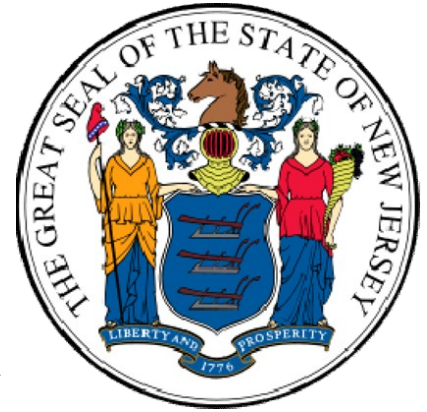


AGA Fall Conference at The Conference Center

Mercer County Community College

Combating Fraud to Protect New Jersey's Interests

Friday, October 30, 2015



Fraud & Forensic Audit Investigations

Practitioners everywhere are faced with the daunting task of auditing allegations of government and corporate fraud. Implementing and administering sound investigative and audit approaches is critical to the success of any fraud investigation. Auditors use internal and external resources to address these issues but where should they concentrate their efforts?

This course will assist you in developing an understanding of the following concepts:

- Elements of fraud
- Characteristics of the fraudster
- Forensic investigation audit strategies and techniques
- Common fraud schemes and the importance of data analytics
- Forensic interviews and documenting the results of an audit

Impacts of Fraud on Ethical/Professional Conduct

A discussion on increased awareness of fraud-related issues focusing on ethical and professional perspectives.

Fraud Awareness Briefing

A discussion of recent criminal prosecutions and civil actions resulting from fraud investigations and audits conducted by the Major Procurement Fraud Unit- US Army Criminal Investigation Division – Philadelphia.

<p>PROGRAM:</p> <p>7:30am – 8:30am Registration/Breakfast</p> <p>8:30am – 8:45am Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance <u>Opening Remarks and Introductions</u> Audrey Hoyle, President, Trenton Chapter</p> <p>8:45am – 10:30am <u>Fraud & Forensic Audit Investigations</u> Frank Pina- Mercadien Group</p> <p>10:30am – 10:45am BREAK</p> <p>10:45am – 12:30pm <u>Impacts of Fraud on Ethical/Professional Conduct</u> Professor Wygal - Rider University</p>	<p>12:30pm – 1:15pm LUNCH</p> <p>1:15pm – 1:45pm <u>Joshua Lichtblau, Director, Medicaid Fraud Division</u></p> <p>1:45pm – 3:00pm <u>Fraud Awareness Briefing - CID Investigations</u> J. Mick Hipsher – Major Procurement Fraud Unit, US Army CID</p> <p>3:00pm – 3:15pm BREAK</p> <p>3:15pm – 4:30pm <u>Taxation - Fraud</u> Charles Giblin, OCI, Special Agent in Charge</p> <p>4:30pm – 4:45pm <u>Closing Remarks</u> Seminar Evaluations and Awarding of CPE Certificates</p>
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MEET THE SPEAKER: NOVEMBER 12, 2015 MONTHLY DINNER MEETING



Ben Dworkin was named the Director of the Rebovich Institute for New Jersey Politics and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Political Science at Rider University in July 2008. The Institute's name honors its founder, the late Dr. David Rebovich (1949–2007).

As Director, Professor Dworkin oversees the Institute's day-to-day operations, organizes programming, provides internship, academic and professional guidance to students, and has built a reputation as one of New Jersey's most insightful political analysts. He has appeared on numerous network and cable news shows, and is frequently quoted by all of New Jersey's major newspapers, as well as *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*. In his position, he brings together experience in academia, public relations, government, and political parties and campaigns. When announcing his appointment, Rider University cited Professor Dworkin's "combination of political savvy, media knowledge and student-centered focus."

Professor Dworkin is currently completing his Ph.D. in political science at Rutgers University, where he has taught classes in "Political Campaigning" and "New Jersey Politics." At Rider, he continues to teach "New Jersey Politics" along with "Interest Groups and Lobbying," "Public Administration" and Honors courses to undergraduates. In addition, he has presented his research and analysis at several academic conferences across the country.

Prior to academia, Professor Dworkin spent several years in the private sector. He served as President & CEO of Dworkin Strategic Communications, and before then, as 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 development and crisis management.

Before his work in New York, Professor Dworkin was 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, law, health care, public safety and veterans' issues. In this position, he wrote and edited legislation, policy analyses, floor speeches, talking points for use in debates and media interviews, as well as overall strategy.

Professor Dworkin has also worked as Legislative Aide to the late state Senator Matthew Feldman (D-Teaneck), chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee. He had primary responsibility for speechwriting, constituent relations, and legislative monitoring.

Through much of his career, Professor Dworkin worked on political campaigns, focusing on message development, press relations, advertising development, debate preparation and field operations. An award-winning journalist for his work with the *New Jersey Jewish Standard*, New Jersey's oldest Anglo-Jewish newspaper, Professor Dworkin has also been published in local newspapers throughout the state and is recognized as a leading political observer and freelance film critic. Miramax featured Professor Dworkin on the DVD of the Oscar-winning film *Life is Beautiful*. Professor Dworkin is a graduate of Princeton University and received his master's degree from Rutgers University, where he is currently pursuing his doctorate.

He lives with his wife and daughter in East Brunswick, N.J.

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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Approval _____
(Authorized representative name and
signature)

Date _____

Please, complete this form and email to:

Margarita Stanislavskaya

mstanislavskaya@mercercounty.org

AGA Important Dates

Meeting Date	Event Name	Location	CPEs
10/21/2015	<u>Audio Conference (2:00 - 3:50 pm)</u> Topic: Fraud Prevention Speaker: N/A Webinar	Office of State Comptroller 20 West State Street, 12th Floor Trenton, NJ 08619	2
10/30/2015	<u>Fall Seminar (All Day)</u> Topic: "Combating Fraud to Protect New Jersey's Interest"	The Conference Center at Mercer County Community College West Windsor, NJ 08550	7
11/04/2015	<u>Audio Conference (2:00 - 3:50 pm)</u> Topic: Fraud Prevention Speaker: N/A Webinar	Office of State Comptroller 20 West State Street, 12th Floor Trenton, NJ 08619	2
11/12/2015	<u>Dinner Meeting @ 5:30 pm</u> Topic: Upcoming Local, State, and Federal Elections Speaker: Ben Dworkin	Tessara Restaurant 812 Rt.33 Hamilton, NJ 08619	1
12/2/2015	<u>Audio Conference (2:00 - 3:50 pm)</u> Topic: Ethics Speaker: N/A Webinar	Office of State Comptroller 20 West State Street, 12th Floor Trenton, NJ 08619	2

IMPORTANT!!

Save this Date for the 2015 AGA Fall Conference: Oct. 30, 2015!

Topic: "Combating Fraud to Protect New Jersey's Interest"

Location: The Conference Center at Mercer County College

Earn up to 7 CPEs!

For information: <http://www.agatrenton.com/events-edu.cfm>



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ANNUAL FALL SEMINAR

**SAVE
the Date**
10.30.2015

The Conference Center at Mercer County
Community College

1200 Old Trenton Rd, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

Combating Fraud to Protect New Jersey's Interests

AGA - October 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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11	12 Columbus Day 	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Audio Conference 	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 FALL SEMINAR	31 Halloween 
Trenton AGA PO Box 536 Trenton, NJ 08603						

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Audio Conference: Location - Office of State Comptroller
20 West State Street, 12th Floor
Trenton, NJ 08619 (Time: 2:00 - 3:50 pm)



AGA - November 2015

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Audio Conference: Location - Office of State Comptroller
20 West State Street, 12th Floor
Trenton, NJ 08619 (Time: 2:00 - 3:50 pm)



AGA - December 2015

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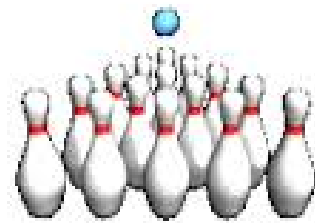
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AGA—Trenton Chapter Balance Sheet as of 9/30/15

ASSETS:	
Cash - Savings	\$12,176.15
Cash - Checking	8,848.72
Accts Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem	0.00
PrePaid Expenses	<u>1,100.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$22,124.87

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:	
Accounts Payable	\$110.00
Deferred Income	0.00
Fund Balance	<u>22,014.87</u>
TOTAL L&E	\$22,124.87

2nd Annual - AGA Bowling Event TBD - February 2016



Join us at this fun event!

About the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund



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 charity for this year's Paul Vidunas fund is the Sunshine Foundation. For information about the charity: <http://sunshinefoundation.org/>

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 <http://www.agatrenton.com/contact.cfm>

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