



Newsletter

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President's Message

Andrew Bishop, CPA / CGMA

Dear Members & Friends:

The football season is over and tax season is moving forward, fast and furious! So with that said, it is time to start planning for our spring activities. We have a lot planned!

First, I would like to welcome new member David Miller! Please welcome David Miller (email: dmiller@njleg.org). Please reach out to David and make him feel welcome!

Next, I'd like to thank Meghan Ellis and the entire committee who planned and organized our bowling event! This year was our 4th Annual event which I believe went well. We had 4 students attend!! We also had special guests attend: David Gotlib, North New Jersey Chapter President and his daughter. On behalf of our chapter, I would like thank all the students, members and friends who joined us at this event.

The spring symposium committee met briefly after our winter board meeting last month. The meeting set the ball in motion for the 2018 Spring Symposium which will take place on April 20, 2018 at The College of New Jersey. Please check our website periodically for the latest. If you would like to help out the committee please contact Brian Larkin at BLarkin@njleg.org:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Training-Events/Event-Calendar/2018-Spring-Symposium.aspx>

Our final dinner meeting for this program year will be held on March 7, 2018 (social hour starts at 5:30 pm) at Tessara Restaurant in Hamilton, NJ. Our speaker is Dave Barth, Manager with Grant

Thornton. For more information and registration details please visit our website:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Training-Events/Event-Calendar/March-2018-Dinner-Meeting.aspx>

The next Chapter organized Webinar is scheduled on April 11, 2018 at 2 pm. The location is at the Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625. This webinar is free for members. For more information and to register go to our website:

[https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Training-Events/Event-Calendar/Webinar-\(4\).aspx](https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Training-Events/Event-Calendar/Webinar-(4).aspx)

As you have seen, we're continuing our efforts to sustain a Green Chapter by using online registrations and electronic surveys for many of our events. For surveys, after each event you'll be emailed a link to fill out a survey online so make sure your email with us is up to date!

Finally, we are looking into planning a Tri-Chapter (with NNJ and Philadelphia) pay as you go event in June. We are leaning towards a Lakewood Blue Claws game. More details to follow, stay tuned!

Don't forget to get social with AGA - Trenton Chapter! Check it out our website for updates as well as our Facebook and LinkedIN pages!

Sincerely,

Andy Bishop
Trenton Chapter President

**AGA—Trenton Chapter
Balance Sheet as of 1/31/18**

ASSETS:		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:	
Cash (BOA)-Savings	12,181.90	Accounts Payable	1,093.00
Cash(BOA) Checking	12,277.05	Deferred Income	0.00
Accts. Rec.			
Symp/Mtg/Sem	90.00		
PrePaid Expenses	<u>3,784.62</u>	Fund Balance	<u>27,240.57</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>28,333.57</u></u>	TOTAL L&E	<u><u>28,333.57</u></u>

Security Alert!

Be vigilant about email scams. There has been a recent surge in phishing scams where perpetrators are using my name (Andy Bishop) and spoofing my email as president of the chapter. Here's a link documenting prevention tips from National:

<https://aga.informz.net/informzdataservice/onlineversion/ind/bWFpbGluZ2luc3RhbmNlaWQ9NzIwNDMxNSZzdWJzY3JpYmVyaWQ9MTA2NjE3MDkyNg>

Special News:

Congratulations to Jessica Lippincott. She recently completed her Master's of Accountancy with a Double Concentration in Fraud and Forensics /Business Analytics along with a Certification in Business Analytics from Rider University!

FEBRUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01	02 Bowling/ Networking Event 4:30pm	03
04	05	06	07 Webinar 2:00pm	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			



- 1) Webinar (from 2:00 to 3:50PM) Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room – 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625
GASB Update
- 2) Bowling/Networking Event (4:30pm to 6:30pm) Slocum's Bowling Alley
1675 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ

MARCH 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01	02	03
04	05	06	07 Dinner Meeting 5:30pm	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 CGFM DAY	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



- 1)** Dinner Meeting (Happy Hour starts at 5:30PM) Tessara Restaurant
812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619
- 2)** CFGM Day, Wear the color red to work to represent Certified Government Financial Managers everywhere!

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Congratulations!

To Our Newest Professional Member,
David Miller!

Welcome to the Chapter. We hope to see
you at our upcoming events.

If you'd like to personally say welcome to David,
he can be reached at DMiller@njleg.org





AGA Young Professionals PDT Scholarship

AGA annually selects up to 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

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Dinner Meetings (2017-2018)

March 2018 Dinner Meeting

March 7, 2018 (Happy Hour starts at 5:30 PM)

Tessara Restaurant

812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter

Email: agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

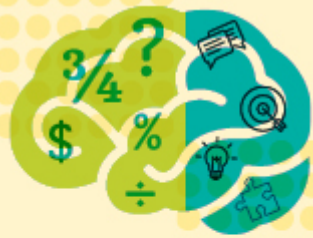
NLT 2018 session highlight: Department of Defense Audit Update

Don't miss the Honorable Thomas Harker, Asst. Secy. of the Navy; Mark Easton, DCFO, DoD; and Wesley Miller, Dep. Asst. Secy. of the Army on the leadership required and organizational transformation taking place within DoD to improve financial management and achieve a successful audit.

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Upcoming events

View AGA's calendar for national and chapter events.

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Chapter spotlight

**Philadelphia
Chapter**

65th anniversary on
Feb. 6

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GASB Implementation Table now available

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Webinar: GASB Update
Feb. 7 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs

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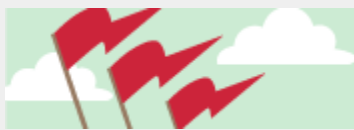
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About the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund



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 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 collected throughout the program year. The local area charity for this year's Paul Vidunas fund is City of Angels. City of Angels NJ, Inc. offers many different services to the addiction community, all at no charge. Services include interventions, recovery support, Family Program, counseling services and more. COA is a non-denominational, independent organization and all services are open to everyone needing assistance. For information about the charity: <http://www.cityofangelsnj.org/about-coa/>

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>

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