



AGA TRENTON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Here's to another great year!

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Chapter 2021-2022 Leadership

Chapter President Meghan K. Ellis NJ Office of the State Auditor	Membership Kiersten Kokotajlo NJ Office of the State Auditor
Immediate Past President Jessica Donoher NJ Department of Transportation	Chapter President-Elect Robert Rizzo NJ Office of Legislative Services
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members & Friends,

What a year it has been, with trying to continue to navigate the impact COVID-19 has had on our chapter and our networking abilities. We've had to make some difficult decisions when it came to having in-person or virtual events. As President, I am proud of the in-person events we were able to make happen this past year, our two community service events, our bowling event, and our awards dinner to honor our award recipients. We ended the program year, by receiving the Citizen-Centric Reporting Recognition of Excellence and Platinum status from AGA National. I will be accepting the award on behalf of the Trenton Chapter at the AGA Professional Development Training in Anaheim, California in July.

On June 23rd, we held our Annual Awards Dinner to celebrate and recognize all of award recipients for their hard work and accomplishments. We had various government professionals from all over the state of New Jersey. Congratulations to all of our award recipients! At the dinner, we were also able to present our Paul Vidunas Community Service Memorial charity, HomeFront, with a check of almost \$1,300 from funds we raised this past year and in 2021. AGA National matched half of the Trenton Chapter's donation to HomeFront, as well. Thank you all for your generous donations these past two years.

I would like to thank all of the Trenton Chapter Board because this year would not have been possible without each and every one of you. In addition, I would like thank all of our members and non-members who attended our events, virtually and in-person, along with our valued sponsors and the speakers who volunteered their time throughout the year. I value and appreciate all of your support.

Our Chapter is in good hands with Robert Rizzo as our incoming President for next year, his 2nd term! I look forward to seeing our Chapter continue to grow in the future and offer our members the most value for their membership.

With appreciation,

Meghan Ellis
Trenton Chapter President



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UPCOMING EVENTS AND AGA NATIONAL EVENTS

June
30
Thursday
A Conversation with Comptroller General, Gene Dodaro
June 30, 2022
Free Members-only Webinar | 1.5 CPEs

September
20
Tuesday
Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training (FRAUD2022)
September 20–21, 2022
Washington, DC | 14 CPEs

July
17
Sunday
Professional Development Training (PDT2022)
July 17–20, 2022
Anaheim, CA | 24 CPEs

December
8
Thursday
Technology & Transformation Summit 2022
December 8, 2022
Washington, DC | 8 CPEs

July
19
Tuesday
Webinar – 2022 Single Audit Update
July 19, 2022
Online

2:00 – 3:40 p.m. (2 CPE) [[Register here](#)]

Each year AGA West Michigan provides an update on the significant changes to the single audit guidance, including what auditees should be doing to prepare for a smooth audit. Hear the latest from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and more!

CPE is offered for this webinar

Sponsored by [Rehmann](#)

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August
16
Tuesday
Not for Profit Accounting Update
August 16, 2022
Online
This course will consist of a Central Ohio AGA Webinar on Not for Profit Accounting Update. (2 CPEs)
Speaker: **Melissa Galasso, Galasso Learning Solutions**
Contact: Kevin O'Connor
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August
31
Wednesday
2022 AGA Hawaii GPAW
August 8/31/2022 – September 9/1/2022, 2022
Online Webinar
CPE Credit Hours: 16 Yellowbook hours (includes 2 hours of ethics)
For more information and how to register, please check out the event page at: [2022 GPAW](#)
Contact: AGA Hawaii
Email: AGACGFM808@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM - RICHARD FAIR



Richard L. Fair passed away on Memorial Day at his home in Boynton Beach, Florida. After proudly serving two combat tours in Vietnam, he worked briefly in public accounting before joining the state in 1977. Rick will be most remembered for his nearly twenty-year tenure as the New Jersey State Auditor, a position he held dearly until his retirement in 2008. After retiring from state service, Rick continued to teach government accounting courses at both Rider University and Rutgers University. A charter member of the Trenton chapter, he served as its President in 1985 and was a steadfast and prominent figure at chapter events for many years afterward. Many of us will remember being warmly greeted and welcomed by Rick at the first AGA event we ever attended. In 2007, Rick was selected and honored to serve as AGA's 58th National President.



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REGISTER FOR PDT 2022!



PDT 2022 – Driving Innovation

We're excited to welcome back PDT 2022 in-person! Join us as we continue to drive innovation, connection, and learning face-to-face!

AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT) brings together a broad audience of more than 2,000 federal, state and local government financial professionals, including federal, state and local government CFOs, inspectors general, accountants, auditors as well as financial professionals from the private sector.



AGA's premier training and networking event

July 17–20 | Anaheim or Virtual | 24 CPEs

Registration and fees

	Online	Email/Mail/ PO/SF-182
AGA member		
Early Bird (by June 17)	\$875	\$900
Standard (after June 17)	\$975	\$1,000
Non-Member		
Early Bird (by June 17)	\$1,075	\$1,100
Standard (after June 17)	\$1,175	\$1,200

attend in person

attend virtually

Join AGA to
save \$200

PDT 2022
agenda

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virtual player

Plenary Speakers



Mark Schulman
World Renowned
Drummer & Author



**Princess Sarah
Culberson**
Princess of Sierra
Leone
Humanitarian and
Author of "A Princess
Found"



Dan White
Economist



Pandit Dasa
Mindfulness
Leadership Expert

PDT offers educational sessions over three days of training. Participants gain skills and knowledge toward more effective leadership, performance in a cost-constrained environment, solutions to shared challenges, and best practices. Join us to learn from top government financial management professionals and industry experts.

Submit Your Articles and Be Featured in the AGA Trenton Newsletter!

AGA Trenton Chapter is currently soliciting and accepting thoughtful articles on a wide range of government financial topics and may also publish articles relating to Tax, Practice Management, Financial Reporting, Audit, and Accounting. Chosen articles will be featured in the next newsletter and may qualify for CPE credits. For additional information, please contact: agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com.

CGFM CERTIFICATION



Interested in getting your employer to recognize the AGA Certified Government Financial Manager certification? Reach out to Margarita Stanislavskaya, Trenton Chapter CGFM Chairperson, for more information.

AGA MENTORING PROGRAM

Give back to the profession
Apply to be a mentor today!



MENTORING program

The program is open to AGA members only.

We all have a responsibility to leave this world better than we found it and to have a positive impact on the next generation of government leaders. Mentoring is important, not only because of the knowledge and skills young professionals can learn from mentors, but also because mentoring provides professional socialization and personal support.



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CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORTING RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

Recognition of Excellence 2021



Thank you Kiersten Zadworney for your hard work putting together the 2021 CCR!



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AGA TRENTON
CHAPTER 2022 AWARD RECIPIENTS!**

Special Assistant – Robyn Boyer

Membership Scholarship – Eric Carter and Morgan Cole

Chapter Service – Joseph Pica

James J. Dolan – Christopher Schwartz

President’s Award – Jennifer Dougherty

**Paul M. Vidunas Community Service Memorial –
HomeFront**

Thomas J. Kaschak Scholarship – Madison O’Brien

Achievement of the Year – Stephen Matis

Distinguished Leadership – Michelle McNellis

Past President’s – Meghan Ellis



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AGA TRENTON CHAPTER'S MAY 2022 BALANCE SHEET

MAY 2022

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Cash - Savings	\$ 24,191.36	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,296.27
Cash - Checking	\$ 14,984.19	Deferred Income	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ 455.00		
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 749.74	Fund Balance	\$ 39,084.02
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 40,380.29	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 40,380.29

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

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CHAPTER DIRECTORS 2021-2022 PROGRAM YEAR

President - Meghan Ellis
President Elect/VP of Education - Robert Rizzo
Immediate Past President/Nominating Committee Chair - Jessica Donoher
VP of Membership - Kiersten Kokotajlo
VP of Finance/ Administration/Programs - Stephanie Rybak
Treasurer - Michael Salberta
Secretary - Michelle Blatt
National Council of Chapters Representative - Nikki Farrell
Fall PDT/Technical Coordinator - Co-chairs: Nikki Farrell & Meghan Ellis + Fall PDT Committee
Spring PDT/Technical Coordinator - Co-chairs: Nikki Farrell & Meghan Ellis + Spring PDT Committee
Audio Conferences - Rene Gervasoni - Backup: Michelle Blatt
Sponsorship - Guy Tassi
Chapter Recognition - Robert Rizzo and Meghan Ellis
CGFM Chairperson - Margarita Stanislavskaya
Community Service - Chris Fucello
Awards - Stephanie Rybak
Young Professionals/Early Career - Meghan Ellis
Budget/Finance - Amanda Ireland
Newsletter - Marie Samson
Meeting Chair - Rene Gervasoni - Backup: Joseph Pica
Paul Vidunas Coordinator - Nat Jackson
Historian - Rose Todaro
By-Laws - David Kaschak
Accountability Outreach Chair - Kiersten Kokotajlo
Webmaster/Communications - Jennifer Dougherty - Backup: Nikki Farrell

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