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# Newsletter

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## Chapter Leadership

### 2019-2020 Program Year

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## President's Message

Robert Rizzo

Dear Members and Friends,

It's hard to believe that I'm in my 10<sup>th</sup> month as President of the Trenton Chapter. Let's end this chapter year with a bang!

On Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual Spring Symposium, which was held at The College of New Jersey. I hope everyone who attended enjoyed it! We had some terrific speakers and I want to thank them for volunteering their time to speak to our Chapter. I also want to thank the Spring Symposium committee and everyone who volunteered to help make the event a success. I couldn't have done it without each and every one of you.

We have a number of events that are happening in May. On Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Fraud and Data Analytics webinar at 2:00 pm. This will take place at the Office of the State Comptroller, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street in Trenton. This webinar is FREE to members. Please register [here](#).

On Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:15 pm, the AGA Trenton Chapter, in participation with the Italian American War Veterans Post #2, will be placing American flags at the resting place of our deceased Veterans. This will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, 400 Woolsey Street in Trenton. Please join us in honoring our Veterans!

Last, but certainly not least, on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Villa Mannino Ristorante in Bordentown, we will have our Annual Awards dinner. I would like to congratulate all our awardees for the evening. Don't miss out on this wonderful event. Please register [here](#) to attend.

Until next time!

Take care,  
**Robert Rizzo**  
Trenton Chapter President



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## SAVE THE DATE

### UPCOMING EVENTS

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### **Honoring Our Veterans – Thursday, May 16, 2019 (Rain Date – May 23, 2019)**

The AGA Trenton Chapter in participation with the Italian American War Veterans Post #2 will be placing American flags at the resting place of our deceased Veterans. Please join us in honoring our Veterans!

- Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, 400 Woolsey Street, Trenton, NJ, 08610
- Time: 5:15 PM

### WEBINARS

#### **Fraud and Data Analytics Webinar**

- **Wednesday, May 15, 2019**
- Where: 12th Floor Conference Room, Office of the State Comptroller – 20 West State Street, Trenton NJ, 08625
- Time: 2:00 PM-3:50 PM
- 2 CPEs
- Field of Study: AUDG

#### **Leadership Webinar**

- **Wednesday, June 12, 2019**
- Where: 12th Floor Conference Room, Office of the State Comptroller – 20 West State Street, Trenton NJ, 08625
- Time: 2:00 PM-3:50 PM
- 2 CPEs
- Field of Study: SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE

[Register Online](#)

### **AGA TRENTON CHAPTER – MEMBER RECRUITMENT**

As treasured members, we can influence the future of AGA by sharing our experiences with peers, colleagues, and others in our organizations with any interest in government financial management. Membership in AGA has many benefits, including education and networking opportunities, awards and scholarship programs, discounts for training, exclusive CPE opportunities and access to our resources. Members join a local chapter through which they gain additional networking, leadership and education experiences. Start recruiting today.

Provide the following information to our prospective members:

- Online application – <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx>
- E-mail - [agamembers@agacgfm.org](mailto:agamembers@agacgfm.org)
- Telephone – (800)-AGA-7211 or (703)-684-693



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# You're Invited!

## **2019 ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER**

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**Five Fifteen in the Evening (5:15 pm)**

**Villa Mannino Ristorante**

**73 US-130, Bordentown, NJ 08620**

Kindly RSVP [Register Online](#)

### *A Big Congratulations to our Award Recipients!*

- *Distinguished Leadership – Robert F. Voorhees, NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development*
  - *Achievement of the Year – Roy Hambrecht, Juvenile Justice Commission*
  - *Special Achievement – Kevin J. Dehmer, NJ Department of Education*
  - *Chapter Service – Jennifer Dougherty, Office of the State Auditor*
    - *Chris Fucello, Office of the State Comptroller*
    - *Marie Samson, NJ Department of Transportation*
  - *James J. Dolan – Kiersten Kokotajlo, Office of the State Auditor*
    - *Special Assistant – Robyn Boyer, Office of the State Auditor*
  - *Membership Scholarship – Amanda Ireland, Office of the State Auditor*
    - *Thomas J. Kaschak Memorial Scholarship – Kyle Calamia*
    - *President's Award – To Be Announced at Awards Dinner\**

## MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT

### AGA 2019 SPRING SYMPOSIUM – The College of New Jersey, April 26, 2019



Left: Michael Geraghty, NJ's Chief Information Security Officer, and his presentation on Cybersecurity.

Right: AGA Trenton members, Nikki Farrell (left) and Jennifer Suchan (right) working the raffle and donation tables.



AGA Trenton members get-together post-2019 Spring Symposium at Landmark Americana Tap & Grill

### AGA LEAD! 2019 – Maryland



Left: Kiersten Kokotajlo, Stephanie Rybak, and Nikki Farrell enjoying LEAD! Right: Kiersten Kokotajlo presenting at LEAD!





## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



The mission of the 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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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION PERIOD ENDING 4/30/2019

<b>ASSETS:</b>		<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>	
Cash (BOA)-Savings	\$12,184.96	Accounts Payable	\$8,728.23
Cash(BOA) Checking	\$20,493.09	Deferred Income	\$250.00
Accts. Rec. - Symp/mtg/Sem	\$8,665.00	Fund Balance	\$33,596.38
PrePaid Expenses	\$1,231.56	<b>TOTAL L&amp;E</b>	<b>\$42,574.61</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$42,574.61</b>		



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## CHAPTER DIRECTORS - 2018-2019 PROGRAM YEAR

**President** - Robert Rizzo

**President Elect/VP of Education** - Nikki Farrell

**Immediate Past President/Nominating Committee Chair**- Andy Bishop

**VP of Membership** - Kiersten Kokotajlo

**VP of Finance/Administration/Programs** - Christopher Schwartz

**Treasurer** - Tyler Frounfelker

**Secretary** - Michelle Blatt

**Fall Seminar** – Co-chairs: Robert Rizzo/Jessica Lippincott + Fall Seminar Committee includes but not limited to Rene Gervasoni, Andy Bishop, Brian Larkin, Tyler Frounfelker, and Marie Samson

**Spring Symposium** – Co-chairs: Robert Rizzo/Chrissy Brennan + Spring Symposium Committee includes but not limited to Meghan Ellis and Mike Salberta

**Audio Conferences** - Michelle Blatt/Thalia Treby

**Sponsorship** - Guy Tassi

**Chapter Recognition** - Brian Larkin

**CGFM Chairperson** - Margarita Stanislavskaya

**Community Service** - Stephanie Rybak/Chris Fuccello

**Awards** - Christopher Schwartz

**Early Career** - Taylor Leavy

**Budget/Finance** - Dave Illuminate

**Newsletter** - Marie Samson

**Meeting Chair** - Rene Gervasoni

**Paul Vidunas Coordinator** - Jennifer Suchan

**Historian** - Rose Todaro

**By-Laws** – David Kaschak

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