



## 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 to our November newsletter!

We had a successful October, including hosting a productive virtual Chapter executive committee meeting and a great virtual fraud seminar. Thank you to everyone who helped with the seminar. We cannot wait for the Chapter's first virtual webinar in November on internal controls.

Now more than ever, we need to work together and support each other. If you have questions, ideas, or just want to get involved with the Chapter, please reach out to Benjamin Howe at [benjaminhowe@yahoo.com](mailto:benjaminhowe@yahoo.com). Volunteering with the Chapter is a fun way to find out more about what is going on, meet fellow financial professionals, and help the Chapter be the best place it can be! Your opinions and thoughts count.

You can visit us at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/Home.aspx> or on Facebook and LinkedIn. Watch these spaces for more information on future Chapter events.

Happy Thanksgiving and stay safe Chapter family!

## Membership Survey

Be on the lookout for our Chapter member satisfaction survey to improve the quality of your membership. All who respond will be eligible in a drawing for a gift.

For AGA membership information, visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx>.



## 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 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/>.



# Chapter Training Calendar

Online training class - registration is open

## Internal Controls

**November 17, 2020 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**An event not-to-be-missed!**

**Our own Boston Chapter members discussing Internal Controls and how they are impacted by working remotely – brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**Boston Chapter Webinar - Internal Controls  
Speakers:**

**Peter J. Scavotto, Assistant Comptroller for Risk,  
Office of the Comptroller, Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts,**

**and**

**George C. Anastos, Principle Analyst, Office of the Comptroller, Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts**

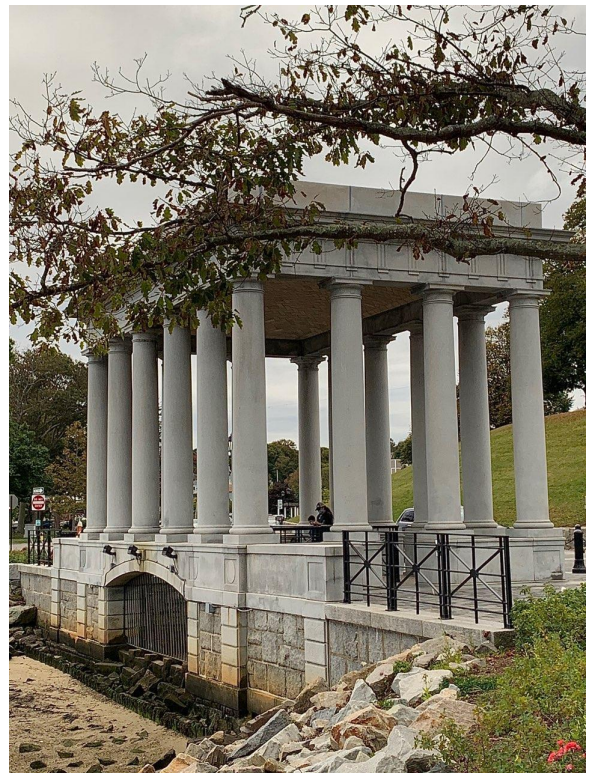
**Featuring:**

- **Sarah B. Mongeau, MSA, DCPA, CGFM, CFE, Director Division of Education, Office of the State Auditor Suzanne M. Bump, Commonwealth of Massachusetts**
- **Sean Reynolds, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance of Early Education and Care, Department of Early Education and Care, Commonwealth of Massachusetts**
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**<https://agaboston.ce21.com/item/internal-controls-377439>**



## Community Service

The Boston Chapter Community Service Committee would like to encourage our members and friends to sponsor a wreath for the Holiday Season through Wreaths Across America, a 501(c)(3) organization. Their mission, each December, is to place a wreath on every veteran's grave throughout the United States.

You can sponsor a balsam wreath, in honor of a living veteran or in memory of those family/friends that have passed away. You can sponsor a wreath in memory of a non-veteran, too.

Our Chapter selected the MA National Cemetery at Bourne to place our wreaths. The last day to order a wreath is November 30, 2020. All wreaths will be placed on graves on Saturday, December 19, 2020. It is only \$15 to sponsor a wreath.

Please visit their website to order wreaths:

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MA0119>. You can also call 1-877-385-9504 to order wreaths (GROUP ID # MA0 119).

Please Note: When you are logged in website above, please remember to honor a relative/friend, go to Options - In Honor and Memory Of . .

OUR CHAPTER GROUP NAME: AGA-Boston Chapter

GROUP ID: MA0119

LOCATION NAME: Massachusetts National Cemetery at Bourne

LOCATION ID: MANCBO

Thank you!

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

Intergov features AGA tools *by you, for you!* They are designed to help government financial management professionals do their jobs better. Intergov features tools that officials from any level of government can use to improve program performance and enhance accountability. These tools can be used to prevent fraud, reduce improper payments, improve outcomes, mitigate risk, and enhance collaboration. They can be used by auditors, accountants, grants managers, IT professionals, program managers and others.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools-Resources/intergov.aspx>

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!

[AGA COVID-19 Resource Exchange](#)

### Online Store is Open!

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

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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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## Citizen-Centric Reporting

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.

AGA determines award recipients based on content, visual appeal, readability, distribution, and timeliness of reporting.

Interested in learning more? Visit [www.agacgfm.org/ccr](http://www.agacgfm.org/ccr)





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