

PROGRAM YEAR 2022-2023

# AGA Trenton Chapter Newsletter

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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.

Hello Members and Friends,

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! January came and went very quickly, it feels like December is going to come in no time!

We have some exciting events coming up! Our Annual Bowling Networking Event will be held at Slocum's Bowling Center in Ewing on Friday, February 10th from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. This event will be FREE for students and non-members, and only \$6 for AGA members. Please join us for bowling, appetizers, networking opportunities, and a chance to win a gift card! If you would like to attend, please register [here](#). We hope to see you there!

There is a virtual 2 hour RPA/AI webinar on March 1, 2023. This webinar will be FREE for members and \$10 for non-members. Space is limited and it will be first come, first serve. You can register [here](#).

Also, we are accepting applications for our 2022-2023 Membership Scholarship Program. Refer to pages 9 and 10 for more information.

Our Spring PDT will be held on Friday, April 28, 2023 at Mercer County Community College. The Spring PDT Committee is working hard preparing the event and we will have details very soon! Stay tuned!

If anyone has any questions or issues, please let us know.

Take care,  
Robert Rizzo

Trenton Chapter President

## ARTICLE

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: [agatrenton@gmail.com](mailto:agatrenton@gmail.com)

Email AGA or contact a board member with any personal news you would like to share to the membership in future newsletters.



## CHAPTER LEADERSHIP 2022-2023

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## Upcoming Events



### PDT 2023

July 23-26, 2023  
Orlando

Professional Development Training (PDT)  
July 23-26, 2023 | Orlando

AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT) brings together a broad audience of federal, state and local government financial professionals. PDT offers educational sessions over three days of training.

#### Registration and Fees

Early bird deadline - Jun. 23, 2023

Online All Other

##### AGA Members

|            |         |         |
|------------|---------|---------|
| Early Bird | \$925   | \$950   |
| Standard   | \$1,025 | \$1,050 |

##### Non-members

|            |         |         |
|------------|---------|---------|
| Early Bird | \$1,125 | \$1,150 |
| Standard   | \$1,225 | \$1,250 |

Register Now

Join AGA to Save \$200!



February 22-23 | Washington, DC  
14 CPEs

#### Registration and Fees

Early bird deadline - Jan. 27, 2023

Online All Other

##### AGA Members

|            |       |       |
|------------|-------|-------|
| Early Bird | \$525 | \$550 |
| Standard   | \$625 | \$650 |

##### Non-members

|            |       |       |
|------------|-------|-------|
| Early Bird | \$700 | \$725 |
| Standard   | \$800 | \$825 |

#### National Leadership Training (NLT)

February 22-23, 2023 | Washington, D.C.

National Leadership Training (NLT) is the essential event for developing and training government financial professionals to excel as leaders in today's competitive market. Don't miss this opportunity to share best practices, find new solutions to challenges, network with peers and learn from the top financial management leaders and industry experts.



## AGA NATIONAL EVENTS



February

1

Wednesday

GASB Update  
Webinar | 2 CPE

February

14

Tuesday

Embracing Equity by AGA  
Women's Council (Free  
Webinar!)  
Webinar | 1 CPE

February

16

Thursday

CGFM Live, Virtual Course 1:  
Governmental Environment  
Zoom | 8 CPE

## TRENTON CHAPTER EVENTS



RPA AI Webinar - March 1, 2023

March 1, 2023

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter

Email: [agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com](mailto:agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com)



## Let's Bowl! Happy Hour!

AGA TRENTON'S ANNUAL  
BOWLING AND NETWORKING  
EVENT

FRIDAY, 2/10/2023  
SLOCUM'S BOWLING ALLEY  
FREE FOR STUDENTS &  
NONMEMBERS  
\$6 FOR AGA MEMBERS

AGA TRENTON'S HAPPY HOUR  
THURSDAY, 3/2/2023  
BLEND BAR & BISTRO



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**Bowling & Networking Event**

**Friday, February 10th, 2023**

**4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

**Slocum's Bowling Alley**

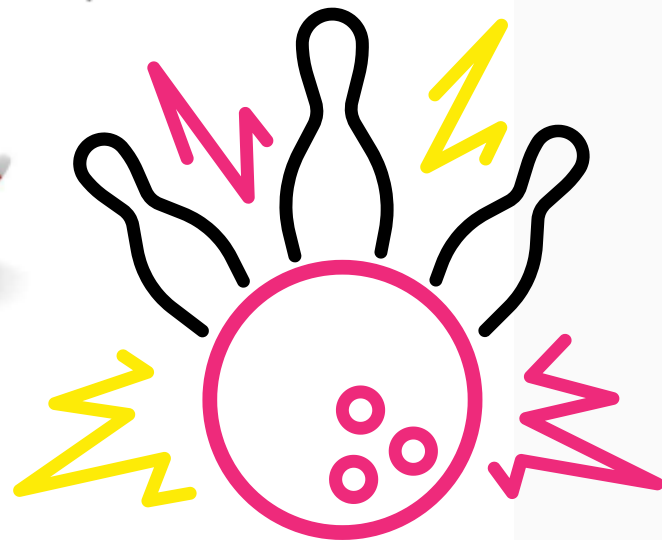
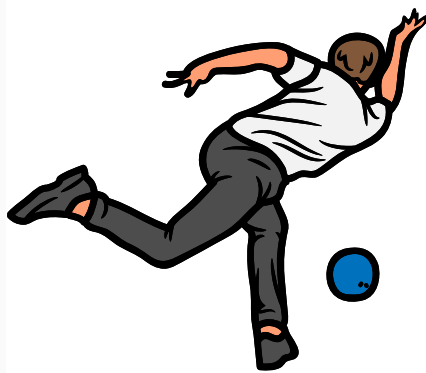
1675 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ

**FREE for STUDENTS & Non-Members!**

**\$6 for AGA Members**

Join us for bowling, appetizers, & networking opportunities!

[www.agacgfm.org/trenton](http://www.agacgfm.org/trenton) ~ [facebook.com/AGATrentonNJ](https://facebook.com/AGATrentonNJ)



\*Please use discretion and stay at home, if you are not feeling well. Thank you.\*



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# AGA TRENTON'S *Join us!* HAPPY HOUR



**When: Thursday, March 2nd from 4:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Where: Blend Bar and Bistro**

**Address: 911 NJ-33, Hamilton Township, NJ 08690**

**Register by Monday, February 27th:**

**AGA Trenton Members: FREE**

**AGA Members: \$15**

**Non-members: \$30**

**Registration after Monday, February 27th or at the door:**

**AGA Trenton Members: \$10**

**AGA Members: \$25**

**Non-members: \$40**





**2023 SPRING PDT  
FRIDAY  
APRIL 28, 2023  
AT MERCER COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE**

**Earn 7 CPEs!**

**Save the Date for our Annual Spring  
Professional Development Training on  
Friday, April 28th .**

**For more information, please contact:  
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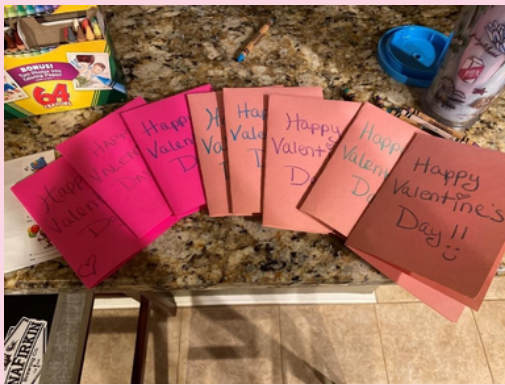
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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



# VALENTINE'S DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



IN HOPES OF BRINGING SOME SMILES TO THE RESIDENTS OF A LOCAL NURSING HOME, WE'RE AGAIN, THIS YEAR, ASKING YOU TO SEND YOUR HANDMADE OR PURCHASED VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

COMPLETE CARE AT MERCERVILLE  
2240 WHITEHORSE MERCERVILLE ROAD  
MERCERVILLE, NJ 08619

VALENTINES FROM AGA TRENTON CHAPTER

PLEASE USE GENERIC GREETINGS, AS WELL AS GENERIC MESSAGES. FEEL FREE TO INCLUDE DRAWINGS, AND WELCOME YOUR FAMILY/CHILDREN TO HELP OUT. THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS BY THE NURSING HOME STAFF. PLEASE BE SURE TO MAIL YOUR CARDS A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO VALENTINE'S DAY (FEBRUARY 14TH) TO ENSURE THE NURSING HOME RECEIVES THEM PRIOR TO VALENTINE'S DAY. SIGNATURES ON THE CARDS CAN INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND "AGA TRENTON CHAPTER" OR JUST "AGA TRENTON CHAPTER" IF YOU DON'T WANT TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME.



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# CGFM CORNER



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Certified Government Financial Manager

## WHAT IS CGFM?

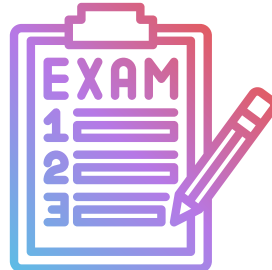
Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

CGFM is a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager.

Being a CGFM allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field.

## WHAT IS THE CGFM CERTIFICATION PROCESS?

- Step 1 — Read AGA's Code of Ethics
- Step 2 — Apply for the CGFM Program
- Step 3 — Submit Required Degree Documentation
- Step 4 — Receive an Eligibility Letter
- Step 5 — Prepare for the CGFM Examinations
- Step 6 — Schedule the CGFM Examinations
- Step 7 — Take the CGFM Examinations
- Step 8 — Submit a Work Verification Form
- Step 9 — Receive CGFM Award Letter
- Step 10 — Receive Your CGFM Certificate and Maintain Your Certification



## HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THE EXAMS?

- Take AGA's Live, Virtual Courses
- AGA's CGFM Online Training Portal
- **In-person:** Individuals looking for scheduled classroom training can register for CGFM course 1, course 2 and course 3 held through Management Concepts.

## SAMPLE AGA CGFM EXAM QUESTION

### AGA CGFM Examinations Sample Questions

#### Governmental Environment Examination

1. According to the AGA Code of Ethics, a vendor using an agency contract monitor as a personal reference on a resume, would constitute
  - (A) fraud.
  - (B) professional incompetence.
  - (C) a conflict of interest.
  - (D) nepotism.

## CGFM LIVE, VIRTUAL COURSES SCHEDULE

### Course Schedule and Registration

- **Course 1 ("Governmental Environment")**
  - February 15-16, 2023, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. ET each day
  - \$325 per person
  - [Register](#)
  - Deadline to register or cancel - February 8, 2023
- **Course 2 ("Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting")**
  - March 7-10, 2023, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ET each day
  - \$725 per person
  - [Register](#)
  - Deadline to register or cancel - February 28, 2023
  - **Special March Course Bonus:** Participants get a free CGFM exam voucher—a \$135 value!
- **Course 3 ("Governmental Financial Management and Control")**
  - April 17-19, 2023, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ET each day
  - \$525 per person
  - [Register](#)
  - Deadline to register or cancel - April 10, 2023

[CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL CGFM REFERENCES](#)



## Membership-Scholarship Program

In order to promote the AGA-Trenton Chapter and its membership, the AGA-Trenton's "Membership-scholarship" program (the Program) was launched in January 2011. For one year, the Program sponsors National and Trenton's Chapter AGA membership dues, CPE awarding monthly meetings, Annual Fall Seminar and Annual Spring Symposium for the individuals (one or more) who meet the following selected criteria.

The qualified individual is the one who:

- Works for Federal, State, or Local Government
- Performs accounting, auditing, or IT related duties
- Has not previously been a member of AGA-Trenton
- Regularly attends (commits to attend) AGA-Trenton Chapter's functions (e.g. monthly meetings, Seminar and Symposium, etc.)
- Agrees to serve as a Board member (at the position available or assigned by the Board)
- Committed to actively promote the AGA-Trenton Chapter, its membership, and events

Evaluation criteria and scholarship's term:

At the end of the first year the Program's Committee will evaluate the scholarship recipient's performance based on the criteria specified above, and, if satisfied, this member may be awarded

one

more year of the sponsorship for full membership (Dues-National and Trenton Chapter-only).

The application for the Program will be placed on AGA-Trenton website shortly. The scholarship recipient will be announced and introduced at AGA-Trenton's annual Award Dinner in May 2023. Please, forward this information to your colleagues, clients, and friends. Please, nominate your colleagues, clients, and friends who are not yet members of AGA-Trenton.

The due date for the application/nomination is March 31, 2023.

You may complete the application online at: <https://forms.gle/fGgSmDWjVMY6WxX66>

Or you may fill out the application on the next page and return via email ([srybak@njleg.org](mailto:srybak@njleg.org))

We look forward to hearing from you,  
Stephanie Rybak, Director of Awards





**AGA-Trenton Chapter  
Membership-Scholarship Program  
Application**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of work** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Info** \_\_\_\_\_

**Experience** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Statement (why interested in joining AGA)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/References (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

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AGA TRENTON CHAPTER'S DECEMBER 2022  
BALANCE SHEET

| AGA TRENTON CHAPTER<br>DECEMBER 2022 |                     |                                     |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS                               |                     | LIABILITIES AND EQUITY              |                     |
| Cash - Savings                       | \$ 24,192.80        | Accounts Payable                    | \$ 502.97           |
| Cash - Checking                      | \$ 14,767.77        | Deferred Income                     | \$ -                |
| Accounts Receivable                  | \$ 165.00           | Fund Balance                        | \$ 40,281.35        |
| Prepaid Expenses                     | \$ 1,658.75         |                                     |                     |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                  | <b>\$ 40,784.32</b> | <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b> | <b>\$ 40,784.32</b> |

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