

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends:

Welcome to the AGA Trenton Chapter 2016-2017 year. I am honored to serve as Chapter President and hope to make the membership proud with what we can accomplish in the upcoming program year. I would like to thank my predecessor, Audrey Hoyle, for her leadership and outstanding contributions to AGA during her presidency, and to the members of the Chapter Board of 2015-2016. I am inspired by their continued commitment to the association and am eager to work with them as well as the fresh faces on our current Board. Together we will continue to meet the challenges of providing you with high quality educational events and the opportunity to participate in community service activities.

The Chapter has begun the process of confirming speakers for our Fall Seminar which will be held on Friday, October 28th, at Mercer County Community College Conference Center. Our first of four dinner meetings will be held on September, 14th, at Tessara's in Hamilton. Social Hour begins at 5:15pm. It's my pleasure to introduce the option of making online payments for our activities through our website. We hope this will serve as a convenience to our members but we will continue to accept payment at events as well.

Additionally, the Chapter will be hosting the first of six audio conferences. Don't forget to take advantage of our Job Board located on the AGA website. Postings can be sent to [agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com](mailto:agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com). Please continue to check the website, future newsletters, and our Facebook page for more details.

I am looking forward to a great program year and seeing everyone at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Kiersten Kokotajlo  
Trenton Chapter President

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**Amy Davis, Esq.**

**Assistant Director at New Jersey Department of the Treasury**

**Previous:**

NJ Election Law Enforcement Commission

NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education

NJ Office of Legislative Services

**Education:**

Rutgers University School of Law

The College of New Jersey

**Experience:**

Assistant Director, New Jersey Department of the Treasury  
2015 – Present (1 year) Trenton, NJ

Compliance Division Director, New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission  
2010 – 2015 (5 years) Trenton, NJ

Professional Speaker, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education  
2003 – 2015 (12 years)

Speaker at NJICLE and other sponsored events for attorneys and other interested individuals concerning the areas of Campaign Finance/PACS, Lobbying, Pay-to-Play Laws and the New Jersey Gubernatorial Public Financing Program.

Director of Special Programs, New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission  
2003 – 2010 (7 years) Trenton, NJ

Compliance Officer/Investigator, New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission  
1997 – 2003 (7 years) Trenton, NJ

**September 14th Dinner Meeting Agenda:**

TOPIC: Integrity in Procurement and the Public Trust

- Contract Compliance and Audit Unit (CCAU) Overview
- Routine Compliance Audits
  - o Chapter 51 (Pay to Play Review Unit)
  - o EEO/Affirmative Action
  - o Waivers
- The Complaint Process and Investigations



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For Events/Seminars we now offer the convenience of online payments!!



Here's how to complete your registration, just follow these easy steps:

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- 4) Submit the form.
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Note: If you elect to pay via check on the Registration Form then decide to pay via Credit Card, you can simply go back and access the [Online Payment Page](#) and process your payment separately as the Registration Form and Payment Page work independently of each other.

If you happen to have any issues, please [Contact Us](#).



## CONGRATULATIONS TO MARGARITA STANISLAVSKAYA

Trenton Chapter's very own Margarita Stanislavskaya has been selected to be a part of the National CGFM Certification Board for a three year term! The duties of the Board are to establish and/or change the CGFM certification and/or exam rules, regulations, and qualifications; handle candidates' complaints and questions or concerns, review exam questions and more. Congratulations Margarita!



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## 2016 - 17 AGA Webinars

- Avoiding Surprises and Assessing Risks: Building on Today's Internal Controls | Sept. 14, 2016 | LWD - 2:00 to 3:50 pm
- Cyber/Big Data | Oct. 12, 2016 | LWD - 2:00 to 3:50 pm
- Fraud Toolkit Case Studies | Nov. 16, 2016 | OSC - 2:00 to 3:50 pm
- Fraud/Risk | Feb. 22, 2017 | OSC - 2:00 to 3:50 pm
- Ethics | April 12, 2017 | OSC - 2:00 to 3:50 pm
- Fraud/Data Analytics | June 14, 2017 | OSC - 2:00 to 3:50 pm

## AGA 2016-17 IMPORTANT DATES

### **9.14.16 - Dinner Meeting at Tessara Restaurant, Hamilton**

TIME: 5:30 pm Speaker: Amy Davis, Esq Topic: T.B.D.

### **10.10.16 – Community Service Event at Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Escher St, Trenton**

TIME: 10:20 am to 12:50 pm Topic: Volunteering Serving Lunch

### **10.28.16 – Fall Seminar at The Conference Center at Mercer County Community College**

T.B.D.

### **11.16.16 - Dinner Meeting at Tessara Restaurant, Hamilton**

TIME: 5:30 pm Speaker: Ben Dworkin Topic: Election Updates

### **1.11.17 - Dinner Meeting at Tessara Restaurant, Hamilton**

TIME: 5:30 pm Speaker: Holly Sabo Topic: Tax Update

### **2.3.17 – Bowling/Network Event at Slocums Bowling Center, Ewing Township**

TIME: 5:30 pm Topic: Social/Networking

### **3.8.16 - Dinner Meeting at Tessara Restaurant, Hamilton**

TIME: 5:30 pm Speaker: Daniel G. Napoleon Topic: Economic Impact of Recycling in NJ

### **T.B.D. - Spring Symposium**

T.B.D.:





## National Events

### 2016 Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training

September 20 – 21, 2016 | Washington or Virtual | 14 CPEs

This event has a rich history of providing the "latest and greatest" developments; together, we can find solutions, and make a difference in our workplace and the government finance profession. The agenda includes a range of timely and valuable information including: fraud detection, data analytics, improper payments and risks with government payment cards. We look forward to seeing you there!

### 2016 Shared Services Summit

October 4, 2016 7:45 AM to 5:30 PM | Washington | 7 CPEs

The summit will bring together more than 400 individuals from across the federal CXO community (acquisition, financial, HR, IT, performance). This event will focus on shared services and sustaining progress through the presidential transition. The event is co-sponsored by AGA, ACT-IAC and the Shared Services Leadership Coalition.

## Chapter and Regional Events

### 2016 Columbus, Ohio Professional Development Training

October 19 - 20, 2016 | Quest Conference Center 8405 Pulsar PI Columbus, Ohio

Quest Conference Center 8405 Pulsar PI Columbus, OH

This annual training features nationally known speakers and current topics designed to educate and inform. The information presented during this training allows attendees to learn valuable information and have an opportunity to network with fellow professionals, and if you are not currently a member, to learn more about AGA.

For more information regarding national, regional, and chapter events, please visit:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Calendar/national-events.aspx>

## CGFM Intensive Review Course & Exams

Sign up for AGA's Intensive Review Course with CGFM examinations *included* – it's a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM!

The Intensive Review Course (IRC), offering up to 18 CPEs, will be held in Alexandria, Va., Oct. 13–14, 2016. The class will run 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days. The cost of the course for qualified participants is as follows:

- \$375 for AGA members
- \$425 for non-members

**NOTE: CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to course attendees — a \$375 savings!**

The CGFM examinations can be taken by appointment only at **Pearson Professional Testing Centers** from **Oct. 15, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017**, using vouchers provided by AGA.

### Before You Register, Please Read

**What is the Intensive Review Course?** It is a special, limited enrollment opportunity for those individuals who have already been studying for the CGFM examinations and want extra reinforcement of the material. It is a review of the main topics covered on the CGFM examinations, led by a knowledgeable instructor.

**What it's NOT:** It is not a shortcut. It is not an exam prep course with strategies on how to pass the exams. The Intensive Review Course is not a substitute for the three AGA instructor-led training courses. It is usually not enough, by itself, to prepare for the CGFM examinations – advance preparation is strongly recommended.

### Registration

To participate in this event, individuals must:

1. Be accepted into the CGFM program (see Eligibility section below).

Pre-register for this event. **Note:** Only current CGFM candidates will be able to register for this event. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

**Cancellation Deadline:** Refunds, less a \$25 processing fee per registrant, will be granted for cancellation requests received in writing by Sept. 26, 2016. Refunds will not be granted after this date.

**Note:** If a candidate is not able to attend this training, AGA will not issue the candidate credit toward any future event.

**Registration Deadline:** Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first-served basis. Space is limited, and the event may fill up and close before the registration deadline, so we encourage you to sign up early. **Registrations will not be accepted after Sept. 30.**

register now





## AGA—Trenton Chapter Balance Sheet as of 7/31/16

<b>ASSETS:</b>		<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>	
Cash - Savings (BOA)	\$12,178.20	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Cash - Checking (BOA)	7,568.87	Deferred Income	0.00
Accts Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem	645.00	Fund Balance	<u>21,392.07</u>
PrePaid Expenses	<u>1,000.00</u>	<b>TOTAL L&amp;E</b>	<b>\$21,392.07</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$21,392.07</b>		



### **IMPORTANT!!**

**Save this Date for the 2016 AGA Fall Conference:**

*October 28, 2016* - Located at The Conference Center at Mercer  
(County Community College)

Earn up to 7 CPEs!

**For information: <http://www.agatrenton.com/events.html>**

# September 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4		6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	 <b>Webinar/ Dinner Meeting</b>	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	 <b>Autumn Begins</b>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1



1) Webinar: Location – Dept. of Labor, 1 John Fitch Plaza, 13th floor Auditorium  
(Time: 2:00 - 3:50 pm)  
2) Dinner Meeting Location - Teresa's Restaurant, Hamilton NJ (@ 5:30 pm)

# October 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	 <p><b>Columbus Day TASK Event (10:20-12:50 pm)</b></p>	11	 <p><b>Free Webinar (2:00-3:50 pm)</b></p>	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		<b>Fall Seminar</b>				
30	 <p><b>Halloween</b></p>	<p><b>1) Webinar: Location – Dept. of Labor, 1 John Fitch Plaza, 13th floor Auditorium</b>  <b>2) Community Service Event - Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Escher Street, Trenton</b></p>				

# November 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 	9	10	11 	12
13	14	15	16  Free Webinar/ Dinner Meeting	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3



1) Webinar: Location: Location - Office of State Comptroller, 20 West State Street, 12th Floor (Time: 2:00 - 3:50 pm)  
2) Dinner Meeting Location - Teresa's Restaurant, Hamilton NJ (@ 5:30 pm)

# CONGRATULATIONS



## 2016-17 AGA TRENTON ★ CHAPTER OFFICERS AS OF JULY 2016!

### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Kiersten Kokotajlo

PRESIDENT-ELECT/VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION: Andy Bishop

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT/NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR: Audrey Hoyle

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- VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION/PROGRAMS: Christopher Schwartz
- VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP: Robert Rizzo

TREASURER: David Kaschak

SECRETARY: Michelle Blatt

# Attention all CGFM applicants!

The Trenton AGA Chapter will be offering the CGFM Achievement Scholarship, an award for CGFM applicants that will reimburse the scholarship winner for the cost of study materials and exam fees for CGFM exams (maximum of \$250). Requirements for this scholarship are as follows:

- Must be an AGA Trenton Chapter member in good standing
- Must be a government employee
- Must have passed 2 of 3 parts prior to applying
- Must fill out application before taking the final exam in order to establish commitment from the Chapter for the scholarship
- Scholarship will be paid only if all 3 exams are passed within the timeline established by the AGA to achieve the certification

Please, see the next page for the application.

If you would like more information about this scholarship, please contact Margarita Stanislavskaya at [mstanislavskaya@mercercounty.org](mailto:mstanislavskaya@mercercounty.org).

For more information on the CGFM certification, please visit <http://agacgfm.org/cgfm/>.





## CGFM Achievement Award Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Did you pass 2 of 3 exams for the CGFM certification?  
(Attach Proof)

Yes

No

**I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct.**

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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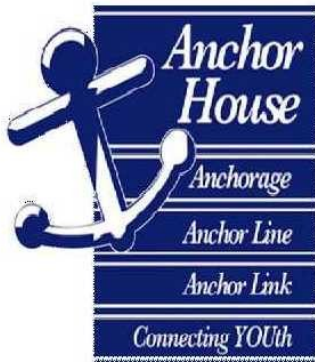
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Please, complete this form and email to:

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# About the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund



**ANCHOR HOUSE**  
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***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 very involved in community service 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 Chapter's program year. The local area charity for this year's Paul Vidunas fund is Anchor House. The agency's mission is to work with abused, homeless, runaway, at risk and aging out youth to utilize their strengths and the support of their families and communities in order to ensure a stable and successful home. For information about the charity:

<http://anchorhousenj.org/>

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 <http://www.agatrenton.com/contact-us.html>



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Whatever your role in government financial management, AGA offers a membership package tailored to meet your professional needs and interests.

## AGA Member Types:

### **Full Government Member**

This class of membership requires three or more years of government experience, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an operational, administrative and/or supervisory capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational activities having the same objectives as the Association, or who have made a contribution toward the improvement of government financial management. \$100 national + 5 local/year.

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This class of membership is available to individuals working for commercial activities/ventures that are actively engaged in and support AGA's purpose and objectives. \$160 + \$5 local/year.

### **Early Career Member**

This class of membership is available to government employees with less than three years experience. \$45 + \$5 local/year.

### **Student Member Student:**

This class of membership is available to college/university students. \$30 + \$5 local/year.

### **Retired:**

This class of membership is available to AGA members who have permanently retired and are not working. \$35 + \$5 local/year.

### **Membership Link:**

<https://www.agacfm.org/Membership/overview.aspx>

## **2016-2017 Chapter Officers and Directors**

**President:** Kiersten Kokotajlo

**President-Elect, Education:** Andy Bishop

**Immediate Past President/Nominating Committee Chair:**

Audrey Hoyle

**Vice President of Admin/Programs:** Christopher Schwartz

**Vice President of Membership:** Robert Rizzo

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**Secretary:** Michelle Blatt

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**Fall Seminar:** Audrey Hoyle/Rene Gervasoni/Jessica Lippincott

**Spring Symposium:** Guy Tassi/Brian Larkin

**Chapter Recognition:** Brian Larkin

**CGFM Chairperson (Trenton Chapter):** Margarita Stanislavskaya

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