



# Newsletter

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## President's Message

Andrew Bishop, CPA / CGMA

Dear Members & Friends:

First, I want to start out by thanking everyone (including the committee members and volunteer staff who worked the day of the event) in making this year's fall seminar a success. Special thanks also go out to each of our speakers who provided our audience with excellent presentations.

Thanks also to out to everyone who participated in our annual fundraisers. Over \$460 was raised though the awesome prizes raffled for the Paul Vidunas fund (City of Angels) and over \$100 was donated to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen in addition to the numerous bags of food items collected on the day of our event. The generosity of our members and friends is a true reflection of what our amazing organization represents. We can't thank you all enough for your generous contributions.

Our next scheduled event is our dinner meeting on November 15, 2017, at Tessara Restaurant, 812 Route 33, Hamilton Twp., NJ 08619. Social hour begins promptly at 5:30 pm. Carole Hedinger, CPA Executive Director of the New Jersey Lottery (a division of the NJ Department of Treasury) will be our speaker at this event.

Also, we have two webinars (Free to members!) coming soon:

1. November 15, 2017 – "Ethics Relating to Fraud", Location: Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625
2. December 6, 2017 – "Best Practices for Auditing & Quality Assurance", Location: Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

Saturday, November 11th, is Veteran's Day (Holiday observed on Friday November 10). Please take a moment to remember those who gave and sacrificed for our nation's freedom.

For the latest information on AGA events and activities please visit our website:  
<https://www.agacgm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Home.aspx>

Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook for updates as well as pictures from our events:  
<https://www.facebook.com/AGA-Trenton-Chapter-531861283584888/>

New - You can now connect with AGA Trenton on LinkedIn:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/27094751/>

I am looking forward to continuing our successful program year and seeing you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,  
Andrew (Andy) Bishop  
Trenton Chapter President

**AGA—Trenton Chapter  
Balance Sheet as of 10/31/17**

<b>ASSETS:</b>		<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>	
Cash (BOA)-Savings	12,181.28	Accounts Payable	873.00
Cash(BOA) Checking Accts. Rec.	6,455.92	Deferred Income	110.00
Symp/Mtg/Sem	7,944.35		
PrePaid Expenses	3,054.62	Fund Balance	28,653.17
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>29,636.17</b>	<b>TOTAL L&amp;E</b>	<b>29,636.17</b>

### GASB Seeks Auditor’s Survey Responses on Note Disclosures

AGA National invites all members to take part in a survey conducted by the Government Accounting Standards Board. The surveys are part of a GASB research effort to evaluate the effectiveness of those note disclosures. Please follow the survey link below that is appropriate for your current position:

Preparer Survey: <http://www.gasb.org/GASB-note-disclosure-reexam-survey-preparer>

Auditor Survey: <http://www.gasb.org/GASB-note-disclosure-reexam-survey-auditor>

The Deadline for completing the survey is Friday, November 17, 2017.

The AGA and GASB thanks you for your participation. Additional information can be found [by clicking this link.](#)

# Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who attended the 2017 AGA Fall Seminar!

As an organization, we raised a total of **\$103** for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, and a total of **\$467** for the Paul Vidunas Fund!!

We hope you enjoyed the guest speakers, and were able to learn from the important topics that they discussed.



# NOVEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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05	06	07 	08	09	10 	11
12	13	14	15 Webinar / Dinner Meeting	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		



- 1)** Webinar (from 2:00 to 3:50PM) Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625  
Ethics Related to Fraud
- 2)** Dinner Meeting (Happy Hour starts at 5:30PM) Tessara Restaurant  
812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619  
Guest Speaker: Carole Hedinger, Executive Director, NJ Lottery

# DECEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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**1)** Webinar (from 2:00 to 3:50PM) Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625  
Best Practices for Auditing & Quality Assurance

**November 15, 2017**  
**Dinner Meeting Guest Speaker:**

**Carole Hedinger, CPA, CGMA**  
**Executive Director, New Jersey Lottery**

Carole Hedinger is Executive Director of the New Jersey Lottery, with annual sales of more than \$3 billion (\$994 million net revenue) and employs 103 people directly. The New Jersey Lottery has a unique public/private partnership with Northstar New Jersey Lottery Group, LLC that provides sales and marketing services and employs 130 people. Ms. Hedinger previously served the New Jersey Lottery as Deputy Executive Director in 1994 and served as Acting Director from 2001 until 2003. In June, 2010, Gov. Chris Christie appointed Ms. Hedinger as Executive Director. Prior to serving at the Lottery, she spent more than two decades working in public accounting specializing in forensic accounting.

Above and beyond her responsibilities as Executive Director of the New Jersey Lottery, Ms. Hedinger serves on the Executive Committee of NASPL as their Region 1 Director. Ms Hedinger is a member of the AICPA Council, is a current member and Past President of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, and chairs the Citizens Advisory Board of Health South Rehabilitation Hospital. She formerly served for nineteen years as a Trustee of the Stockton University of New Jersey which she chaired from 1997 to 1999.

Ms. Hedinger holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Georgian Court University in New Jersey, is a Certified Public Accountant, and a Chartered Global Management Accountant.



# SAVE THE DATE!

Association of Government Accountants  
Bowling & Networking Event  
Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**Slocum's Bowling Alley**

1675 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ

**FREE for STUDENTS & Potential New Members!**

**\$6 for AGA Members**

Join us for bowling, appetizers, & networking  
opportunities!

**[AGAtrenton.com](http://AGAtrenton.com) ~ [Facebook.com/agatrentonchapter](https://www.facebook.com/agatrentonchapter)**



# **NJ Law and Ethics (2015-2017)**

**Instructor: Anthony Glebocki, CPA**

## **DATES**

**NOVEMBER 20, 21, 28, 30; DECEMBER 1, 4, 6, 7**

## **TIME**

**9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

## **PLACE**

**NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR  
125 SOUTH WARREN STREET  
3RD FLOOR TRAINING ROOM**

## **COST**

**Free**

To register contact Anthony Glebocki at [aglebocki@njleg.org](mailto:aglebocki@njleg.org)

### **THIS EVENT AWARDS 4 CPEs in PROFESSIONAL ETHICS**

Meet the New Jersey Law and Ethics mandatory CPE requirement by attending this four hour presentation. Topics include independence and continuing education, as well as confidentiality, commissions and contingent fees, record retention and much more. This course has been fully updated and fulfills the mandatory ethics requirement for the 2015-2017 triennial reporting period.

Due to the regulatory nature of these specific requirements:

- Late arrivals or early departures will not be permitted.
- CPAs **MUST** bring their license number with them to the course.

New York CPA licensees please note: Effective November 2006, if you have an active New Jersey CPA license, this course will fulfill your New York ethics requirement as well as the New Jersey Law and Ethics requirements.

**Level:** Basic

**Prerequisites:** None

**Advance Preparation:** None

**Method of Presentation:** In-Person Lecture, Pre-Test, Power Point Presentation, Group Discussion, and Post-Test



# Save this Date!

## November 15, 2017

### AGA - Trenton Chapter Dinner Meeting

**Who:** Carole Hedinger, CPA: Executive Director of New Jersey Lottery

**Where:** Tessara Restaurant, 812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

**When:** November 15, 2017 - Social Hour begins at 5:30 pm.

For information and registration, please visit our website:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Training-Events/Event-Calendar/November-2017-Dinner-Meeting.aspx>

If you have any questions, email us at:

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



## Webinars (Fall 2017)

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**WEBINAR: Ethics Relating to Fraud**

**November 15, 2017 (from 2:00 to 3:50 PM)**

[Register Online](#)

Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

**Contact:** AGA Trenton Chapter

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

**WEBINAR: Best Practices for Auditing & Quality Assurance**

**December 6, 2017 (from 2:00 to 3:50 PM)**

[Register Online](#)

Office of the State Comptroller, 12th Floor Conference Room - 20 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

**Contact:** AGA Trenton Chapter

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



## Dinner Meetings (2017-2018)

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### November 2017 Dinner Meeting

**November 15, 2017 (Happy Hour starts at 5:30 PM)**

Tessara Restaurant

812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

**Contact:** AGA Trenton Chapter

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

### January 2018 Dinner Meeting

**January 10, 2018 (Happy Hour starts at 5:30 PM)**

Tessara Restaurant

812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

**Contact:** AGA Trenton Chapter

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

### March 2018 Dinner Meeting

**March 7, 2018 (Happy Hour starts at 5:30 PM)**

Tessara Restaurant

812 NJ-33, Hamilton, NJ 08619

**Contact:** AGA Trenton Chapter

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

### Nominations now being accepted for National Leadership Awards

Know a federal, state or local official, or private-sector financial executive who promotes excellence in the profession? Nominate them by Nov. 30.

[learn more](#)

### “In the dark” about enterprise risk management (ERM)?

Share your thoughts and let us know what we can do to shed light on ERM! Please take our 15-question survey so we can help you. Your input will ensure we focus the ERM Hub on what you want and need to know.

[take survey](#)

#### Upcoming Events

View AGA's calendar for national and chapter events.

[learn more](#)

**BRAIN  
TEASER**

[test yourself](#)

#### Chapter Spotlight

**Denver Chapter** celebrates its 65th anniversary Oct. 31. Spooktacular!

### Savings for student members

AGA student members interested in pursuing the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation pay only \$33 for their CGFM application fee compared to the \$99 nonmember fee — a \$66 savings!

[learn more](#)

### Help wanted?!

Have an open position? Looking for a new job? Our exclusive job bank could be the solution!

**Featured job:** Executive Director, Programming

[learn more](#)

 eBook: The Finance Leader's Guide to Balancing Risk and Performance. [ACCESS HERE »](#) 

### Miss AGA's governance review webinar?

No worries! All the details are [online](#), including an audio recording of the webinar and a form to provide feedback on proposed changes.

### Are you among the "notable and quotable?"

Share your AGA story; the best career advice you've received (or wish you had); how CGFM has distinguished you; or what you think members need to know!

[email us](#)



## Protecting data assets in a perilous cyber world

Cyberattackers recognize the high value of data ... do you?

[learn more](#)

NOTABLE *and*  
quotable



"I think one of the most valuable lessons I've learned in my professional life is to stop selling myself short and not to be the biggest obstacle in my path, because when you sell yourself short, so will everyone else."

Rosemarie E. White  
Development Specialist, Accenture Federal Services;  
AGA NOLA Chapter Education Chair

## Webinar: Spotting Fraud in Your Organization

Nov. 15 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs

Learn the signs of employees gone rogue — and what to do about it — from white-collar crime and fraud-prevention expert Chuck Whitlock.

[learn more](#)

Opportunity awaits...



Click here to learn more about AGA's Job Board.

## GASB seeks auditors' survey responses on note disclosures

Deadline for preparers and auditors is Nov.17

[learn more](#)

## Bring this course to your location

[Interpersonal Skills and Techniques](#)

[email us](#)

# About the Paul Vidunas Memorial Fund



***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 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 program year. The local area charity for this year's Paul Vidunas fund is City of Angels. City of Angels NJ, Inc. offers many different services to the addiction community, all at no charge. Services include interventions, recovery support, Family Program, counseling services and more. COA is a non-denominational, independent organization and all services are open to everyone needing assistance. For information about the charity: <http://www.cityofangelsnj.org/about-coa/>

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 <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Trenton/Home.aspx>

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The mission of the Mercer County Improvement Authority (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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2017-2018 Program Year

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Spring Symposium: Brian Larkin

Audio Conferences: Michelle Blatt / Thalia Treby

Sponsorship: Guy Tassi / Michael Hoyle

Chapter Recognition: Brian Larkin

CGFM Chairperson (Trenton Chapter): Margarita Stanislavskaya

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