

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Dear Members and Friends:*

*Woody Allen was once quoted as saying, "Eighty percent of success is showing up." This is the time of the year where we as members of the Trenton Chapter achieve some of our success. The Spring Symposium is right around the corner on April 29th at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in downtown Trenton. Help us be a success by registering and participating. Be a success by inviting someone who is not a member to come along and enjoy the educational benefits and the social camaraderie of this year's event. It's going to be a great one. People may forget what you've said, or what you did, but they never forget how you make them feel. One way to make people remember and want to be a part of our chapter is making them feel like they belong. Someone cannot begin to feel like they belong until they are invited to be a part of what we do.*

*The annual Chapter Awards dinner is fast upon us. Please join us in some great food, a fun time and a celebration of the special recognition of those members who have been chosen for their efforts in making the chapter's events run smoothly, and helping us to bring to the membership quality educational and social events, and those events which show that we, as a group, truly care about the mission of AGA and the Trenton Chapter, and making ourselves better.*

*Sincerely,*

*Audrey Tyndall-Hoyle  
Trenton Chapter President*

**TRENTON  
CHAPTER**



*Association of Government Accountants*



# Maximizing Government Efficiency Through Technology & Oversight

**Opening Session:** **8:30am - 10:30am** Grand Ballroom  
Trenton Central High School Junior ROTC presenting the colors  
Paul Reilly performing The National Anthem

**Keynote Presentation:** **Ben Dworkin** - Director, Rebovich Institute of New Jersey Politics

**Plenary Session:** *New Jersey State Government Oversight*  
**Stephen M. Eells** - New Jersey State Auditor  
**Robert J. Cicchino** - Director, Department of Education OFAC  
**Yvonne Tierney** - Director, Audit Division, Office of the State Comptroller

**Concurrent Workshops:** **10:45am - 12:00pm**

Track 1: Fiscal Issues Salon A  
*New Jersey State Lottery*  
Track 2: Technology Issues Salon C  
*State Government Technology Issues Update*

**Lunch** **12:00pm - 1:30pm** Grand Ballroom  
**Luncheon Speaker - Former NJ State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff**

**Concurrent Workshops:** **1:45pm - 3:00pm**

Track 1: Fiscal Issues Salon A  
*GASB Pensions & OPEB Update*  
Track 2: Technology Issues Salon C  
*Innovations by the Division of Revenue & Enterprise Services*

**Concurrent Workshops:** **3:15pm - 4:30pm**

Track 1: Fiscal Issues Salon A  
*Introducing OMB's EDISON Budgeting System*  
Track 2: Technology Issues Salon C  
*Review of State Records Management Technology Changes*

## *Credit for Continuing Education*

7 credits in the subject area of "Accounting/Government Environment".

**\*\*\*CPE certificates will be available at the conclusion of the symposium. In the event of your early departure, the certificate will be adjusted accordingly and mailed.\*\*\***

## AGA Important Dates:

Date	Event Name	Location	CPEs
04/29/2016	<u>Spring Symposium</u>	Wyndham Garden Hotel 1 W. Lafayette St. Trenton, NJ 08608	7
05/18/2016	<u>Awards Dinner @ 5:30 pm</u>	Villa Mannino Ristorante 73 Route 130 North Bordentown, New Jersey	-



**SAVE THIS DATE!**

**April 29, 2016**

**Spring Symposium**

**Wyndham Garden Hotel**

**1 W. Lafayette St.**

**Trenton, NJ 08608**

**REGISTER NOW:**

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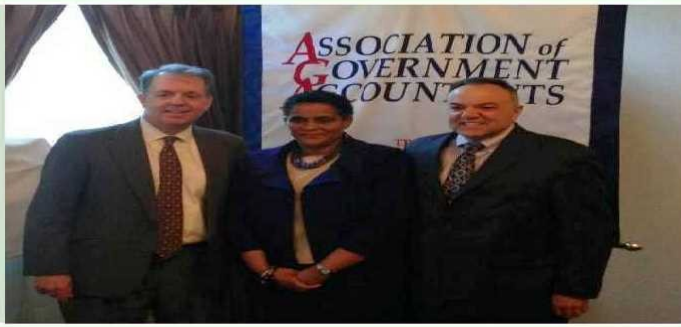


# AGA - April 2016

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04/29/2016: Spring Symposium @ Wyndham Garden Hotel, Trenton, NJ  
 REGISTER NOW: <http://www.agatrenton.com/current-eventsseminars.html>



# AGA - May 2016

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05/18/16: Awards Dinner @ 5:30 pm. Location: Villa Mannino Ristorante, 73 Route 130 North, Bordentown, New Jersey

## AGA—Trenton Chapter Balance Sheet as of 3/31/16

<b>ASSETS:</b>		<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>	
Cash - Savings (BOA)	\$12,177.38	Accounts Payable	\$886.00
Cash - Checking (BOA)	9,669.52	Deferred Income	0.00
Accts Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem	0.00	Fund Balance	<u>23,710.90</u>
PrePaid Expenses	<u>2,750.00</u>	<b>TOTAL L&amp;E</b>	<b>\$24,596.90</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$24,596.90</b>		



### **AGA Trenton Chapter - Annual Awards Dinner**

**Location:** Villa Mannino Ristorante, 73 Route 130 North, Bordentown, New Jersey

**Date:** Wednesday, May 18, 2016

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Members - \$35/Non-Members - \$40



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

## AGA 2ND ANNUAL BOWLING EVENT

Thanks to everyone who came out for our networking event! We were happy to see AGA members, professionals, and college students from TCNJ! Please be sure to visit our website for more information about our association and how to become a member- [www.agatrenton.com](http://www.agatrenton.com)! More pictures from our event can be seen on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AGA-Trenton-Chapter-531861283584888/>



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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AGA-Trenton Board

Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized representative name and  
signature)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please, complete this form and email to:

Margarita Stanislavskaya

[mstanislavskaya@mercercounty.org](mailto:mstanislavskaya@mercercounty.org)



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**The AGA – Trenton Chapter  
would like to recognize three  
special people as AGA  
Lifetime Members:**

- **Anthony Manno**
- **Terrance P. Sharky**
- **Rose Todaro**

*We'd also like to recognize Rose Todaro as a  
founding member of the AGA Trenton Chapter*

## 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 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 collect throughout the Chapter's program year. The charity for this year's Paul Vidunas fund is the Sunshine Foundation. For information about the charity: <http://sunshinefoundation.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.cfm>

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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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### **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>

## 2015-2016 Chapter Officers and Directors

**President:** Audrey Hoyle

**President-Elect, Education:** Kiersten Kokotajlo

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Guy Tassi

**Vice President of Admin/Finance/Program**

William Challice

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**Spring Symposium:** Christine Muller

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

**Regional Vice President:** Joe Connolly

**Community Service:** By Committee

**Awards:** Christopher Schwartz

**Regional & Chapter Early Career:** Kiersten Kokotajlo

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**Newsletter:** Andrew Bishop

**Historian:** Rose Todaro

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