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NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter Notices



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.

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

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



President's Message

Hello Members and Friends,

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! It's hard to believe that 2022 is almost over! It's amazing how quick time goes.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our virtual Fall PDT on October 27th. We hope you enjoyed it. I would also like to thank the Fall PDT committee because without them, it wouldn't have come together so smoothly. For those who have not heard, I've got exciting news for you. Our first in person PDT will be happening in almost 3 years. Our Spring PDT will take place on Friday, April 28th at Mercer County Community College. Stay tuned in the upcoming months for more details!

There is a virtual 2 hour Risk Management webinar on December 14, 2022. 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.

As I mentioned before, any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out. Hope everyone has a Happy Holiday and a safe and healthy New Year!

Take care,
Robert Rizzo
Trenton Chapter President



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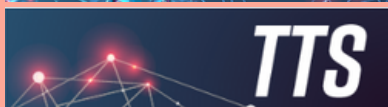
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REGISTER NOW!

Upcoming Events



December 8 | Washington, DC
8 CPEs

Registration and Fees

Online

In Person	
Government Member	Free!
Government Non-member	\$135
Virtual	
Government Member	Free!
Private Member	Free!
Government Non-member	\$135
Private Non-member	\$259

2022 Technology & Transformation Summit

Digital transformation is now, more than ever, a major focus for federal, state and local governments in performing their missions more efficiently and effectively. More than 1,600 government leaders and industry experts will come together December 8, 2022 in Washington DC to discuss transformation of mission delivery through IT innovation, personnel, security and cloud technology.



REGISTER NOW!

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.

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

AGA NATIONAL EVENTS

December

8

Thursday

Technology & Transformation Summit (TTS)

Washington, DC Convention Center and Virtual | 8 CPE

December

14

Wednesday

Risk Management Webinar | 2 CPE

January

11

Wednesday

Grant Accounting and Reporting in the Era of Pandemic Relief Funding (Uniform Guidance and Grant Accounting)

Webinar | 2 CPE



Risk Management Webinar - December 14, 2022

December 14, 2022
Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter
Email: agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

Webinar: Risk Management

December 14 | 2:00-3:50 PM ET | 2 CPEs | FOS: BMO

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

Field of Study: Business Management and Organization (BMO)

This webinar offers critical comparative information on the Healthcare Enterprise Risk Management (HERM) framework. Using the deployment of American Rescue Plan funds as a case study, government accountability professionals can examine ways to incorporate numerous factors, such as operations, safety, strategy, finance, staffing, regulations and technology, into budget processes and workflows.

Learning Objectives

1. Understand the HERM framework and how to apply it to budget processes and workflows.
2. Recognize the relevance of risk management in federal fund deployment.
3. Use a people-focused, outcome-focused, cross-function approach to budgeting and financial management.

IN MEMORIAM JUDITH CECCOLI COLNAGHI



Judith Ceccoli Colnaghi was an active member of Trenton AGA, and had a well-respected career as a management consultant with over 25 years in State government for the Departments of Labor, Human Services and Treasury. Judith traveled extensively throughout the American Southwest and developed a deep empathy for Navajo people. Through her travels and personal research, she recognized the legal and medical needs of tribal communities. Her personal dream was to help Navajo people complete graduate degrees in law or medicine and then support their communities. The educational inequities of Native American Indian youth have been Judith's lifelong concern. To that end, she created as her legacy, "The Judith Ceccoli Endowed Navajo Graduate Scholarship Fund" to support Navajo students at the University of New Mexico enrolled in the School of Medicine and School of Law who have demonstrated a commitment to assist their community after graduation.



MEMBERS' SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations!

Congratulations to team AGA Trenton for participating in HomeFront Halloween 5k!



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CGFM CORNER



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WHAT IS CGFM?

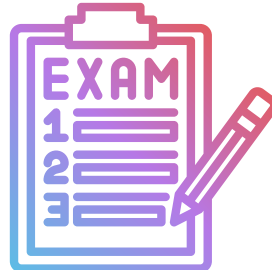
Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

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")**
 - January 11-13, 2023, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. ET each day
 - \$525 per person
 - [Register](#)
 - Deadline to register or cancel - January 4, 2023

[CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL CGFM REFERENCES](#)




SEASON'S
GREETINGS

*ACA Trenton wishes
you the warmest
thoughts and best
wishes to a joyful
Holiday Season and a
Happy New Year!*



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PLATINUM



BRONZE



AGA TRENTON CHAPTER'S OCTOBER 2022
BALANCE SHEET

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER
OCTOBER 2022

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Cash - Savings	\$ 24,192.39	Accounts Payable	\$ -
Cash - Checking	\$ 7,759.39	Deferred Income	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ 6,875.00		
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 1,939.75	Fund Balance	\$ 40,766.53
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 40,766.53	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 40,766.53

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