

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Dear Members and Friends:*

*I would like to open this month's newsletter with a giant thank you to Christine Muller and her symposium team for all the herculean efforts in putting together and bring about one of the best educational events we have put on for our members, the 2016 Spring Symposium. We have had lots of congratulatory comments on the quality of the program this year. Christine and the members who helped her bring the event to fruition are all owed a great thank you for their hard work in getting speakers, panelists and in their work with registration. I thought the event was outstanding and a job well done. I know the effort that goes in behind the scenes and for the months leading up to it and can't thank each of you enough for your great work.*

*I would also like to congratulate our new slate of officers for the upcoming year. I know that I leave the Chapter in June in the very capable hands of Kiersten Kokotajlo and that she and her team will do a great job carrying on the efforts of our Chapter.*

*On May 18th we will host our annual Awards Dinner to celebrate another successful year, and to recognize, congratulate and celebrate the talented individuals and their accomplishments in governmental accounting and in making this chapter great. The Awards Dinner will be held at Villa Mannino Ristorante on Route 130 North in Bordentown. The "social hour" begins at 5:30 pm.*

*Hope to see you all there!*

*Sincerely,*

*Audrey Tyndall-Hoyle  
Trenton Chapter President*

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CHAPTER**

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# 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

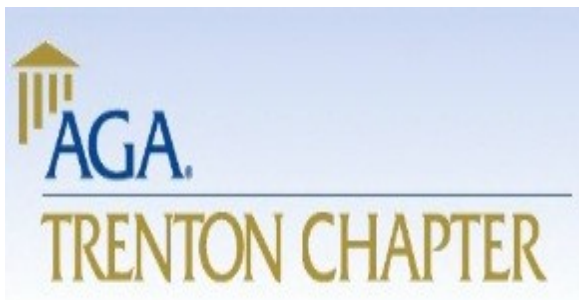
VICE PRESIDENTS:

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

TREASURER: David Kaschak

SECRETARY: Michelle Blatt





# 2016 - AGA Spring Symposium



## AGA Important Dates

Date	Event Name	Location	CPEs
05/18/2016	<u>Awards Dinner @ 5:30 pm</u>	Villa Mannino Ristorante 73 Route 130 North Bordentown, New Jersey	-

# THANK YOU!

*AGA Members and Guests who attended the Spring Symposium*

Your Donations and Contributions are appreciated!

**\*\*Paul Vidunas Fund Contributions totaled \$372\*\***

**\*\*Task Donations exceeded \$140 in cash and numerous bags of non-perishable food items!\*\***



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# AGA - May 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5 	6	7
8 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Awards Dinner 	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 	31				

notes

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 4/30/16

<b>ASSETS:</b>		<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:</b>	
Cash - Savings (BOA)	\$12,177.58	Accounts Payable	\$1,258.00
Cash - Checking (BOA)	4,527.57	Deferred Income	0.00
Accts Rec. Symp/mtg/Sem	10,092.00	Fund Balance	<u>26,789.15</u>
PrePaid Expenses	<u>1,250.00</u>	<b>TOTAL L&amp;E</b>	<b>\$28,047.15</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$28,047.15</b>		



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

**Location:** Villa Mannino, 73 Route 130 North, Bordentown, NJ

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

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

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

**Register Online:**

<http://www.agatrenton.com/current-eventsseminars.html>





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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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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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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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>

## **2015-2016 Chapter Officers and Directors**

**President:** Audrey Hoyle

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

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

Guy Tassi

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

William Challice

**Vice President of Membership:** Robert Rizzo

**Treasurer:** Dave Kaschak

**Secretary:** Christopher Schwartz

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**Audio Conferences:** Michelle Blatt & Susan Davis

**Fall Seminar:** Audrey Hoyle

**Spring Symposium:** Christine Muller

**Chapter Recognition:** William Challice

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

**Regional Vice President:** Joe Connolly

**Community Service:** By Committee

**Awards:** Christopher Schwartz

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

**Budget/Finance:** Dave Kaschak

**Newsletter:** Andrew Bishop

**Historian:** Rose Todaro

**By-Laws:** Michael Hoyle

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