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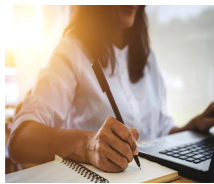
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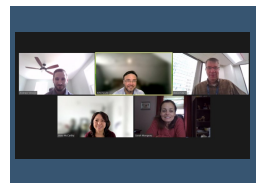
Successful Regional Virtual Training



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Our Mission



The AGA Boston Chapter serves professionals and students in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development, and participating in local community projects for the enhancement of everyone in the New England area.

Our Vision



AGA is the association that connects and empowers professionals who support government, from financial management to IT, human resources, cybersecurity and more, to advance good government initiatives, grow their expertise and accelerate their careers. We connect and empower professionals to help them advance, grow, accelerate. For more information, visit [the membership page](#).

Boston Chapter Leadership



The chapter is driven by a dedicated group of volunteers from federal and state agencies, private firms, and academia.

For more on the current leadership of the chapter, visit the [Boston Chapter Leadership page](#).

CGFM Information



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.

[Visit the CGFM page for more information.](#)

Our Sponsors



The AGA Boston Chapter would like to thank our corporate sponsors, BerryDunn, RSM, and CLA, for helping us to make this program year possible! Please visit our [sponsors page](#) for more information.

Chapter Mentoring Program

The AGA Boston Chapter's program seeks to bring together chapter members interested in a mentoring relationship. Contact [Sarah Mongeau](#) for more information.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Chapter Year 2023-2024 Wrap Up

It has been an honor to serve as the AGA Boston Chapter President for the 2023-2024 Program Year. I would like to thank the following members of the 2023-2024 Chapter Executive Committee who have dedicated their time and effort to help the Chapter during my presidency.



- President-Elect Yoko McCarthy
- Vice President Communications Benjamin Howe
- Vice President Education Aprel McCabe
- Vice President Programs Shana Doiron
- Vice President Administration and Finance Peter Scavotto
- Secretary/Secretary Elect Elaine Silva, Aury Suarez
- Treasurer/Treasurer Elect Male Kamyra, Guillermo Perez
- NCC Representative Patrick Sullivan
- Accountability Chair Darren Robbins
- Young Professional Chair Rachel Cullity
- Professional Certification Chair John Scully
- Membership Chair Andrew Slowick
- Awards and Scholarship Chair Sara Baruffaldi
- Sponsorship Chair William Muench
- Student Advisor Amanda Mom

Your efforts have allowed the AGA Boston Chapter to achieve the following accomplishments this program year:

- Provide 20 high quality/ low-cost CPEs to our members.
- Provide speaking opportunities to our corporate sponsors to allow them to share their expertise with the Chapter's membership and colleagues.
- Provided a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Exam Prep class to 15 participants to assist them in their preparation towards achieving the status of becoming CGFM certified.
- Sustain the Chapter's "Recognition of Excellence" for our Citizen's Centric Annual Report.
- Participate in an AGA National Podcast to highlight our Chapter's strategies and goals.
- Gather to celebrate the holidays at Maggiano's Restaurant in Boston.
- Support area veterans by providing valentines to veterans and volunteering at the local Cradles to Crayons facility.
- Financially support local charities through donations made on behalf of speaker contributions in lieu of payment.
- Award the Brady and Frese Scholarships to two deserving college students.

It is with great enthusiasm that I pass the gavel on to Yoko McCarthy, Principal of BerryDunn's Compliance and Risk Management Practice, to lead the AGA Boston Chapter during the 2024-2025 program year. Under Yoko's leadership our Chapter is sure to soar to new levels of accomplishment.

Sarah Mongeau
Chapter President
AGA Boston Chapter
Term 2023-2024

Final Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Meeting

The AGA Boston Chapter had its last CEC meeting in-person in June 2024. It was a great way for the leadership team to celebrate all that we had accomplished this past year. And we are very much looking forward to another fun-filled year ahead!

Participants in this meeting included:

- Sarah Mongeau
- Guillermo Perez
- Reed Cullen
- Kathryn Seavey
- George Anastos
- David Mahr
- Yoko McCarthy

Chapter Volunteer of the Year

The AGA Boston Chapter would like to extend its congratulations to Chapter CGFM/Professional Certification Director John Scully as its Volunteer of the Year recipient for the 2023-2024 program year!



The Volunteer of the Year Award is a national honor presented annually to one member from each Chapter, recognizing their significant service to their Chapter. Each Volunteer of the Year receives national recognition—a letter from AGA's National President, a photo and citation on the AGA website, acknowledgement in AGA publications, and is recognized at AGA's Professional Development Training. For more information on the winners of this award, visit the [AGA National Website](#).

Virtual Regional Professional Development Training (RPDT) Recap

AGA Boston Chapter would like to thank the 129 people who participated in our "live" and replay sessions of our Virtual RPDT, including the seven wonderful speakers who provided information on interesting and timely topics.

Speakers and topics for this event included:

- Gwendolyn Sykes, National President, AGA - *Leadership*
- Rachel Muench, Fraud Prevention and Voice Biometric Specialist, Microsoft - *Fraud Prevention*
- Colin Buttarazzi, Manager, and Katharine Balukas, Senior Manager, BerryDunn - *Payroll Internal and External Audit Best Practices*
- Chayla White, ESQ, Director, RSM US LLP - *Ethics*
- Mitch Thompson, Director, CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) - *Automation and AI: Use Cases and What's in It for You*
- Lisa Parker, Senior Project Manager, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) - *GASB Update*



AGA Boston would also like to thank our Chapter sponsors—RSM, CLA, and BerryDunn—who helped us provide our training program this year.

Chapter Scholarship Winners

The Chapter awarded one George E. Brady Memorial Scholarship of \$1,500 to an AGA Boston Chapter member or an immediate family member enrolled in an institution of higher education with no limitation as to educational major. The Chapter also awarded one Walter Frese Memorial Scholarship of \$1,500 to a high school, undergraduate, or graduate student enrolled in a business or financial management-related program.

The AGA Boston Chapter would like to extend its congratulations to Aiden Brody on being selected as the 2024 George Brady Memorial Scholarship recipient. The Chapter would also like to extend its congratulations to Daniel Currier on being selected as the 2024 Walter Frese Memorial Scholarship recipient.

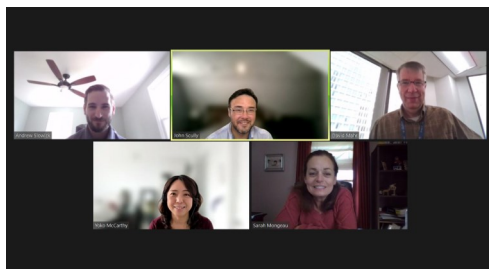


Thank you to everyone who applied this year!

CGFM Certification Recap

The AGA Boston Chapter completed its Certified Government Financial Manager Prep Program. Participants:

- Received study guides for the three exams
- Completed the intensive (around 38 hours) instructor lead virtual courses over the course of three weeks
- Earned 37.5 CPEs
- Earned vouchers good for one year



The Chapter also hosted practice exam study sessions. We would like to thank everyone who supported this effort and participated in it. Visit the [CGFM page](#) for more information.