



Trenton Chapter

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HISTORY REPORT FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2024

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HISTORIAN**

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Trenton Chapter holds annual elections in April for the following Chapter Officers (see Attachment A for 2023-2024 Officers):

President
President-Elect/Vice President of Education
Vice Presidents (2)
Treasurer
Secretary

During program year 2023-2024, thirteen directors, appointed by the President, were active within the Chapter (see Attachment A for 2023-2024 Officers and Directors).

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING DATES

The full Executive Board met twice during the 2023-2024 program year. The Board held a reorganization meeting via Zoom on August 2, 2023. An additional in-person mid-year Board meeting was held on January 31, 2024.

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

WEBINARS HELD

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| September 27, 2023 | Webinar conference topic was <i>Communications</i> - 13 individuals (12 members, and 1 non-member) attended this webinar using the Trenton Chapter's voucher access code. The session offered 2 CPE credits. |
| December 13, 2023 | Webinar conference topic was <i>Risk Management</i> - 1 member attended this webinar using the Trenton Chapter's voucher access code. The session offered 2 CPE credits. |
| January 17, 2024 | Webinar conference topic was <i>Uniform Guidance and Grant Accounting</i> - 22 individuals (21 members, and 1 non-member) attended this webinar using the Trenton Chapter's voucher access code. The session offered 2 CPE credits. |
| March 6, 2024 | Webinar conference topic was <i>RPA/AI</i> - 19 individuals (18 members, 1 non-member) attended this webinar using the Trenton Chapter's voucher access code. This session offered 2 CPE credits. |
| March 27, 2024 | Webinar conference topic was <i>Cybersecurity/ERM</i> - 9 individuals (8 members and 1 non-member) attended this webinar using the Trenton Chapter's voucher access code. This session offered 2 CPE credits. |
| April 10, 2024 | Webinar conference topic was <i>Ethics</i> - 15 individuals (14 members, 1 non-member) attended this webinar using the Trenton Chapter's voucher access code. This session offered 2 CPE credits. |
| May 8, 2024 | Webinar conference topic was <i>Fraud and Data Analytics</i> - 16 individuals (15 members and 1 non-member) attended this webinar using the Trenton Chapter's voucher access code. This session offered 2 CPE credits. |
| May 22, 2024 | Webinar conference topic was <i>Leadership</i> - 13 individuals (12 members and 1 non-member) attended this webinar using the Trenton Chapter's voucher access code. This session offered 2 CPE credits. |

These training sessions were offered to AGA members free. Non-members were charged a small fee.

FULL DAY TRAINING EVENTS

<p style="text-align: center;">AGA Trenton Chapter 2023 Virtual Fall Professional Development Training Thursday, October 26, 2023</p>
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Opening Remarks	8:00am to 8:10am	Michael Salberta, AGA Trenton Chapter President
Session 1	8:10am to 9:00am	Jeffrey Baresciano, Mercadien Topic: Forensic Accountant's Role in Internal and External Government Investigations
Break	9:00am to 9:10am	
Session 2	9:10am to 10:00am	Krista Valenzuela, NJCCIC Topic: Current Cyber Threats and Best Practices
Break	10:00am to 10:10am	
Session 3	10:10am to 11:00am	Nancy Hess, NJ Hess Associates Topic: The New Metrics for Employee Retention in Financial Management
Break	11:00am to 11:10am	
Session 4	11:10am to 12:00pm	Dean Michael Mead, Carr, Riggs & Ingram CPAs and Advisors Topic: Implementing GASB Statement 96: Lessons Learned from Statement 87
Lunch	12:00pm to 1:00pm	
Session 5	1:00pm to 1:50pm	Melissa Turitz and Miki Tesija, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Topic: An Overview of FINRA and Interactions with Accountants
Break	1:50pm to 2:00pm	
Session 6	2:00pm to 2:50pm	Nicole Burkart, Dawn Simpson, & Robert Dacey, GAO Topic: What's New in GAO's FISCAM
Break	2:50pm to 3:00pm	
Session 7	3:00pm to 3:50pm	Arushi Kumar, City of Honolulu Auditor Topic: Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit Case Study
Closing Remarks	3:50pm to 4:00pm	

Please note the schedule and speakers are subject to change.

Credits for Continuing Education: 7 credits in the subject area of

"Auditing/Accounting/ Information Technology/Economics/Personal Development"

CPE's are only available to participants from NJ and PA

CPE certificates will be available via email. In the event of your early departure, the certificate will be adjusted accordingly.

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There were 90 attendees - 51 members and 39 non-members. In addition, two of the 10 speakers each attended 1 to 7 of the above sessions.

<p>AGA Trenton Chapter 2024 Spring Professional Development Training Thursday, April 28, 2024</p>
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7:30am to 8:15am	Registration/Breakfast
8:15am to 8:30am	Opening Remarks - Michael Salberta, AGA Trenton Chapter President
8:30am to 9:30am	Session 1 - <i>Leadership Excellence: Building a Spectacular Team in Government</i> Andrew DeMuth, NJ Division of Criminal Justice
9:30am to 10:30am	Session 2 - <i>The Dirty Business Behind Getting Clean</i> Lisa Cialino, Eric Rennert, & Laura Mercandetti NJ Commission of Investigation
10:30am to 10:45am	BREAK
10:45am to 11:45am	Session 3 - <i>Overview of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission</i> Samuel Delgado, NJ Cannabis Regulatory Commission
11:45am to 12:00pm	Luncheon Speaker - Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County
12:00pm to 1:00pm	LUNCH
1:00pm to 2:00pm	Session 4 - <i>Business Email Compromise: A Symptom, Not a Cause</i> Niloufer Tamboly, Verizon
2:00pm to 3:00pm	Session 5 - <i>Ransomware Prevention</i> Krista Valenzuela, NJ Cybersecurity & Communications Integration Cell
3:00pm to 3:15pm	BREAK
3:15 to 4:15 pm	Session 6 - <i>Artificial Intelligence and Audit Processes</i> Alex Vorpahl, Deloitte
4:15pm to 4:30pm	Closing Remarks, Awarding of CPE Certificates

Please note the schedule and speakers are subject to change.

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“Auditing/Accounting/Personal Development/ Human Resources/Taxation”

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There were 61 attendees - 49 members and 12 non-members. In addition, two of the 8 speakers attended 4 to 5 of the above sessions.

VIRTUAL PARTNERSHIP WEBINAR TRAINING

October 18, 2023
November 15, 2023

The Chapter partnered with the New Jersey Office of the State Auditor in offering the required four hour New Jersey Law and Ethics 2021-2023 training course. This mandatory CPA course was free to government employees, government retirees and AGA members. Four CPE credits were awarded to 171 individuals who attended.

SOCIAL EVENT

September 14, 2023

The Chapter kicked off the 2023-2024 program year by hosting a Happy Hour at Uno Pizzeria & Grill. The event was free to AGA Trenton Chapter members, \$15 for AGA members from other chapters, and \$30 for non-members who registered by September 6, 2022. There was a premium charge for late registration or at the door. 17 members and 1 non-member attended this event.

March 28, 2024

The Chapter hosted a winter Happy Hour for the 2023-2024 program year at Blend Bar and Bistro. The event was free to AGA Trenton Chapter members, free to potential new members and \$15 for guests of AGA members. The event was attended by 23 members and 2 non-members.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

October 29, 2023

Seven Chapter members participated in the Homefront's Halloween Walk/Run fundraiser. The Chapter's team raised \$145 for Homefront.

February 14, 2024

Members mailed gender neutral Valentine cards with a general Valentine wish to a local nursing home to be distributed to the 100 plus long term residents.

May 11, 2024

Nine AGA Trenton Chapter members and three non-members participated in a program to honor our veterans by assisting the Mercer County Veterans' Service Office with placing flags on veterans' grave sites at a local cemetery.

April 30, 2024

The Chapter partnered with a local restaurant to raise an additional donation for the Chapter's community service entity, Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County. The one-day donation was generated based on 10 percent of the dinner orders placed by individuals who showed the Chapter's flyer announcing the event.

June 1, 2024

One Chapter member and one non-member participated in the Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County 3K Walk for Wellness fundraiser. Through direct donations and walk registration fees, the Chapter raised an additional \$465 for the Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County.

September 2023 to
June 2024

Various projects were undertaken to raise funds for the Paul M. Vidunas Community Service Memorial. Paul passed away during his term as Chapter President and the Chapter established the fund to recognize Paul's dedication to community service. Annually the Chapter selects a community service entity to receive this award. The 2023-2024 recipient selected was "Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County". Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County, an interfaith coalition, is dedicated to promoting the independence, dignity and wellness of homebound elderly and people with disabilities by matching them with supportive and caring volunteers who assist with the tasks of everyday life. A total of \$1,891.65 was donated. The Chapter donated \$1,391.65 and National's matching donation was \$500.

PUBLICATIONS

The Chapter issued six newsletters between July 2023 and June 2024 containing our President's letter, financial status of the Chapter, CGFM information, meeting announcements, speaker's biographies, etc. Each newsletter was posted to the Chapter's website. Three of the six newsletters covered multiple months. (Attachment B)

During the year the Chapter prepared the 2022-2023 Citizen Centric Report which highlighted the demographics of the Chapter's membership by employer and professional certification; educational events offered during the program year; community service activities; the Chapter's financial activities for the 2022-2023 program year; as well as, discussing the Chapter's efforts to enhance its communications with current members; and efforts to expand its membership. The Citizen Centric Report was posted to the Chapter's website. (Attachment C)

The Chapter prepared and submitted its 2022-2023 annual history report to the National Office. The annual history report was posted to the Chapter's website.

CHAPTER HONORARIUMS AND AWARDS

May 9, 2024

The 2023-2024 award recipients were as follows:

Special Assistant Award

Robyn Boyer, New Jersey Office of the State Auditor

Chapter Service Award

Eric Fonseca, New Jersey Office of the State Auditor

Amanda Ireland, New Jersey Office of the State Auditor

James J. Dolan Award

Meghan Ellis, New Jersey Office of Legislative Services

Paul M. Vidunas Community Service Memorial Donation \$1,391.65

Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County

Thomas J. Kaschak Memorial Scholarship

Grace Fessler

Trenton Chapter Scholarship

Arianna Ng

Jokob Papiez

Education and Training Award

Marie Samson, New Jersey Department of Transportation

Distinguished Leadership Award

Stacy Peterson, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

President's Award

Meghan Ellis, New Jersey Office of the State Auditor

Past President's Award

Robert Rizzo, New Jersey Office of the State Auditor

LIFETIME MEMBERS

The Chapter has 14 members who have earned their Lifetime membership designation. The Lifetime membership is awarded to members who have been active members in good standing for 40 consecutive years.

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

The Chapter has 18 members who have been active members in good standing for either their 20, 25, 30 or 35 consecutive years.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

During the 2023-2024 program year a non-member passed the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) exam.

NATIONAL LEVEL SERVICE and RECOGNITION

The Chapter's In-Coming President, the Chapter's President-Elect/Vice President of Education, the Chapter's Immediate Past President, the Chapter's Fall PDT Co-chair, and the Chapter's National Council of Chapters Representative attended the PDT in Orlando, Florida in July 2023.

The Chapter's President-Elect/Vice President of Education and the Chapter's In-Coming National Council of Chapters Representative/Director of Social Media/Spring PDT Co-Chair attended National's LEAD! 24 Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The meeting was held April 11-13, 2024. The focus of the Conference was to bring AGA National office staff and volunteers together to help attendees develop as leaders and to cover topics such topics as AGA National's direction and initiatives; expectations of national and chapter leaders; ways to improve services so current members will stay and recruit new members and leaders; and ways to access information for more effective leadership.

The Chapter's 2019-2020 Past-President continues to be the Chapter's Representative on the National Council of Chapter (NCC). The NCC is National's modification of the regional vice president governance. AGA National revised the chapter representation from one individual for a region of chapters to a NCC representative from each of the 101 active chapters, thus allowing each active chapter to have a voice in the overall governance of AGA.

The success of National's annual Professional Development Training (PDT) is not only dependent on offering high quality educational sessions and being well attended, but also having the support and services of volunteers. The Chapter's Fall PDT Co-chair answered National's request for volunteers and served on the Welcoming Committee for the 2023 PDT held in Orlando, Florida.

The Chapter's President-Elect/Vice President of Education/ACE Director and the Chapter's Fall PDT Co-chair participated in a panel presentation on Forensic Auditing at the 2023 PDT held in Orlando, Florida.

NATIONAL AWARDS and CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

The Trenton Chapter earned the Achievement in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Platinum Award from National for 2023-2024 program year. In order to earn the Platinum Level Award, the Chapter earned over 4,400 points. Points are awarded by the National Association for fulfilling the Chapter goals established by the Chapter's current year President and President-Elect, and completed during the ACE year which began on June 1st and ended on May 31st.

The Chapter was awarded the Certificate of Excellence for its 2022-2023 Citizen Centric Report.

AGA National will match the Chapter's donation to the local community service entity chosen by the Chapter. The Chapter's President completed and submitted the ***Matching of Donations*** request to National. National approved the Chapter's request, and the Chapter's charity Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County received a check totaling \$500.00 from National, which included an award notice explaining the reason and the source of the donation.

The Chapter's President nominated the Chapter's In-Coming National Council of Chapters Representative/Director of Social Media/Spring PDT Co-Chair for the National Volunteer of the Year Award. The award was approved since the nominee embodies the spirit of volunteerism, and has made distinguished contributions to the development and enhancement of the Trenton Chapter of AGA.

CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2023-2024

OFFICERS

President - Michael J. Salberta
President-Elect/Vice President of Education ACE Director - Douglass MacArthur
Vice President of Membership - Morgan E. Stec
Vice President of Finance/Administration/Programs - Stephanie Rybak
Immediate Past President/ Nominating Committee Chair - Robert Rizzo
Secretary - Joseph Pica
Treasurer - Amanda Ireland
National Council of Chapters Representative - Nikki Farrell

DIRECTORS

Webinar Conferences - Rene Gervasoni and Jennifer Dougherty
Accountability Outreach - Kiersten Marie Zadworney
CGFM Chairperson - Margarita Stanislavskaya
Community Service - Christopher J. Fuccello
Young Professionals/Early Career - Morgan E. Stec
Meeting Chair - Joseph Pica, Backup Rene Gervasoni
Awards Director - Stephanie Rybak
Historian - Rose M. Todaro
Social Media Director - Meghan Ellis
Budget Director - Eric Carter
Bylaws & Procedures - David J. Kaschak
Chapter Recognition - Michael J. Salberta and Douglass MacArthur
Newsletter Editor - Marie E. Samson
Sponsorships - Guy L. Tassi
Paul Vidunas Coordinator - Nat Jackson
Webmaster/Communications - Michelle Blatt, Backup Jennifer Dougherty
Email Blasts - Eric Carter, Dillon Washington, and Miller Kahill

Fall PDT/Technical Coordinator - Co-chairs: Michael Salberta and Eric Fonceca, and Fall PDT Committee

Spring PDT/Technical Coordinator - Co-chairs Michael Salberta and Meghan Ellis, and the Spring PDT Committee

**PROGRAM YEAR 2023 - 2024
SPRING 2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE EDITION
AGA TRENTON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members and Friends,

Spring has already sprung and summer is quickly approaching. The end of my term as chapter president is also on the horizon.

The chapter held its annual Spring PDT last week at Mercer County Community College. I would like to thank all those who contributed to the event's success. I would also like to thank all of those who attended. See pictures of the PDT within this newsletter. Congratulations to all the winners of the raffle prizes and thank you to all who purchased tickets or donated money to our chapter's charity: Interfaith Caregivers of Mercer County. The chapter was able to raise over \$700 for the Paul Vidunas fund!

The chapter is sponsoring a Fraud/Data Analytics webinar on Wednesday, May 8th, from 2 pm to 3:50 pm. There is no cost to attend this webinar for members and the cost to non-members is only \$10. Two CPEs will be awarded for this webinar and attendance is limited to 30 people. If you are interested in attending this webinar, please register [here](#).

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the chapter's Awards Dinner will be held on May 9th at Villa Mannino. For all of those who are planning to attend, it will be a night of fun and celebration as we recognize chapter members and others in government service for their great work throughout the year. It will also be our official "passing of the gavel" as the President's gavel is passed to our incoming Chapter President, Douglass MacArthur.

Every year, we honor those who have served in the military by placing flags on the graves of veterans. This year's flag placement event will take place on Saturday, May 11th at 9:30 am at Lady of Lourdes Cemetery (address: 400 Woolsey St, Hamilton Township, NJ 08610). The rain date for this event will be Sunday, May 19th. Please join us for this event as we recognize those who have served our country.

Lastly, there will be a free, members only webinar from AGA National on Wednesday, May 15th from 2 pm to 3:15 pm. The title of the webinar is: "A peek into the federal budget process and what's in it this year". There will be 1.5 CPEs awarded for this webinar. Members who are interested in attending this webinar can register [here](#).

As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Take care,
Michael Salberta
Trenton Chapter President



AGA Mentoring Program

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.

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

TOP
TIPS



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.

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Members' Milestones

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LIFETIME MEMBERS

Anthony L. Manno
Terence P. Sharkey
Rose M. Todaro
Anthony J. Glebocki
Robert J. Alu
Janet E. Gregorovic
Betty Jane Eddowes
Richard Grahovac
Steven J. Csogi
Michael L. Einhorn
Paul R. Baron
Thomas Troutman
Michael P. Fabian,
William G. Shannon

AGA Trenton Chapter congratulates the following members celebrating 20 or more years of membership:

20 Years

Barbara E. Galager
Robert H. Davidson
Christopher D. Soleau
Warren Alan Broudy
Margarita Stanislavskaya

25 Years

Claudine W. Zellman
Jack H. Fein
Gerald J. Miller
Mark E. Talbot
Susan Ward

30 Years

Guy L. Tassi
Andrew C. Bishop

35 Years

Connie M. Mason
James M. King
Richard F. Keevey
David J. Kaschak
Donald J. Cammus
Linda P. Maher

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Paul Vidunas Charity For The 2023-2024 Year: *Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County*

AGA Trenton Chapter is pleased to have Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County as their Paul Vidunas Charity of the 2023-2024 Chapter Year.



A WALK FOR WELLNESS

JUNE 1, 2024
VETERAN'S PARK, HAMILTON, NJ

Our Chapter team, **AGA Trenton**, will participate in the Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County 3K walk on June 1, 2024. Proudly representing our chapter in 2023 were Chris Fuccello, Robert Rizzo, and Rose Todaro.



Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established in 1994 with a "Faith in Action" grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. For almost three decades, we have worked to improve the quality of life and help meet the concerns and special needs of the homebound elderly and adults with disabilities in Mercer County, New Jersey.

Their interdenominational coalition of 25 congregations and over 360 trained volunteers provide caregiving support and wellness program that enables seniors and adults with disabilities to age safely in their homes and communities. All services and programs are offered free-of-charge without proselytization or regard to race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, or income.



Upcoming Events



Professional Development Training 2024

Denver, Colorado
July 14-17, 2024



ERM Workshop

June 6 | Washington, D.C. | 5.5 CPEs

2024 ERM Workshop in-person!
Thursday, June 6, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. ET | 5.5 CPEs

June 6 | Washington, DC
5.5 CPEs

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**REGISTER
NOW**

Registration and Fees

Online

General Admission

Government Member	\$160
Government Non-member	\$160

AGA's premier training and networking event

July 14-17 | Denver
24 CPEs

Registration and Fees

Early bird deadline – Jun. 14, 2024

	Online	All Other
AGA Members		
Early Bird	\$925	\$950
Standard	\$1,025	\$1,050
Non-members		
Early Bird	\$1,125	\$1,150
Standard	\$1,225	\$1,250

AGA NATIONAL EVENTS

May

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Wednesday

Grants: Protecting Programs, ensuring mission impact and reducing Fraud at the Federal, State, and Subrecipient Levels (Fraud/Data Analytics)

Webinar | 2 CPE

May

15

Wednesday

A peek into the federal budget process and what's in it this year – Free for AGA members!

Webinar | 1.5 CPE

May

22

Wednesday

Creating Moments that Matter (Leadership)

Webinar | 2 CPE

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER EVENTS & NOTICES

Fraud and Data Analytics Webinar

May 8, 2024

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter

Email: agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

AGA Trenton's 2024 Awards Dinner

May 9, 2024

Contact: AGA Trenton Chapter

Email: agatrentoninfo@agatrenton.com

Renew Your Membership!
You can also give the gift of
Membership

Join us!



Get your CGFM Certification!

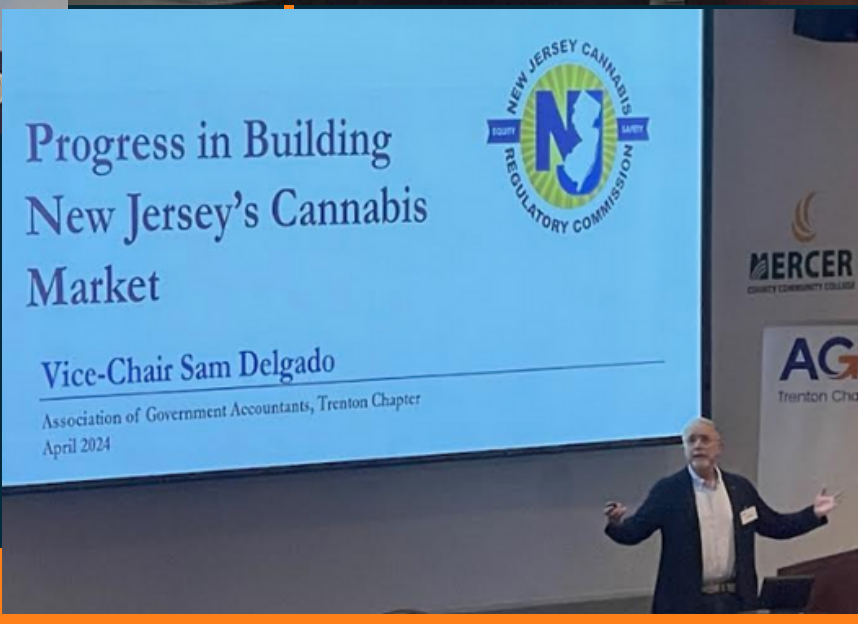
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Job Board for
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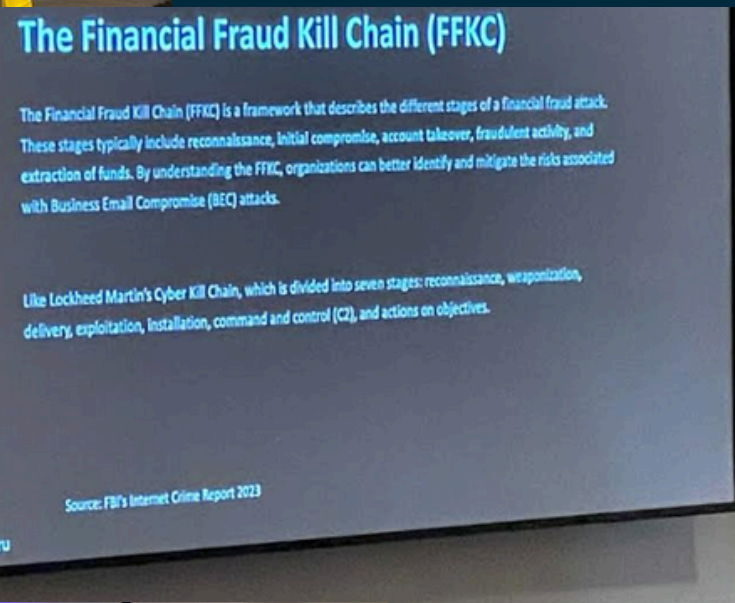
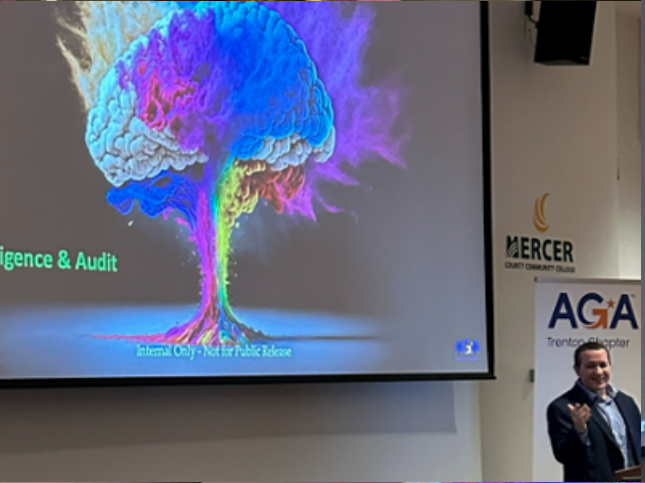
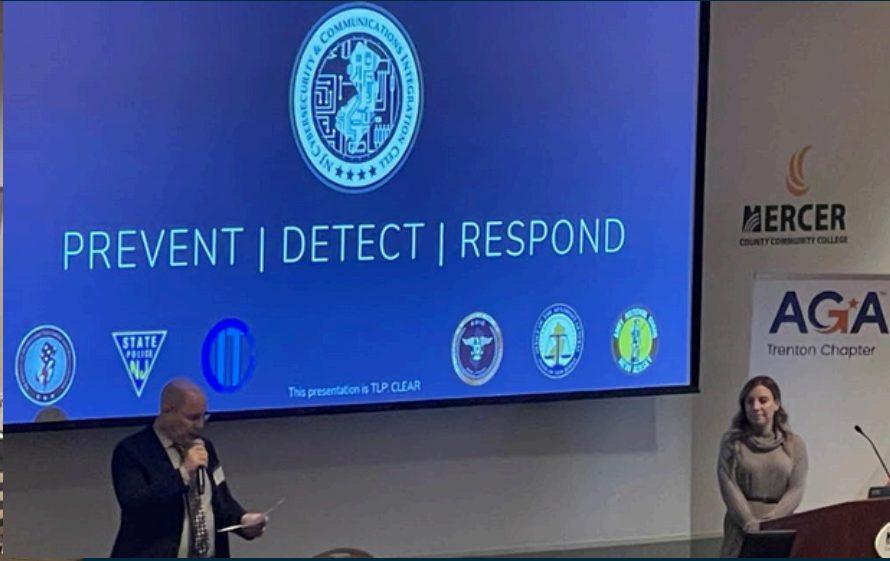
»» AGA TRENTON SPRING 2024 PDT PHOTOS

THURSDAY
APRIL 25, 2024



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Celebrating **30** Years



CGFM Turns 30!

The New Year brings reason to celebrate — 30 years of CGFM®! AGA created the Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM) program in 1994 to fill a need in the government financial management community. Through preparation and exams encompassing governmental accounting, auditing, internal controls, budgeting, and financial reporting at all levels of government, CGFMs become well versed in the knowledge and skills needed for the rigors and complexities of their duties.

Furthermore, coverage of federal, state and local government financial management allows CGFMs to expand their career opportunities throughout the United States.



Certified Government Financial Manager

WHAT IS CGFM?

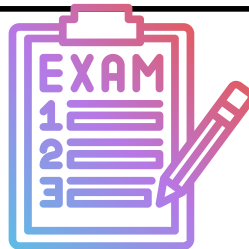
Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

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 Examinations Requirement

The three comprehensive examinations that make up the core requirement of the CGFM program are:

- Examination 1: Governmental Environment (GE)
- Examination 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting (GAFRB)
- Examination 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control (GFMC)

AGA's CGFM Online Training Portal

Online preparation for CGFM examinations with AGA's self-paced courses

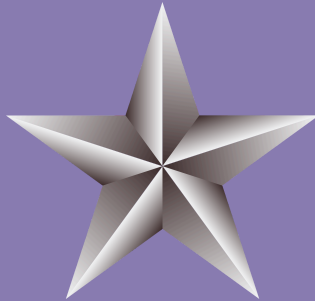
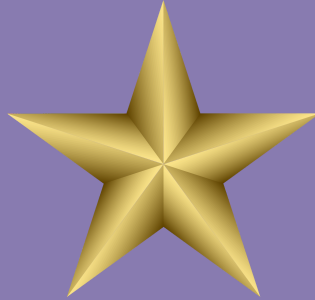
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AGA TRENTON CHAPTER'S MARCH 2024 BALANCE SHEET

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER MARCH 2024			
ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Cash - Savings	\$ 24,195.85	Accounts Payable	\$ 560.65
Cash - Checking	\$ 12,563.05	Deferred Income	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ 25.00		
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 2,437.78		
Other Assets	\$ 100.50	Fund Balance	\$ 38,761.53
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 39,322.18	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 39,322.18

Hello. Nice to Meet You!



CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2023-2024

OFFICERS

President
President-Elect/ACE Director/Vice President of Education
Vice President of Membership
Vice President of Finance/Administration/Programs
Immediate Past President/Nominating Committee Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
National Council of Chapters Representative

Michael Salberta
Douglass MacArthur
Morgan Stec
Stephanie Rybak
Robert Rizzo
Joseph Pica
Amanda Ireland
Nikki Farrell

DIRECTORS

Audio Conferences
Accountability Outreach
CGFM Chairperson
Community Service
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Jennifer Dougherty
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Miller Khalil

Fall PDT/Technical Coordinator Co-chairs: Michael Salberta and Eric Fonseca, and Fall PDT Committee

Spring PDT/Technical Coordinator Co-chairs: Michael Salberta and Meghan Ellis, and Spring PDT Committee



Additional Resources



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A Report to Our Members

Citizen Centric Report 2022 - 2023

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2023 Awards Dinner with incoming 2023-2024 Executive Board: Mike Salberta, Amanda Ireland, Morgan Cole, Steph Rybak, and Joe Pica

Our Mission

The AGA Trenton Chapter is a leading advocate for improving the quality and effectiveness of Governmental fiscal management. To this end, our goal is to carry forward the purpose of the AGA itself—to promote continuing education, development, and professionalism in the areas of government financial management and to promote opportunities for community service.

National Mission

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership, and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

Vision Statement

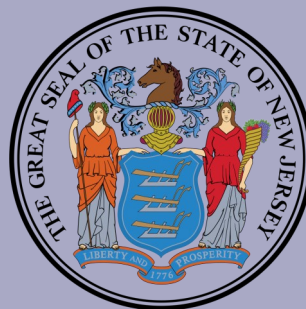
AGA is to be the premier association for advancing government accountability.

COVID-19 Update

In light of the continued pandemic, the AGA Trenton Chapter continued virtual training events with the use of the GoToWebinar platform, as well as hosted an in person training event in the Spring. With restrictions changing, the chapter was able to host the annual bowling event, the awards dinner, and community service events in person. The chapter plans to offer a mix of virtual and in person training opportunities and events in the future to help balance the requests from the AGA Trenton Chapter membership.

Total Members by Employer

	2022	2023	% Difference
State	67	59	-14%
Federal	7	9	22%
Local	4	4	0%
Private Sector	14	12	-17%
Retired	16	18	11%
Academic	1	1	0%
Student	3	3	0%
Total	112	106	-6%



Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Hours Awarded

We strive to provide our members with more than 40 hours of CPE credits per year. The following table shows total CPE credits awarded over the past five years.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Webinar	296	572	286	250	218
Fall PDT	763	847	525	455	665
Spring PDT	840	270	609	539	455
Dinner Meetings	98	93	15	0	0
Other	0	0	716	0	0
Total	1,997	1,782	2,151	1,244	1,338

Variances: in 2022 & 2023 the chapter did not host any dinner meetings due to lack of interest from the membership. The Chapter partnered with the NJ Office of the State Auditor in 2021 & 2022 to offer the required four hour NJ Law and Ethics 2018—2020 training course.

Community Service



Members participated in program to honor veterans by assisting in the placement of flags on Veteran's grave sites



In October 2022, members ran/walked for Homefront, raising \$201 for the charity

In June 2023, members participated in the Interfaith Caregivers 3k Walk, and raised \$100

Annually, the chapter selects a community service entity to receive an award. The 2022-2023 recipient selected was Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County. The chapter donated \$1,133.



Hand made Valentine's Day cards for senior citizens in the local care facility.



EARLY CAREER

AWARDS

The Chapter hosted a bowling networking event in February 2023 to get to know potential new members.

The awards banquet was held in May 2023. The chapter was able to recognize professionals and students for excellence.



	2023
Active CGFM	18
Retired CGFM	8
Inactive CGFM	0
Non-CGFM	80
Total	106

Not a CGFM?
What are you waiting for?
25% of the Trenton Chapter members (active and retired) are CGFMS!
Reach out for more information on how you could become a CGFM!
Ask about scholarship opportunities!

Our Finances

Revenues and Expenses

Independent Audit

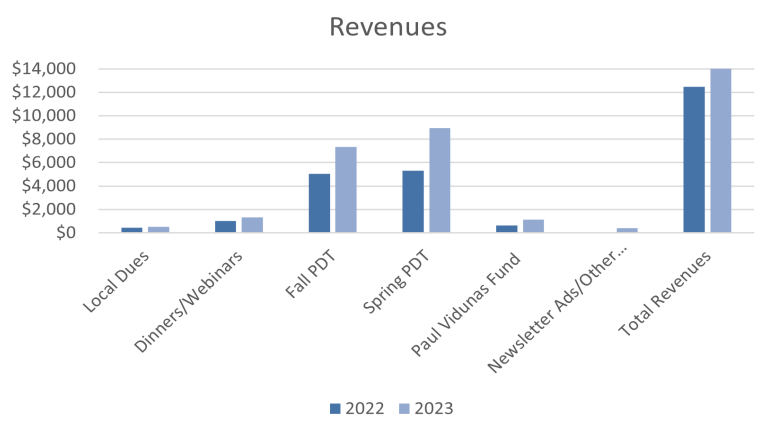
Independent audits of the Association's finances were conducted, resulting in clean opinions.

Fiscal Year 2022 & 2023 Expenses

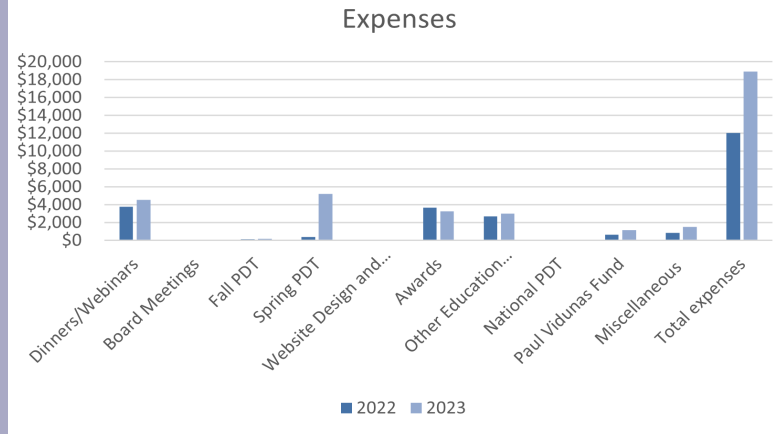
	2022	2023
Dinners/Webinars	\$3,763	\$4,554
Board Meetings	\$0	\$0
Fall PDT	\$109	\$193
Spring PDT	\$378	\$5,209
Website Design and Maintenance	\$15	\$63
Awards	\$3,642	\$3,246
Other Education Expenses	\$2,668	\$2,975
*PDT		
Paul Vidunas Fund	\$627	\$1,133
Miscellaneous	\$821	\$1521
Total expenses	\$12,023	\$18,894

Fiscal Year 2022 & 2023 Revenues

	2022	2023
Local Dues	\$447	\$521
Dinners/Webinars	\$1,000	\$1,315
Fall PDT	\$5,035	\$7,335
Spring PDT	\$5,300	\$8,955
Paul Vidunas Fund	\$627	\$1,133
Newsletter Ads/Other Education/Misc	\$56	\$386
Total Revenues	\$12,465	\$19,645



Variance: Increase in attendees to our Fall PDT, and held our first in-person Spring PDT in years.



Variances: We held our first in-person training event since Covid-19. Misc. expenses include PO Box, annual bowling event, and a happy hour event.

PDT 2023 in Orlando!

Lead! Conference



What's Next?

Challenges moving forward

We want to hear from you!
Do you like this report?
Would you like to see other information?
Please let us know by contacting AGA with attention to Morgan Cole, VP of Membership.

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Congrats to Miller Khalil and Dillon Washington 2023 Membership Scholars

- ◆ Continue to increase our presence in the professional community through constant upgrade and update of our website and use of social media to provide the most current and important information to the Chapter's members and friends and by issuing periodic electronic newsletters. This will strengthen and move AGA-Trenton forward to communicate its vision, mission, and goals to the existing and potential membership.
- ◆ Continue constant and regular communication with AGA's National coordinators to exchange information and ideas.
- ◆ **Membership:**
 - ◆ Continue improving and expanding annual Membership-Scholarship Program to promote AGA-Trenton Chapter and its membership especially among early career government employees by providing full sponsorship of the one full year of membership dues (national and chapter) along with registration for all AGA-Trenton Chapter's functions during the year at the member's rate (including annual Fall and Spring PTD) for one or more individuals.
 - ◆ Continue promoting AGA-National Members' Recruitment and Retention Program with the Focus on Early Career and Student Members.
- ◆ **Raise Public Awareness of Government Accountability, Transparency and Performance:**
 - ◆ Preparing and distributing Chapter's Citizen-Centric Report to AGA-Trenton's membership and beyond.
 - ◆ Encouraging governmental entities to adopt four-page Citizen-Centric Report for greater governments' transparency and accountability.
 - ◆ Establishing and maintaining the Board position of Accountability Coordinator.
- ◆ Continue providing regular education programs through webinars and Annual Fall and Spring PTDs, inviting highly respected and recognized speakers from all levels of government, private enterprise, and academia.
- ◆ Continue to promote the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program. Maintain and promote the scholarship incentive to become a CGFM.
- ◆ Continue to promote the new branding of AGA in hopes to widen our membership outreach.

