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A LETTER FROM ERIC (PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE)

Dear AGA Members & Friends,

For those of us at AGA Trenton Chapter, & everyone else in the Northern Hemisphere – Monday, December 21, 2025, marked the first day of winter solstice. This was the shortest day & longest night of the year, as Earth reached its farthest tilt from our sun. From this day forth, the days are longer, the nights are shorter, & everything will seem a little brighter. May this be an inspiration for anyone in dark times.

As we look ahead into the New Year & future for the AGA Trenton Chapter, I wanted to take a moment for mindfulness to reflect on all the hard work & dedication of our volunteers, members, sponsors, & even non-members who may be interested in joining.

We set the bar high in 2025, & aim to ensure 2026 is just as, if not more successful, through the continued hard work of our volunteers, & various activities that promote AGA including more webinars, more scholarships, a larger presence on college campuses, more social events, & an in-person PDT that will be at a unique location.

In closing, on behalf of the AGA Trenton Chapter, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, & warm holiday that is filled with lots of family, love, laughter, good food, & great memories.

Sincerely,
Eric G. Fonseca

NEWSLETTER NOTICES

Mentorships
build a trustworthy,
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and open
relationship.



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.



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.



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

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
David J. Kaschak
Michael Rinaldi
Edward P. Haag
Elliot Gorman
Richard Nicomini
David Josey
Martin J. Lenhard
Albert E. Giacchetti
Peter W. Kornutick

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
Donald J. Cammus
Linda P. Maher



Trenton Chapter

Upcoming Events

Date - January 14, 2026

Location - Virtual

ERM Workshop

REGISTER NOW

Early Bird (before Dec. 16)

Standard

Government Employees

\$120

\$160

Join AGA and AFERM for a one-day virtual workshop designed to help federal professionals turn enterprise risk management (ERM) theory into action. This virtual event combines expert-led sessions with small, facilitated breakout discussions, giving you the tools and examples you need to apply ERM concepts within your agency.

National Leadership Training 2026

Date - February 18, 2026
Location - Washington, D.C.

	AGA Members	Nonmembers
Early Bird (before Jan. 30)	\$575	\$750
Standard	\$675	\$850

Designed for current and future leaders, NLT offers practical strategies, expert perspectives and CPE opportunities. Financial management professionals in government come together to share ideas, build skills and strengthen leadership across all levels of government.

REGISTER NOW!

AGA NATIONAL EVENTS

DATATHON

Date - December 1, 2025
Location - Washington, D.C.

SMART START

Date - December 16, 2025
Location - Washington, D.C.

AGA Webinars

Uniform Guidance and Grant Accounting

Date - January 7, 2026
Location - Live/Virtual

Live Virtual

Date - January 21, 2026
Location - Live/Virtual

CGFM COURSE 3

Governmental Financial Management and Control

AGA Webinars

Strategies for Success for CGFM Candidates

Date - January 29, 2026
Location - Live/Virtual

GASB Update

Date - February 4, 2026
Location - Live/Virtual

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER NOTICES

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

Join us!



Get your CGFM Certification!

Check our our Job Board for opportunities!



Trenton Chapter



Paul Vidunas Charity For The 2025–2026 Year



MISSION, VALUES & IMPACT

NAMI Mercer is a robust, independently-operating affiliate of NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Located in Hamilton, NJ, NAMI Mercer serves New Jersey's Capital region. NAMI Mercer listens, leads, educates, and advocates, empowering families and individuals affected by mental illness to build lives of quality and respect, free of stigma and discrimination.

NAMI Mercer is a qualified 501(c)3 organization.



AGA TRENTON 2026 UPCOMING TRAININGS

7
JANUARY

Uniform Guidance & Grant Accounting

📍 VIRTUAL / WEBINAR

TIME - 2:00 PM
3:50 PM EST

21
JANUARY

AI

📍 VIRTUAL / WEBINAR

TIME - 2:00 PM
3:50 PM EST

4
FEBRUARY

GASB Update

📍 VIRTUAL / WEBINAR

TIME - 2:00 PM
3:50 PM EST

4
MARCH

CYBERSECURITY

📍 VIRTUAL / WEBINAR

TIME - 2:00 PM
3:50 PM EST

FALL & WINTER EVENTS SCHEDULE



HOMEFRONT HALLOWEEN 5K RUN/WALK

Date - October 25, 2025

Location - Carnegie Center, Princeton, NJ



AGA TRENTON 2025 FALL WEBINAR

Date - November 20, 2025

Location - Virtual



For More Information

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Trenton Chapter



2025 Virtual Fall Professional Development Training

November 20, 2025

	8:00am to 8:10am	Opening Remarks Eric Fonseca AGA Trenton Chapter President
Session 1	8:10am to 9:00am	Blockchain and AI in Government Dr. Sean SteinSmith, DBA, CPA, CMA, CGMA, CFE Associate Professor, Lehman College
Session 2	9:10am to 10:00am	Accounting & Smithsonian 101 John Lynskey, CGFM, CPA Deputy CFO & Controller, Smithsonian Institution
Session 3	10:10am to 11:00am	Fraud & Internal Control Melinda DeCorte, PMP, CPA, CFE, CGFM Principal, Sikich
Session 4	11:10am to 12:00pm	AI in Government Finance – From Promise to Practice Salim Mawani, CPA, CGFM Mansoor Deen U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Lunch	12:00pm to 1:00pm	
Session 5	1:00pm to 1:50pm	GASB Update Joseph Wicklund, CPA Project Manager, Governmental Accounting Standards Board
Session 6	2:00pm to 2:50pm	The DNA of Leadership: Building the Relationships That Shape Great Teams William Davis www.williamcdavis.net
Session 7	3:00pm to 3:50pm	Grant Subrecipient Monitoring Jim Ansberry, CAMS Jonathan Dunn, CPA, CFE, CGFM Robert Williams Crowe LLP
	3:50pm to 4:00pm	Closing Remarks Eric Fonseca AGA Trenton Chapter President

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.
AGA Trenton Chapter NJ Sponsor #20CE00023700, PA Sponsor #PX177258



*happy
holidays* ✨ ✨

WISHING YOU PEACE, LOVE, AND
JOY THIS 2025 HOLIDAY SEASON.





HAPPY
NEW YEAR

2026

WARMEST WISHES FOR
THE YEAR AHEAD!

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.



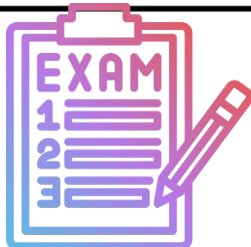
WHAT IS CGFM?

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 Exam Sample Question

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 NOVEMBER 2025 BALANCE SHEET

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER NOVEMBER 2025

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
CASH - SAVINGS	\$24,199.90	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$0.00
CASH - CHECKING	\$14,741.15	DEFERRED INCOME	\$0.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$6,630.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00
PREPAID EXPENSES	\$1,368.96		
OTHER ASSETS	\$100.50	FUND BALANCE	\$47,040.51
TOTAL ASSETS	\$47,040.51	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$47,040.51

Hello. Nice to Meet You!



2025-2026 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

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