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SPRING AHEAD – LETTER FROM ERIC (PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE)

PROGRAM YEAR 2025-2026
FEBRUARY & MARCH EDITION
AGA TRENTON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



Dear AGA Members & Friends,

As we find ourselves midway through May, we are in the heart of spring – a season full of energy, color, some rain, & satisfaction of seeing seeds we planted earlier in the year start to bloom. This is also a month of deep gratitude as we take a moment to honor our veterans & all who have served our country with courage & dedication. Their sacrifice reminds us of some values that unite us: service, integrity, & commitment – values which are at the very core of our AGA mission.

As temperatures rise (maybe with the 90's next week), we are also reminded that summer is just around the corner. With beaches opening soon, there should be plenty of fun in the sun to look forward to! Whether you're planning a family getaway, or relaxing day at the jersey shore, we hope everyone gets a well-deserved chance to recharge, listen to the sound of waves, & enjoy the feeling of sand on your feet.

AGA Trenton Chapter continues to thrive from the tireless efforts of our volunteers, members, sponsors, & supporters. We are excited to announce our Spring Professional Development Training will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. If you have not already registered, please do so. We have an all-star lineup of speakers that will be discussing topics on AI, tax, occupational stress, mental health, & leadership. You will certainly be sure to attain lots of valuable insights & strategies about professional growth.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their continued dedication & support. Our chapter is strong because each & every day, you all make such an incredible impact. Keep being you!

Sincerely,
Eric G. Fonseca

NEWSLETTER NOTICES

Mentorships
build a trustworthy,
collaborative, safe
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.

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Trenton Chapter

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
Thomas F. Pezanowski

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

20 Years

Rajaram S. Vasan
Christopher D. Soleau
Margarita Stanislavskaya
Warren Alan Broudy
Nicole J. Kane
James C. Reimel
Nat L. Jackson
Peter R. Wozniak
Louis D. Leigh, Jr.

25 Years

Irfan A. Bora
Jack H. Fein
Karl e. Dalhberg
Barbara E. Galager
Robert H. Davidson
Claudine W. Zellman
Gerald J. Miller
Mark E. Talbot
Susan Ward

30 Years

Anthony Abbaleo
Mark E. Talbot
Guy L. Tassi
Claudine W. Zellman

35 Years

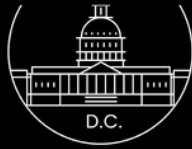
Connie M. Mason
James M. King
Richard F. Keevey
Gwendolyn Jackson
Andrew C. Bishop
David Gotlib



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Upcoming Events

JUNE 24 PROCESS INTELLIGENCE DAY PUBLIC SECTOR



REGISTER NOW

PDT 2026

REGISTER NOW!

AGA NATIONAL EVENTS

AGA Webinars

Leadership

Date - May 27, 2026
Location - Live/Virtual

CGFM Webinar

Strategies for Success for CGFM Candidates

Date - May 28, 2026
Location - Live/Virtual

AGA Webinars

Process Intelligence

Date - June 3, 2026
Location - Live/Virtual

Live Virtual

Date - June 9, 2026
Location - Live/Virtual

CGFM COURSE 2

Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting

CGFM Webinar

Strategies for Success for CGFM Candidates

Date - June 18, 2026
Location - Live/Virtual

Live Virtual

Date - July 7, 2026
Location - Live/Virtual

CGFM COURSE 3

Governmental Financial Management and Control

Price FREE

When 6/24/2026 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Eastern Daylight Time

Where Convene

1201 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22209

We're bringing the power of Process Intelligence to you. Register now for a day dedicated to how Process Intelligence can maximize mission performance across the Public Sector.

Early Bird

before June 26

AGA Member

\$875

Nonmember

\$1,075

Standard

June 27-July 13

AGA Member

\$975

Nonmember

\$1,175

Late

July 14-July 23

AGA Member

\$1,025

Nonmember

\$1,225

PDT 2026 will bring together 2,500+ financial professionals in Washington, D.C., on July 21-23, 2026, to explore cutting-edge strategies in government financial management.

In recognition of America's 250th anniversary, PDT 2026 is being held in the nation's capital, an especially meaningful location for reflecting on our country's history, the evolution of government accountability, and the vital contribution of public servants like you.

Earn up to 20 CPEs, engage with leaders in the profession and discover solutions to boost government accountability, efficiency and innovation.

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!



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Paul Vidunas Charity For The 2025–2026 Year



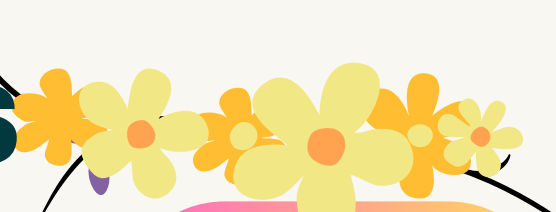
MISSION, VALUES & IMPACT

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.

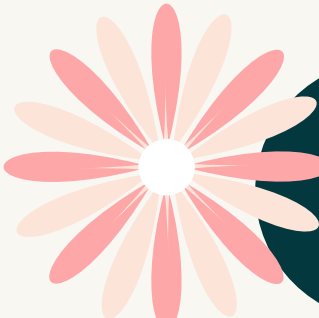
NAMI Mercer is a qualified 501(c)3 organization.



SPRING EVENTS SCHEDULE



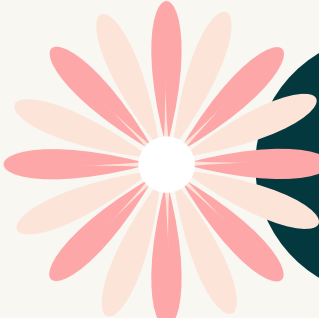
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AGA TRENTON ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Date - May 7, 2026

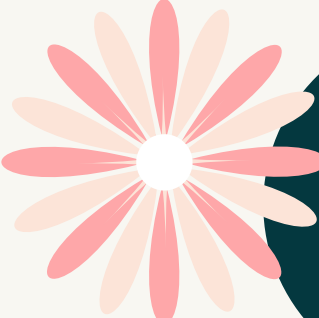
Location - Villa Mannino, Bordentown, NJ



AGA TRENTON 2026 SPRING PDT

Date - May 20, 2026

Location - Chauncey Hotel, Princeton, NJ



AGA TRENTON VETERAN FLAG PLACEMENT

Date - May 18, 2026, 5:15pm

Rain Date - May 19, 2026, 5:15pm

Location - Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery,
Hamilton, NJ





AGA SPRING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

SAVE THE DATE

May 20

Earn 7 CPEs

AGA Trenton Chapter
Spring Professional
Development Training

Chauncey Hotel & Conference Center
Princeton, New Jersey

**EVENING
NETWORKING EVENT**

Following the Training Session
(Approx. 4:30 PM onwards)
Held at the C-bar

**Complimentary Appetizers
Provided**



**Connect with colleagues and
industry leaders.**



2026 Spring Professional Development Training

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Registration & Buffet Breakfast | 7:30 – 8:10 am

Opening Remarks | 8:00 – 8:10 am Eric Fonseca, AGA Trenton Chapter President

Session	Topic & Speaker
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Session 1 8:10 – 9:00 am	<i>AI in Management Accounting & Decision-Making</i> Buhe Li, Jiaqi Sun Ph.D. Candidates, Rutgers University
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Session 2 9:10 – 10:00 am	<i>AI in Action! Real Use Cases for CFOs & Auditors</i> Paul Marshall, CPA, CIA, PMP, CGFM, CICA Senior Vice President, MIL Corporation
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Session 3 10:10 – 11:00 am	<i>NJ Gross Income Tax – Hooked on NJBAIT</i> Janine Burgess Assistant Director, Audit & Sales Tax, NJ Division of Taxation
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Session 4 11:10 am – 12:00 pm	<i>Using AI Responsibly & Effectively</i> Dr. Walker Gosrich, Ph.D. AI Data & Policy Lead, NJ Innovation Authority
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Lunch Break | 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Session 5 1:00 – 1:50 pm	<i>Individual Online Account & Identity Protection Pin</i> Leslie Chambers Tax Specialist & Senior Stakeholder Liaison, Internal Revenue Service
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Session 6 2:00 – 2:50 pm	<i>Occupational Stress & Health in the Workplace</i> Dr. Sharon Glazer, Ph.D. Director, Organizational Psychology, Rutgers Graduate School of Applied Psychology
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Session 7 3:00 – 3:50 pm	<i>Does Your Leadership Philosophy Involve Chocolate?</i> Dr. Nicole, Nikola, DBA Director, Division of Economic & Demographic Research
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Closing Remarks | 3:50 – 4:00 pm Eric Fonseca, AGA Trenton Chapter President

Appetizers & Social Hour (Non-mandatory) | 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Please note: Schedule & speakers are subject to change

Credits for Continuing Education: 7 CPE credits — Accounting, Auditing, Information Technology, Personal Development, Taxes

CPEs are available to participants from NJ & PA only. Certificates emailed after event; adjusted for early departures

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AGA Trenton's 2026 Annual Awards Dinner Photos



MAY 25, 2026

MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR





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

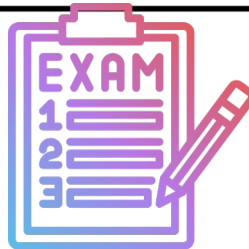
WHAT IS CGFM?

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 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 APRIL 2026 BALANCE SHEET

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER

APRIL 2026

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
CASH - SAVINGS	\$24,200.92	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$354.00
CASH - CHECKING	\$15,951.67	DEFERRED INCOME	\$0.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$0.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$354.00
PREPAID EXPENSES	\$413.82		
OTHER ASSETS	\$100.50	FUND BALANCE	\$40,312.91
TOTAL ASSETS	\$40,666.91	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$40,666.91

Hello. Nice to Meet You!



2025-2026 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

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