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A LETTER FROM ERIC (PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE)

Dear AGA Trenton Chapter Members,

Although summer is officially coming to a close on Monday, September 22, 2025, our AGA program year is just getting started. I want to sincerely thank everyone for their volunteerism, hard work, & dedication, which made last year a success. We will continue riding that train of success into the future for this year.

Lately, I have been taking time for reflection on certain things, which I have found to be very grounding to me both mentally & physically. One thing I have been reflecting on is the tagline of AGA - Achieve. Grow. Accelerate. It will be my goal this year to help the Trenton Chapter strengthen their ability to continue accomplishing these values.

This year, our chapter will offer many opportunities to help one's career through insightful webinars, professional development trainings with informative speakers, promotion of the CGFM certification, new ideas for networking & social events, a wide variety of community services, increased presence for students on college campuses through Beta Alpha Psi, and membership expansion through increased outreach to federal, local, and municipality sectors.

With all that being said, we have a lot to accomplish this year, and it is something that must be a team effort. I usually like it when things come full circle. I started by thanking everyone for their volunteerism, hard work, & dedication. I will end with requesting we maintain these same values going forward to help this year be our greatest program year yet.

Thank You,
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

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

2025

Internal Control & FRAUD Prevention Training

REGISTER NOW

Registration Pricing

	AGA Members	Non-members
Early Bird (<i>before Aug. 29</i>)	\$575	\$750
Standard	\$675	\$850

Members always save — [join AGA today](#) to unlock discounts and exclusive benefits.

Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training focuses on management's responsibility for ensuring good systems of internal control, and the role of accountability professionals to minimize the risk of fraud, waste and abuse. Leaders in government and private industry discuss the latest discovery techniques, lessons learned and how governments are cooperating to improve services to citizens.

REGISTER NOW!

AGA NATIONAL EVENTS

Course CPEs: 4

Budget Execution in the Federal Government

Sep 10, 2025

Live Virtual CPEs: 2

Communications

Sep 17, 2025

CPEs: 14 CPEs

2025 Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training

Sep 24, 2025

Live Virtual CPEs: 1.5

Members-Only Webinar

Oct 8, 2025

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!





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 2025 UPCOMING TRAININGS

17
SEPTEMBER

Communications

📍 VIRTUAL / WEBINAR

TIME - TBA

22
OCTOBER

Uniform Guidance & Grant Accounting

📍 VIRTUAL / WEBINAR

TIME - TBA

19
NOVEMBER

Ethics

📍 VIRTUAL / WEBINAR

TIME - TBA

10
DECEMBER

AI

📍 VIRTUAL / WEBINAR

TIME - TBA

FALL EVENTS SCHEDULE



NAMIWALKS PHILLY

Date - Saturday, October 18, 2025

Location - Friends Hospital

4641 Roosevelt Blvd-Philadelphia, PA 19124



HOMEFRONT HALLOWEEN 5K RUN/WALK

Date - October 25, 2025

Location - Carnegie Center, Princeton, NJ



AGA TRENTON 2025 FALL WEBINAR

Date - November 20, 2025

Location - TBA



TOP GOLF SOCIAL EVENT

Date & Location - TBA



2025 FALL SOCIAL HAPPY HOUR

Date - TBA

Location - Blend Bar, Hamilton Twp., NJ

For More Information





★ **HAPPY** ★
Labor Day



NEVER FORGET

09.11.2001

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?

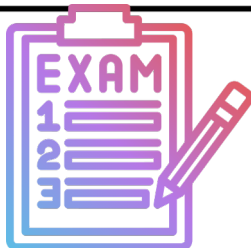
Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

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 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

[Learn more »](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL CGFM REFERENCES](#)



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AGA TRENTON CHAPTER'S AUGUST 2025 BALANCE SHEET

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER AUGUST 2025

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
CASH - SAVINGS	\$24,199.29	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$0.00
CASH - CHECKING	\$17,063.13	DEFERRED INCOME	\$0.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$0.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00
PREPAID EXPENSES	\$44.90		
OTHER ASSETS	\$100.50	FUND BALANCE	\$41,407.82
TOTAL ASSETS	\$41,407.82	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$41,407.82

Hello. Nice to Meet You!



2025-2026 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

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