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PROGRAM YEAR
2024 - 2025
MAY-JUNE 2025 EDITION
AGA TRENTON CHAPTER
NEWSLETTER

Princeton, NJ
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AGA Trenton Chapter Members,

As we close out another exceptional program year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished together—and to thank you for making this year one to remember.

From a strong showing at both our Fall and Spring Professional Development Trainings (PDTs) to hosting vibrant and engaging networking events, this year has been marked by professional growth, collaboration, and community. Your active participation and enthusiasm helped us turn these events into true successes, providing valuable learning experiences and opportunities to connect across our membership.

Our chapter continued to thrive thanks to your commitment to AGA's mission. Our chapter earned the 2025 Platinum-Level Chapter Recognition Award at AGA's PDT25. I'm especially proud of the way our members leaned into both virtual and in-person opportunities to grow, share knowledge, and support one another.

Our networking events also brought an added spark to the year—fostering camaraderie, celebrating achievements, and strengthening the bonds that make our chapter not just effective, but truly special. Thank you for your dedication, your ideas, and your time. It's because of you that our chapter continues to earn recognition and make an impact. I look forward to seeing how we build on this momentum in the years ahead.

Wishing you a restful and rewarding summer—and continued success in all you do.

Respectfully,

Douglass MacArthur

AGA Trenton Chapter President

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.



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.

TOP TIPS



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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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**

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

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Upcoming Events

ERM Workshop 2025

June 4 • Washington, D.C. • 5.5 CPEs

[learn more](#)

June 4-04 | Washington, DC
5.5 CPEs

Registration and Fees

Online
Registration

General Admission

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

**REGISTER
NOW**

PDT 2025

A Virtual Event
July 28-29, 2025
14 CPEs

[Learn More](#)

AGA's premier training and
networking event

July 28-29 | Virtual
14 CPEs

Registration and Fees

Early bird deadline – Jun. 27, 2025

Online All
Registration Other

AGA Members

Early Bird	\$250	\$275
Standard	\$350	\$375

Non-members

Early Bird	\$450	\$475
Standard	\$550	\$575

**REGISTER
NOW!**

PDT '25 features 100+ expert-led sessions, equipping you with critical skills to tackle today's biggest technology, productivity, and organizational challenges. In a time of transition and evolving policies, financial professionals at all levels of government must be prepared to adapt. It is a critical time to develop and sharpen your skills necessary to enhance efficiency, maximize productivity, drive cost-savings, analyze data effectively, proactively prevent fraud, waste and abuse to ensure accountability in the use of public funds.

AGA NATIONAL EVENTS

May

28

Wednesday

Resilient Leadership: Guiding
Teams Through Uncertainty
(Leadership)
Webinar | 2 CPE

June

3

Tuesday

CGFM Live, Virtual Course 2:
Governmental Accounting,
Financial Reporting and
Budgeting
Zoom | 21 CPE

June

4

Wednesday

ERM Workshop
Washington, DC | 5.5 CPE

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER EVENTS & 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!



2025

AGA TRENTON'S ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER PHOTOS

VILLA MANNINO
MAY 8, 2025



2025

AGA TRENTON'S ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER PHOTOS



2025

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AGA TRENTON CHAPTER VETERAN FLAG PLACEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CEMETERY, HAMILTON, NJ

The AGA Trenton Chapter placed flags on the graves of those who bravely served our country during the annual AGA Trenton Chapter Veteran Flag Placement.





**Wishing you a
meaningful and
memorable
Memorial Day**



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?

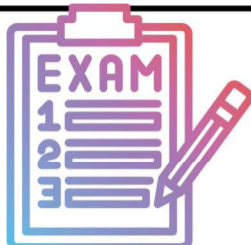
Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

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 (GAFFR)
- 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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[CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL CGFM REFERENCES](#)



Thank You To Our Sponsors!



AGA TRENTON CHAPTER'S MAY 2025 BALANCE SHEET

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER MAY 2025

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
CASH - SAVINGS	\$24,198.67	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$6,581.97
CASH - CHECKING	\$23,514.10	DEFERRED INCOME	\$0.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$16.00	TOTAL LIABILITES	\$6,581.97
PREPAID EXPENSES	\$88.83		
OTHER ASSETS	\$100.50	NNJ MERGER	\$6,918.43
		FUND BALANCE	\$34,417.70
		TOTAL EQUITY	\$41,336.13
TOTAL ASSETS	\$47,918.10	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$47,918.10



Hello. Nice to Meet You!



2024-2025 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

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