

AGA TRENTON NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 2026–2027 Program Year



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President's Message – Amanda Ireland

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you are all enjoying a wonderful summer! It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2026–2027 program year. I am truly honored and excited to serve as your Trenton Chapter President, and I look forward to working alongside all of you to make this another successful and rewarding year for our chapter.

First, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Eric Fonseca for his leadership during the 2025–2026 program year. I would also like to thank the entire Executive Committee for their dedication and hard work in making our chapter's programs and events so successful. Their commitment has helped our chapter continue to grow. I would also like to congratulate our chapter on earning the Gold Level Achievement in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Award from AGA National. This recognition reflects the dedication of our volunteers and members, and it is an accomplishment we should all be proud of.

This July, I will have the opportunity to attend my first in-person National PDT and LEAD! conference. I am excited to learn from AGA leaders across the country, bring back new ideas, and share those experiences with our chapter throughout the year. As President, one of my primary goals is to strengthen our relationships with other state agencies, colleges, and universities. I believe engaging students and young professionals early in their careers is essential to the continued growth and success of our chapter. I also look forward to continuing our tradition of providing exceptional educational, networking, and professional development opportunities through both virtual and in-person events.

For those who may not know me, I graduated from Rowan University with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and have proudly worked for the New Jersey Office of the State Auditor for the past eight years. Outside of work, I enjoy traveling, cheering on all of the Philadelphia sports teams, and spending time with my dog, Bear.

Most importantly, I want every member to know that I am here to support you. I value your ideas, feedback, and involvement, and I encourage you to reach out with any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions throughout the year. Together, we can continue building a chapter that provides meaningful opportunities and lasting connections for all of our members. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Trenton Chapter. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and working together to make the 2026–2027 program year an exceptional one. Wishing you all a successful, healthy, and enjoyable year ahead!

Warm regards,
Amanda Ireland
President, AGA 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 CONGRATULATES THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON THEIR MANY 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 Gottlieb

2026 Summer Event Highlights

Early Bird before June 26	Standard June 27-July 13	Late July 14-July 23
AGA Member \$875 Nonmember \$1,075	AGA Member \$975 Nonmember \$1,175	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.



REGISTER NOW



Registration Pricing

Early Bird ends August 30	Standard Aug. 31-Sept. 14	Late Sept. 15-Sept. 22
AGA Member \$600 Nonmember \$775	AGA Member \$700 Nonmember \$875	AGA Member \$750 Nonmember \$925



About Fraud

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.

AGA NATIONAL EVENTS

AGA Webinars

Date - 9/27/2026
Location - Live/Virtual

Communications

Live Virtual Date - 9/15/2026
Location - Live/Virtual

CGFM COURSE 2

Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting

CGFM Webinar

Strategies for Success for CGFM Candidates

Date - 9/30/2026
Location - Live/Virtual

Date - 10/6/2026
CGFM COURSE 3

Governmental Financial Management and Control

Live Virtual

AGA 101

Date - 9/10/2026
Location - Live/Virtual

AGA Webinars

Date - 9/16/2026
Location - Live/Virtual

Free Members-Only

Live Virtual

Congressional Budget Process

Date - 10/1/2026
Location - Live/Virtual

AGA Webinars

Date - 10/14/2026
Location - Live/Virtual

Uniform Guidance and Grant Accounting

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER NOTICES

Join us!



Renew Your Membership!

You can also give the gift of Membership



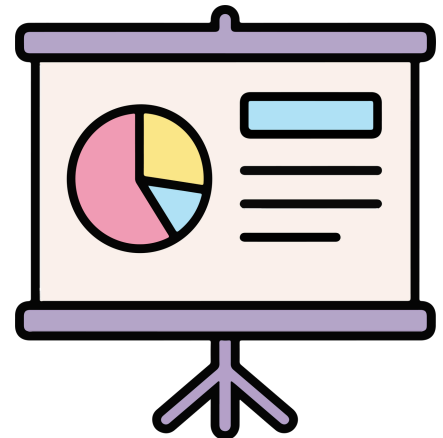
Get your CGFM Certification!

Check out our Job Board for opportunities!



AGA TRENTON 2026-2027 WEBINARS

- 9/9/2026 – COMMUNICATIONS
- 10/14/2026 – UNIFORM GUIDANCE & GRANT ACCOUNTING
- 11/18/2026 – ETHICS
- 1/13/2027 – AI
- 3/3/2027 – CYBERSECURITY
- 5/5/2027 – RISK MANAGEMENT



Paul Vidunas Charity for the 2026-2027 Year Animal Welfare Association (AWA) Voorhees, NJ



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Animal Welfare Association (AWA), a private, non-profit, 501(c)3 animal welfare organization, operates the oldest and largest low-cost pet clinic, adoption center and no-kill animal shelter in South Jersey. We do not receive funds from the government or national groups. We rely upon local donations to fund our life-saving programs.

Through a variety of innovative programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, trap-neuter-return and humane education, we strive to ensure that animal companionship is accessible to all.

- **Adoption and rescue:** AWA provides homes for dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs and other small animals.
- **No-kill philosophy:** AWA states that animals are not euthanized because of space, length of stay, or treatable/manageable medical conditions.
- **Low-cost veterinary care:** The organization provides affordable veterinary services, vaccines, spay/neuter surgeries, wellness care and other services to help people keep their pets.
- **Community programs:** Their work goes beyond the shelter, with outreach programs designed to make pet ownership more affordable and accessible in South Jersey.
- **Volunteers and fosters:** Volunteers can help at the shelter and clinic, with community events, outreach, or by fostering animals.
- **Location:** 509 Centennial Blvd., Voorhees, NJ 08043

2023 COMMUNITY IMPACT



2,162
Adoptions



96%
Save Rate



3,722
Spay/Neuter Surgeries

SAVE THE DATE!



Trenton Chapter

Networking
Happy Hour



THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24TH



4:30 – 6:30 PM



KILLARNEY'S
PUBLIC HOUSE

1644 Whitehorse Mercerville Rd.
Hamilton Township, NJ 08619



APPETIZERS AND
HAPPY HOUR BEVERAGES
will be provided!



FREE
TO POTENTIAL
NEW MEMBERS



FREE
TO CURRENT
AGA MEMBERS



\$15
FOR GUESTS OF
AGA MEMBERS



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
on the AGA website!





SAVE THE DATE

AGA Trenton Chapter Fall 2026

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING



Thursday, October 22nd, 2026



Virtual Event



Earn up to **7** CPE Credits*

Invest in Yourself.



LEARN

Gain practical knowledge
from industry experts.



Trenton Chapter



GROW

Enhance your skills and
advance your career.

➤ *More details and registration coming soon!* ➤

AGA TRENTON PHOTO ZONE LEAD 2026





USA

*Independence
Day* est. 1776

🎉 Happy 250th Independence Day, USA! 🎆 The AGA Trenton Chapter sends warm wishes as we celebrate two and a half centuries of freedom, unity, and progress. May this milestone inspire us to continue building a bright future together. Enjoy the festivities and cherish the spirit of independence! 🇺🇸

Happy Labor Day
from the AGA
Trenton Chapter!
Wishing you a
relaxing and
and well-deserved
holiday.





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 **G**overnment **F**inancial **M**anager

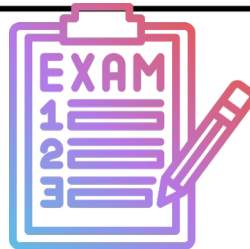
WHAT IS CGFM?

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 July 2026 Balance Sheet

**AGA TRENTON CHAPTER
JULY 2026**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
CASH - SAVINGS	\$24,201.54	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$0.00
CASH - CHECKING	\$11,077.12	DEFERRED INCOME	\$0.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$760.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00
PREPAID EXPENSES	\$52.88		
OTHER ASSETS	\$100.50	FUND BALANCE	\$36,192.04
TOTAL ASSETS	\$36,192.04	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$36,192.04



Chapter Leadership 2026-2027

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

AMANDA IRELAND

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

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TREASURER

ERIC CARTER

TREASURER-ELECT

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COMMUNICATIONS

STEPHANIE RYBAK

COMMUNICATIONS

NAT JACKSON

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHRISTOPHER FUCCELLO

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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