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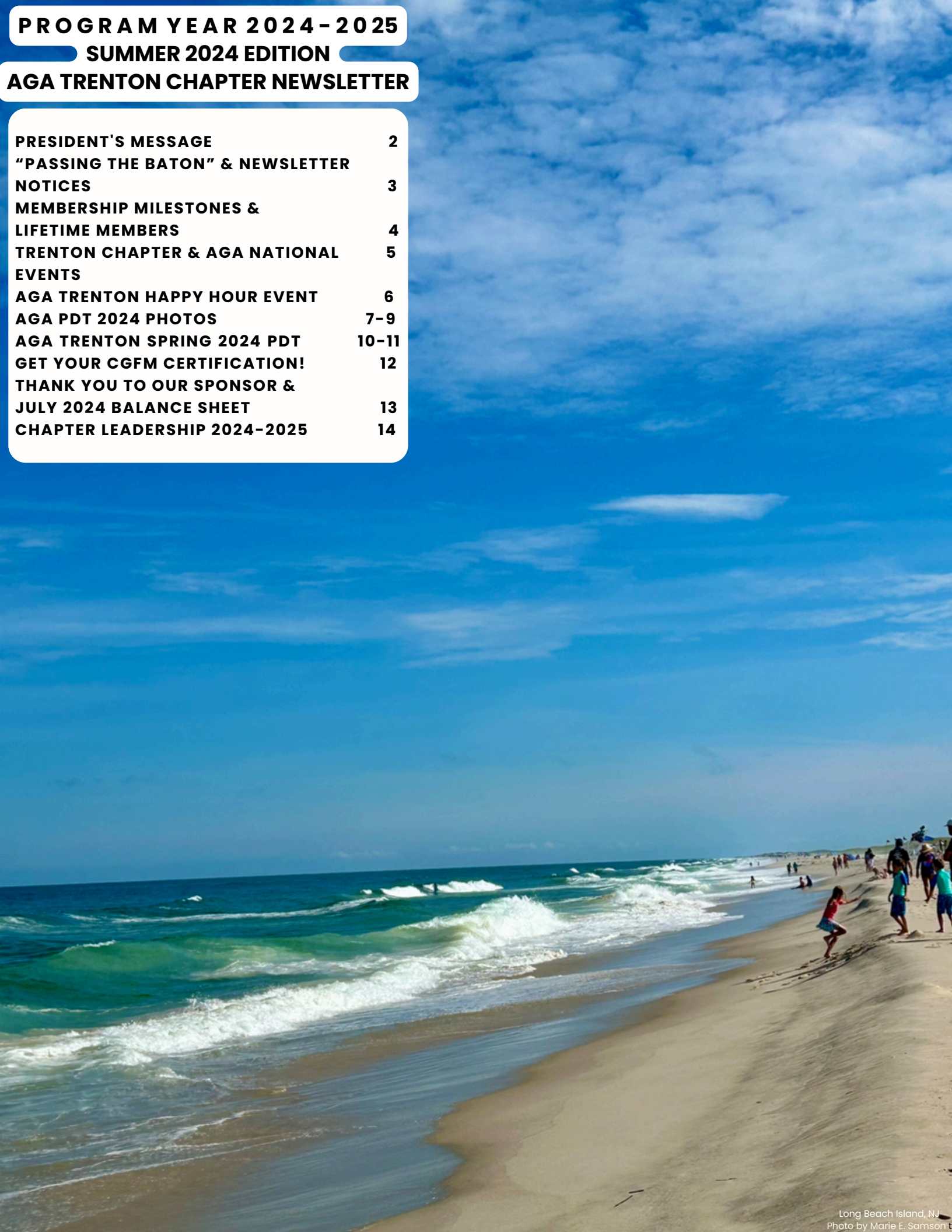

Long Beach Island, NJ
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AGA Trenton Chapter Members,

As we embark on a new program year, I want to express my excitement for the opportunities that lie ahead. Last year was a remarkable success, culminating in our chapter earning the 2024 Platinum-Level Chapter Recognition Award at AGA's PDT24. This achievement is a testament to our collective dedication, and I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished together. Now, we are poised to build on that momentum, continuing to fulfill our mission to foster professional growth, accountability, and innovation in government.

Our chapter is more than just a community—it's a vital network of professionals working together to elevate the effectiveness of government financial management. This year, we will expand our horizons by exploring new ideas through a robust series of webinars and in-person trainings. These offerings will include topics such as embracing emerging technologies like AI, honing leadership skills, and diving into innovative practices that will equip you with tools to excel in your workplace.

In addition to professional development, our chapter offers an invaluable opportunity to expand your network, connect with peers, and share insights with like-minded professionals. I strongly encourage each of you to take full advantage of the events and resources we've planned for this year, whether it's through attending a training session or participating in one of our networking events.

Together, let's continue to grow, connect, and contribute to the ongoing success of our chapter and the broader AGA community. Here's to a fantastic year ahead filled with learning, networking, and continued professional development.

Respectfully,
Douglass MacArthur
President, AGA Trenton Chapter

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PASSING THE BATON - A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, MICHAEL SALBERTA

Hello Members and Friends,

It has been a pleasure to be your President this past year. With all of the educational, social, and charity events that the chapter has either held or participated in, this has been a very exciting and eventful chapter year!

Finally, I would like to thank the chapter board, speakers, sponsors, members, and friends for everything you have done this 2023-2024 chapter year. I am forever grateful and appreciate all of your support.

I would like to congratulate our incoming 2024-2025 Chapter President, Douglass MacArthur. Doug is going to be a great President and this Chapter is in good hands!

Take care,
Michael Salberta
Trenton Chapter, Immediate Past President

A WALK FOR WELLNESS

JUNE 1, 2024
VETERANS PARK, HAMILTON, NJ

Our Chapter team, **AGA Trenton**, participated in the Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County 3K walk on June 1, 2024.

NEWSLETTER NOTICES

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.

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

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.

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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

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

20 Years	25 Years	30 Years	35 Years
Barbara E. Galagar	Claudine W. Zellman	Guy L. Tassi	Connie M. Mason
Robert H. Davidson	Jack H. Fein	Andrew C. Bishop	James M. King
Christopher D. Soleau	Gerald J. Miller		Richard F. Keevey
Warren Alan Broudy	Mark E. Talbot		David J. Kaschak
Margarita Stanislavskaya	Susan Ward		Donald J. Cammus
			Linda P. Maher

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Upcoming Events

AGA's 2024 Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training!

The 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

focusing on internal controls and minimizing fraud, waste and abuse

September 19–20 | Washington, DC
14 CPEs

Registration and Fees

Early bird deadline – Aug. 23, 2024

	Online	All Other
AGA Members		
Early Bird	$550	$575
Standard	$650	$675
Non-members		
Early Bird	$725	$750
Standard	$825	$850

AGA NATIONAL EVENTS

September 19 Thursday
Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training (FRAUD 2024)
September 19-20, 2024
Washington, DC | 14 CPE

September 25 Wednesday
The Catalyst of Communication (Communications)
September 25, 2024
Webinar | 2 CPE

October 9 Wednesday
Free Members-Only Webinar (Free for AGA members!)
October 9, 2024
Webinar | 1.5 CPE

AGA TRENTON CHAPTER EVENTS & NOTICES

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

Join us!

CGFM™

Get your CGFM Certification!

Check our our Job Board for opportunities!

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Happy Hour

Thursday, September 12th

at UNO's Hamilton

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Appetizers and Happy Hour beverages will be provided.

FREE to potential new members and current AGA members.

$15 for guests of AGA members.

Register now at the AGA Trenton website!

AGA PDT 2024

AGA Trenton Chapter were present at the 2024 AGA PDT in Denver, Colorado. Representing the AGA Trenton Chapter were Douglass MacArthur, Tanja Fessler, Michael Salberta, Morgan Stec, Meghan Ellis, Eric Fonseca, and Austin Hammond (left to right).

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AGA PDT 2024

Congratulations!

The AGA Trenton Chapter would like to congratulate its members for their awards received at the 2024 AGA PDT:

- **Michael Salberta - 2023-2024 Platinum Chapter Award**
- **Meghan Ellis – 2023-2024 Volunteer of the Year Award**
- **Morgan Stec – 2024 PDT Young Professionals Scholarship**
- **Tanja Fessler – 2024 PDT Registration and Hotel Scholarship**
- **Austin Hammond – 2024 PDT Host Committee**

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AGA PDT 2024

Left: On the way to PDT 2024, Trenton Chapter's Austin Hammond participated in the Veteran's Ceremony in South Dakota.

Below are Austin, Morgan, and friends post PDT 2024.

Taking a break at Mount Rushmore before arriving at PDT 2024 were Douglass MacArthur, Austin Hammond, and Eric Fonseca.

All smiles from AGA Trenton Chapter after PDT 2024.

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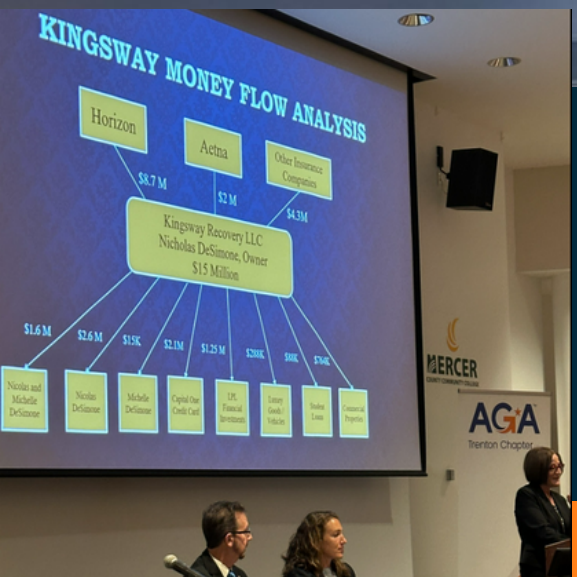
AGA TRENTON SPRING 2024 PDT PHOTOS

THURSDAY
APRIL 25, 2024



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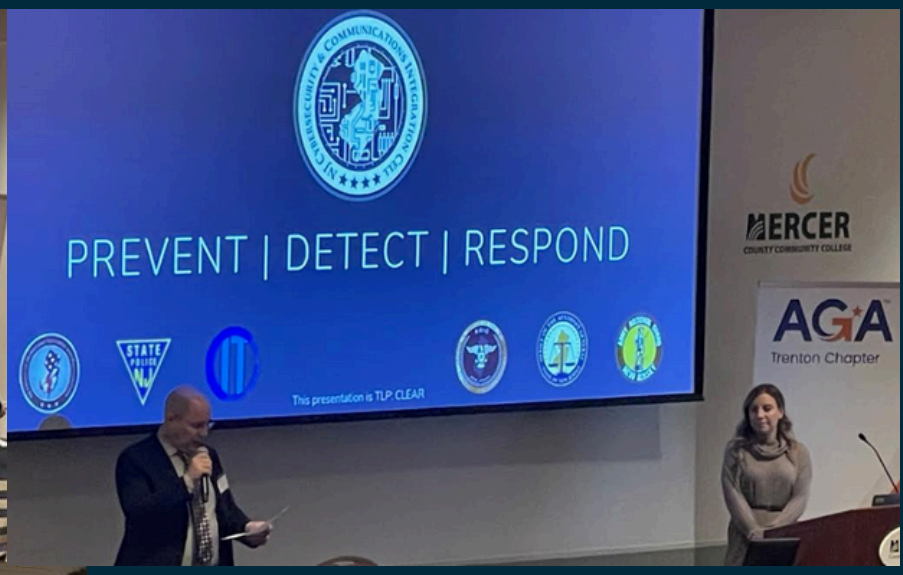

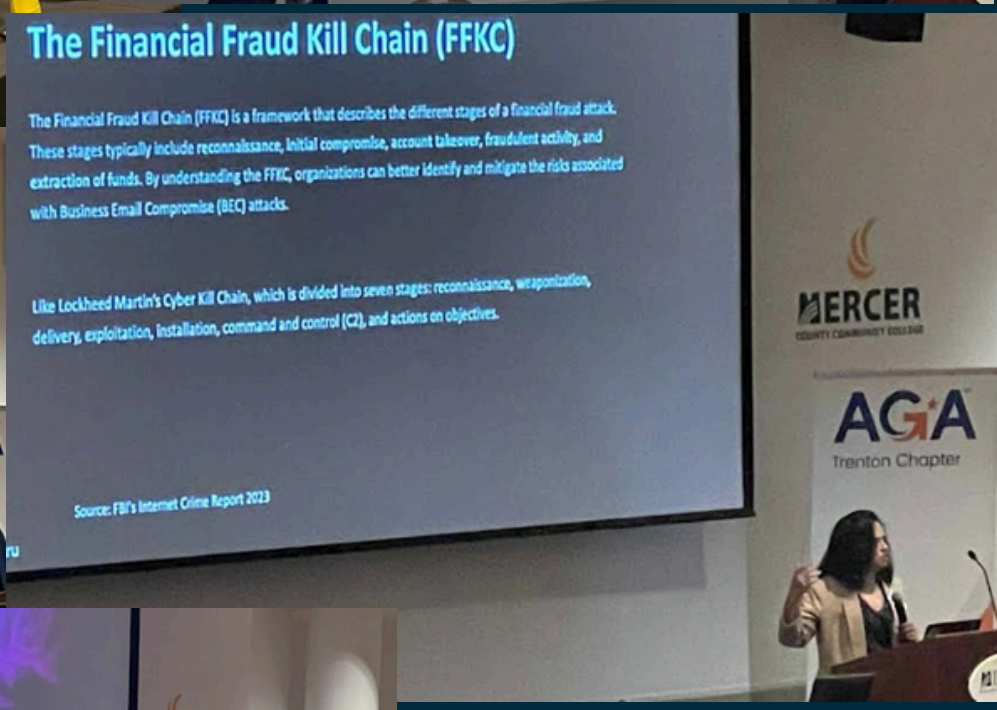

Celebrating **30** Years CGFM

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.

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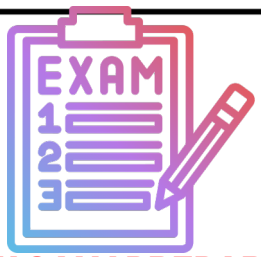
Certified Government Financial Manager

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 Examinations Sample Questions

Governmental Environment Examination

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 JULY 2024 BALANCE SHEET

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JULY 2024

ASSETS			LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Cash - Savings	$	24,196.65	Accounts Payable	$	-
Cash - Checking	$	6,917.99	Deferred Income	$	-
Accounts Receivable	$	-			
Prepaid Expenses	$	72.87	Fund Balance	$	31,288.01
Other Assets	$	100.50			
TOTAL ASSETS	$	31,288.01	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	$	31,288.01

AGA Trenton Chapter

Hello. Nice to Meet You!

2024-2025 AGA TRENTON CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

Chapter President	Douglass MacArthur
Chapter President-Elect	Eric Fonseca
Immediate Past President	Michael Salberta
Secretary	Joseph Pica
National Council of Chapters Representative	Meghan Ellis
Chapter Treasurer	Amanda Ireland
Finance Chair	Tanja Fessler
ACE Reporting	Eric Fonseca
Accountability Outreach	Kiersten Zadworney
PDT Chair	Robert Rizzo
CGFM/Professional Certification	Margarita Stanislavskaya
Community Service	Christopher Fuccello
Communications	Stephanie Rybak
Young Professionals	Abeeda Razack
Audio Conferences	Rene Gervasoni
Membership	Morgan Stec
Programs	Tanja Fessler
Chapter Historian	Rose Todaro
Administration	Tanja Fessler
Awards	Tanja Fessler
Budget & Finance	Eric Carter
Bylaws & Procedures	David Kaschak
Newsletter Editor	Marie Samson
Nominations	Michael Salberta
Sponsorships	Nikki Farrell
Paul Vidunas Coordinator	Nat Jackson
Webmaster	Michelle Blatt
Webmaster	Jennifer Dougherty
Webmaster	Douglass MacArthur
Webmaster	Dana Mark

Additional Resources

AGA Accountability Talks

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