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President's Message

Greetings!

Daylight Savings is fast approaching... Spring is just weeks away. We can feel it.

Welcome to CGFM month! How about getting your CGFM certification? The CGFM credential allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field. For more information, please contact our CGFM chair, Sarah Gove, or visit the National website to watch a short video: <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>

It is time for CEC Board Nominations – We have a number of positions available for 2021, which is a great opportunity for members to add to your resume as well as being part of a fabulous team! The following positions are open:

- President – Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Director of Communications
- Director of Community Service
- Director of Membership
- Director of Prof. Certification (CGFM)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Meeting
Senator Inn
March 10, 2020

Webinar
Cybersecurity
March 25, 2020

Descriptions are located: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Maine-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/2020-2021-Program-Year-CEC-Nominations.aspx>

The next webinar will be held on March 25th and it will be regarding Cybersecurity. Please contact our Education chair, Jennifer Foster, for more information. You can also visit our website at: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Maine-Chapter/Training-Events/Event-Calendar.aspx>.

Regards,

Angela

Angela L. Dickinson

President, AGA Maine Chapter



Are you using social media? The Maine Chapter AGA invites to you like us on Facebook.



Chapter Website:

www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Maine/





AGA MAINE CHAPTER

For our March meeting we are pleased to have Terry Hayes, Executive Director of the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, who will speak on: 'MMBB, MHHEFA, MGFA...The ABC's of Maine's Bonding World'.

NEW ENGLAND REGION AGA

The Aroostook Chapter CEC meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month. General meetings are held as necessary.

The Boston Chapter holds monthly meetings and trainings September through June.

AGA NATIONAL

PIO/CFP Summit



2020 Performance Improvement Officer/Chief Financial Officer Summit (PIO/CFO Summit)

Learn what's working best regarding the Foundations for Evidence-based Policymaking Act, as well as upcoming changes being considered to the Chief Financial Officer function.

This event is free to AGA members who are government employees and offers 4 CPE hours.

Date: April 7, 2020 **Location:** Washington, DC

<https://www.agacgfm.org/PIOCFO/PIO-CFO-Home.aspx>



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 Benefits:

Being a CGFM allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field. Website for more information:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>

How do you become a CGFM?

To earn the CGFM, you must fill out an online application and meet the following requirements:

- >Ethics — read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics
- >Education — have a bachelor's degree in any subject area from an accredited U.S. college or university
- >Examinations — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations
- >Experience — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government



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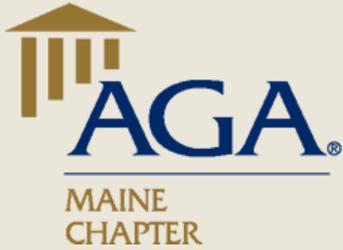


- **March is CGFM Month!**
March 17, 12:00 noon, is the Skype CGFM Lunch-n-Learn. Please join for CGFM guidance and information right at your desk!
- Do you have an idea for an upcoming speaker? Please contact a CEC member. Your insight to help the Chapter is welcome.



TRIVIA

Why do we wear green on St. Patrick's Day?



Community Service Opportunities

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." ~Maya Angelou



The AGA Maine Chapter February/March Fundraiser

For our February/March community service event we are collecting items for Camp Sunshine. This is our first time donating to this wonderful children's camp. Please bring your donated items to the March AGA meeting.

Camp Sunshine has identified several Wish List items that are needed for Camp programs as well as for general Camp needs. Any donation, no matter its size, can make a significant difference in improving the respite that Camp Sunshine provides to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

For health and safety reasons, the preference is for new items for the majority of these items.

If you would like more details about these items please call us at (207) 655-3800, or e-mail at: info@campsunshine.org

Wish List

- Children's Winter Coats
Children's Gloves/Mittens
Children's Snow Boots
Golf Cart
Paddle Boards
Paddle Boat
Leaf Blower
Life Jackets, Coast Guard Type III, Adult, Youth and Infant sizes
New Laptops
Mini-Fridge
Microwaves
Umbrella covering for lifeguard chair



Items \$20.00 or less

- AAA Batteries
9 Volt Batteries
C Batteries
Cold Packs
Copy Paper
Puddle Jumper Life Vests
String, Gimp
Paper Towels
Tissue Paper
Boxes of Tissues
Sleeping Bags
Pool Towels
Pack-and-Play sheets
Volleyballs
Hand air pumps
Blade guards for ice skates
Unused Travel-Size Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, etc)

If you have any questions or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Heidi Ellis, Director of Community Service at (207) 287-1841.

Thank you for your support!

MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

For March, the Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants monthly meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, March 10th, at the Senator Inn in Augusta.

Our guest speaker will be Terry Hayes, Executive Director of the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

The lunch menu will consist of a Garden Salad, Meatloaf with Mashed Potato and Vegetable.

Please remember to sit with unfamiliar faces, take the opportunity to reach out and network!

PAST MEETING RECAP

On February 11, 2020, the Maine Chapter of the AGA met at the Senator Inn in Augusta.

Chapter President Angela Dickinson welcomed the Chapter, and after lunch State Controller Douglas Cotnoir introduced our speaker, Jaime Schorr, Chief Procurement Officer for the State of Maine. We thoroughly enjoyed Jaime's 'A Tale of Two Organizations: Procurement and Finance' presentation, along with the informative handout and posters she shared with us.



TRIVIA ANSWER:

If you're wearing green, leprechauns won't be able to see you. And if they can't see you, they can't pinch you!

OUR CEC

For more information, visit our website:
www.agacgm.org/Chapters/Maine/

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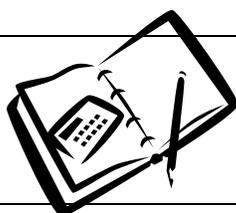
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Maine Chapter AGA Treasurer's Report as of 1/31/2020		
ASSETS		
	AGA Cash	\$40.00
Cash and Bank Accounts	AGA Checking	\$80.00
	AGA Savings-Share Account	\$9,945.18
Total Cash and Bank Accounts		\$10,065.18
Other Assets	Customer Invoices	\$2,275.00
Total Other Assets		\$2,275.00
Total Assets		\$12,340.18
LIABILITIES		
Other Liabilities	Business Bills - Senator Inn	\$0.00
Total Other Liabilities		\$0.00
Total Liabilities		<u>\$0.00</u>
Overall Total		<u>\$12,340.18</u>



Maine Chapter AGA Income Statement as of 1/31/2020		
INCOME		
Dividend Income		\$6.77
Education—Webinars		\$2,273.00
Charity		\$45.00
Membership Income from National		\$390.00
Monthly Meetings		\$2080.00
Other Income—50/50		\$64.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$4,898.77
EXPENSES		
Awards		\$0.00
Charity		\$85.00
Education—Webinars		\$2124.00
Gifts Given		\$62.90
Membership Recruitment		\$0.00
Monthly Meetings		\$3,539.80
Travel for National Speaker		\$0.00
Service Fee		\$2.00
Other Misc (postage)		\$11.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$5,824.70
NET INCOME/LOSS		(\$925.93)