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President's Message

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Greetings!

I must express that it has been an interesting year, to say the least. We have faced challenges that have been unprecedented. Yet through it all, our members and colleagues have shown great adaptation, fortitude and generosity. I could not be more pleased at the opportunity of being your Chapter President.

Due to the circumstances, unfortunately, we will not be holding our annual awards ceremony. I am disheartened by this as it is a wonderful chance to rejoice and thank the members and staff for all their hard work and diligence throughout the year. Though swag is always nice to have (there's always next year!), please know that my thoughts are with you and I am incredibly grateful and proud of you all.

On a more positive note, I want to congratulate our Chapter on its membership. We were notified by the National Association that the Maine Chapter has received an award for "Highest Overall Growth" for our Group with an increase of 17%. We will be honored at the National Conference. This speaks so much to the value that is placed on education and community in our area. People want to be part of the organization that you created. Well done!

A couple housekeeping items:

- 1) We will be taking votes for the new CEC until 05/15
 - a. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/77X8DQG>

- 2) There are still two webinars to take part in for CPEs:

- a. Fraud/Data Analytics: How to Leverage Data Analytics to Build an Effective Anti-Fraud Strategy 05/13/2020

- b. Leadership: Taking Care of People - Leadership that Matters 06/10/2020

On that note, enjoy your Spring and Summer as much as you can and let's have positive thoughts about returning in the Fall.

Best wishes for health and wellness,

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 the safety and welfare of our members, and in accordance with Governor Mills' Executive Order, the May Awards Ceremony and luncheon has been canceled. Enjoy your Summer and we are looking forward to seeing you all again soon!

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

2020 RPA Workshop

2020 Robotics Process Automation (RPA) Workshop



Learn about Robotics Process Automation (RPA), a key emerging technology within the public sector that has the capability to allow resource constrained government agencies to do more with less.

Registration fee is \$125 for government employees and offers 5 CPE hours.

Date: June 25, 2020 **Location:** *Virtual, online only*

<https://www.agacgfm.org/RPA-Workshop/Home.aspx>

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- >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 financial management



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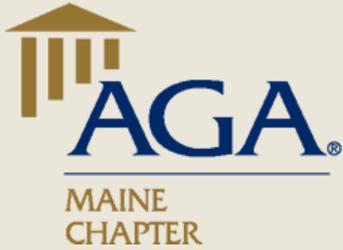
- Congratulations to the incoming 2020-2021 Maine Chapter AGA Officers, and Thank You to the outgoing Officers for volunteering your skills and time!

- Membership renewal payments were due by March 31, 2020. AGA will continue to accept renewal payments through June 30, 2020, without interruption in member benefits during this time frame.



TRIVIA

When did Memorial Day become an official Federal holiday?



**Community
Service
Opportunities**

“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’”

~Mr. Rogers



**The AGA Maine Chapter
May Fundraiser (*canceled*)**

Since we won't be together for our meetings and hold these events for the near future, I've researched some ideas on the internet on how we can help our community while social distancing.

> Check on your neighbors.

Call or text your neighbors (especially elderly neighbors) to make sure they're doing okay. Ask if there is anything that they need (be it a box of tissues or a cup of sugar). If you have what they're looking for, offer to leave it outside their front door so that they can pick it up without coming in direct contact with you. It sounds extreme, but this is a great (and safe) way to make sure that your more vulnerable neighbors have what they need. If you feel comfortable going out, consider knocking on the door of any elderly neighbors and chatting through the screen or storm door just to offer a bit of comfort and reassurance.

> Explore ways to connect and volunteer virtually.

> Waste not, want not.

For many of us, the first of many mad dashes to the grocery store happened a while back. And if we're lucky, our pantries, freezers, and fridges are stocked with the necessities (and maybe even a few treats). But as grocery store shelves continue to empty, we can't keep counting on restocking as usual, and so it's very important that we use (cook it, eat it, share it, store it) what we have.

> Give blood

> Make a donation

> Remember those who are still out there on the front lines

Though it may be hard to imagine, at some point, the pandemic will subside and we'll be able to slowly get back to our lives. And once we're on the other side of this crisis, we're going to have a whole lot of people to thank. Grocery store clerks, domestic workers, nurses and doctors, police officers and fire fighters, the people who work at the laundromat, sanitation workers, delivery people, teachers who taught our kids virtually, and the list goes on. We may not be able to do much right now, but we can certainly get a head start on finding ways to show our gratitude.

Thank you all so much for your generosity! It has been a pleasure serving you and our community.

Heidi Ellis, Director of Community Service
(207) 287-1841.

Thank you for your support!

MAY MONTHLY MEETING

The Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants May Awards Banquet will not be held. In lieu of the awards ceremony, our Treasurer, Billy Joe Ladd, has created three handcrafted blankets to be raffled off to ME AGA Chapter members at random. Winners will be notified to have the blankets mailed to them. Thank you Billy Joe!



PAST MEETING RECAP

The Maine Chapter of the AGA was not held.



TRIVIA ANSWER:

In 1971, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act and established that Memorial Day was to be commemorated on the last Monday of May.

OUR CEC

For more information, visit our website:
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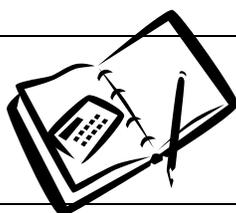
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Maine Chapter AGA Treasurer's Report as of 3/31/2020		
ASSETS		
	AGA Cash	\$172.00
Cash and Bank Accounts	AGA Checking	\$0.00
	AGA Savings-Share Account	\$9,490.99
Total Cash and Bank Accounts		\$9,662.99
Other Assets	Customer Invoices	\$2,892.00
Total Other Assets		\$2,892.00
Total Assets		\$12,554.99
LIABILITIES		
Other Liabilities	Business Bills - Senator Inn	\$0.00
Total Other Liabilities		\$0.00
Total Liabilities		<u>\$0.00</u>
Overall Total		<u>\$12,554.99</u>



Maine Chapter AGA Income Statement as of 3/31/2020	
INCOME	
Dividend Income	\$10.56
Education—Webinars	\$3,724.00
Charity	\$375.00
Membership Income from National	\$390.00
Monthly Meetings	\$6,147.00
Other Income—50/50	\$187.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,833.56
EXPENSES	
Awards	\$0.00
Charity	\$375.00
Education—Webinars	\$2,124.00
Gifts Given	\$62.90
Membership Recruitment	\$0.00
Monthly Meetings	\$6,960.60
Travel for National Speaker	\$0.00
Service Fee	\$2.00
Other Misc (postage)	\$11.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,535.50
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$1,298.06