



President's Message

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the CEC, it is our hope that the new year is wonderful for you all. Part of making it wonderful for some of us, is helping others in need. For the months of January and February, our chapter is supporting the Augusta Homeless Shelter by collecting items in need by the clients served by the shelter. Please help us help the Augusta Homeless Shelter!

It is also our hope that the new year presents new opportunities for you. Are you taking advantage of the wealth of information that can be found on the National AGA website? It may be worth your time to check it out. You may find information, checklists, tools and other items that may help increase your job knowledge and in turn helps to present new opportunities for you. If information on the website is helping you on your job, please let us know. We'd love to hear about it.

I can't believe I'm saying this in January, but the year is already passing by too quickly. We are looking for candidates now for the April Elections. If you are interested in running, email us soon.

Best to all,

Shirley

Shirley Browne

President, AGA Maine Chapter



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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting
January 9, 2018

Webinar
January 10, 2018

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





NOTICES...

- Do you have an idea for an upcoming speaker? Please contact a CEC member. Your insight to help the Chapter is welcome.
- Do you have any idea for a community service event? Please contact a CEC member today. Your input is welcome.



TRIVIA

*In which country does
New Year's Day begin
first: America or
England?*

AGA Maine Chapter

We were so thankful to have AGA National President Jim Arnette speak at our 20th Anniversary Chapter meeting.

New England Region AGA

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

The Hartford Chapter meetings are generally held at 6:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month from September to may.

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

AGA National

2018 Federal CFO-CIO Summit

Join AGA and AFFIRM in Washington for this free* educational event and listen to an insightful dialogue on the intersection of policies and management issues that impact CFOs and CIOs and how they are working together to improve efficiency and transparency, reduce risk and strengthen their workforce.

*Free registration for individuals who work for government.

May 1 | Washington | 4 CPEs

For more information, visit:

<https://www.agacgm.org/CFOCIO/Home.aspx>



2018 CFO/CIO Summit



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RECRUIT A MEMBER

As a valued member, you can impact the future of AGA by sharing your experience with your peers, your staff and others in your organization with an interest in government financial management. No one knows better how beneficial AGA membership is to advancing government accountability than current AGA members.

Did you know that a large percentage of new members join AGA simply because someone invited them? Consider sharing your AGA membership experience and get rewarded for doing so. Recruit a member today!

Super Recruiters Club

Once you have recruited 10 members, you become part of the Super Recruiters Club! Super Recruiter status affords many exclusive rewards including recognition at a private reception at the annual PDT. Other rewards include: a lapel pin, certificate, VIP status at all national events and logo wear apparel.

End of Year Sponsor Achievement Awards and Recognition Awards are presented at the annual national training event, the PDT, each summer.

Recruiter of the Year (one winner)—The member who recruits the most new members from May 1 through April 30 will be presented with the Recruiter of the Year distinction and receive a complimentary AGA national meeting registration.

Top Sponsor (two winners)—The next two members who recruit the highest number of new members from May 1 through April 30 will each be bestowed with the Top Sponsor distinction and each will receive a complimentary AGA national meeting registration.

Chapter Overall Growth (six winning chapters)—Those six chapters achieving the highest overall growth percentage in their chapter size grouping for the membership year will each win a complimentary AGA national meeting registration. Chapters decide who receives the registration. Each chapter president and membership chair will be presented with an achievement plaque as well.

Start Recruiting Today!

[Download a membership application](#). You can also order applications by calling AGA at 800.AGA.7211 and/or emailing agamembers@agacgfm.org.

Tell your peers and co-workers about AGA. Simply encourage them to fill out AGA's membership application or apply online. Be sure to include your name in the sponsor's name category on the application to receive credit.



NEW MEMBERS!

*We would like to welcome
some new members to our
Chapter:*

Grant Ballantyne

Manager

From

BerryDunn

Welcome

**Upcoming Community
Service Opportunity**

Augusta

Homeless Shelter

*“Success follows those
who champion a cause
greater than themselves.”*

~ George Alexiou



Let's kick off the new year by helping the Augusta Homeless Shelter.

Please bring any of the following items to the January monthly meeting:

- ◆ Towels,
- ◆ Razors,
- ◆ Deodorant (men and women),
- ◆ Hair brushes and hair elastics,
- ◆ Ear buds/headphones (the various dollar stores have these),
- ◆ Crosswords, Sudoku books, coloring books & crayons,
- ◆ Band-aids,
- ◆ Tooth brushes and tooth paste,
- ◆ New pillows, and
- ◆ Diapers

Additionally, Bed-in-a-Bags are always welcomed.



UPCOMING TRAINING

WEBINAR—

Grants Management: Breaking Down the Complexities

When—January 10, 2018, 2:00 to 3:50 ET

Where— Burton M. Cross Building, 111 Sewall St, Augusta ME 4th Floor, Rm 400

CPEs (2)

The idea that grants management is a profession or at least a specialty within the accounting profession, too often this is not understood by an organization's management. The complexities and risks associated with acceptance of federal funding are often not understood by decision makers. Thus, the webinar will focus on training participants to understand some risks and findings from audits and reports, what was done to resolve them, how it relates to GONE/Grants Acts, UGG—who is required to follow/understand terms, difference between a vendor and sub-recipient, and what types of resources and tools are available to help.

Speakers:

Douglas Godesky, Senior Grants Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service

Moderator:

Bert Nuehring, CPA, Partner, Crowe Horwath

Learning objectives:

Participants will be able to identify:

- The types of deficiencies that can lead to audit findings
- The important steps to take in developing a corrective action plan to respond to findings
- The key provisions of federal laws and regulations related to grants
- The resources and tools available to assist in the management of grants



TREASURER'S REPORTS

Maine Chapter AGA Balance Sheet as of 12/31/2017

ASSETS		
	AGA Cash	\$40.00
Cash and Bank Accounts	AGA Checking	\$76.62
	AGA Savings-Share Account	\$5,735.99
Total Cash and Bank Accounts		\$5,852.61
Other Assets	Customer Invoices	\$256.00
Total Other Assets		\$256.00
Total Assets		\$6,108.61
LIABILITIES		
Other Liabilities	Sales Tax & Business Bills	\$0.00
Total Other Liabilities		\$0.00
Total Liabilities		<u>\$0.00</u>
Overall Total		<u>\$6,238.92</u>



Maine Chapter AGA Income Statement as of 12/31/2017

INCOME	
Dividend Income	\$0.89
Education—Webinars/LnL	\$315
Charity	\$0.00
Membership Income from National	\$0.00
Monthly Meetings	\$1,453.00
Other Income—50/50	\$40.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,807.89
EXPENSES	
Charity	\$0.00
Education—Webinars	\$0.00
Gifts Given	\$41.60
Monthly Meetings	\$870.60
Legal Prof Fees—Annual Rept Filing	\$0.00
Membership recruitment	\$0.00
Travel for Speaker	\$500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,412.20
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$395.69

December 2017

No Meeting was held.



OUR CEC

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

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Past Meeting Recap

On December 12, 2017, the Maine Chapter of the AGA met at the Senator Inn located in Augusta. Chapter President, Shirley Browne, welcomed the Chapter.

Darrollyn Worcester introduced our speaker, Alec Porteous, DAFS Commissioner.

Alec Porteous is the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services. Porteous joins the Department from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), where he served as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer. He joined the LePage Administration in May 2014 to serve as DHHS' Deputy Commissioner of Finance. Porteous previously worked as a policy advisor for Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Washington, D.C. He also worked as an associate in the investment banking division at Lehman Brothers. Prior to joining the LePage Administration, Porteous was a vice president at Harpswell Capital Advisors in New Gloucester. He also served from 2011 to 2013 as state office representative in Portland for U.S. Senator Susan Collins and as a member of her legislative staff in Washington, D.C. from 2002 to 2005. At the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Porteous oversees eight bureaus and more than 1,200 employees servicing the executive, legislative and judicial branches, all state agencies and the general public. The Department's broad range of responsibilities for state government include budgeting and financial management, human resources, information technology services, and facilities and fleet management. In addition, the Department manages Maine Revenue Services, and Maine Lottery, and the wholesale liquor business in Maine. Porteous earned his BA from Colby College and his MBA from Cornell University.

Commissioner Porteous provided a presentation over A Reform Agenda: Advancing Fiscal Stability and Good Governance in Maine. We learned about Governor LePage's vision for reforming state government and how to move Maine forward. Porteous provided us with different types of data and analytics that supported different areas of state government that Governor LePage has achieved his goals of financial stability. He also shared information on the positive outlook Maine has for the future. During the presentation, it was clear that the Governor will leave the State in a better financial position for the next Governor, which will allow time and effort to be spent on necessary future reforms.

Commissioner Porteous' presentation was intriguing and thought provoking, leaving the group with a better understanding of the State of Maine's financial stability.

Mitch Boynton was our 50/50 raffle winner and donated his winnings to charity.



JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING

The Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants' monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, **January 9th**, at the Senator Inn.

Our speaker will be Dr. Michael Allen, Acting Deputy Commissioner DAFS, and will be discussing the Revenue Forecast.

On the menu will be:

House Salad

Country Chicken Pie

Carrot Pineapple Walnut Cake w/
Cream Cheese Frosting



TRIVIA ANSWER:

England celebrates New Years Day before America as they are 5 hours or more ahead in time.

Websites of Interest

- American Society for Public Admin(ASPA)www.aspanet.org
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE).....www.acfenet.com
- Greater Boston Chapter of CFE.....www.acfe-boston.org
- Association of Government Accountantswww.agacgfm.org
- AGA Boston Chapter.....www.agaboston.org
- AGA Hartford Chapterwww.agahartford.org
- COSO..... www.coso.org
- Governmental Accounting Standards Board.....www.gasb.org
- Government Accountability Office.....www.gao.gov
- Government Executivewww.govexec.com
- Government Finance Officers Association.....www.gfoa.org
- Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)www.theiia.org
- Intergovernmental Audit Forum.....www.auditforum.org
- International Accounts Payable Professionals (IAPP).....www.financialops.org
- National Assoc of State Auditors, Comptrollers & Treasurers.....www.nasact.org
- National Association of State Comptrollers..... nasact.org/nasc
- National Association of State Treasurers.....www.nast.org
- National State Auditors Association.....www.nasact.org/nsaa
- National Association of State Budget Officers.....www.nasbo.org
- USA Gov (Frmly FirstGov)..... www.usa.gov

January

brings a new year.

Let's make this one the best yet.

