



President's Message

Greetings,

The snow may be wonderful to play in, beautiful to look at, and somewhat refreshing to feel on your face, but...I think enough is enough. Bring on temps of 60 and bright sunshine!

The month of March is not only a time to experience an abundance of snow, but it's a time to celebrate and recognize the AGA Maine Chapter CGFMs. The 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.

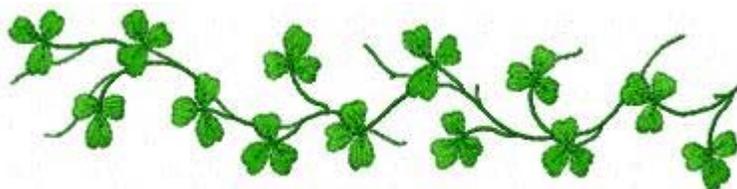
If you are thinking about becoming a candidate to earn the CGFM, please let me know if you need help navigating the requirements.

Best to you all,

Shirley

Shirley Browne

President, AGA Maine Chapter



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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting
March 20, 2018

Webinar

March 28, 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

Name the four U.S. Presidents born in March?

AGA Maine Chapter

Our chapter was pleased to have David Leach present at our February 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

AGA's Intensive Review Course (IRC) and CGFM examinations included is a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM.

The next IRC, offering up to 18 CPEs, will be held in Arlington, Virginia, April 26-27, 2018. The class will run 8am-5pm both days.

To register:

Please visit: <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Candidates/Preparing-for-Exams/CGFM-Intensive-Review-Course-Exams.aspx>



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:

*Lisa Lachance
Financial Analyst*

*From
Secretary of State*

BMV

Welcome

Upcoming Community Service Opportunity



“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”

~William James

Thank you to all who donated to the Maine Children's Home.

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February 13, 2018



The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers would like to thank you for your heartfelt gift of clothing and toys to the Christmas Program.

Due in part to your efforts, the Maine Children's Home is able to serve over 1,800 children at holiday time. Your thoughtfulness helps bring smiles of joy to many youngsters Christmas morning.

The Maine Children's Home appreciates your efforts and relies heavily on the giving of the community and friends, which makes it possible for our Agency to fulfill our mission to build and strengthen families and their children, instilling hope for the future and a better quality of life through our many programs.

We thank you for your generosity and interest in our work.

Sincerely,


Richard L. Dorian
Executive Director



Kelly Couture
Development Coordinator

N.B. This letter will serve as your receipt. Please retain for your tax records. This donation will be used solely to benefit the programs of the Maine Children's Home. The donor has received no consideration for this gift. Your contribution is deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Dear Friends - we greatly appreciate these very kind gifts.



UPCOMING TRAINING

WEBINAR

Cybersecurity

When—March 28, 2018, 2:00 to 3:50 ET

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

CPEs (2)

For non-information technology personnel, cybersecurity can be a labyrinth of strange concepts, acronyms and techno-babble that is at best confusing and at worst terrifying. All of us rely on technical staff to secure our systems and data, and unless you are a trained IT professional, the details of cybersecurity will likely remain something of a mystery. However, a little familiarity with the fundamentals will go a long way. This session will provide a basic understanding of cybersecurity concepts and will empower the personnel who own the data and depend on the systems to better collaborate with their IT staff to ensure the integrity, availability and confidentiality of financial data.

Speaker:

Caleb Jones, Assistant VP, Security Risk Program Manager, Alion Science & Technology

Learning objectives:

Participants will learn:

- The principles of the confidentiality, integrity and availability (CIA) triad
 - Will review case studies highlighting actual incidents and relate them to the CIA triad
- The principles of risk-based security assessment including the elements of criticality, threat and vulnerability
 - Will review examples in order to clarify why this is important to the lay-person and will explain your role in this process
- What data owners and system users can do to help their IT staff better secure their systems
 - Will review: 1) what questions you should be asking your IT staff, 2) what information you should be providing them and 3) how your business unit can work with the IT staff to affect a positive change in your cyber-preparedness

Field of Study: Computer Science (CS)



TREASURER'S REPORTS

Maine Chapter AGA Balance Sheet as of 02/28/2018

ASSETS		
	AGA Cash	\$40.00
Cash and Bank Accounts	AGA Checking	\$54.22
	AGA Savings-Share Account	\$6,975.66
Total Cash and Bank Accounts		\$7,069.88
Other Assets	Customer Invoices	\$272.00
Total Other Assets		\$272.00
Total Assets		\$7,341.88
LIABILITIES		
Other Liabilities	Sales Tax & Business Bills	\$901.80
Total Other Liabilities		\$901.80
Total Liabilities		\$901.80
Overall Total		<u>\$6,440.08</u>



Maine Chapter AGA Income Statement as of 02/28/2018

INCOME	
Dividend Income	\$0.74
Education—Webinars	\$224.00
Charity	\$86.00
Membership Income from National	\$0.00
Monthly Meetings	\$663.00
Other Income—50/50	\$35.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,008.74
EXPENSES	
Charity	\$86.00
Education—Webinars	\$0.00
Gifts Given	\$67.40
Monthly Meetings	\$0.00
Legal Prof Fees—Annual Rept Filing	\$0.00
Membership recruitment	\$0.00
Service Fee	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$153.40
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$855.34

February 2018

No meeting was held.



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Past Meeting Recap

On February 13, 2018, the Maine Chapter of the AGA held its monthly luncheon meeting at the Senator Inn located in Augusta. Fourteen Chapter Executive Committee members were present along with 36 members and three guests. The Chapter's Programs and Technical Director, Darrolyn Worcester introduced the luncheon's speaker, Principal Consumer Credit Examiner, David Leach.

David's presentations are always invigorating, and once again he did not disappoint us with his delivery of information over the Equifax Data Breach. With David's tips and guidelines, we now have more tools to use to protect our credit profiles. Data breaches, identity theft, scams, and cybercrime are making the headlines daily; if we follow David's advice of freezing credit files and reviewing our credit reports on a quarterly basis, we provide ourselves with protection against potential fraud.

The Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection's Special Edition: Equifax Data Breach, the Downeaster Common Sense Guide to Credit Reports and Credit Scores includes the information necessary to follow David's advice. The guide includes numerous tips made by David during this February meeting. For instance, if you want to know in detail how to freeze your credit file with the three major credit reporting agencies, read the guide (the guide is free). Freezing your credit is also free under Maine's file freeze law!



Frank Wiltuck was our 50/50 raffle winner and he donated to charity.

MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

The Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants' monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, **March 20th**, at the Senator Inn.

Our speaker will be Eric A. Chioppa, Superintendent of the Maine Bureau of Insurance

On the menu will be:

Garden Salad

Meatloaf w/ Mashed Potato

Vegetable

Pecan Pie



TRIVIA ANSWER:

John Tyler, Andrew Jackson,
Grover Cleveland and James
Madison

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

March

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Month!**

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can.**

