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President's Message

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Happy New Year Everyone!



I hope everyone had a wonderful 2015 and is excited and optimistic about the year 2016. I know that the CEC is very excited about the upcoming community service events, speakers, and webinars that we have slated for the upcoming months.

For current community service events we are collecting for both the Augusta Food Bank and KV Humane Society. We will be collecting for both of these wonderful causes for the next two months (January and February). We will also be accepting donations during our next two meetings to make this opportunity to make a difference as easy as possible.

If you are looking for some CPEs, there are some upcoming web conferences on "GASB 68-A year in review" on January 27 and "Fraud Prevention" on February 17.

We are pleased to announce that DAFS Acting Deputy Commissioner, Michael Allen, has agreed to speak at our January Chapter meeting regarding Revenue Forecasting. I hope to see many of you there.

I'd like to take a quick moment to mention that elections for next year's CEC will be coming up very shortly, so please consider taking the time to decide if this is something you may be interested in. It is a great way to help give back to members of State Government, while having the opportunity to work with some really great, hard-working individuals. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact either myself or another member of the CEC.

ATTENTION!

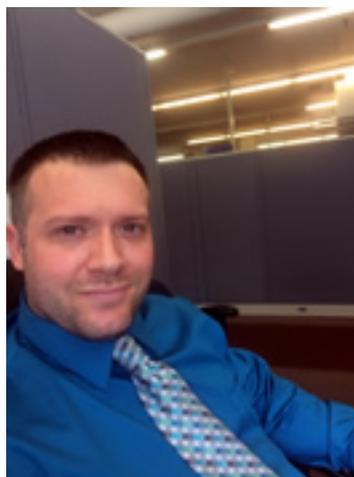
Check out our Community Service events. See page 5!

Are you using social media? The Maine Chapter AGA invites to you

like us on



Facebook



Regards and Best Regards,

Derek Gorneau

Chapter Website:

<http://www.agamainechapter.org/>

AGA Maine Chapter

Our December Breakfast meeting was a success. Martha Currier, Complaint Examiner from Office of the Attorney General, gave a fabulous presentation on Maine's Implied Warranty law as well as consumer threats and how to protect yourself. We look forward to our next speaker in January as well our two upcoming community service events. Happy New Year!

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 is pleased to announce the 2016 National Leadership Training

To be held Feb. 23-24, 2016 in Washington, this is event for developing and training government financial professionals to excel as leaders in today's competitive market. Don't miss this opportunity to share best practices, find solutions to shared challenges, network with your peers, and learn from the top financial management leaders and industry experts. This training offers up to 14 hours of CPE.



National Leadership Training

2016 | February 23-24 | 14 CPE
Washington or virtual

To attend virtually, please see:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Registration.aspx?ID=175>



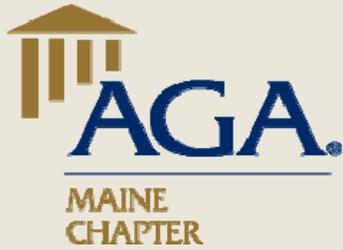
NOTICES...

- Are you interested in joining the CEC? Voting for new positions is quickly approaching. Contact a CEC member today or visit our website for more details.
- Need help studying for the CGFM exam? Contact a CEC member to see about a study-group.
- Do you have an idea for a speaker? Please contact a CEC member. Your insight to help the Chapter is welcomed.



TRIVIA

What are three foods that are said to be good luck and bring prosperity?



Member Bio

Are you new to the Maine AGA Chapter? Why don't you tell us about yourself! Our Chapter is a friendly group and we love to hear about where you came from and how you are doing. Networking is always a good choice.

Please contact Angela with your submissions at:

Angela.L.Dickinson@maine.gov



From the Editor

Do you know someone in the Maine Chapter who recently received a promotion, accepted a new position, retired or won an award? Would you like to share the good news with fellow AGA members? Or maybe you're interested in writing a technical article for an upcoming issue?

Please forward submissions for the next newsletter to:

Angela.L.Dickinson@maine.gov

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.



Augusta Food Bank

High Demand

- Single Serve Cold Cereal
- Canned Fruits
- Peanut Butter
- Tomato & Spaghetti Sauces
- Granola Bars for Kids Packs
- Quart size freezer bags



Kennebec Valley Humane Society

- Kitten Food (Wet & Dry) prefer undyed brands
- Cat Food (Dry) adult cat undyed brands
- Dog Food (Wet & Dry) adult dog grain free brands
- Shavings for the Rats, Gerbils, Guinea Pigs, Hamsters, etc



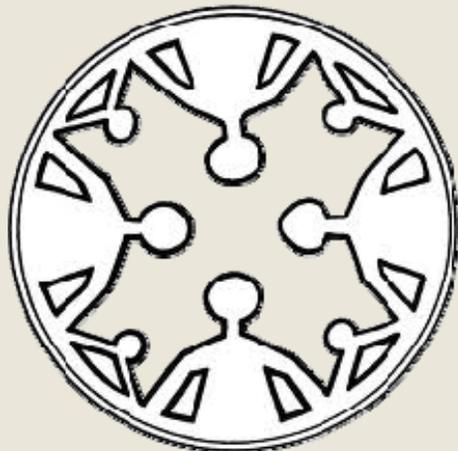
Community Service Opportunity

The Maine Chapter will be collecting supplies for both the Augusta Food Bank and the KV Humane Society.

Please donate to one of the many boxes that have been placed or bring your donations to the next two Chapter meetings

“Your own Self-Realization is the greatest service you can rend the world.”

~Ramana Maharshi



UPCOMING TRAINING

AGA is pleased to announce its latest web conference on **GASB 68—A Year in Review**

As GASB 68 has taken effect over the last year, this webinar will examine the effects of this accounting guidance on state and local pensions from the perspectives of a CFO representative, an auditor, and a pension plan administrator.



Speaker: Coming soon.

Moderator: Eric Berman, Partner, Eide Bailey

Learning Objective: Participants will learn about the highlights of GASB 68 and how it differs from GASB 27, which is amended by GASB 68. Participants will learn panelists' approaches to GASB 68 from a financial reporting, auditing and asset management standpoint. Additionally, participants will learn valuable advice from the panel in how to approach future developments brought about by GASB 68.

Prerequisite: None

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Time: 2—3:50p.m. Eastern Time

CPE: Two credit hours

Field of Study: ACCG (Governmental Accounting)





MANAGEMENT ANALYST I

CODE: 0392 RANGE: 21 (Pro/Tech) \$33,654.40-\$45,364.80/yr.

Value of State-paid Health & Dental Insurance: \$370.98 biweekly (90% State contribution).

Value of State's share of employee's retirement: 15.3 % of pay.

OPENING DATE: January 4, 2016

CONTACT: Wendy Malinowski

CLOSING DATE: January 15, 2016

TELEPHONE: (207) 287-4289

Agency Information:

The DHHS Service Center is responsible for program accounting, cash management and revenue/expenditure control for the entire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The Service Center provides budget and fiscal analysis for many complex areas within DHHS including TANF (i.e. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) and MaineCare (formerly Medicaid). We currently have a vacancy in our Augusta office. These limited period positions are authorized through October 2017. The department plans to submit legislation to make them permanent.

Job Duties:

The DHHS Service Center is seeking an experienced professional with accounting background and knowledge of the healthcare industry to join the Accounts Receivable and Account Management team. As a **Management Analyst I**, you will be responsible for data management ensuring that the Medicaid sub-ledger data is kept up-to-date and managed appropriately. You will assist in building and maintaining provider relationships, and will be expected to foster teamwork and support departmental culture with an emphasis on ensuring exceptional customer service. You will be responsible for reviewing, analyzing and managing all Account Management data/activity for Medicaid and Social Service Providers. You will be expected to adapt to fluctuations in daily assignments within a fast-paced environment. The successful candidate should possess excellent communication skills, extraordinary attention to detail and the ability to foster interpersonal relationships with internal and external customers.

Requirements:

In order to qualify, you must have six (6) years of education, training, and/or experience analyzing, evaluating, and/or developing improvements to organizational and/or managerial systems, programs, and practices. **The background of well-qualified candidates will demonstrate the following competencies:**

- 1. Experience and a strong working knowledge of the health care industry and medical service providers.**
- 2. Prior experience and/or education which demonstrates a knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and experience performing reconciliations.**
- 3. Examples demonstrating you are detail oriented, work independently and possess a high level of initiative.**
- 4. Demonstrated ability to build and maintain client relationships and communicate effectively.**

Only post-secondary degrees from a College or University whose accreditation has been granted from a nationally recognized accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education will satisfy educational requirements. Information can be obtained at <http://www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>. Foreign degrees must be evaluated by the World Education Services for authentication and U.S. equivalency.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

For additional information about this position please contact Amanda Brooks at Amanda.Brooks@maine.gov

To apply, please forward a State of Maine direct hire application form, current resume, cover letter addressing each of the 4 competency areas identified in the Requirements Section, and copies of post-secondary transcripts postmarked on or before the closing date to:

Wendy Malinowski
DHHS Human Resources Division
Attn: Wendy Malinowski
#11 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Direct hire applications are available at www.maine.gov/dhhs/jobs

The Department of Health and Human Services is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. We provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.



Celebrating 20 Years of Excellence



CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

How Do I Obtain My CGFM?

Initial Certification Requirements

To earn the CGFM, candidates must apply for the CGFM Program and meet the following requirements:

- ◆ **Ethics**—read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics.
- ◆ **Education**—have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and have completed at least 24 credit hours in financial management or related topics.
- ◆ **Examinations**— pass three comprehensive CGFM Examinations.
- ◆ **Experience**— have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.

[Learn more about the process of earning the CGFM designation.](#)

CGFM Application—If you are ready to start the process of earning your CGFM, [click here](#) to apply for the CGFM Program.



AGA CGFM Study Guides— ONLINE!

New from AGA! You can access the CGFM Study Guides on the go!

Read, search and review the study guide content on your laptop, tablet or phone — a convenient way to prepare for the CGFM Examinations. Upon purchasing the online version of each guide, you'll have immediate access to the entire publication for a period of 12 months. In



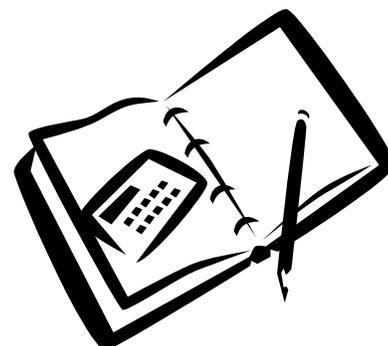
addition, if a newer version of this study guide is published within this period, you'll also have access to the new version! As with the printed version, the online study guides feature textbook-like format with learning objectives, a chapter summary and a reinforcement quiz for each chapter. In addition to the relevant resources, the appendices contain a glossary of terms, a list of reference materials, answers to reinforcement quizzes with explanations and end-of-course review questions. Those ordering the study guides can purchase the option of earning Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours upon passing an online CPE examination.



HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

TREASURER'S REPORT

Maine Chapter AGA Balance Sheet as of 12/31/2015		
ASSETS		
	AGA Cash	\$40.00
Cash and Bank Accounts	AGA Checking	\$16.55
	AGA Savings-Share Account	\$7,245.44
Total Cash and Bank Accounts		\$7,301.99
Other Assets	Customer Invoices	\$502.00
Total Other Assets		\$502.00
Total Assets		\$7,803.99
LIABILITIES		
Other Liabilities	Sales Tax & Business Bills	\$682.20
Total Other Liabilities		\$682.20
Total Liabilities		<u>\$682.20</u>
Overall Total		<u>\$7,121.79</u>



CHAPTER RECOGNITION PROGRAM - 2nd Quarter Points—Great job!

The Chapter Recognition Program is designed to support, encourage, and promote the accomplishment of AGA's mission and to provide flexible non-competitive guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. The Chapter Recognition Program year begins on June 1st and concludes May 31st.

SECTION	MAX POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	% OF POINTS
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	3000	1900	63%
Education & Professional Development	4000	1550	39%
Certification	4000	1300	33%
Communications	3000	3192	106%
Membership	4000	925	23%
Accountability	2000	1050	53%
Community Service	2000	850	43%
Awards	1000	0	0%
TOTAL	23000	10767	47%
GOAL TOTAL	10000	8541	85.41%
CURRENT GOAL STANDING	10000	10767	108%

December 8, 2015

Meeting was held at the Senator Inn following Luncheon.

Attendees: Derek Gorneau, Shirley Browne (Briefly), Kim Hall, Will Korth, Kathy Godfrey, Tony Gorneau, Angela Dickinson, Andrea McKay

- ◇ Speakers lined up:
- ◇ January speaker will be Mike Allen, Revenue Forecast
- ◇ February speaker will be Ryan Neale, Topic TBD
- ◇ Shirley has not heard from National regarding speakers
- ◇ Derek may have 2 member bios lined up
- ◇ Kim has finances on track and will include Income Statement going forward
- ◇ Kathy collected 3 boxes of bedding for Bread of Life Homeless Shelter; no replied yet on “Wreaths Across America”
- ◇ January & February community service projects are being developed
- ◇ Will have Leanne send member-wide email regarding Bios
- ◇ Will has quarterly meetings with Region; AGA National will provide training if there is a specific topic requested
- ◇ Webinars thus far have had a good turnout
- ◇ 50/50 Raffle Winner (\$9.00)—Janet Bujold, SESC

Respectfully Submitted by,

Angela Dickinson

AGA Maine Chapter Director of Communications



OUR CEC

For more information, visit our website:

<http://www.agamainechapter.org>

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Past Meeting Recap

On December 8, 2015, the Maine Chapter of the AGA met at the Senator Inn located in Augusta. Chapter President, Derek Gorneau, welcomed the Chapter and thanked them for the turnout, as this was a breakfast meeting; a break from the normal lunch meetings.

President Gorneau introduced our speaker, who graciously agreed to participate at such an early hour, Martha Currier. Martha currently works as a Complaint Manager for the Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division. She spoke about the Consumer Mediation Services as well as Maine's Implied Warranty Law. She discussed ways for Maine's consumers to protect themselves from several types of scams and what to do if something should occur. We were pleased to have her with us.



You can find information regarding the topics covered at:

<http://www.maine.gov/ag/consumer/index.shtml>

The meeting adjourned with Janet Bujold winning the 50/50 raffle.

JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING

The Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants' monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 12th**, at the Senator Inn.

Our speaker will be Dr. Michael Allen, Deputy Commissioner, DAFS to discuss Revenue Forecasting and the State Position.



On the menu for our luncheon will be:



- Caesar Salad*
- Crispy Lemon Chicken Breast*
- Rice Pilaf & Vegetable*
- Pecan Pie*

TRIVIA ANSWER:

“Eating foods like black eyed peas, ham and cabbage are considered lucky in certain parts of the world and are believed to bring prosperity.”

Websites of Interest

- American Society for Public Admin (ASPA)www.aspanet.org
- MA Chapter of ASPA.....www.massaspa.org
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE)..... www.cfenet.com
- Greater Boston Chapter of CFE.....www.acfe-boston.org
- Association of Government Accountantswww.agacgfm.org
- AGA Boston Chapter.....www.aga-boston-chapter.org
- AGA Aroostook County Chapter.....www.arostookcountyaga.org
- AGA Hartford Chapterwww.agahartford.org
- AGA Maine Chapter.....www.agamainechapter.org
- COSO..... www.coso.org
- First Gov www.firstgov.gov
- Governmental Accounting Standards Board..... www.gasb.org
- Government Executivewww.govexec.com
- Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)www.theiia.org
- Intergovernmental Audit Forum.....www.auditforum.org
- International Accounts Payable Professionals (IAPP).....www.iappnet.org
- National Assoc of State Auditors, Comptrollers & Treasurers.....www.nasact.org
- National Assoc of State Comptrollers.....www.nasact.org/community/nasc.html
- National Assoc of State Treasurers.....www.nasact.org/community/nast.html
- National State Auditors Association.....www.nasact.org/community/nsaa.html
- National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Councilwww.ec3.org

JANUARY

Brings a chance of new beginnings. Perhaps you want to be a better version of yourself. Whatever that change may be, here's to a great year!

