



## President's Message

Happy summer everyone!

And, thanks for a great 2015-2016 program year!



Although it is summertime, please note that chapter executive committee (CEC) members are available to answer your AGA questions and receive your comments and/or ideas.

CEC members are meeting this summer to plan the 2016-2017 program year...so, please send us your comments and/or ideas via email. It is always nice to hear from chapter members.

At this time, we have an idea that we'd like to share with members in order to obtain feedback for the fall. We'd like to reintroduce the idea of CGFM study groups. In past years, study groups were formed and results were successful. Coincidentally, the 2016 online CGFM study guides are currently being offered by National AGA for **\$39** per manual through **July 31, 2016**.

On behalf of the CEC, we look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Respectfully,

Shirley Browne



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### ATTENTION!

**2016 online CGFM study guides are currently being offered by National AGA for \$39 per manual through July 31, 2016.**

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

Facebook



Chapter Website:

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



## Highlights of our Accomplishments in 2015-2016

- Successful Web Conferences
- Several successful Community Service projects providing assistance and support to both local and state entities
- Eight monthly member meetings were held, each with an informative and/or entertaining topic

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### TRIVIA

How many stripes are on the American Flag and what do they represent?

### AGA Maine Chapter

It was a great time at the May meeting watching everyone receive their awards.

### 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 will be providing a webinar entitled



#### **CAROI Playbook:**

#### **Discovering a Little-Known Opportunity**

“A little-known provision in OMB’s sweeping Uniform Grants Guidance requires federal agencies to use cooperative audit resolution with recipients. This webinar will explain the opportunities that cooperative audit resolution offers for reducing improper payments and improving programs. It will focus on a new AGA play-book, “Successfully Implementing Cooperative Audit Resolution.” Learn how the process has succeeded in resolving recurring findings and how both federal agencies and recipients can employ proven strategies to implement it.”

**This webinar is free to members.**

Date: August 10, 2016

Time: 2:00—3:00pm ET

CPE: 1

Registration: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinar-Offerings/Aug-10-CAROI.aspx>



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Angela.L.Dickinson@maine.gov)



### *NEW MEMBERS*

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

*Darryl Stewart*

*Faith Talbot*

*Darrolyn Worcester*

*from the*

*Office of the State Controller*

*WELCOME!*



## 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](mailto: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.





# *Fund Raising & Community Service*



## Fund Raising Event

### 2017 AGA Golf Tournament

The CEC would like to plan a 2017 golf tournament for a cause.

If you would like to help organize this event, please contact

Shirley Browne at [sabrowne1117@gmail.com](mailto:sabrowne1117@gmail.com).

## Community Service

### Bowling for Big Brothers and Big Sisters

We had two teams for the event, The Gutter Gals and The Focused Five.

Between the two teams, we raised over \$500 for BBBS. Great Job!



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“I would rather have it  
said, 'He lived usefully,  
than, 'He died rich.'”

~Benjamin Franklin  
(letter to his mother,  
1750)

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## 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.

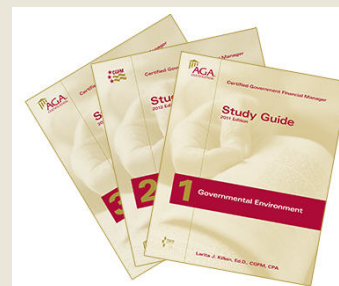
**Interested in study group? Contact a CEC member today!**



#### 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

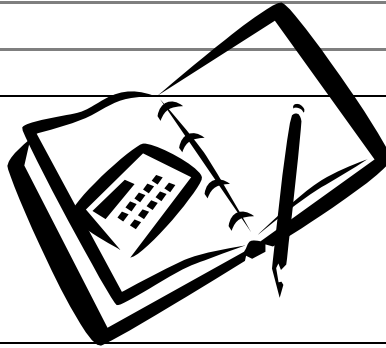


addition, if a newer version of this study guide is published within this period, you'll also have access to the new version! As with the printed version, the online study guides feature textbook-like format with learning objectives, a chapter summary and a reinforcement quiz for each chapter. In addition 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.



## TREASURER'S REPORTS

Maine Chapter AGA Balance Sheet as of 06/30/2016		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Bank Accounts	AGA Cash	\$40.00
	AGA Checking	\$11.74
	AGA Savings-Share Account	\$8,362.12
Total Cash and Bank Accounts		\$8,413.86
Other Assets	Customer Invoices	\$0.00
Total Other Assets		\$0.00
Total Assets		\$8,413.86
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Other Liabilities	Sales Tax & Business Bills	\$0.00
Total Other Liabilities		\$0.00
Total Liabilities		<u>\$0.00</u>
Overall Total		<u><b>\$8,413.86</b></u>



Maine Chapter AGA Income Statement as of 06/30/2016	
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dividend Income	\$11.85
Education—Web/Audio Conferences	\$3,700.00
Gifts Received	\$20.00
Membership Income from National	\$1,393.69
Monthly Meetings	\$6,925.00
Other Income—50/50	\$153.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,203.54
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Charity	\$20.00
Education	\$2,080.00
Gifts Given	\$393.30
Monthly Meetings	\$35.00
Legal Prof Fees—Annual Reporting Filing	\$7,675.00
Utilities—Internet	\$33.98
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,237.28
NET INCOME/LOSS	<b>\$1,966.26</b>

## Finances & Recognition

### CHAPTER RECOGNITION PROGRAM - 4th 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	2300	77%
Education & Professional Development	4000	3750	94%
Certification	4000	2975	74%
Communications	3000	6899	230%
Membership	4000	1525	38%
Accountability	2000	1050	53%
Community Service	2000	1350	68%
Awards	1000	200	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>	23000	20049	87%
<b>GOAL TOTAL</b>	10000	8541	85.41%
<b>CURRENT GOAL STANDING</b>	10000	20049	200%

thankful appreciate  
willing morale performance  
recognition value  
morale grateful good  
positive behavior  
stand out above and beyond  
special pleased team  
connected



## OUR CEC

For more information, visit our website:  
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**Vacant**

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## May 18, 2016

Meeting was held at Burton Cross Bldg, 4th Floor, Room 436

**Attendees:** Derek Gorneau, Shirley Browne, Leanne Laverdiere, Alesia Francis, Angela Dickinson, Mitch Boynton, Kim Hall, Will Korth, Tracie Eastman, Tammy Chase, Phillip Platt and Andrea McKay

- ◇ Incoming President discussed new ideas for upcoming year; will meet with each CEC Director for new plans
- ◇ Previous year board members introduce and mentor new members; exchange of details
- ◇ Discussed potential 9-hole golf tournament to earn money for Chapter, dates to be determined
- ◇ Treasurer prepared profit/loss statement for board to review; previous years showed profit
- ◇ Discussed meal options for upcoming year at Senator; interest in Breakfast meals
- ◇ Mentioned webinar packages were successful; discussed implementing again for upcoming year
- ◇ Discussed preparing a Budget for Chapter and having both current and incoming boards voting for each new year; preparation of new Budget will begin potentially in March of each year
- ◇ Discussed supplying more information to Chapter at beginning of Chapter Meetings; what events are coming up
- ◇ Mentioned that new prize distribution at awards ceremony was successful; potentially continue for upcoming year
- ◇ Discussed creation of survey for member feedback
- ◇ Work together regarding potential speakers for upcoming year
- ◇ Discussed plans to ramp up CGFM with study groups and purchasing additional study guides
- ◇ Discussed incentivizing members to get their CGFM certification by a points system to earn money toward guides and exam fees
- ◇ Need to schedule a follow-up meeting to discuss further items

## *Past Meeting Recap*

On May 17, 2016, the Maine Chapter of the AGA met for the Chapter's Annual Awards banquet, at the Senator Inn located in Augusta. Chapter President Derek Gorneau, welcomed the Chapter. The Chapter had a give-away for every chapter member present at the banquet. and Derek presented awards and certificates to the CEC team members for their hard work during the Program Year.



## Have a great summer everyone!

The Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants' monthly meetings will continue in September.



### TRIVIA ANSWER:

The 13 stripes represent the thirteen British colonies that declared independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

### Websites of Interest

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

***July bring SUMMER!***

***Get out there and enjoy yourselves!***

