



President's Message

On these brisk windy November days with leaves falling and temperatures dropping, the flags on top of the State Capitol building wave in the wind as if to remind us that regardless of the season, many freedoms exist today because of the many sacrifices made by our Veterans. Sometimes we see the flags for this reason, but other times they become part of the busy background as we rush through our days and through our busy lives. As we honor our Veterans this month, let's reflect on the many remarkable and unimaginable sacrifices that have been made by our military personnel and their families. As we become accustomed to thanking them, let's be extra diligent in showing our gratitude not only during the Veteran's Day holiday, but throughout the days and years to follow. And, to all of our AGA Veterans, thank you for your service.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Respectfully,

Shirley Browne, CIA, MBA



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Upcoming Events

***Check out our latest
Community Service Event
See Page 5!***

Are you using social media? The Maine Chapter AGA invites to you 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.
- Are you interested in joining the CEC? We have positions available. We are always looking for new ideas.



TRIVIA

What was the first year of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?

AGA Maine Chapter

Our Chapter was pleased to have Barbara Fava join us for our October 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 The Journal of Government Financial Management (Journal) is the premier resource in government financial management, featuring articles and columns from practitioners and academics who provide insights based on research and experience. The quarterly publication, produced by AGA since 1950, is distributed to members and international libraries, comprising a circulation of nearly 14,000.

To read the latest issue, see the below:



[Fall 2016: How Are Governments Changing with Technology & Real-Time Data](#)



A New Member Recruitment Pizza Party was Held on October 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Cross Office Building.

This year's first new membership recruitment event resulted in multiple groups, formally involved in the AGA, showing interest in becoming members again. From Maine Revenue to the Office of the State Treasurer, new membership is expected in the near future. The Director of Programs and Technical Meetings, along with existing members, discussed the benefit of membership in the AGA as well as the CGFM program. We hope to capitalize on this first recruitment event with additional events during the 2016-2017 program year.

Thank you!



NEW MEMBERS!

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

Therese Plummer

*From the DAFS
DHHS Service Center*

WELCOME!



RECRUIT A MEMBER

LET'S START RECRUITING TODAY!

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.

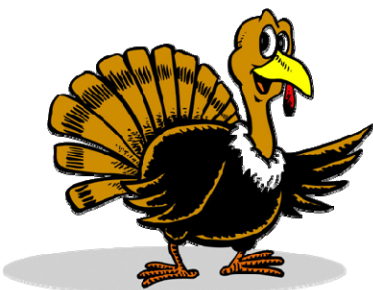
Top Sponsor (two winners)—The next two members who recruit the highest number of new members from May 1 through April 30 will each be bestowed with the Top Sponsor distinction and each will receive a complimentary AGA national meeting registration.

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.



November



Upcoming Community Service Opportunity

Our next community service project will be the “Bed in a Bag” Campaign for the months of November and December.

“The greatest dividends in life are those that we give away.”

~Craig D. Lounsborough

We have couple of community service projects for the next few months. The first is the “Bed in a Bag” Campaign. The collection of twin-size bedding for the Bread of Life Homeless Shelter. We will be collecting twin-size bedding through December.



Please visit the following web link to print off the above flyer to post to your donation boxes as well as learning a bit more about the Bread of Life Ministries.

<http://www.agamainechapter.org/events/communityservice.htm>

The second community service project is for “Wreaths Across America”. This is worthy cause that the Maine Chapter AGA has been supporting for the last few years.

<https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=14720>

****Please note:** There will be a collection jar at the sign-in table for the next couple of Chapter meetings. Feel free to donate at that time, if it is more convenient.



Community Service

The Food Drive and Golf Clinic held at the Natanis Driving Range on October 30th was a great success. We collected \$40 in monetary donations and 200 lbs of non-perishable food.

Great job everyone!



UPCOMING TRAINING

AGA is pleased to announce its latest web conference on **Tools and Strategies for Fighting Fraud**.



Whether you are new to fraud prevention and mitigation or a seasoned professional in the field, resources made available through AGA and other sources can help you strategize and manage fraud risks with your team. Hear from experts with years of experience at fighting fraud within government and the private sector.

Speakers:

George Anastos, Principal Analyst, Statewide Quality Assurance, Comptroller's Office, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Linda S. Miller, Dir., Global Public Sector, Grant Thornton

Gregory F. Vokoun, MBA, CPA, Professional Practice Administrator, General Accounting Office, State of Arizona

Moderator: **Peter Scavotto**, Dir., Quality Assurance, Comptroller's Office, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Learning Objectives: To learn how free, online tools made available can provide concrete assistance to government officials working to fight fraud at any level of government.

Prerequisite: None

Date: Wednesday November 16, 2016

Time: 2 – 3:50 p.m. Eastern Time

CPE: Two credit hours

Field of Study: Internal Controls



Analyst

Maine State Legislature

Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability

OPEGA is seeking a full-time Analyst to serve as a member of teams conducting performance audits and evaluations of state government agencies and programs. The ideal candidate will have strong interpersonal, communication, critical thinking and computer skills with experience relevant to conducting performance or operational audits, program evaluations, or applied research and analysis. Knowledge and experience in the following areas desirable: finance and accounting, querying/analyzing financial and operational data, and legal research and interpretation of laws and regulations. Professional certification in an appropriate field preferred.

OPEGA offers a competitive salary and benefits package with salary ranging from \$55,598.40 to \$84,323.20. The value of State-paid health and dental insurance is \$386.73 biweekly. The value of State's share of retirement is 15.85% of employee's gross salary.

Qualified applicants should apply online by submitting an online application, resume and cover letter by close of business on **Thursday, November 17, 2016** on the job opportunities page of the Maine Legislature's website at:

<http://mainelegislature.org/execdir/job-opportunities>

Or directly at:

<https://chm.tbe.taleo.net/chm01/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=MAINELEGIS&cws=1&rid=67>

For assistance, contact Etta Connors at etta.connors@legislature.maine.gov or 207-287-1901.



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!

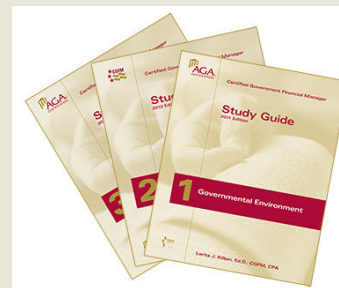


AGA CGFM Study Guides—

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.

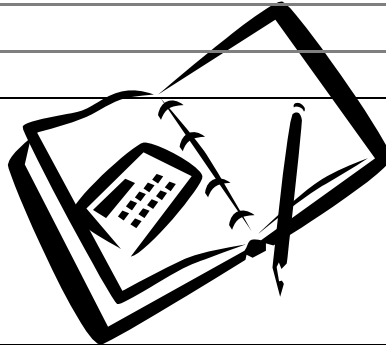


In addition, if a newer version of this study guide is published within this period, you'll also have access to the new version! As with the printed version, the online study guides feature textbook-like format with learning objectives, a chapter summary and a reinforcement quiz for each chapter. In 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 10/31/2016

ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts	AGA Cash	\$40.00
	AGA Checking	\$57.54
	AGA Savings-Share Account	\$6,749.02
Total Cash and Bank Accounts		\$6,846.56
Other Assets	Customer Invoices	\$1,313.00
Total Other Assets		\$1,313.00
Total Assets		\$8,159.56
LIABILITIES		
Other Liabilities	Sales Tax & Business Bills	\$0.00
Total Other Liabilities		\$0.00
Total Liabilities		<u>\$0.00</u>
Overall Total		<u>\$8,159.56</u>



Maine Chapter AGA Income Statement as of 10/31/2016

INCOME	
Dividend Income	\$4.90
Education—Webinars	\$888.00
Gifts Received	\$49.00
Membership Income from National	\$165.00
Monthly Meetings	\$1,039.00
Other Income—50/50	\$36.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,181.90
EXPENSES	
Charity	\$24.00
Education—Webinars	\$1,720.00
Gifts Given	\$0.00
Monthly Meetings	\$2,005.20
Legal Prof Fees—Annual Reporting Filing	\$0.00
Utilities—Internet	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,749.20
NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$1,567.30)

CHAPTER RECOGNITION PROGRAM - 1st Quarter Points

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	5000	1775	36%
Education & Professional Development	4000	600	15%
Certification	4000	400	10%
Communications	3000	1845	62%
Membership	4000	900	23%
Accountability	2000	400	20%
Community Service	2000	350	18%
Awards	1000	800	80%
TOTAL	25000	7070	28%
GOAL TOTAL	19501	7070	36%
ALLOWED POINTS TOTAL	25000	7070	28%

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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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October 11, 2016

Meeting was held at the Cross Office Building Room 402

Attendees: Shirley Browne, Angela Dickinson, Kim Hall, Alesia Francis, Mitch Boynton, Derek Gorneau, Tony Gorneau, Will Korth and Bethany Perry

Discussion points:

- ◇ Treasurer's Report
- ◇ The Senator's boardroom (ground level) for monthly meetings – avoid in the future
- ◇ Quarter 1 Chapter Recognition Points submitted to National (7,000 of 20,000 goal)
- ◇ Email notice for new member recruitment gathering
- ◇ New member orientation
- ◇ Outreach for membership and CGFM Support
- ◇ End of month Food Drive
- ◇ Back to School Supplies project
- ◇ Wreaths across America - collections at the Oct & Nov meetings
- ◇ Bed-in-a-Bag for the Bread of Life Ministries promotion
- ◇ Possible LinkedIn page
- ◇ CGFM survey results
- ◇ Monthly webinar monitoring
- ◇ Need to fill Awards chair and the Education and Technical chair

Respectfully submitted by:

Alesia Francis

AGA Maine Chapter - Secretary



Past Meeting Recap

On October 18, 2016, the Maine Chapter of the AGA met, for the monthly luncheon, at the Senator Inn located in Augusta. Chapter President Browne, welcomed the Chapter and recapped our community service events, which are the “Bed in a Bag” campaign for the Bread of Life Homeless Shelter, donations for “Wreaths Across America” and a food drive and golf clinic.

Our speaker for the month was Barbara Fava, the Managing Director at PFM Asset Management, LLC. She spoke in regards to recovering from the great recession and the unintended consequences.



Brittany Bushey was our 50/50 winner. Congratulations, Brittany!

NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

The Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants' monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, **November 8th** at the Senator Inn.

SPEAKERS: **Joshua Karstens**, the Director of Project Management Office & Business Process Management for the Office of Information Technology and **Diana Olore**, Deputy Director of BPM. They will be speaking on BPM-Investing to Achieve Long Term Gains.

On the menu for our luncheon will be:



Garden Salad
Homemade Beef Lasagna
Garlic Bread with Vegetable
Gingerbread with Caramel
Sauce



TRIVIA ANSWER:

"The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was in 1924 and stretched 2.5 miles long."

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
AGA Maine Chapter.....www.agamainechapter.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

NOVEMBER

BRINGS

THANKSGIVING!

