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Our Mission



The AGA Boston Chapter serves professionals and students in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development, and participating in local community projects for the enhancement of everyone in the New England area.

Our Vision



AGA is the association that connects and empowers professionals who support government, from financial management to IT, human resources, cybersecurity, and more, to advance good government initiatives, grow their expertise, and accelerate their careers. We connect and empower professionals to help them advance, grow, accelerate. For more information, visit [the membership page](#).

Boston Chapter Leadership



The chapter is driven by a dedicated group of volunteers from federal and state agencies, private firms, and academia.

For more on the current leadership of the chapter, visit the [Boston Chapter Leadership page](#).

CGFM Information



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.

[Visit the CGFM page for more information.](#)

Our Sponsors



The AGA Boston Chapter would like to thank our corporate sponsors, BerryDunn, RSM, and CLA, for helping us to make this program year possible!

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Message From Sarah Mongeau: Chapter President



Thank you, AGA Boston Chapter members who have volunteered your time and talents to support our group. It is through your efforts that the chapter continues to meet our mission, "to serve government accountability professionals by providing quality education at a reasonable cost, supporting professional certifications, promoting professional interaction and networking, recognizing professional and academic achievement, and assisting the less fortunate in our local community."

A special shout out to John Scully, who has worked tirelessly over the past several months to co-ordinate an AGA Boston Chapter CGFM Review Program. As the AGA celebrates 30 years of offering the CGFM certification, we are all excited to work with our participants and help them achieve a professional certification that recognizes competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting,

internal controls, and budgeting at the federal, state, and local levels. It is our hope that this will become an annual offering for the chapter. Best of luck to all the participants.

It was so fulfilling to receive the wonderful feedback from participants and presenters from the March 7th Winter Seminar. Once again, our exemplary Education Committee pulled together a fabulous day of learning. Kudos to all of you!

It is hard to believe that Spring is here, and we are planning our final activities of the program year. This year's virtual Regional Professional Development Training is scheduled for June 6th. This training is shaping up to be another wonderful event. We hope to see you there!

Sarah Mongeau
AGA Boston Chapter President

Volunteer Opportunities: 2024-2025 Program Year!

The AGA Boston Chapter is looking for individuals to serve on its Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for the 2024-2025 program year (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025). CEC committee members offer an opportunity for chapter members to develop and share their leadership skills with professional peers throughout the government financial management community in the greater Boston area.



During the next couple of weeks, President-Elect Yoko McCarthy will be reaching out to the membership community to identify volunteers that would like to participate in assisting the chapter to continue our mission.

Please consider taking the next step to get further engaged in the AGA Boston Chapter. There are many exciting opportunities to develop your interests and leadership skills.

Successful March Winter Seminar

The AGA Boston Chapter would like to thank the 180 people who participated in the March 7th Virtual Winter Seminar. This AGA Boston Chapter and New England Intergovernmental Audit Forum collaborative event featured eight wonderful speakers who provided valuable insights on building strong cultures, ethics, equitable and inclusive leadership, succession planning, soft skills for auditors, and leadership and accountability. It was a wonderful day of sharing and learning for all.

For more information on the chapter's educational activities, visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/TrainingEvents/EventCalendar.aspx>



CGFM Activities in March

March is CGFM Month! The AGA Boston Chapter started its CGFM Prep Program on March 19th. Fifteen participants will participate in this program, which is led by a virtual instructor from AGA National covering all three exams and includes 37.5



CPEs (upon completion), the relevant study guides, a free exam voucher, and access to AGA Boston Chapter practice test study sessions. The chapter also received a proclamation signed by the Governor declaring March 2024 as #CGFMMonth in Massachusetts.

For more information on the chapter's CGFM activities, visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/CGFM.aspx>.

Chapter Organizes February Informational Outreach

In February, the AGA Boston Chapter set up an informational table outside of Metro Café at 1 Ashburton Place in Boston. Members David Mahr, Andrew Slowick, and John Scully hosted the table and greeted people interested in learning more about AGA and CGFM. Chapter members, including George Anastos, Jenny Hedderman, Peter Scavotto, Rachel Cullity, and Amanda Mom also stopped by to help show their support. It was a productive day for all.



Successful January CGFM Lunch and Learn

In January, the AGA Boston Chapter hosted a virtual CGFM Lunch and Learn session. The session was hosted by President Sarah Mongeau, Education Chair Aprel McCabe, and CGFM Chair John Scully. Kim Jones from AGA National presented on the merits of the CGFM program and discussed what people can expect from the program. Ms. Jones noted the program's prerequisites and mentioned that the current AGA courses are robust and best to prepare you to earn your CGFM certification.

Ms. Jones also mentioned a couple personal experiences where past participants were able to take the knowledge and confidence that they had attained from taking these courses and passing their exams to go on to bigger and better roles in their professional career. David Mahr, the Secretariat Controller at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, joined the event and discussed how he had recently earned his CGFM certification and was an alum of the initial chapter CGFM training program sponsored by the Massachusetts Office of the Comptroller.

Successful Valentines for Veterans 2024 Campaign

For the twelfth year in a row, the AGA Boston Chapter organized efforts to support VA's Valentines for Veterans program. Volunteers, including chapter members and their families, friends, and local students, participated in this year's collection. Participants created 1,160 cards and artwork and provided them to three VA hospitals in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Participants also provided cards to the Massachusetts Veterans Home in Chelsea, MA. Chapter members organized these efforts in January and early February 2023.

For more information on the chapter's efforts, visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/ChapterResources/CommunityServiceNews.aspx>



Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) Update



AGA applauds the Boston Chapter's commitment to excellence reflected in its CCR and is pleased to present it with the 2023 Citizen-Centric Reporting Recognition of Excellence.

For more information on the chapter's report, visit <https://www.agacqfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/ChapterResources/CitizenCentricReporting.aspx>

AGA Boston Scholarships

The AGA Boston Chapter is offering two \$1,500 scholarships this year! The application deadline is May 13, 2024.

For more information, or to apply for a scholarship, visit <https://www.agacqfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/OurChapter/Boston-Chapter-Scholarships.aspx>



AGA Membership Has Benefits



As an AGA member, you gain a variety of benefits designed to support your career growth and success. Hundreds of members love their AGA membership so much they've reached milestones of 20, 30, and even 40 years of membership!

For more information on membership, visit <https://www.agacqfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/Membership.aspx>

Chapter Mentoring Program

Mentoring programs enhance professional development, cultivate working relationships, and foster professional development opportunities for both the mentor and the mentee. The mentor (an experienced professional) acts as an advisor, counselor, and guide to a mentee (less experienced professional) to assist them in developing and achieving their professional goals.

The AGA Boston Chapter's Mentoring Program seeks to bring together chapter members interested in participating in a mentoring relationship as either mentors or mentees. Visit <https://www.agacqfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/ChapterResources/Mentoring.aspx> for more information.



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