

Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants

2014-2015 Chapter History Report

During Membership Year 2014-2015, the Maine Chapter welcomed 21 new members, ending the year with 145 active members. The Chapter continued its focus on education and community service, offering over 27 CPE credits, and organizing four community service events.

Education

For education, the Chapter had two goals: to provide a broad exposure to issues in government; and, to support our CGFMs in obtaining the necessary CPEs. Strategies for reaching these goals included the utilization of the Association's periodic webinars, and the coordination of educational speakers for most monthly Chapter meetings. Details on both are included in the table below.

AGA Webinars & Training (20.5 CPE Credits)	Educational Speakers (7 CPE Credits)
<i>"Wow! She Stole That Much!"</i> October 8, 2014	<i>Critical Thinking</i> September 8, 2014, 1 CPE
<i>The New Green Book</i> October 22, 2014	<i>Measures of Growth in Focus Report</i> October 14, 2014, 1 CPE
<i>Fraud Risk Management</i> November 19, 2014	<i>OMB Uniform Guidance: A Few Areas of Change</i> November 04, 2014, 1 CPE
<i>Strengthening Grants Management</i> January 28, 2015	<i>Agricultural Fairs</i> December 9, 2014
<i>Put Internal Control Principles Into Practice</i> March 18, 2015	<i>Revenue Forecasting</i> January 13, 2015, 1 CPE
<i>Preventing Fraud and Building Public Trust and Confidence in Government</i> April 29, 2015	<i>Overview of Consumer Info and Mediation</i> February 10, 2015, 1 CPE
<i>Beyond the Code: Ethical Decision Making in the Real World</i> May 13, 2015	<i>Anthem Breach Discussion</i> March 10, 2015, 1 CPE
<i>Update and Implications of DATA (Digital Accountability & Transparency): Beyond the Beltway</i> June 3, 2015	<i>Overview of State Treasury</i> April 14, 2015, 1 CPE
Training: OMB Guidance – Three Sessions. Session 1- 1 CPE; Session 2-1.25 CPE; Session 3 – 2 CPE	<i>Chapter Awards Ceremony</i> May 12, 2015

Community Service

For community service, support of local agencies remained a top priority. Throughout the year, four events raised funds and collected items for local charities. The Chapter started off the year by collecting Back-to-School items and funds for the *Family Violence Project*, an organization that helps victims of abuse and their children. Through the fall and into the new year, cold weather items, such as hats, mittens and warm socks, were collected for *Addie's Attic*, a service offered through St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Augusta that distributes clothing to needy individuals. This was followed by a food drive for the *Augusta Food Bank*. In May, our final event of the year was a fun bowl-a-thon to raise money for the local chapter of *Big Brothers and Big Sisters*.

Chapter Meetings and Minutes

These educational and community service events were coordinated jointly by members of the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC). The CEC met on July 29, 2014 to plan for the upcoming year and then typically met briefly after each monthly Chapter meeting. Chapter meetings, which included a luncheon and speaker, were usually held on the second Tuesday of each month in Augusta. Meeting dates coincide with the educational speakers listed in the table above. Minutes of each meeting are published in the monthly Chapter newsletter, which is distributed electronically to each member and is posted on the Chapter website. <http://www.agamainechapter.org>

Chapter Elections and Awards

Chapter Officers are elected each year, with the exception of the President, who is selected as President-Elect in the preceding year. Chapter Directors are elected in alternating years to two-year terms. Four Directors are elected each year. Chapter Officers and Directors for the 2014-2015 Membership year, as well as those elected in May 2015 for the upcoming year, are listed below.

	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
<u>Officers:</u>		
President	Phillip Platt, CGFM	Derek Gorneau
President-Elect	Bill Fox/Derek Gorneau	Shirley Browne, CIA
Secretary	Leanne Laverdiere	Leanne Laverdiere (2 nd year of term)
Treasurer	Kim Hall	Kim Hall (3 rd year of term)
<u>Directors:</u>		
Bylaws & Procedures	April Newman, CPA	Tony Gorneau
Communications	Angela Dickinson	Angela Dickinson (New Term)
Community Service	Kathy Godfrey	Kathy Godfrey (2 nd year of term)
Early Careers	Sabrina Poon/Vacant	Andrea McKay
Education	Katherine Wiltuck	William Korth, CGFM
Membership	Derek Gorneau	Brittany Gaudet
Professional Certification	Cheryl Libby	William Korth, CGFM
Programs & Technical Mtgs	Derek Gorneau	Vacant (Handled by CEC)

In addition to the elections, the May 2015 meeting also included the announcement of four Chapter awards. The *President's Choice Award* was given to Kathy Godfrey, Leanne Laverdiere and Karen Allen for their dedication to the Chapter with respect to Community Service. The final President's Choice Award was given to Angela Dickinson for her continued dedication and service to the Chapter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Dickinson
Maine Chapter Director of Communications
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