

Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants

2015-2016 Chapter History Report

During Membership Year 2015-2016, the Maine Chapter welcomed 13 new members, ending the year with 123 active members. The Chapter continued its focus on education and community service, offering over 22 CPE credits, and organizing five 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 (16 CPE Credits)	Educational Speakers (7 CPE Credits)
<i>Cybersecurity – IT or Governance Issue</i> September 2, 2015	<i>Revenue Forecasting in Relation to Budget</i> September 8, 2015, 1 CPE
<i>Government Innovation: An Imperative, Not an Oxymoron</i> October 7, 2015	<i>Business Intelligence: Bringing Data to Life with Visuals</i> October 13, 2015, 1 CPE
<i>OMB Uniform Guidance: Impact on the Grant Community</i> November 4, 2015	<i>OPEGA: Successes and Challenges of the First 10 Years</i> November 10, 2015
<i>Ethics in the Workplace</i> December 2, 2015	<i>Overview of Consumer Information & Mediation; Common scams examiners receive</i> December 8, 2015
<i>GASB 68 - A Year in Review</i> January 27, 2016	<i>Revenue Forecasting</i> January 12, 2016, 1 CPE
<i>Data Analytics and Fraud Detection</i> February 17, 2016	<i>Measures of Growth Report</i> February 9, 2016, 1 CPE
<i>Internal Controls</i> March 23, 2016	<i>Auto Buying & Financing</i> March 8, 2016
<i>The Brave New World of Grants Under the Uniform Grant Guidance</i> April 27, 2016	<i>Cyber Security</i> April 12, 2016, 1 CPE
	<i>Chapter Awards Ceremony</i> May 10, 2016

Community Service

For community service, support of local agencies remained a top priority. Throughout the year, five 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 and collection of pet supplies for the Kennebec Valley Humane Society*. 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 22, 2015 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 2015-2016 Membership year, as well as those elected in May 2016 for the upcoming year, are listed below.

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
<u>Officers:</u>		
President	Derek Gorneau	Shirley Browne, CIA
President-Elect	Shirley Browne, CIA	Angela Dickinson
Secretary	Leanne Laverdiere	Alesia Francis (1 st year of term)
Treasurer	Kim Hall	Kim Hall (4 th year of term)
<u>Directors:</u>		
Bylaws & Procedures	James A. Gorneau	James A. Gorneau (2 nd year of term)
Communications	Angela Dickinson	Mitch Boynton (1 st year of term)
Community Service	Kathy Godfrey	Andrea McKay (1 st year of term)
Early Careers	Andrea McKay	Tracie Eastman (1 st year of term)
Education	William Korth, CGFM	Vacant
Membership	Vacant	Tammy Chase
Professional Certification	William Korth, CGFM	William Korth, CGFM (2 nd year of term)
Programs & Technical Mtgs	Vacant	Phillip Platt, CGFM (1 st year of term)

In addition to the elections, the May 2016 meeting also included the announcement of awards. Chapter Appreciation Certificates were handed to each member of the CEC for their dedication. Three *President's Choice Awards* were given to Leanne Laverdiere, Kim Hall and Angela Dickinson for their exceptional dedication to the Chapter. The final President's Choice Award was given to Derek Gorneau for his efforts obtaining new members to the Chapter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Dickinson
Maine Chapter Director of Communications
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