

Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants

2017-2018 Chapter History Report

During Membership Year 2017-2018, the Maine Chapter welcomed 7 new members, ending the year with 124 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 (14 CPE Credits)	Educational Speakers (8 CPE Credits)
<i>Managing 90 Percent of Your Job!</i> September 13, 2017, 2 CPE	<i>Management of Treasurer's Cash Pool</i> September 12, 2017, 1 CPE
<i>Auditing Relevance and Reliability of Performance Information</i> October 11, 2017, 2 CPE	<i>Cybersecurity and Relation to State Government</i> October 10, 2017, 1 CPE
<i>Spotting Fraud in Your Organization</i> November 11, 2017, 2 CPE	<i>Internal Controls with State and Local Government</i> November 14, 2017, 1 CPE
<i>Grants Management – Accounting & Financial Auditing Challenges/Best Practices</i> January 10, 2018, 2 CPE	<i>A Reform Agenda: Advancing Fiscal Stability and Good Governance in Maine</i> December 12, 2017, 1 CPE
<i>GASB Update – Understanding GASB's New Standards on Leases and Fiduciary Activities</i> February 07, 2018 (Cancelled)	<i>Revenue Forecasting</i> January 9, 2018, 1 CPE
<i>Cybersecurity</i> March 28, 2018, 2 CPE	<i>Equifax Breach Discussion</i> February 13, 2018, 1 CPE
<i>DATA Act</i> April 25, 2018, 2 CPE	<i>Insurance Oversight</i> March 20, 2018, 1 CPE
<i>Fraud/Data Analytics – Leveraging Data Mining to Uncover Fraud</i> May 16, 2018, 2 CPE	<i>Overview of Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations</i> April 10, 2018, 1 CPE
<i>Citizen-Centric Reporting Lunch-N-Learn</i> December 7, 2017	<i>Chapter Awards Ceremony</i> May 10, 2016, No CPE

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, bedding was collected for the *Bread of Life Homeless Shelter*, a service offered through St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Augusta that distributes items 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 August 22, 2017 to plan for the upcoming year and then typically met monthly. 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> Website is being transferred to being hosted to AGA National site.

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 2017-2018 Membership year, as well as those elected in May 2018 for the upcoming year, are listed below.

	2017-2018	2018-2019
Officers:		
President	Shirley Browne, MBA, CIA	Angela L. Dickinson
President-Elect	Phillip Platt, CGFM	Angela L. Dickinson
Secretary	Kim Hall	Tammy Chase
Treasurer	Laurie Andre	Kim Hall
Directors:		
Awards	Doug Cotnoir (1 st Year of Term)	Doug Cotnoir (2 nd Year of Term)
Bylaws & Procedures	Faith Talbot (1 st Year of Term)	Faith Talbot (2 nd Year of Term)
Communications	Mitch Boynton (2 nd Year of Term)	Peter Simon (1 st Year of Term)
Community Service	Andrea McKay (2 nd Year of Term)	Heidi Ellis (1 st Year of Term)
Early Careers/Young Professionals	Bethany Perry (2 nd Year of Term)	Vacant
Education	Elise Jordans (1 st Year of Term)	Elise Jordans (2 nd Year of Term)
Membership	Tammy Chase (2 nd Year of Term)	Frank Wiltuck (1 st Year of Term)
Professional Certification	William Korth (2 nd Year of Term)	Sarah Gove (1 st Year of Term)
Programs & Technical Mtgs	Darrolyn Worchester (1 st Year of Term)	Darrolyn Worchester (2 nd Year of Term)

In addition to the elections, the May 2017 meeting also included the announcement of awards. Chapter Appreciation awards were handed to each member of the CEC for their dedication.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Dickinson
Maine Chapter Historian
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