

Maine Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants

2018-2019 Chapter History Report

During Membership Year 2018-2019, the Maine Chapter welcomed 7 new members, ending the year with 137 active members. The Chapter continued its focus on education and community service, offering over 25 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 (18 CPE Credits) | Educational Speakers (7 CPE Credits) |
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| <i>Communicating Effectively in an Evolving and Transitioning Workforce</i> September 12, 2018, 2 CPE | <i>Agency Responses to Findings and Corrective Action Plans</i> September 11, 2018, 1 CPE |
| <i>Internal Control – Leveraging IT to Detect Fraud, Waste and Abuse</i> October 10, 2018, 2 CPE | <i>Maintaining Maine's Strong Fiscal Foundation</i> October 9, 2018, 1 CPE |
| <i>Ethics Pt 1– Lunch-N-Learn</i> November 19, 2018, 1 CPE | <i>State Budgeting Cycle</i> November 13, 2018, 1 CPE |
| <i>Ethics Pt 2– Lunch-N-Learn</i> November 27, 2018, 1 CPE | <i>Building Incremental Profit for the State</i> December 11, 2018, 1 CPE |
| <i>Ethics – Escape the Blindspot Zone</i> November 28, 2018, 2 CPE | <i>Maine Demographics</i> January 8, 2019, 1 CPE |
| <i>Finance – Updates to the New Tax Reform</i> March 6, 2019, 2 CPE | <i>Revenue Forecasting</i> February 12, 2019, 1 CPE |
| <i>CGFM – Lunch-N-Learn</i> March 19, 2019 | <i>GASB Updates</i> April 9, 2019, 1 CPE |
| <i>Cybersecurity</i> March 27, 2019, 2 CPE | <i>Chapter Awards Ceremony</i> May 14, 2019, No CPE |
| <i>DATA Act</i> April 24, 2019, 2 CPE | |
| <i>Fraud/Data Analytics–Fighting Fraud and Analytics</i> May 15, 2019, 2 CPE | |
| <i>Leadership – Journey to the Frontline</i> June 12, 2019, 2 CPE | |

Community Service

For community service, support of local agencies remained a top priority. Throughout the year, six events raised funds and collected items for local charities. The Chapter started off the year by collecting items and funds for the *Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter*, an organization that aids the homeless. Through the fall and into the new year, items were collected for the *Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers*, an organization that distributes items to needy families. This was followed by a collection of items for the *Kennebec Valley Humane Society*, an organization that provides shelter, food and medical services to local animals. In January, we had a food drive

for the *Augusta Food Bank*, an organization that provides supplemental source of food to individuals and families in need. This was followed by collecting supplies for the *Family Violence Project*, an organization that provides support to victims of abuse. Our final event of the year was donations to *Make-A-Wish Maine*, an organization that grants the wishes of a child diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition.

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 5, 2019 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. <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Maine/Home.aspx>

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 2018-2019 Membership year, as well as those elected in May 2019 for the upcoming year, are listed below.

| | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 |
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| Officers: | | |
| President | Angela L. Dickinson | Angela L. Dickinson |
| President-Elect | Angela L. Dickinson | Darrolyn Worcester, CIA, CGAP |
| Secretary | Tammy Chase | Jennifer Griffin |
| Treasurer | Kim Hall | Billy Joe Ladd |
| Directors: | | |
| Awards | Doug Cotnoir (2 nd Year of Term) | Christine Violette (1 st Year of Term) |
| Bylaws & Procedures | Faith Talbot (2 nd Year of Term) | Shirley Browne (1 st Year of Term) |
| Communications | Peter Simon (1 st Year of Term) | Peter Simon (2 nd Year of Term) |
| Community Service | Heidi Ellis (1 st Year of Term) | Heidi Ellis (2 nd Year of Term) |
| Early Careers/Young Professionals | Vacant | John Baker (1 st Year of Term) |
| Education | Elise Jordans (2 nd Year of Term) | Jennifer Foster (1 st Year of Term) |
| Membership | Frank Wiltuck (1 st Year of Term) | Frank Wiltuck (2 nd Year of Term) |
| Professional Certification | Sarah Gove (1 st Year of Term) | Sarah Gove (2 nd Year of Term) |
| Programs & Technical Mtgs | Darrolyn Worcester (2 nd Year of Term) | Doug Cotnoir (1 st Year of Term) |

In addition to the elections, the May 2019 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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