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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

Be a collaborative and innovative organization that is future focused and committed to excellence in the government financial management arena.

We Work Together

Cheers, and welcome to our 2022-2023 program year. I would like to thank all our Boston Chapter's volunteers for their immeasurable contributions, past present and future; it takes a team to make the dream come true.

We look forward to being able to offer a hybrid model of events for the upcoming year. In as much as it will be difficult to forecast pandemic situations, we will seek to find ways to gather together as appropriate in the near future. I personally welcome both new ideas, and your perspective interests.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Chapter, please contact me at George.C.Anastos@Mass.gov. Volunteering with the Chapter is a great way to find out more about what is going on with the profession and networking locally in New England among all of us who interact with of government.

I hope you all enjoy this summer weather, and thank you again for all your continued support this upcoming year.

George Anastos
AGA Boston Chapter President

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Chapter Announcements

Volunteer Opportunities - 2022-2023 Program Year!

The AGA Boston Chapter is looking for individuals to serve on its committees for the 2022-2023 program year, which begins in July 2022. AGA Boston Chapter's committee positions offer an opportunity to members to participate in the organization.

If you are a member and would like to learn more about these opportunities, please contact our Chapter President George Anastos at George.C.Anastos@Mass.gov.

For a list of the chapter's current committees, see our website:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/Home.aspx>.

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Chapter Executive Committee Meetings

The AGA Boston Chapter's Executive Committee met in June and plans to meet again in September. Interested in participating in the Boston Chapter? please contact our Chapter President George Anastos at George.C.Anastos@Mass.gov

AGA Boston Chapter Citizen Centric Report Now Available

Chapter reporting for the past program year issued! The Boston Chapter's latest Citizen Centric Report for the year ending June 30, 2021, is posted on the Boston AGA Chapter website.



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Chapter Announcements

Boston Chapter Receives Chapter Excellence Award

AGA Boston Chapter is pleased to announce that we have won the AGA Platinum in Achievements in Chapter Excellence. The Chapter would like to thank AGA, our amazing executive committee team, and our wonderful members and friends who made this award possible.



AGA Boston Receives Citizen-Centric Reporting Recognition of Excellence

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



The Chapter publishes a CCR annually.

The report features information on the Chapter such as its achievements, performance, and goals, along with fiscal and membership data. A CCR serves as a publication geared to all readers that contains relevant and helpful information on the transparency of an organization.

For more information on the Chapter's CCR, please visit the AGA Boston Chapter website.

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Successful Virtual Regional Professional Development Training Event

AGA Boston would like to thank the over 100 members and friends who participated in the Chapter's Virtual Regional Professional Development Training event and its replays in June. We would especially like to thank the six wonderful speakers who provided valuable information on topics including leadership, fraud, and project management.

The speakers and sessions for this event included:

- **Gerry Boaz:** CPA, CGFM, CGMA, Technical Manager, Tennessee Division of State Audit, and AGA National President: *21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*
- **Mandi Stanley:** Certified Speaking Professional: *Write It So They Read It*
- **Paul J. Rigby:** MBA, M.Ed., CGFM, CFE, Risk Management Specialist, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of the State Comptroller, and Guillermo Perez, Business Management Specialist, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of the State Comptroller: *Latest Fraud Schemes and Safeguards*
- **Jim Kreiser:** Principal, IT and Business Risk Services State and Local Government, CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP): *Project Management*
- **William McNamara:** Comptroller, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of the State Comptroller: *Organizational Transformation*

AGA Boston would also like to thank our Chapter sponsors RSM and CLA who helped us provide our training program this year.



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Chapter Presents Service Awards

AGA Boston Chapter presented its **Agency Chapter Service Award** to the Office of the State Auditor, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in grateful appreciation for their outstanding support of the Chapter.



Chapter Volunteer of the Year

AGA Boston is pleased to announce that member and Communications Director **Jon Dearborn** has been chosen as its Volunteer of the Year for the 2021-2022 program year. Jon has been a huge help with the Chapter's virtual events and communications, and we appreciate all he has done.

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Chapter Participates in AGA Professional Development Training (PDT) Event

AGA Boston Chapter members enjoyed spending time with their AGA colleagues in Anaheim, CA at AGA PDT 2022. They experienced a great week of networking and learning. In attendance at the event from the Chapter included President George Anastos, Chapter President-Elect Sarah Mongeau, Immediate Past President Shana Doiron, National Council of Chapters Representative Patrick Sullivan, and CGFM Director Yoko McCarthy, CGFM.

George also joined a PDT session, *Financial Transparency on Demand*, with session presenter Peter Murphy from the Office of the Comptroller.



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Mentoring Program Now Available!

Hello Boston AGA Members. Are you interested in participating in a mentoring program as a mentor or mentee? AGA National and the Boston Chapter are both in the process of developing mentoring programs.

To complete a mentorship application for the Boston Chapter's Mentoring Program, visit the AGA Boston Chapter Website.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Boston-Chapter/Chapter-Resources/Mentoring.aspx>.

For more information about the AGA National program, visit

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Mentoring-Program.aspx>.

This site also provides you with the opportunity to enroll as mentor or mentee.



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Value in Membership

It's Not too Late to Renew Your AGA Membership

Why renew?

Why not! Think of the value you receive with your membership.

Learning:

- Free CPEs : every year, members receive up to 14 hours per year.
- AGA is here to provide you with the training and education needed to adapt and thrive!

Connect, Collaborate & Network:

- Expand your network, participate in mentoring, volunteer on AGA and Chapter committees or boards, and engage in conversations on LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook.
- Check out the website for updates on networking events.

Stay Informed & Find Solutions:

- Online tool kits.
- Free subscription to the quarterly Journal of Government.
- Website access to best practices described in AGA research and executive reports.
- Hear about innovations in government by tuning into AGA's Accountability Talks podcasts.

"The best investment you can make is in yourself." —Warren Buffett

Renew or join now:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Learn-About-AGA/Join-or-Renew.aspx>.

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CGFM News

Distinguish yourself from your peers. Make financial management decisions with more confidence. Expand career opportunities. Become a Certified Government Financial Manager!

What is CGFM? Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) is a professional certification awarded by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), and a credential that recognizes an individual's specialized knowledge and experience related to management of government finance. Being a CGFM expands career opportunities and distinguishes those who have earned the certification from others in the field of government accounting.

How to become a CGFM? To become a CGFM, candidates are required to pass three exams. The comprehensive exams prove candidates' knowledge in Government Environment, Government Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Budgeting, and Government Financial Management and Control. The Boston Chapter is committed to supporting CGFM candidates and those that have attained the CGFG designation.

For more information about the CGFM certification, visit

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NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Intergov features AGA tools *by you, for you!* They are designed to help government financial management professionals do their jobs better.

Intergov features tools that officials from any level of government can use to improve program performance and enhance accountability.

These tools can be used to prevent fraud, reduce improper payments, improve outcomes, mitigate risk, and enhance collaboration. They can be used by auditors, accountants, grants managers, IT professionals, program managers, and others.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools-Resources/intergov.aspx>

AGA has launched the **AGA COVID-19 Resource Exchange**

as a resource for our community, featuring thought leadership, training, tools, events, and more to help you and your organization navigate this crisis. Please check back often, as the site will be updated as new information becomes available.

The Exchange Features:

- Government Resources
- AGA Corporate Partner Resources/Events
- AGA Chapter Resources/Events
- For First Responders
- Useful Articles
- AGA Session Videos to Inspire You
- AGA Session Videos to Increase Productivity
- And More!

[AGA COVID-19 Resource Exchange](#)

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The AGA Boston Chapter [online store](#) for purchasing goods and supplies with our logo is open.

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We are dedicated to building an inclusive culture that thrives on different beliefs and perspectives. By welcoming and respecting our clients and each other, we can all experience success.

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Corporate Sponsorship Program

THANKS to RSM & CLA

Our Boston Chapter would like to THANK **RSM** and **CLA (CliftonLarsenAllen)** for their partnerships as Gold Sponsors this past year. We greatly appreciate their patronage to aid our Chapter in serving professionals in the government financial management community by helping us provide quality education, foster professional development, and participate in local community projects for the enhancement of everyone in the New England area. Their staff has done a marvelous job in supporting our education program by providing speakers for our events.

In addition, RSM and CLA have provided staff to assist our Chapter Executive Committee to better serve its members. The program goal is to have both the Chapter and the for-profit entity benefit from the partnership by working together to ensure each other's success. The firm gets visibility and access, branding with a respected organization, such as the Boston Chapter, and the opportunity to showcase their subject matter expertise.

As we move forward to enhance our Corporate Sponsorship Program, we are always looking for new ideas to expand and improve the program. An enhanced program will help us to continue offering great educational programs and services by increasing non-dues revenue, increase and diversify our membership roster, attract new speakers, and enlist additional volunteers.

Please contact Bill Muench at **william.muench@comcast.net** or (508) 259-3382 to discuss any ideas you may have, or for more information about corporate partnership sponsor opportunities with the AGA Boston Chapter.

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