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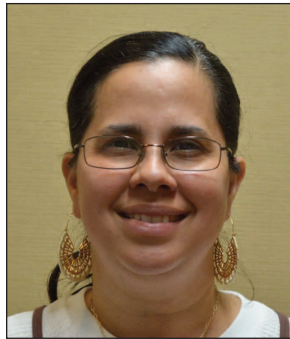
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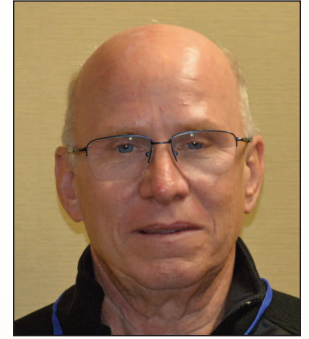
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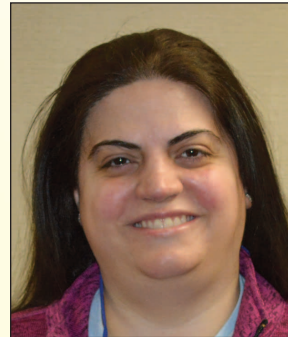
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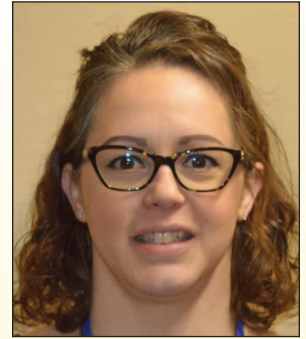
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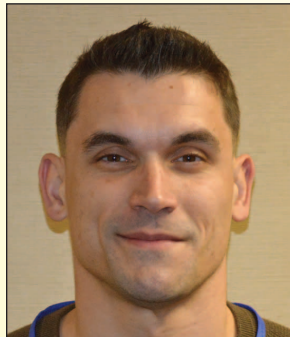
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# Memorable A-Ha Moments from Last Year

*"I know more than I thought - but I also have a ton to learn!"*

*"Auditors are not looking to identify fraud."*

*"I know more than I give myself credit for - I am not alone and have so many others to bounce questions and ideas off of."*

*"Tell the truth to the media."*

*"I had not heard of First Amendment Auditors before!"*

*"Budgets are living documents and amendments are not bad."*

*"A CIP [Capital Improvement Plan] must be approved by the planning commission before putting in the budget."*

*"Mentor those you supervise."*

*"Tell a story with your budget and make it visual."*

*"Fraud is something you think will never happen in small towns, but it can happen anywhere!"*

*"You have to be so careful and can only invest in specific things."*

*"To not let someone else dim my light."*

*"The importance of renewing policies and procedures. The years fly by and they get put on the back burner."*

*"We can use 10% of our Act 51 funds towards administrative costs."*

*"Cash handling training for ALL departments is an awesome idea!"*



*"Shine your light. Keep up the effort and you will prevail."*

*"The Treasurer's Office is to safeguard and disburse funds - this realization made me feel proud and honored to be a part of the team."*

*"Learning about the MMTA website resource tab that provides policy and procedures templates!"*

*"No question you could ask of your Basic Institute classmates or presenters will go unanswered and no one will look at you like you're crazy for asking something you don't know."*



*"I had never heard of captures before."*

*"I learned what a PILOT is and that there is FOIA training."*

*"Better government begins with me!"*

*"It was tremendous to find out that I know more than I thought I did, but to still learn so much about what I don't know."*





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