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President's Message

The Christmas Season (which technically arrived in the stores some time in October) is fast approaching! The first day of winter begins on December 22nd. Cold weather has definitely arrived. As we near the end of 2019, we should give thanks and be thankful. Give generously of yourself and your time.

Calendar year 2020 is just around the corner. Planning is already underway for the 2020 PDT which will be held at the Buffalo Thunder Resort in Santa Fe. Details will be provided soon.

As always, the NM Chapter Executive Committee could use your help with the NM Chapter events and administration. Won't you consider attending the next CEC meeting to see how you may be able to get involved? We could surely use your expertise and talent. Email me directly at mschuck@burtcpa.com if you wish to volunteer or need further information.



Highlights this month...

- Treasurer's Reports June – September 2019
- Webinar Schedule for next program year – July 2019 to June 2020
- CGFM in NM PROFILE – *Vince Lithgow, CPA, CGFM*
- Membership Matters – Focus on Membership
- General News & Updates
- Chapter Leadership

Treasurer's Reports – June - September 2019

June 2019

	Bank	Book	Variance				
Beginning Bank / Book Balance	\$104,969.49	\$58,874.79		CLEARED CHECKS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
Checks Cleared / Issued	(45,309.25)	(148.00)		1846	5/16/2019	Santa Ana Star Casino	44,176.71
Deposits	4,275.00	4,275.00		1849	5/16/2019	Think Ubiquitous - Website update	48.54
Ending Bank / Book Balance	63,935.24	63,001.79		1850	5/16/2019	Nationals (NM Metro Court member dues sent to NM Chapter in error)	550.00
Outstanding Deposits				1851	5/29/2019	Elena Tercero (Nation PDT Flight Reimbursement)	386.00
Outstanding Checks	(933.45)			1852	6/26/2019	USPS	148.00
Check Figure	\$ 63,001.79	\$63,001.79	\$0.00			Total	45,309.25
Stmnt End Bank Bal as of 6/30/19	\$ 63,935.24			OUTSTANDING CHECKS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
Variance	\$0.00			1845	4/24/2019	Eventzilla (PDT Registration)	933.45
						Total	933.45
				CLEARED DEPOSITS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
					6/18/2019	PDT Deposit	3,000.00
					6/25/2019	PDT Deposit	1,275.00
						Total	4,275.00
				OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
						Total	-

July 2019

	Bank	Book	Variance				
Beginning Bank / Book Balance	\$63,935.24	\$63,001.79		CLEARED CHECKS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
Checks Cleared / Issued	-	(1,565.00)				Total	-
Deposits	9,624.17	9,624.17		OUTSTANDING CHECKS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
Ending Bank / Book Balance	73,559.41	71,060.96		1845	4/24/2019	Eventzilla (PDT Registration)	933.45
Outstanding Deposits				1853	7/16/2019	AGA Webinars	1,415.00
Outstanding Checks	(2,498.45)			1854	7/16/2019	Railyard Park Concervancy (Member appreciation picnic)	100.00
Check Figure	\$71,060.96	\$71,060.96	\$0.00	1855	7/16/2019	Railyard Park Concervancy (Membership appreciation picnic damage deposit)	50.00
Stmnt End Bank Bal as of 7/31/19	\$73,559.41					Total	2,498.45
Variance	\$0.00			CLEARED DEPOSITS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
					7/17/2019	PDT Deposit	5,650.00
					7/29/2019	PDT Deposit	3,225.00
					7/30/2019	Deposit (Quarterly Membership Dues)	749.17
						Total	9,624.17
				OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
						Total	-

Treasurer's Reports – June - Sept 2019 (Cont'd)

August 2019

	Bank	Book	Variance				
Beginning Bank / Book Balance	\$73,559.41	\$71,060.96		CLEARED CHECKS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
Checks Cleared / Issued	(1,683.44)	(975.28)		1853	7/16/2019	AGA Webinars	1,415.00
Deposits	475.00	475.00		1857	8/16/2019	Wanda Gonzales (Nationals PDT Charity Gift)	90.00
Ending Bank / Book Balance	72,350.97	70,560.68		1856	8/16/2019	Wanda Gonzales (Nationals PDT per diem and travel reimbursement)	178.44
Outstanding Deposits						Total	1,683.44
Outstanding Checks	(1,790.29)			OUTSTANDING CHECKS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
Check Figure	\$70,560.68	\$70,560.68	\$0.00	1845	4/24/2019	Eventzilla (PDT Registration)	933.45
				1854	7/16/2019	Railyard Park Concervancy (Member appreciation picnic)	100.00
				1855	7/16/2019	Railyard Park Concervancy (Membership appreciation picnic damage deposit)	50.00
Stmt End Bank Bal as of 8/31/19	72,350.97			1858	8/23/2019	Janet Pacheco - Morton (Reimbursement picnic food)	27.64
Variance	\$0.00			1859	8/23/2019	Wanda Gonzales (Reimbursement picnic food)	679.20
						Total	1,790.29
				CLEARED DEPOSITS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
					8/28/2019	Deposit	475.00
						Total	475.00
				OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
						Total	-

September 2019

	Bank	Book	Variance				
Beginning Bank / Book Balance	\$72,350.97	\$70,560.68		CLEARED CHECKS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
Checks Cleared / Issued	(806.84)	(36.00)		1854	7/16/2019	Railyard Park Concervancy (Member appreciation picnic)	100.00
Deposits	-	-		1858	8/23/2019	Janet Pacheco - Morton (Reimbursement picnic food)	27.64
Ending Bank / Book Balance	71,544.13	70,524.68		1859	8/23/2019	Wanda Gonzales (Reimbursement picnic food)	679.20
Outstanding Deposits						Total	806.84
Outstanding Checks	(1,019.45)			OUTSTANDING CHECKS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
Check Figure	\$70,524.68	\$70,524.68	\$0.00	1845	4/24/2019	Eventzilla (PDT Registration)	933.45
				1855	7/16/2019	Railyard Park Concervancy (Membership appreciation picnic damage deposit)	50.00
Stmt End Bank Bal as of 9/30/19	71,544.13			1860	9/30/2019	James Chadburn (REimbursement FMY certificate)	36.00
Variance	\$0.00					Total	1,019.45
				CLEARED DEPOSITS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
						Total	-
				OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
						Total	-

Webinars Schedule – July 2019 to June 2020

December 11, 2019 - Internal Control

January 8, 2020 - Uniform Guidance

February 5, 2020 - GASB Update

More information such as times and locations is available on the NM Chapter website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/New-Mexico-Chapter/Home.aspx>

CGFM in NM – Profiles of CGFM Credentialed Professionals

Profile: C. Vince Lithgow, III, MBA, CGFM
Comptroller
Northern New Mexico College
CGFM since October 2005



The CGFM designation has enhanced my professional career since I obtained it in October 2005 by opening more doors and opportunities. The CGFM has brought a level of professionalism and respect when I have presented at trainings, developed and performed work processes, or testified at court as a subject matter expert. Most importantly, its distinction is broad based in the government financial management arena, which is exactly what my career has been over the last 30 years. I feel the CGFM has complemented my career in government financial management as I have held positions in accounting, auditing, budgeting, grants management to name a few.

Vince lives in Santa Fe with his wife Karen, four dogs and three cats. His adult children live in Las Cruces, where Vince received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree majoring in Economics and Management from New Mexico State University. Vince received his Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in Finance from the College of Santa Fe. He is retired from New Mexico state government (PERA). After retirement he has been a public lending officer as well as a government financial management consultant. Vince has been the Comptroller of Northern New Mexico College since June 2018. He has been involved with AGA for 20 years holding positions a Regional Vice President, Chapter President, Chapter Treasurer, and Chapter Certification Chair. He may be reached at vincelithgow@gmail.com.

Membership Matters

Focus on Membership



Membership Reminder:

Membership is so important to keep your finger on the pulse of the governmental sector's premiere resource for knowledge, mentorship, education, and so much more. Please renew your membership and keep it up to date so you may continue receiving your member benefits. As an AGA member, you are awesome and poised for success!

Recruit a member – You Can Do It!

Two-thirds of new members joined AGA because someone asked them to join. Whether via an employer, a colleague or a friend – word of mouth is the number one way AGA gains new members.

As a valued member, no one knows better than a current AGA member how beneficial membership is to promoting government financial management. You can affect the future of AGA by sharing the value of membership with your peers, your staff and others in your organization.



AGA Member News:

Welcome New Members to the New Mexico Chapter:

- Ms. Valerie Griego, General Services Department
- Ms. Miceale Jones, NM Metropolitan Court
- Mr. Lonny Medina, Miners' Colfax Medical Center

Welcome and thank you for your Membership!!!!

To join, go to: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Learn-About-AGA/Join-or-Renew.aspx>



General News & Updates

○ 2020 NM Chapter PDT

The 2020 PDT will be held at the Buffalo Thunder Resort in Santa Fe on Thursday, March 26th and Friday, March 27th. Hold these dates on your calendar! Planning sessions have already begun. Please email your interest to mschuck@burtcpa.com.

○ Congratulations to: Todd Newman, ASD Bureau Chief, NM DFA 2019 NM Chapter - Path to CGFM Scholarship Program award winner

Mr. Newman is the ASD Bureau Chief with the NM Department of Finance & Administration. Congratulations Todd! The inaugural NM Chapter Path to CGFM Scholarship application submission deadline was 10/31/2019 and the scholarship was awarded on 11/8/2019. Stay tuned for information on 2020 Path to CGFM Scholarship Program.

○ Congratulations to: Natalie Cordova, CPA, Deputy State Auditor, NM Office of the State Auditor

2019 NM Chapter – Financial Manager of the Year award winner

Ms. Cordova is a dedicated public servant, who currently serves as the Deputy State Auditor for the NM Office of the State Auditor. Ms. Cordova's previous public service experience was as CFO for the New Mexico Attorney General's Office and CFO for the Public Employees Retirement Association of New Mexico. Ms. Cordova earned her Bachelor of Science Degrees in Accounting and Economics from New Mexico State University. Congratulations Natalie! Nominations for the 2020 Financial Manager of the Year will open soon. Stay tuned for more information.

Quote of the Month

When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself.

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CGFM – You really should get it!

Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels. CGFM is the premiere respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager. Being a CGFM allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field.

CGFM Education Requirements:

To take any of the CGFM examinations, you must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

CGFM Professional Experience Requirements:

CGFM candidates must have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management prior to being awarded their designation as a CGFM.

NM Chapter proudly offers the "You Pass We Pay" Program to ALL NM Chapter members who want to get certified as a CGFM. More details on the NM Chapter website at

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/New-Mexico-Chapter/CGFM-Certification/CGFM-You-Pass-We-Pay-Program.aspx>



Chapter Leadership

2019-2020 Program Year

National Leadership Members from the New Mexico Chapter

- Vince Lithgow, CGFM** - Southwest Regional Vice President
- Donna Sandoval, CGFM** - Director/NCC Representative, AGA National Governing Board, Immediate Past Southwest Regional Vice President and Journal Editorial Board Member
- Wanda Gonzales** - National Council of Chapters Representative
- Elena Tercero, CGFM, CPA** - Professional Certification Board Member

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