

April 2017 Newsletter

President's Message

Hello New Mexico AGA Members!

The month of April is upon us and nearly over. Taxes were due or refunds are coming – either way there is some type of government finances involved. Speaking of government finances the 2017 Legislative session has ended. It does appear that a special session will be called in order to balance the state's budget and enhance its solvency. Additionally, there were some changes made to the State Auditor Rule as a result of the session. Those changes can be found at WWW.SAONM.ORG.



The March Luncheon was held at the Cowgirl Restaurant in Santa Fe. The speakers were Laura Beltran-Schmitz, CPA, CGFM of and Jane Tinker, CPA of CliftsonLarsonAllen. Laura and Jane presented on their perspective on the effects of Uniform Grant Guidance. A big “thank you” goes to Laura, Jane and CLA for being great supporters of the New Mexico Chapter of AGA.

The CEC has been working hard on the annual Professional Development Training, which is happening this week. The CEC will be sending out updates via Facebook.

The New Mexico Chapter received nominations for all positions on the 2017-2018 Chapter Executive Committee with none of the positions being contested. Wanda Gonzales will be the new Chapter President. New faces on the CEC will be Janet Pacheco-Morton, CGFM, CPA as President-Elect and Phillip Gonzales, CGFM, as Chapter Secretary. The remainder of the CEC is Zella Cox, Vice-President, Blanca Sena, Treasurer, Bryan Maestas, CGFM, Education Chapter, Luis Eres, CGFM, Certification Chair, Margaret Sena, Community Service Chair, Elena Tercero, CGFM, CPA, CGMA, Webmaster, Sandra Steckler, Historian, Michael Chmura, Newsletter Editor and Miranda Mascarenas, Membership Chair. Congratulations for volunteering to serve.

The next luncheon will be held during the month of May. The location and date will be announced next month.

Best regards,



Chapter Events

Here are highlights from recent events...



Jane Tinker, CPA, presenting at the March Luncheon, held at the Cowgirl Restaurant in Santa Fe. Jane presented alongside Laura Beltran-Schmitz, CPA and CGFM, on the topic of Uniform Grant Guidance. The luncheon was attended by 25 AGA members on March 29. The New Mexico Chapter also collected supplies and made a cash contribution to Youth Shelters to benefit those children in need of basic living supplies.



Elena Tercero, Donna Sandoval, Cassie Hayne and Bryan Maestas taking at PDT...

But wait...there's more highlights from recent events...



Albuquerque and New Mexico Chapter President's Matt Bone, CGFM, CPA and Vince Lithgow, CGFM.



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Chapter Finances

AGA NM CHAPTER TREASURER'S REPORT March 2017			
Book Balance (ledger)	40,872.05		
Unreconciled amount	592.82		
Outstanding deposits	(30.00)		
Outstanding checks	850.00		
Bank Balance (bank statement)	42,284.87		
Bank Statement Ending Balance 3/31/17	\$ 42,284.87		-
Transaction / Description	Date	Check Number	Payment Amount
US Treasury (Change Tax Status)	3/21/2017	1756	(850.00)
Deposit (Luncheon)	4/7/2017		30.00

New Mexico Chapter Website

Please visit the New Mexico Chapter web-site at agasantafe.org to view the most recent postings of Chapter events, happening and member profiles.

Education

Don't forget about education - the Chapter has secured webinars. Updates on the location of these trainings will be posted on the Chapter web-site as well as disseminated through email.

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