



May 2017 Newsletter

President's Message

Happy Program Year End AGA New Mexico Members!

It is hard to believe that the 2016-2017 program year is about to end and we still have some work to do for our Chapter members. We will be having our annual May Awards Luncheon that will include giving out awards and scholarships.



Just to let you know AGA runs its program year from June through May. Chapters submit their annual activity reports as of the end of May and the calculations from those reports determine the award status of the chapter, which is announced at the National Professional Development Training (PDT). This year the PDT will be held in Boston this coming July. The New Mexico Chapter was assigned a goal to reach 19,501 points by year's end to receive the Platinum Level Award. This is the highest award. The goal amount is determined by points assigned for a variety

of areas including leadership, education, certification, community service, communications, membership and awards. The overarching goal for any AGA chapter is to be well rounded. The good news is that the New Mexico Chapter has unofficially reached its goal. Thanks to all New Mexico Chapter members for helping to obtain and surpass this target.

This past program year the New Mexico Chapter produced its Citizen Centric Report (CCR), offered 40 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) through our luncheons, webinars and the annual Professional Development Training (PDT), which is held jointly with the Albuquerque Chapter. The Chapter also participated and held several fund-raising events for local charities and schools. The Chapter continued to use our website as a mechanism to reach out to members for notifications and job and event postings, as well as using Facebook as a notification mechanism. Last but not least, the Chapter has

several members who serve on AGA National boards and committees. These members represent you - the New Mexico Chapter.

I am expressly grateful to the Chapter Executive Committee for all their hard work to support our members. The varied positions in the CEC make it possible for the chapter to operate and meet its goals. Whether it is scheduling a luncheon location and serving on the PDT committee (thank you Wanda Gonzales), preparing a Citizen Centric Report and representing the Chapter as an editor for the Journal of Government Financial Management (thank you Donna Sandoval, CGFM), obtaining speakers for our luncheons and contributing articles for the newsletter (thank you Zella Cox), taking notes and preparing the minutes of the CEC meetings (thank you Wendy Loomis), preparing monthly financials and bank statement reconciliations (thank you Blanca Sena), hosting webinars and distributing CPE certificates (thank you Bryan Maestas, CGFM), promoting and recruiting for the Certified Government Financial Manager program (thank you Luis Eres, CGFM), coordinating collections and events for community service (a BIG thank you Margaret Sena), contacting and welcoming new members (thank you Miranda Mascarenas), keeping chapter history and performing support functions (thank you Sandra Steckler), being the NM Chapter's representative to assist at the National PDT (thank you Chris Garcia), preparing the monthly Chapter newsletter mostly on a whim of the Chapter President (thank you Michael Chmura), and finally to maintaining the website, the Facebook page, being the Chapter's representative on the professional certification update committee and AGA's National PIYO instructor (thank you Elena Tercero, CGFM). As many people have said there is no "I" in "TEAM" and I can certainly attest to that. The New Mexico Chapter is very fortunate to have such a great team.

Have a great summer!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vince Fitzgibbon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MAY LUNCHEON

Annual Awards

- Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017
- Time:** 11:45 am – 1:00 pm
- Location:** Del Charro Restaurant, 101 W. Alameda Street, Santa Fe
- Cost:** \$12 Members & \$18 Non-Members
- Speaker:** Vince Lithgow, CGFM, President, AGA New Mexico Chapter
- Topic:** Annual Awards Luncheon
- Financial Manager of the Year
 - Scholarship Recipients

R.S.V.P. to Wanda Gonzales by 3:00pm on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Telephone: 827-4865 or Email: supwmg@nmcourts.gov

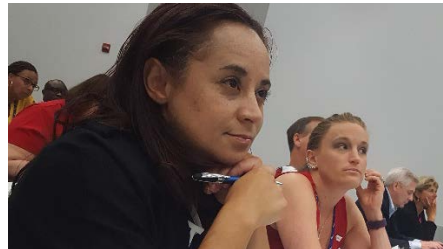
Cancellations after the deadline and "no shows" will be charged the full price of the meal payable to the Chapter. We must guarantee the number of attendees to the restaurant in advance



Consider earning your Certified Government Financial Manager designation by contacting Luis Eres, CGFM at Luis.R.Eres.civ@mail.mil.



The Year in Review...Paparazzi Highlights...





CGFM You Pass We Pay Program (YPWPP)

The You Pass We Pay Program (YPWPP) is a great way to assist Chapter members meet their goal of obtaining the CGFM. There are three basic criteria to the YPWPP:

- Only NM Chapter members are eligible for this program since it is unique to our Chapter.
- Participants are given six (6) months to take and pass all three examinations. This clock starts "ticking" when an agreed upon date is reached by the CGFM Coordinator and the participant. We will send out a letter welcoming you to this program, which will have the start date. What we like to let participants know is that they should have already applied for the certification and have received a letter/email from the AGA National Office acknowledging their CGFM application approval. This way no time will be wasted applying for the CGFM and you can concentrate on studying for the exams.
- Upon successful approval, the participants will need to provide us a copy of the letter from AGA National stating they have passed. This will allow us to verify that the exams were completed within the six-month time-period. Additionally, we will ask for proof of payment and a statement saying that the applicant has received no further financial assistance for this process (i.e. having the employer paying for the exams).

To maintain the CGFM certification in active status, individuals must continue to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, renew CGFM annually and earn 80 continuing professional education (CPE) hours every two years.

Please go to the agacgfm.org website or email Luis R. Eres at luis.r.eres.civ@mail.mil for more information.

Chapter Finances

AGA NEW MEXICO CHAPTER TREASURER'S REPORT - APRIL 2017

Book Balance (ledger)	\$75,490.37
Unreconciled amount	\$ 592.82
Outstanding deposits	\$ -
Outstanding checks	\$ 741.77
Bank Balance (bank statement)	\$76,824.96

Stmnt Ending Bank Balance as of 4/30/17 \$76,824.96

Transaction / Description	Date	Check Number	Payment Amount
Zella Cox (PDT Reimbursment for parking)	4/25/2017	1760	\$ 10.00
Santa Fe Youth Shelter	4/25/2017	1761	\$ 200.00
Blanca Sena - (PDT Reimburse for parking)	4/25/2017	1762	\$ 41.00
Scott Bell (PDT Reimbursment)	4/25/2017	1763	\$ 490.77

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.

2016-2017 Chapter Executive Committee

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