

# AGA Albuquerque Chapter

# Newsletter

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September 2024 Newsletter

## President's Message

AGA Albuquerque Chapter Members,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 program year! I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support of the AGA. Allow me to introduce myself: my name is Carla Nieto, and I am honored to serve as the President of the AGA Albuquerque Chapter. I am currently employed as an Accounting Manager for the City of Albuquerque.



This year marks my second term on the Chapter Executive Committee, having previously served as a member at large. As part of my goals for this program year, I will be pursuing my Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation, and I warmly invite you to join me on this journey. Our chapter offers various resources to support you, so please feel free to reach out to our CGFM chairs with any inquiries.

I would like to express my gratitude to our Immediate Past-President, Emily Wilson, for her exemplary leadership and dedication to the Chapter during the previous year. I also wish to acknowledge our remarkable Chapter Executive Committee, whose efforts are vital in orchestrating publications, education programs, speaker engagements, community outreach initiatives, and other opportunities available to our members.

The CEC is actively planning an engaging program for our members this year, including continuing education webinars and in-person events such as the Winter Series and our annual Professional Development Training (PDT). Additionally, we have organized several exciting membership events and meaningful community service activities.

Serving on the Albuquerque CEC has provided me with invaluable opportunities to connect and network with professionals across our industry. I am truly grateful for the chance to lead our Chapter toward new accomplishments this year.

Sincerely,  
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## This Issue:

Message from Carla Nieto,  
24-25 Program Year President

Chapter Community Service  
Event: Mark your calendars!

Holiday Toy Drive

ABQ Chapter Member Wins  
Top Recruiter Award

Welcome new members!

Membership milestones

CGFM: You Pass, We Pay

Join AGA Today: Value of  
your membership

CEC Program Year Roster

Interested in Joining the CEC?

## Let's connect!

Chapter Website  
[www.agaabq.org](http://www.agaabq.org)

Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/agaabq](https://www.facebook.com/agaabq)

Twitter  
<https://twitter.com/agaalbuquerque>

LinkedIn  
<https://linkedin.com/groups/1049477/>



## Join Us for a Community Event



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# **LOBO** CANCER CHALLENGE

**Date:** Saturday, September 28, 2024

**Arrival Time:** 7:30 am

**5k Run/Walk:** 8:15 am

**Location:** University Stadium, 1111 University Blvd SE

Free registration for AGA members

*T-shirt included with registration / refreshments to be provided*

*Reach out to Jeff to sign up: [jeff.roybal@mossadams.com](mailto:jeff.roybal@mossadams.com) prior to Fri. 9/21*

## Welcome New Chapter Members!



Abigail Catanach  
Katelyn Constantin  
Pedro Enrique  
Donnadeen Marguerite  
Irene Endroso Panlilio  
Angelica Roybal  
Lauren Shreve





## Members Only CPE Reminder



FREE Member's only webinar-  
\$59 value

### From Vulnerable to Vigilant: Protecting Your Digital Footprint

10/09/24 2:00-3:15 PM ET

1.5 CPEs

Online registration required -  
[agacgfm.org](https://agacgfm.org)

## Membership Milestones

Congrats to our fellow members who achieved membership milestones during this quarter. We appreciate your loyalty and participation in the Chapter!

### >>> 1 Year of Membership

Vanessa Garcia

### >>> 10+ Years of Membership

Jennifer Baca  
Matthew Bone  
Mauricia Chavarrie-Quam  
Melissa Dadzie  
Krista Ganes-Chavez  
Jason Shaw

### >>> 15+ Years of Membership

Laura Beltran-Schmitz  
Gilbert Kometa

### >>> 20+ Years of Membership

Peter Gilmour

## Professional Development Training

Thank you to everyone that joined us for this year's PDT. If you are interested in participating on the PDT Planning Committee in 2025, please contact us at [aga.abq.chapter@gmail.com](mailto:aga.abq.chapter@gmail.com)







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Carla Nieto, President  
Jennifer Baca, CGFM Chair

# You Pass, We Pay!

up to **\$500** for exam expenses

**Make achieving the CGFM your goal for this program year!**

The Albuquerque Chapter would like to reward AGA Albuquerque Chapter Members who pass all three CGFM tests and is awarded a CGFM certificate. You must send in a notice of CGFM award between May 31st, 2024 and June 30th 2025 (final test must not have been taken prior to February 1st, 2024). Winners will receive recognition in our newsletter and reimbursement for exam expenses from the AGA Albuquerque Chapter. Members do not qualify if your employer has reimbursed your exam expenses. For more details or to apply for the award please contact Jennifer Baca @ [Jennifer.Baca@ose.nm.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Baca@ose.nm.gov)



Carla Nieto, Chapter President

Laura Gonzales, Treasurer

Krista Ganes-Chavez, Membership

Heather Prudhomme, Secretary

Ben Martinez, Communications

Natalie Zamora, Communications

Mari Hughes, Accountability

Laura Beltran-Schmitz, Education

Chris Gregory, Education

Emily Willson, ACE Chair

Jennifer Baca, CGFM Chair

Bryan Maestas, Historian

Kory Hoggan, Community Service

Jeff Roybal, Community Service

Alan Bowers, Member at Large

Desiree Zents, Member at Large

Marisa Maestas, Member at Large

### Join the Albuquerque Chapter Executive Committee

Interested in getting more involved with the Albuquerque Chapter? Please reach out to a Chapter Executive Committee Member.

CEC meetings are held virtually, the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm.

Email the CEC at [aga.abq.chapter@gmail.com](mailto:aga.abq.chapter@gmail.com) for more information.

## Join AGA Today!

Join AGA and benefit in technical knowledge, career and skills development, shared experiences and successes, while building lasting connections. Members receive at least 14 hours of training each year on timely topics for FREE. This \$375 value easily covers the cost of membership. Through engagement in local chapters, members can also enjoy additional networking, leadership and educational experiences.