



ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

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President's Message

Greetings,

Phew! Another PDT is in the history books and spring has blown into Albuquerque in time to rile some allergies and give us some weather to enjoy between the gusts. We really hope everyone who joined us for the PDT was able to enjoy your colleagues, a break from the office, and even learn some great information in the process! The CEC, and especially the planning committee, are still in recovery mode. We have debriefed the overall experience and have detailed some accomplishments, highlights, and the inevitable lessons learned later in the newsletter. We enjoyed our time with you and appreciate your participation and feedback.

In our continuous effort to provide value to your membership, the CEC has elected to continue education offerings through the summer and take a break in the fall. We usually do the opposite, but we want to respond to our observations of attendance and the newly escalated audit report dates so that we can provide education when you are more able to attend. Please watch your email for further communications about our summer plans!

Although my presidential term officially won't transition until June, I want to encourage all our members to consider joining the CEC for the '15-'16 program year. The due date for nominations is an easy day to remember, April 15th! It has really been a great five years for me and I look forward to continuing on in service of this productive and motivated group of professionals.

Welcome to Spring and we look forward to seeing you more during the summer!

Heather Prudhomme, CPA, CGFM, CGMA
AGA Albuquerque Chapter President

★★★ **Update On Leadership Call** ★★★

Our leadership call has gone out and nominations are due to President-Elect Jeff Brown by April 15, 2015

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Welcome New Members!

March/April Members:

- Ms. Farah French, Second Judicial District Court
- Ms. Carmen Kavelman, Weiner & Company PC
- Mrs. Dimple Tafoya, Second Judicial District Court
- Ms. Misty Crawford, Hinkle + Landers PC
- Ms. Roberta Smith, Eddy County
- Mrs. Marivel Baca, NM Dept. of Workforce Solutions
- Mr. Tyler Blau, CNM Student, GASA

- Ms. Pamela Fanelli, City of Albuquerque
- Mrs. Tisha Hudetz, CNM Student, GASA
- Ms. Maryam Hughes, City of Albuquerque
- Ms. Tracy Milman, City of Albuquerque
- Mr. B. Jesse Muniz, City of Albuquerque
- Mr. Hugh Rosen, CNM Student, GASA
- Ms. Jacqueline Sanchez, Bernalillo County



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AGAABQ/>



Membership Renewal Season



Dear Members,

Thank you for your support of AGA! We understand how you choose to spend your money is a critical decision and we encourage you to continue to invest in yourself and your career by renewing today. AGA is your organization, providing an extraordinary return on investment in terms of training, knowledge management, resources and networking.

Renew your membership and CGFM online today:

Login with your **User Name** at www.agacgfm.com
Enter your password, typically **first initial last name** (no space).
Select the "Proceed to Checkout" button at the bottom of the invoice to renew online

Important CGFM renewal information:

To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFMs are required to:
Pay the CGFM annual renewal fee by March 31
Complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) in government financial management topics or related technical subjects within each designated two-year cycle
Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed
More information on CGFM renewal, CPE requirements, inactive status and retired status may be found at: [Maintaining CGFM Certification](#).

By submitting your renewal payment, you affirm your agreement and compliance with AGA's Code of Ethics. CGFMs further agree to meet the above CPE requirements.

We look forward to your continued membership!

82% Of Our Albuquerque Members Have Renewed—Please Join Them!

The Date For Renewal Has Passed But The Grace Period For Renewal Without Suspension Is May 31, 2015—Don't Be A Part Of The 18%

Speaker Call

Are you interested in sharing your knowledge and providing CPE to our attendees? We are looking for luncheon and seminar speakers for the upcoming program year. Please contact any member of the CEC to express interest in timing, topics, etc.



2015 Professional Development Training Recap

Another PDT has come and gone, and as most getaways go, we needed a vacation from 'vacation'. Now that a little time has passed, we have reflected on the best parts, the parts we will learn from, and things we will consider during next year's planning. We want to thank our vigilant planning committee for staying committed to this event for almost a full year, and our sponsors who contributed to making the event a nice getaway for our valued attendees!

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 11 professional sponsors
- 300+ attendees
- CNM student assistance
- Luau networking reception
- 39 hours of quality CPE topics offered by 37 presenters
- 1st CGFM exam prep day led by 6 instructors
- Renewed focus on federal class sessions
- Positive feedback from first time and veteran attendees

LESSONS LEARNED:

- Lunch service worked better when served early – attendees were able to eat and visit before lunch speaker began
- 1.5 hour non-technical CPE potentially too long for opening session
- 8.5 CPE hours offered may be too many to squeeze into one day of conference, as attendees have limited time to network and address personal needs
- Area hotels do not have the space necessary to fully serve the group size our conference has grown into

CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2016 PDT:

- Right amount of CPE offered per day to allow transition time, networking, etc.
- Venue selection should be narrowed to local casinos that have the capacity and experience to serve a group of our size
- Elimination of lunch speaker may be necessary to allow networking and break time for attendees

The 2016 PDT planning will begin before we know it, and we encourage all helpful tips, ideas, and thoughts from you as it gets underway. We really want to thank our attendees for helping us to have a very successful event once again!

Professional Development Training Photos



Marty Mathisen's session on "Federal Controls Compliance For Effective Grants Management"



CEC/PDT Veteran Bryan Maestas and CNM GASA President Tisha Hudetz display their tropical style at the 2015 PDT

ABQ and NM CEC members play a round of musical chairs to stuff PDT goodie bags!



Day 2 Keynote Michelle Baca provides motivation for thinking differently to be successful to a packed room of attendees



CGFM Corner *by James Hartogenesis, CGFM, CPA*

Last month the Albuquerque and New Mexico Chapters held “CGFM Day”, an intensive review of the CGFM study guides. The class was very well attended. Because of the tremendous interest in the CGFM certification, this month I will repeat a column from last fall detailing the activities required to become a CGFM. Here are 9 simple steps to become a **Certified Government Financial Manager**:

Step 1—Read AGA's Code of Ethics at <http://www.agacgfm.org/About/Code-of-Ethics.aspx>

Step 2—Apply for the CGFM Program at <https://secure.agacgfm.org/forms/CGFMRegistration.aspx>

Step 3—Submit Required Degree Documentation - To take any of the CGFM Examinations, you must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

Step 4—Receive an Eligibility Letter - Once your application, payment and degree documentation are received and processed by the Office of Professional Certification, AGA will e-mail you an eligibility letter with instructions on how to purchase your CGFM Examinations.

Step 5—Submit a Work Verification Form – You must have 2 years work experience before the designation is granted.

Step 6—Prepare for the CGFM Examinations - Prepare for the examinations by attending an instructor-led course, purchasing a study guide or studying on your own.

Step 7—Schedule and take the CGFM Examinations - Take the examinations at a Pearson VUE Professional Testing Center.

Step 8—Receive CGFM Award Letter – Once all 3 exams are completed and you have met all requirements, you will receive your award letter signifying you have successfully met the requirements to be a **Certified Government Financial Manager!**

Step 9—Receive and Display Your CGFM Certificate – Proudly display your certificate so that others will know that you have the unique skills and specialized knowledge that is required of today's government financial managers.

Remember to maintain your active certification once you have earned the designation. There are annual continuing education requirements, and a small fee to maintain an active certification.

Our chapter has many resources to help you earn your CGFM certificate. Please contact me or one of the other Executive Committee members for additional information. Our contact information is at the end of this newsletter. Happy studying!

AGA Albuquerque Chapter March Luncheon Recap

On March 18, 2015, James Hartogensis, CPA, CGFM provided our luncheon CPE about the AGA Citizen Centric Report (CCR) and Non-Attest services that auditors can provide at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen. The CCR is a report that AGA developed to give citizens a brief (4 pages) overview of any entity, by using terms and information that is more easily interpreted than a full set of detailed financial statements. You can view the Albuquerque Chapter CCR for the '13-'14 program year on our website! We also celebrated our CGFM's, for the NM Governor proclaimed CGFM month (see inclusion on next page) by offering a discounted luncheon price and enjoying a beautiful CGFM logo cake! Congratulation to our new CGFM's and all those in our Chapter listed below!



CGFM's In The AGA Albuquerque Chapter

New CGFM's Program Year 2014-2015

Mrs. Barbara G. Burns, CGFM

Mr. Daniel O. Trujillo, CGFM



Current CGFM's In The Chapter

Mr. Lee Baldwin, CGFM

Mrs. Laura E. Beltran-Schmitz, CGFM

Mr. Matthew Bone, CGFM

Ms. Sarah Brack, CGFM

Mr. Jeffrey A. Brown, CGFM

Mr. Clarke Cagle, CGFM

Ms. Victoria M. Fredrick, CGFM

Mr. Pete Gilmour, CGFM

Mrs. Kimberly Hallatt, CGFM

Ms. Cynthia M. Handfield, CGFM

Ms. Joanne Johnson, CGFM

Mr. Gilbert T. Kometa, CGFM

Ms. Janet K. Langston Schoen, CGFM

Mr. Anthony Lo, CGFM

Mr. Johnny I. Mangu, CGFM

Mr. Danny A. Martinez, CGFM

Ms. Melissa Nelson, CGFM

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Governor's Proclamation — Certified Government Financial Managers



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, THE NEW MEXICO AND ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS (AGA) ARE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THAT ARE PART OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS WHICH HAS A NETWORK OF OVER 14,805 MEMBERS IN 104 CHAPTERS IN THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD; AND

WHEREAS, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 356 ACTIVE MEMBERS REPRESENTING STATE, FEDERAL, MUNICIPAL, AND PRIVATE SECTOR ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS, AND FINANCIAL MANAGERS IN NEW MEXICO; AND

WHEREAS, AGA NEW MEXICO AND ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER MEMBERS HAVE RESPONDED TO AGA'S MISSION OF ADVANCING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AS IT CONTINUES ITS BROAD EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS, WITH EMPHASIS ON HIGH STANDARDS OF CONDUCT, HONOR, AND CHARACTER IN ITS CODE OF ETHICS, AND ARE MAKING SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES IN PROFESSIONAL ABILITY AND IN SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW MEXICO BY MASTERING INCREASINGLY TECHNICAL AND COMPLEX REQUIREMENTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER (CGFM) PROGRAM OF AGA PROVIDES A MEANS OF DEMONSTRATING PROFESSIONALISM AND COMPETENCY BY REQUIRING CGFM CANDIDATES TO HAVE APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY, TO ABIDE BY AGA'S CODE OF ETHICS, AND TO PASS THREE EXAMINATIONS REQUIRING EXPERTISE IN GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL, GOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETING, AND REQUIRES EACH CGFM HOLDER TO MAINTAIN CERTIFICATION BY COMPLETING AT LEAST 80 HOURS OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION IN GOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TOPICS OR RELATED TECHNICAL SUBJECTS EVERY TWO YEARS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2015, AS

“CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGERS MONTH”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015.

ATTEST:

DIANNA J. DURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR



MISSION STATEMENT

Albuquerque AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

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Make achieving the CGFM your goal for this program year!

The first two AGA Albuquerque Chapter Members who send in a notice of CGFM award between now and May 31, 2015 (final test must not have been taken prior to September 1, 2014) will receive recognition in our newsletter and \$500 from the AGA Albuquerque Chapter. For more details or to apply for the award please contact James Hartogensis, CPA, CGFM at jhartocpa@msn.com.

