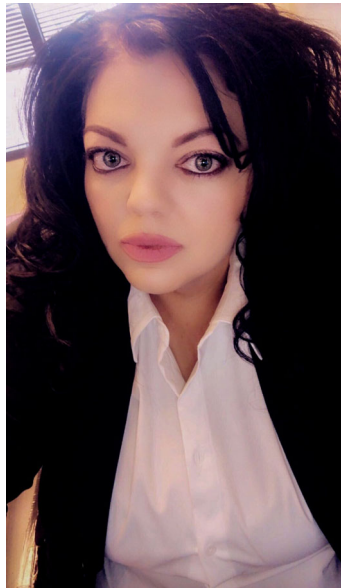


March 2021
NEWSLETTER

CEC PROFILE

Jennifer Baca, CGFM Chair



Hello Chapter Members,

I am Jennifer Baca and serve as the CGFM Chair for the Albuquerque Chapter. This position promotes the CGFM program. I work closely with other program directors and committees to identify potential CGFM candidates. The CGFM chair is usually responsible for:

- promoting the CGFM credential to members and nonmembers, as well as to state and local government officials for recognition and incentives.
- supporting individuals striving to maintain the CGFM.
- answering questions raised by current and potential CGFMs.
- working with the national office on important projects like CGFM Month and sharing best practices.

One of the best parts about serving on the Albuquerque Chapter CEC is the building relationships and networking with all the wonderful government finance professionals in our community.

For more information on the CGFM and/or how to get certified, please contact Jennifer Baca at: jennifern.baca@state.nm.us or see AGA National's website: <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>



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COVID-19 Resource Exchange

COVID-19 brought many changes in a short period of time. While many have gone back to work, many more are still working from home for safety purposes. The AGA has provide many tools to assist with the transition, including:

Track the Money - Pandemic Response Accountability Committee

DoD IG: COVID-19 Oversight Plan

How to Manage Your Newly Remote Workforce

For the full list of resources, visit:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools-Resources/COVID19Resources.aspx>

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

We are so glad to have you as part of our Chapter!

- * Clulli Vanessa Bernal, City of Albuquerque
- * Autumn Kaiser, Baldwin Accounting and Consulting
- * Eric Spurlin, Carr Riggs Ingraham

Membership Milestones

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

5 Years

Michael Sisneros
Crystal M. Funes

1 Year

Mahvand Biazar
Maria D. Fidalgo, CGFM
Stephen A. Montoya
Lizzy J. Ratnaraj
Vicii M. Schwab
Brandon Solwick
Kimberly Tran
Renee Turner
Stephanie Trujillo

SPREAD THE WORD!

Membership benefits really add up:

- * Free or discounted educational opportunities,
- * Networking,
- * Awards,
- * Scholarship programs, and
- * Access to a wealth of AGA national resources.

To refer a new member and take advantage of exciting AGA referral incentives, please visit:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx>

CHAPTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



AGA Albuquerque Chapter 1st March Webinar

Critical Internal Controls

by Aaron Hamilton, Senior Manager with Moss Adams LLP

This presentation will focus on the role internal controls plays on an organization. Whether your team is working remotely, back in the office, or somewhere in between, we'll review key internal controls that you'll want to ensure are working effectively.

Tuesday, March 18, 2021

12:00 - 1:00 pm

1 hours of YellowBook Technical CPE

Members: no charge to attend, to register email attendees name and email address to aga.abq.chapter@gmail.com

Non-Members: \$10, to register and pay with a credit card follow this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yweLGyFpS3e-0WVmNCPtHA

Critical Internal Controls Registration Link:

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AGA Albuquerque Chapter 2nd March Webinar

Using Analytics to find Needles in a Haystack

by Chris Framel of REDW

In today's world, more and more data is gathered from a variety of systems, so much data that at times it is impossible to efficiently work with the data to quickly analyze information and make informed decisions. Per Gartner "By 2023, data literacy will become an explicit and necessary driver of business value." This class will show, from beginning to end, how to use analytics tools with multitude of data sources to transform that data to efficiently find critical information and anomalies. Basically, finding a needle in a haystack!

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

1:00 - 3:00 pm

2 hours of YellowBook Technical CPE

Members: no charge to attend, to register email attendees name and email address to aga.abq.chapter@gmail.com

Non-Members: \$10, to register and pay with a credit card follow this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ce6bjkIOQ3aNqXnjnuxyKA

Using Analytics Registration Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ce6bjkIOQ3aNqXnjnuxyKA

AGA National
Training Opportunities
all events are virtual
Register at agacafm.org

March 24, 2021 12:00-1:50 MT

Cybersecurity/ERM

2 CPEs

\$59 for members

\$99 for non-members

April 7, 2021 12:00-1:50 MT

Ethics

2 CPEs

\$59 for members

\$99 for non-members

April 21, 2021 12:00-1:50 MT

CARES Act

2 CPEs

\$59 for members

\$99 for non-members

May 12, 2021 12:00-1:50 MT

Fraud/Data Analytics

2 CPEs

\$59 for members

\$99 for non-members

June 9, 2021 12:00-1:50 MT




Leadership

2 CPEs

\$59 for members

\$99 for non-members

2021 PDT Conference



Breakthrough to Excellence

A Virtual Program via Zoom Webinar

APRIL 6 & APRIL 7
2021
Professional Development Training

FULL CONFERENCE	ONE DAY OPTION
\$80 members \$100 non-members	\$50 members \$65 non-members
16 hours of government focused CPE	8 hours of government focused CPE

To Register *click here* <https://forms.gle/MbP5yTBfhxuTrJdB6>

Registering a group of 5 or more? Send the following information for each attendee to nmagacgfm@gmail.com

* full name	* email address
* badge name	* membership status

REGISTER NOW!

<https://forms.gle/MbP5yTBfhxuTrJdB6>



We honor our Chapter members who have obtained their CGFM certification. Hard work, time and dedication are required to obtain and maintain this professional certification. The following members hold the CGFM designation:

Raul Joseph Anaya, CGFM

Jennifer N. Baca, CGFM

Lee Adams Baldwin, CGFM

Elyse Barnes, CGFM

Leann M. Bell, CGFM

Laura E. Beltran-Schmitz, CGFM

Sanjay Bhakta, CGFM

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Sarah Brack, CGFM

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Clarke Cagle, CGFM

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Dominic Donio, CGFM

Pamela Fanelli, CGFM

Maria D. Fidalgo, CGFM

Peter Gilmour, CGFM

Phillip J. Gonzales, CGFM

Kimberly Hallatt, CGFM

Tamara L. Hanan, CGFM

James Hartogensis, CGFM

Maryam R. Hughes, CGFM

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Gilbert T. Kometa, CGFM

Victor C. Kraft, CGFM

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Joshua Trujillo, CGFM

Michael J. Vigil II, CGFM

Stephanie M. Yara, CGFM

EXECUTIVE ORDER FROM MAYOR KELLER

PROCLAMATION of CGFM DAY -MARCH 15, 2021



Executive Order From the Office of the Mayor

Whereas, The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is an international, 14,000 member organization for government financial management professionals with a mission to advance government accountability by emphasizing high standards of conduct, honor, and character; and

Whereas, The 140 member Albuquerque chapter of AGA has representation from municipal, state, and federal agencies as well as private-sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers; and

Whereas, Chapter members are making significant advances in professional ability and service to the citizens of New Mexico by mastering increasingly technical 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 an appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's code of ethics; and

Whereas, CGFM candidates must pass three examinations requiring expertise in governmental financial management, and must maintain their certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in governmental financial management topics every two years; and

Now, Therefore, I, Timothy M. Keller, Mayor of the City of Albuquerque, do hereby proclaim, March 15th, 2021 as:

"Certified Government Financial Manager's Day"




Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

Attest:

Ethan Watson, City Clerk

21-07

Order No.



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants is a professional organization with more than 15,000 members in 96 chapters in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico chapter based in Santa Fe has about 216 active members, and the Albuquerque chapter has 189 active members for a total of 405 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico chapters have embraced the association's mission of advancing government accountability through broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its code of ethics; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico chapters 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 association's certified government financial manager program provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by the AGA code of ethics, and to pass three examinations; and

WHEREAS, each certified government financial manager must 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, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2021, as:

"CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGERS MONTH"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

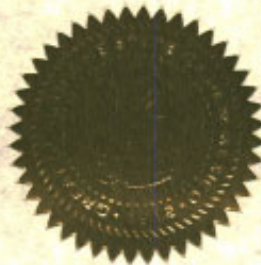
Done at the Executive Office this
19th day of February 2021.

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor



State of New Mexico Proclamation

PROCLAMATION of MARCH 2021 AS CGFM MONTH



AGA® ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Elizabeth Nunez, President

Jennifer Baca, CGFM, 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 August 31st, 2020 and June 30th 2021 (*final test must not have been taken prior to February 1st, 2020*). 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, CGFM at

JenniferN.Baca@state.nm.us





The **Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®)** is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

Employers recognize the CGFM as the premier certification for those seeking a career in Government accounting and financial management. The certification exemplifies experience and proficiency, distinguishing individuals who have made a significant commitment to their professional development. A CGFM has:

Increased knowledge of government financial management: CGFMs must pass three rigorous examinations, covering key topics including federal, state and local accounting and reporting; financial management functions; performance measurement; internal controls and auditing.

Better understanding of the big picture of government: CGFMs recognize how the different components of government financial management fit together, and they understand their role in the process.

Greater confidence on the job: The CGFM certification is directly applicable to the everyday duties of government financial professionals, at every level. It can help a new employee hit the ground running, while enhancing the performance of existing employees.

To earn the CGFM, individuals must apply for the CGFM program and meet the following requirements:

Ethics — read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics

Education — have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university

Examinations — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations

Experience — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

During the AGA Albuquerque Chapter's 2020-2021 Program Year, we will lead our members through each step of the process for obtaining their CGFM certification, and provide training to help you prepare for the exams.

For more information on the CGFM and how to get certified, please contact Jennifer Baca at JenniferN.Baca@state.nm.us



AGA ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Announcing our 2020-2021 CEC Roster

Below is the listing of your AGA Albuquerque Chapter Executive Committee. CEC meetings are held virtually the first Tuesday of every month beginning at 5:30 pm. If you'd like to attend, please email one of the officers below.

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