



# March 2018 Newsletter

## President's Message

Hello AGA members and non-members! We are finalizing arrangements for the PDT conference which is scheduled for April 5-6, 2018 at Buffalo Thunder. There is a phenomenal line-up of speakers and great opportunities for networking. Join us at your Professional Development Conference and enjoy the comradery.



March is CGFM month. A CGFM, as defined by National AGA, is:

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The Chapter awarded John Hosemann, from the General Service Department, a voucher from the National AGA for Test 1. Several members are participating in the Albuquerque AGA Chapter training.

The Chapter held the March luncheon on March 21, 2018 at the Midtown Bistro. Hamish Thomas from the Office of the State Auditor spoke about Fraud, Waste and Abuse. The luncheon was a great opportunity for members to network.

President Elect Janet Pacheco-Morton is seeking new members for the 2018 and 2019 board, please contact at [jpmorton@Morton-Firm.com](mailto:jpmorton@Morton-Firm.com) if you have an interest in serving on the board.

The Chapter purchased Audio Conferences for the year and send out emails on the subject and location. The schedule is included in this newsletter, posted on our website NM Chapter <http://agasantafe.org/> and announced in various e-mails to our members. Feel free to contact our Education Chair Bryan Maestas with audio conference questions.

We look forward to your continued participation and input to make it a wonderful and successful year!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wanda M. Gonzales".

**Wanda M Gonzales**  
**President**



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*2018 Professional Development Training*

## Seeing Through the Transparency in Government



**Program of Classes**

## Thursday, April 5, 2018

Opening Session 8:15a - 9:30a Tewa 2-3Ballroom

Success is a Choice

Bobby Derrick, Past National President, Field Representative & Chapter Consultant , National AGA

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tewa 1-A</b> 9:45a - 11:00a (Non-technical CPE) Bobby Derrick, Past National President, Field Representative &amp; Chapter Consultant</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>National AGA</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>To Be Ethical or Not to Be-That is the Question</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tewa 1-B</b> 9:45a - 11:00a (technical CPE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Andres Gamez, CPA</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CliftonLarsonAllen LLP</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advanced: Excel</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tewa 1-C</b> 9:45a - 11:00a (technical CPE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Charmaine Cook; AAP</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>N.M. State Treasurer Office</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Online Payment Options for Government</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tewa 1-A</b> 11:10a-12:00p (technical CPE) Heather Prudhomme, CPA, CGFM, CGMA</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sandia National Laboratories</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Intro Into Enterprise Risk Management</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tewa 1-B</b> 11:10a-12:00p (technical CPE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scott Bell, MBA, CGFM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>U.S. Dept. of Treasury</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Federal Financial Reporting and Transparency Part 1</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tewa 1-C</b> 11:10a-12:00p (technical CPE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ron Spilman, State Controller</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>NM Department of Finance and Administration</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CAFR Financial Statement Issues</b></p>

Announcements/Lunch Networking - Tewa 2-3  
12:00p - 12:45p

**Tewa 2-3 Ballroom**  
12:45p - 1:35p (non-technical CPE)  
Benjamin A. Baker, CFE  
*NM Attorney General's Office*

**Criminal Fraud Investigation Update**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tewa 1-A</b> 1:45p - 3:00p (technical CPE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dany Martinez, CPA, CGFM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Carr, Riggs and Ingram</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Are you Prepared for the Upcoming GASB's?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tewa 1-B</b> 1:45p - 3:00p (technical CPE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scott Bell, MBA, CGFM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>U.S. Dept. of Treasury</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Federal Financial Reporting and Transparency Part 2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tewa 1-C</b> 1:45p - 3:00p (non-technical CPE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marcus Clarke and Jennifer Moreno, CISA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REDW LLC</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Identifying Hidden Risks, Hidden Exposure</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tewa 1-A</b> 3:25p - 4:40p (technical CPE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Audrey Jaramillo, CPA, CFE, &amp; Donna Sandoval, CGFM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jaramillo Accounting Group &amp; NM Department of Information Technology</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Goal Setting In Government</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tewa 1-B</b> 3:25p - 4:40p (technical CPE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marty Mathisen, CPA, CFE, CGFM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Atkinson &amp; Co., Ltd.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Best Practices for Those in Charge of Governance &amp; Top Management</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tewa 1-C</b> 3:25p - 4:40p (technical CPE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Javier Almodovar, Supervisory Special Agent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FBI</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Today's FBI</b></p>

## Friday, April 6, 2018

Opening Session 8:15a - 9:30a Tewa 2-3 Ballroom

**The Future of Accounting in the Digital Age**  
Bernadette Vadurro, *Speakers Live Inc*

<p><b>Tewa 1-A</b> 9:45a - 11:00a (<i>technical CPE</i>)</p> <p>Laura Beltran-Schmitz, CPA, CFE</p> <p>CliftonLarsonAllen LLP</p> <p><b>Walk-Through of Government Financial Statement Preparation</b></p>	<p><b>Tewa 1-B</b> 9:45a - 11:00a (<i>technical CPE</i>)</p> <p>Lealan Miller, CGFM, CPA</p> <p><i>EideBaily LLP</i></p> <p><b>Tax Cuts and Job Act</b></p>	<p><b>Tewa 1-C</b> 9:45a - 11:00a (<i>technical CPE</i>)</p> <p>Farley Vener, CPA, CFE, CGMA</p> <p>Hinkle + Landers, PC</p> <p><b>Single Audit - Uniform Grant Guidance</b></p>
<p><b>Tewa 1-A</b> 11:10a-12:00p (<i>technical CPE</i>)</p> <p>Hamish Thomson, CPA, CFF, CFE</p> <p>New Mexico Office of the State Auditor</p> <p><b>Green Book</b></p>	<p><b>Tewa 1_B</b> 11:10a-12:00p (<i>technical CPE</i>)</p> <p>Rick Lopez</p> <p>DFA-Local Government Division Director</p> <p><b>LGD's Role in Local Government Fiscal Management and Oversight</b></p>	<p><b>Tewa 1-C</b> 11:10a-12:00p (<i>non-technical CPE</i>)</p> <p>Senator William Sharer</p> <p><i>NM Legislature</i></p> <p><b>Tax Reform</b></p>

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*N.M. State Auditor Wayne Johnson, New Mexico Office of the State Auditor*

**What's Happening at OSA?**

<p><b>Tewa 1-A</b> 1:45p - 3:00p (<i>non-technical CPE</i>)</p> <p><i>Mark Staranka,</i></p> <p><i>Moss Adams</i></p> <p><b>Attributes of High Performance Organizations</b></p>	<p><b>Tewa 1-B</b> 1:45p - 3:00p (<i>technical CPE</i>)</p> <p><i>Dr. Brian Gillespie,</i></p> <p><i>UNM Anderson School of Management</i></p> <p><b>Consumer Welfare</b></p>	<p><b>Tewa 1-C</b> 1:45p - 3:00p (<i>technical CPE</i>)</p> <p>Sara Specht, CFE</p> <p><i>REDW LLC</i></p> <p><b>Single Audit - A - Z</b></p>
<p><b>Tewa 1-A</b> 3:25p - 4:40p (<i>technical CPE</i>)</p> <p>Jack Emmons, CPA</p> <p>New Mexico Office of the State Auditor</p> <p><b>2018 Audit Rule</b></p>	<p><b>Tewa 1-B</b> 3:25p - 4:40p (<i>technical CPE</i>)</p> <p><i>Bobby Cordova</i></p> <p><i>CPA &amp; Robert Gonzales, CPA, Cordova CPA's LLC</i></p> <p><b>Reviewing Your Financial Statements 101</b></p>	<p><b>Tewa 1-C</b> 3:25p - 4:40p (<i>technical CPE</i>)</p> <p>Ron Spilman, State Controller &amp; Cassandra Hayne - SHARE Director</p> <p><i>Department of Finance and Administration</i></p> <p><b>People, Processes, and Software - Maximizing Your ERP's Value</b></p>

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SENATOR WILLIAM E. SHARER

R-Farmington, N.M.

## **“Godfather” of NM Tax Reform to Teach Government Accountants a Thing or Two!**

Santa Fe- Known as the “Godfather” of Major Tax Reform in New Mexico, State Senator Bill Sharer (R-Farmington) will be a speaker at the

AGA 2018 Professional Development Training seminar on Friday, April 6, 2018. The training and seminar are sponsored by the New Mexico Chapter and the Albuquerque Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and are being held at the Hilton Buffalo Thunder in Santa Fe.

Senator Sharer will speak to the government accounts on “Tax Reform: How in the world did we get to this !@\* \$#?!! tax system?”

Senator Sharer will also give a brief history of taxation in New Mexico from Territorial times through today. He will discuss what worked, what didn’t/doesn’t and what should we do and what *can* we do to improve the tax system in the state for the benefit of everyone.

Senator sharer will tell the accountants that New Mexico needs a tax system that is:

- Simple enough for the average citizen to understand;
- Raises enough revenue to meet the obligations of the state;
- AND attracts new industries (that we want) to our Great State!

Senator Sharer will speak to the government accountants about the vital need for tax reform in New Mexico and how reform can affect the way they perform their roles in government and in the private sector. His class and discussion will be held on Friday, April 6 at 11:10 a.m. in the Tewa 1-3 ballroom.

Senator Sharer believes eliminating the hundreds of tax deductions, exemptions and tax credits and implementing a simple, low consumption tax will make the government accounts and their clients’ lives easier while being more fair to everyone.

Other topics of the 2018 AGA Professional Development Training include: **Criminal Fraud Investigation; Best Practices for those in Charge of Governance and Top Management; Identifying Hidden Risks, Hidden Exposure: The future of accounting in the digital age.** The title of this year’s AGA training is “Seeing Through the Transparency in Government.” AGA is the member organization for government financial management professionals. Through training and events, professional certification, publications and ongoing education, AGA helps members build their skills and advance their careers. AGA is committed to increasing government accountability and transparency. For More information on the



## ***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...only NM Chapter members are eligible for the program.

Now is the perfect time to become a member of the AGA New Mexico Chapter.

It's also a great time to set a challenging goal and get your Certified Government Financial Manager certification.

The Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by the Association of Government Accountants, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

What are the initial requirements? To earn the CGFM, individuals must apply for the CGFM program and meet the following requirements:

**Ethics:** Read and agree to abide by the 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

For more information please visit the website:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/About-CGFM.aspx>

If you have any questions please contact Luis R. Eres, CGFM, at  
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## Audio Conferences

### Scheduled Webinars/Audio Conferences By Bryan Maestas, CGFM, Education Chair

The New Mexico Chapter CEC purchased the following webinars/audio conferences. The topic and dates are listed below. The location where the webinar/audio conferences are to be held will be announced at least one week before the event. Two hours of Continuing Professional Education will be offered.

- **Topic:** Cybersecurity  
**Date:** March 28, 2018

## Chapter Finances

### AGA NM CHAPTER TREASURER'S REPORT February 2018

Book Balance (Ledger)	\$	33,668.76
Unreconciled Amount	\$	592.82
Outstanding Deposits	\$	-
Outstanding Checks	\$	988.89
Bank Balance (bank statement)	\$	<u>35,250.47</u>
<b>Ending Balance as of 2/28/18</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>35,250.47</u></b>
	\$	-

Transaction / Description	Date	Amount
Donna Sandoval (Reimbursement for flight to the National PDT)	1/25/2018	483.98
La Choza (February luncheon)	2/28/2018	504.91

## Education

Don't forget education - the Chapter has continuing education opportunities. Updates on the location of these trainings will be posted on the Chapter website as well as disseminated through email.



## New Mexico Chapter Website

Please visit the New Mexico Chapter web-site at [agasantafe.org](http://agasantafe.org) to view the most recent postings of Chapter events, happening and member profiles. <http://agasantafe.org/>

### 2017-2018 Chapter Executive Committee

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