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# October 2021

## NEWSLETTER

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# *Message from the Chapter President*



Fellow AGA Albuquerque Chapter Members,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Chapter Program year.

What a year it has been! I can't believe that summer has ended, school has started, and the air is cooling! As we are looking forward into the new program year, I want to say welcome and thank you. Welcome to our new members and returning members, we look forward to fantastic program. In addition, thank you. Thank you to the time, service and dedication of the board to volunteer and serve the AGA Albuquerque Chapter. Thank you to each and every member for your continued support of the AGA Albuquerque Chapter. It is a privilege to serve as your chapter president for this upcoming chapter year I want to encourage you to let myself or any other board member know how we can assist as we are here to service you and assist you in getting the very most out of your AGA membership.

As this continues to be a year unlike any other we have ever seen, we remain committed to each of you. Our objectives for the 2021-2022 chapter year are to continue to provide relevant and timely education, community engagement and service, networking and growth opportunities to engage all our members. We are committed to remaining flexible as our local communities, state, and world continues to navigate through an ever-changing COVID-19 situation.

We value each and every voice/opinion and we want each of you to help guide the objectives and execution of the AGA Albuquerque Chapter meeting those objectives over the coming year. In order to assist in member engagement and participate, our goal for this year is to conduct more surveys and polling of our members in order to truly respond more timely to your needs. So I ask that when you get a survey, please respond so that we can hear you and assist you in getting the most out of your AGA membership.

I have been a member of the AGA Albuquerque Chapter for many years, CEC member for the past three years and it has been a great experience for me. I have had the privilege of assisting our membership when needs arise, participate in training, community service, and networking and I am grateful for those experiences. I encourage each of you to become involved, participate in any/all events, and invite additional members in order to grow our chapter. The more we grow our chapter, the more we can give back to our community and members.

As your Chapter President, I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you, expanding our community engagement, and having another successful year through our great AGA Albuquerque Chapter!!

Let me know if there is anything I can do for you. Thank you,

Alan D. "A.J." Bowers, Jr., CPA, CITP  
AGA Albuquerque Chapter President  
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# CHAPTER Awards

During the AGA National Professional Development Training (PDT) held in August, the Albuquerque Chapter was recognized and collected four awards for the 2020-2021 program year:

- *Chapter Recognition Award: Platinum Chapter*
- *Chapter Communications Award*
- *Chapter CGFM Award*
- *Chapter Accountability and Transparency Award*

Thanks to the CEC chairs who led efforts for continuance of our Chapter's national recognition!



# Welcome NEW MEMBERS

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

- ◆ Deanna Armijo
- ◆ Robert (Robi) Gonzales
- ◆ John McCoy
- ◆ Jonathan Montoya
- ◆ Maria Sanchez
- ◆ Lindsey Trainor
- ◆ Josie Trevino
- ◆ Emily Wilson

## 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](https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx)

# Membership Milestones

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

10 Years - Lee Baldwin

5 Years - Tamera Hanan

Kory Hoggan

1 Year - Marissa Maestas

Leslie Martin




# UPCOMING CHAPTER TRAINING

Watch your inbox and future editions of our Chapter Newsletter! Our Chapter Education Department is busy developing a full education plan to provide our members with virtual and in-person training opportunities at low or no cost.

Current topics include the following:

- Single Audit Updates: CARE Act, ARPA and CFR
- Internal Control and Fraud Prevention
- Ethics
- Federal Financial Management: Key Legislation and Regulations
- GASB Update
- Gourmet Cooking on a Budget



Interested in taking the CGFM examination? The Albuquerque Chapter has current study guides (hard copy and digital) available for checkout on a first come first served basis. For more information contact our CGFM Chair Jennifer Baca at [jennifern.baca@outlook.com](mailto:jennifern.baca@outlook.com).

## AGA National Training Opportunities

*all events are virtual*  
Register at [agacgfm.org](http://agacgfm.org)

**October 6, 2021 12:00-1:50 MT**

**Internal Control/Improper Payments**

**2 CPEs**

\$59 for members

\$99 for non-members

**November 3, 2021 12:00-1:50 MT**

**Ethics**

**2 CPEs**

\$59 for members

\$99 for non-members

**December 15, 2021 12:00-1:50 MT**

**Performance Management**

**2 CPEs**

\$59 for members

\$99 for non-members

**January 12, 2022 12:00-1:50 MT**

**Uniform Guidance**

**2 CPEs**

\$59 for members

\$99 for non-members

**February 2, 2022 12:00-1:50 MT**

**GASB Update**

**2 CPEs**

\$59 for members

\$99 for non-members

## AGA ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

# *Announcing our 2021-2022 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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