

Newsletter

September 2023 Newsletter



President's Message

Welcome to the 2023-2024 program year Albuquerque Chapter members! Thank you for your membership and continued support of the AGA. Let me take a moment to introduce myself for those I haven't met. My name is Emily Wilson and I am the current AGA Albuquerque Chapter President. I work as an Assurance Manager at CLA in our state and local government industry group. This will be my third year serving on the CEC - the previous two years, I served as the Education Chair, working to bring educational events to our chapter. This program year, I will be working to obtain my Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation and invite you to join me! Our chapter offers various resources to help you on this journey, so please reach out to our CGFM co-chairs Sara Specht and Jennifer Baca with questions.



The CEC is hard at work developing a great program year for our members. This year we will continue to offer continuing education webinars as well as our in-person events: the Winter Series and annual PDT. In addition, we have some exciting membership events and great community service activities planned.

Being a part of the Albuquerque CEC has given me the opportunity to meet and network with professionals throughout the industry. I'm grateful for the opportunity to lead the Chapter to new heights this year.

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CGFM: You Pass, We Pay

Join AGA Today: Value of your membership

Let's connect!

Chapter Website
www.agaabq.org

Facebook
www.facebook.com/agaabq

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

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



Continuing Education Spotlight



The Chapter has purchased AGA National education webinars and will be offering them to members at no cost. Limited space available. Click [HERE](#) to save your spot.

Internal Controls

October 18, 2023
12:00-1:50 MST
2 CPEs

Ethics

November 8, 2023
12:00-1:50 MST
2 CPEs

Risk Management

December 13, 2023
12:00-1:50 MST
2 CPEs

Uniform Guidance

January 17, 2024
12:00-1:50 MST
2 CPEs

Not an AGA Albuquerque Chapter member? Reserve your spot for \$25 per webinar. See pg. 3 for details on the value of membership.

Membership Appreciation Event

Join the Albuquerque Chapter CEC on October 3rd at Top Golf!

The Albuquerque CEC would like to invite our active chapter members for an evening of networking and golf on Tuesday, October 3rd!

The cost of play and food will be covered by the CEC. We have space reserved beginning at 5:30 and food will be served at 6:00.

Space is limited for this event, so please RSVP by Wednesday, September 27th by clicking [HERE](#) or responding to this email with your name, preferred email address and phone number.

We can't wait to see you there!

Membership Milestones

Welcome New Members!

Bryon Aguilar
Lisa Garza
David Griego
Denise Irion
Sonya Ortiz
Patricia Ortiz-Gameros
Sheila Quintana-Filosa

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

1 Year of Membership

Kristin Dorland
Emmanuel Kimah
Samantha Tapia
Duwana Valdez
Chris Gregory
William Dean Russell
Roxanne Tsethlikai

5 Years of Membership

Rachel Apodaca
Vickie Ortiz
Joshua Castellano-Gonzales
Melarie Gonzales

10 Years of Membership

Sarah Brack
Marianne Kemp
Sara Specht
Perry Valdez
Donna Sandoval
Joshua Trujillo
Roberta Smith

15 Years of Membership

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20 Years of Membership

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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, 2023 and June 30th 2024 (*final test must not have been taken prior to February 1st, 2023*). 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 or Sara Specht @ sspecht@cricpa.com



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.

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

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