

Summer 2021

**NEWSLETTER** 

# Message from the Chapter President

Hello AGA Albuquerque,

I would like to highlight and thank you all for your participation as we say farewell to the 2020 – 2021 Chapter Program year.

As I reflect on the year, I am so grateful of the benefits I have received from my AGA membership. Our Chapter offered 8 free zoom webinars to our members covering topics such as CARES Act, Ethics, Fraud Prevention, and Internal Controls. We missed connecting and meeting all our continued and new members at our virtual PDT, but upheld the exceptional presenters, topics, and fun of past PDT's within the limitations of our laptop screens.

We focused on being thankful and giving to our local community members to help revitalize Albuquerque while staying safe. Restrictions and limitations of group sizes prevented the chapter from holding organized community service activities and allowing for more networking between members, but the Chapter exceeded our initial philanthropic budget providing \$1,950 in financial contributions. CASA Partners 4NMKIDS, APS Education Foundation, AGA National PDT, The Barrett Foundation, NM Autism, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation were the organizations that we supported during the program year.

We elevated our communication to our members and community with monthly newsletters to keep you in the know of our Chapter wins, upcoming events, membership highlights, and allowed you to get to know our Albuquerque CEC members and the their role within our Chapter leadership.

Lastly, we supported your career growth and offered virtual CGFM courses to help you prepare and pass Exam 2 to be one step closer to your certification. The Chapter contributed to offering both physical and electronic study material for all three CGFM exam sections and continued supporting all our members striving to obtain this personal goal.

Overall, I would like to extend gratitude and recognition to our 13 other CEC members. The 2020 – 2021 year would not have been as successful in meeting our Chapter objectives and vision of providing an elevated level of education, philanthropy, community engagement, and networking without each CEC member.

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2020 – 2021 AGA Albuquerque Chapter President. I am so proud of the success, opportunities, and wonderful community we have among our membership. I wish you all continued happiness, wellness, and success.

Elizabeth Nuñez, CPA AGA Albuquerque Chapter President

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https://Twitter.com/ agaalbuquerque

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https://linkedin.com/groups/1049477/

For the full list of the AGA's COVID-19 resources, visit: <a href="https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools-Resources/COVID19Resources.aspx">https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools-Resources/COVID19Resources.aspx</a>

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### **CEC PROFILE**

# Matt Bone, Community Service Chair

Hello AGA Chapter Members,

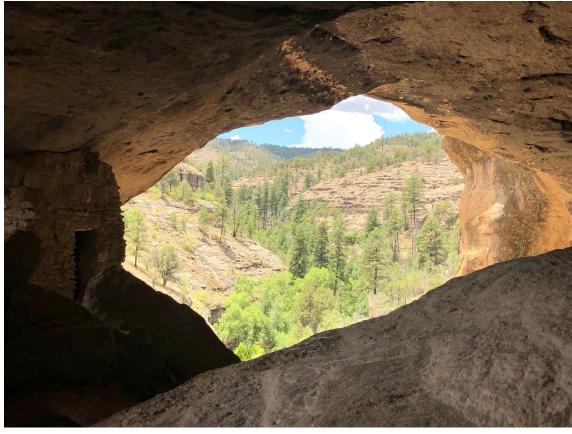
My name is Matt Bone and I am currently serving as the Community Service Chair, which I have fulfilled for the past 3 program years. As the Community Service Chair, I am responsible for coordinating various community service activities during the program year for our chapter. Historically, our Chapter has done 3-4 activities and events during the program year, which typically include



a back to school supplies drive, a Christmas toy drive and several fundraising walks for various causes. Given, the restrictions that have been in place since the start of the pandemic last year, our chapter had to adjust, which primarily consisted of monetary contributions, which included support to the following organizations: APS Educational Foundation, CASA Partners, JDRF, and the NM Autism Society.

I graduated from the University of New Mexico and I have been with CLA since 2008, primarily serving state and local governments in the state of New Mexico. I joined the AGA Albuquerque Chapter in 2010 and became a CGFM in 2012. Prior to serving as the Community Service Chair, I served as the Chapter Treasurer for 3 years and the Chapter President for one year. I am grateful for the many friendships and professional relationships that I have developed from my involvement in the AGA by attending the various monthly/annual trainings put on by AGA and serving on the board.

This upcoming program year, our board looks forward to getting back in the community. Feel free to reach out with any ideas on community service activities that you would like to see the Chapter get involved in this year!





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

- Josie Medina, City of Las Cruces
- \* Robert Santiago, Kubiak, Melton and Associates

## **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: <a href="https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx">https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx</a>

### **AGA National**

**Training Opportunities**all events are virtual or hybrid
Register at <u>agacqfm.orq</u>

July 19-21, 2021 IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP! PDT 2021!

21 CPEs

\$550 members \$650 non-members

September 21-22, 2021

Internal Control & Fraud Prevention

14 CPEs

\$525 members (online, before 9/3) \$625 members (online, after 9/3) See website for in-person options in Washington DC



# AGA ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER 2021-2022 CECRoster

Do you want to get more out of your AGA membership?

Do you want to be more involved in your local chapter?

Are you interested in joining the CEC Board?

We are currently filling Board positions for the upcoming program year.

If you are interested, please contact Alan D. "A.J." Bowers, Jr. at

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