

# March 2022

## NEWSLETTER



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# President's Message



Happy Spring AGA Albuquerque!!

My goodness, this year is moving quickly and I can't believe it is spring already. This is one of my favorite times of year in Albuquerque (other than the wind and some allergies) and a time in which to be thankful for all things new. As the days are longer, the snow melts and is 80 degrees, almost overnight; we see the plants and wildlife all come back to life, and it's a reminder of the hope and life that we have and gives us that extra bit of excitement every day.

While each and every one of us has been impacted in some way due to the pandemic these last couple years, it is exciting to see where we are with the improving health of our nation, state, city, families, and friends. The spring is that reminder to me to remember where we have been and to have the hope of where are going. It is a reminder to me to be thankful for where we have been and thankful for the new opportunities for the future.

It is with this optimism and outlook that I am so happy to let you know that we are in the final stages of the contract process the have our annual PDT at Santa Ana on May 18-19, 2022! We are working with the venue on their requirements and exploring virtual and in-person options in order to accommodate for as many folks as possible. Please stay tuned for additional communication and details as the planning process is underway.

This has not been an easy road for anyone, but I want to say a deep thank you to the other members of the CEC for the hard work, flexibility, and persistence that each of you have shown over this time, for I am grateful to you for all of the guidance and assistance.

Lastly, but certainly most importantly, my heartfelt thank you to each and every one of our members. You have been patient, flexible, and committed to the AGA during this time and it is truly an honor to be a part of an organization with such wonderful folks and a dedicated team in order to better serve our members.

I wish each of you a wonderful spring, may there be minimal wind and allergies. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming PDT and please let me know how we can better serve you.

Thank you,

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

Jennifer Baca, CGFM Chair



Hello Chapter Members,

March is CGFM Month! I serve as the CGFM Chair for the Albuquerque Chapter and work to promote the CGFM program. The CGFM chair is 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 me at [jennifern.baca@state.nm.us](mailto:jennifern.baca@state.nm.us) or see AGA National's website: <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>

Jennifer Baca

CGFM Chair—Albuquerque Chapter

# Membership Milestones

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

1 YEAR

- ♦ Stacy Dauz, Baldwin Accounting
- ♦ Eric Spurlin, Carr, Riggs & Ingram

5 YEARS

- ♦ Jessica Bundy, REDW
- ♦ Audrey Jaramillo, Jaramillo Accounting
- ♦ Michelle Salaz, US Forest Service
- ♦ Annette Thompson-Martinez, State of New Mexico
- ♦ Naomi A. Velasquez, General Services Department

10 YEARS

- ♦ Clarke Cagle, CLA
- ♦ Marty Mathisen, CLA

## Welcome NEW MEMBERS

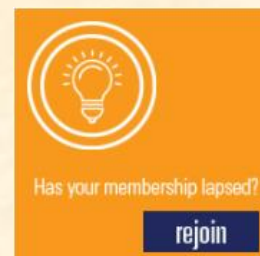
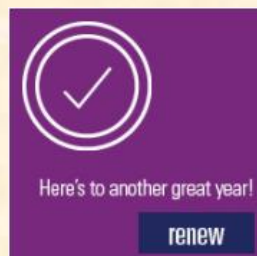
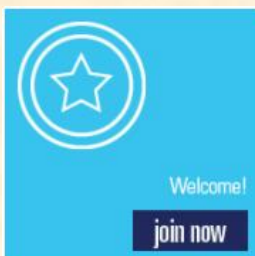
We're glad to have you as part of our Chapter!

- ♦ Lisa Archuleta,  
CNM
- ♦ Paul Garcia,  
Carr, Riggs & Ingram
- ♦ Shadeen Kesani,  
Carr, Riggs & Ingram
- ♦ Modesto J.  
Tapia , Self Em-  
ployed

Membership in AGA has many [privileges](#), including education and networking opportunities, awards and scholarship programs, discounts on training, and access to our [resources](#).

**Every year members receive at least 14 complimentary hours of training on a variety of topics for FREE! At a value of \$361, this benefit easily covers the cost of membership.**

Through their local [chapters](#), members enjoy additional networking, leadership and education experiences.





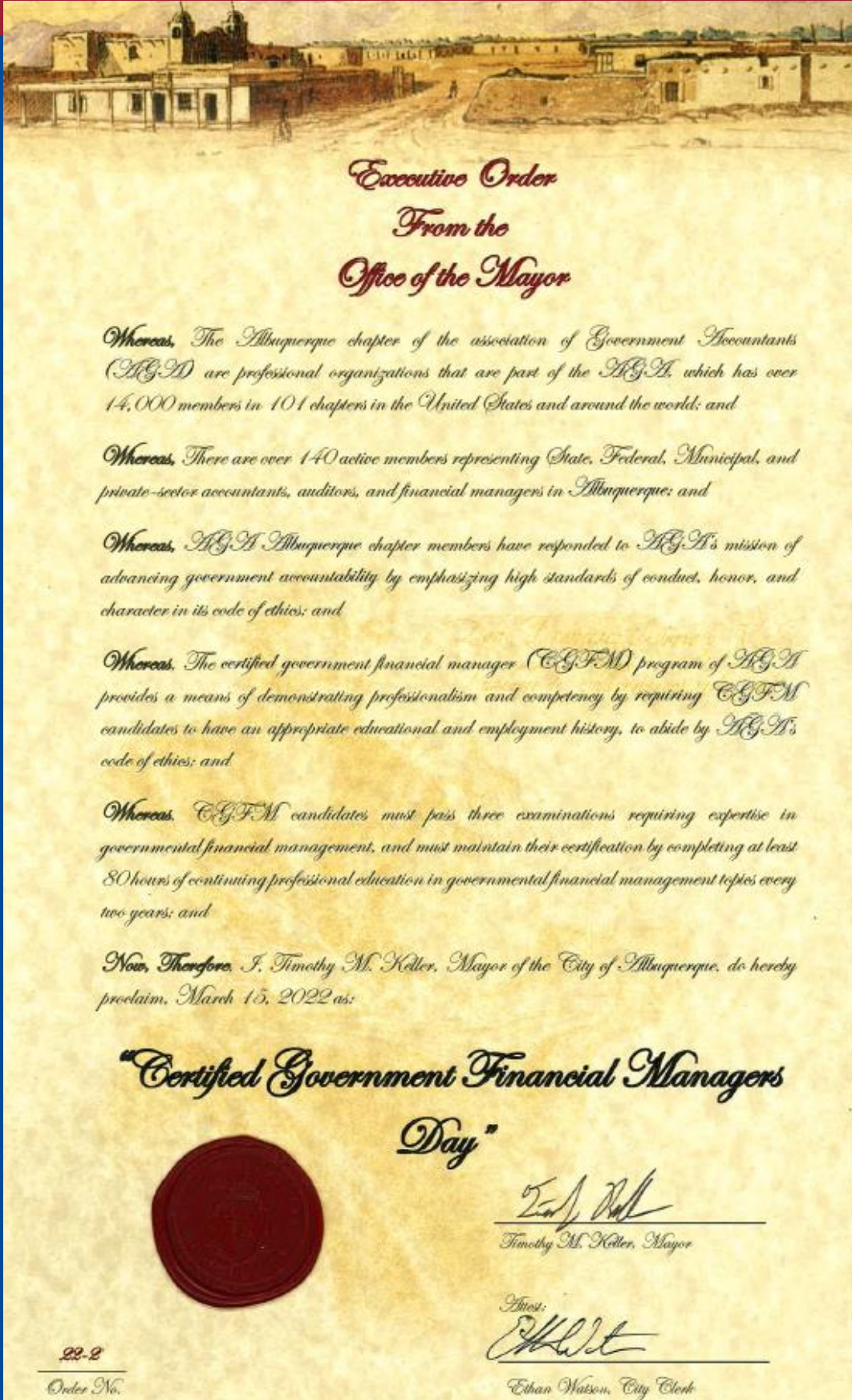


*We honor our Chapter members who have obtained their CGFM certification. Hard work, time and dedication are required to obtain and maintain this professional certification. The following members hold the CGFM designation:*

Raul Anaya, CGFM	Clark Cagle, CGFM	Maryam Hughes, CGFM	Georgie Ortiz, CGFM
Jennifer Baca, GCFM	Jeffrey Canney, CGFM	Marianne Kemp, CGFM	Heather Prudhomme, CGFM
Lee Baldwin, CGFM	Joshua Castellano-Gonzales, CGFM	Gilbert Kometa, CGFM	Donna Sandoval, CGFM
Elyse Barnes, CGFM	Melissa Dazie, CGFM	Sara Lee, CGFM	Misty Schuck, CGFM
Leann Bell, CGFM	Dominic Donjo, CGFM	Javier Machuca, CGFM	Sara Specht, CGFM
Laura Beltran-Schmitz, CGFM	Pamela Fanelli, CGFM	Bryan Maestas, CGFM	Daniel Trujillo, CGFM
Sanjay Bhakta, CGFM	Maria Fidalgo, CGFM	Johnny Mangu, CGFM	Joshua Trujillo, CGFM
Christopher Bitakis, CGFM	Peter Gilmour, CGFM	Leslie Martin, CGFM	Michael Vigil, CGFM
Matthew Bone, CGFM	Kimberly Hallatt, CGFM	Danny Martinez, CGFM	Stephanie Yara, CGFM
Sarah Brack, CGFM	Tamara Hanan, CGFM	Martin Mathisen, CGFM	
Jeffrey Brown, CGFM	James Hartogensis, CGFM	Tracy Milman, CGFM	

# EXECUTIVE ORDER FROM MAYOR KELLER

## PROCLAMATION of CGFM DAY -MARCH 15, 2022







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, 2022, as:*

## **"CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGERS MONTH"**

*throughout the state of New Mexico.*

*Attest:*

*Done at the Executive Office this  
5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.*

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*  
Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
Secretary of State

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

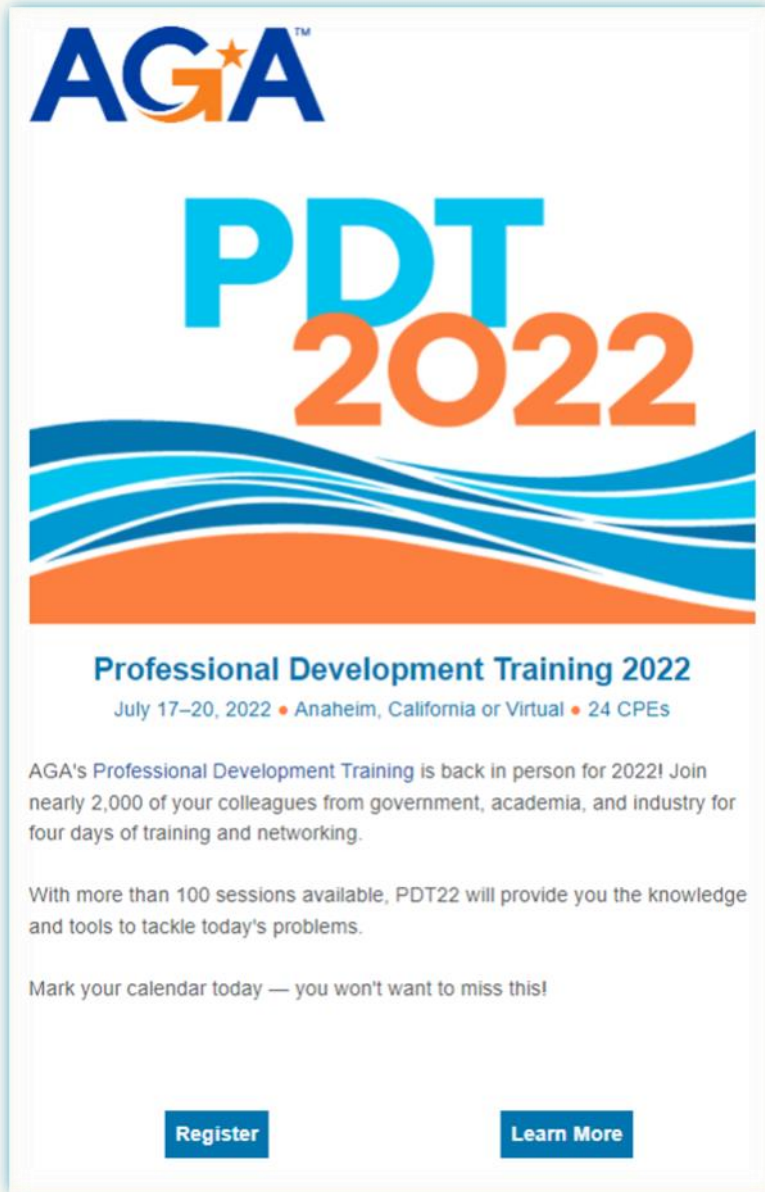
*Michelle Lujan Grisham*  
Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor



State of New Mexico Proclamation  
PROCLAMATION of MARCH 2022 AS CGFM MONTH

# *SUPCOMING* CHAPTER TRAINING

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# PDT 2022

**Professional Development Training 2022**  
July 17–20, 2022 • Anaheim, California or Virtual • 24 CPEs

AGA's Professional Development Training is back in person for 2022! Join nearly 2,000 of your colleagues from government, academia, and industry for four days of training and networking.

With more than 100 sessions available, PDT22 will provide you the knowledge and tools to tackle today's problems.

Mark your calendar today — you won't want to miss this!

[Register](#) [Learn More](#)

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Albuquerque/New Mexico Chapter PDT will be

**May 18–19, 2022 at the Santa Ana Star Resort**

More information coming soon!

## AGA National Training Opportunities

Register at [agacgfm.org](http://agacgfm.org)

**April 6, 2022 12:00-1:50pm**

**Ethics**

**2 CPEs**

\$59 members

\$99 non-members

**April 14, 2022**

**Enterprise Risk Management  
Workshop (Washington DC)**

**7 CPEs**

\$150 for members

**April 20, 2022 12:00-1:50 pm**

**CARES Act**

**2 CPEs**

\$59 for members

\$99 for non-members

**April 26, 2022 1:00 pm**

**AGA Council for Advancement  
of Women Book Talk**

**Dr. Karen Hardy**

**No CPE (register in advance)**

Free for members!

**May 11, 2022 12:00-1:50 pm**

**Fraud/Data Analytics**

**2 CPEs**

\$59 for members

\$99 for non-members

Interested in taking  
the CGFM  
examination?

**CGFM**  
Corner

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  
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# AGA ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

## *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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