



February 2017 Newsletter

President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day AGA New Mexico Members! The state legislative session is in full swing. There are several items that the Legislature is working to resolve mostly having to do with the state's financial situation which impacts both state and local governments. This is a time where financial information provided by government financial managers is critical to giving an accurate fiscal picture from which decisions may be made.



The January luncheon was held at the Old Pecos Trail Café in Santa Fe. The speaker was Jan Goodwin, CPA and Executive Director of the Educational Retirement Board. Jan spoke on the outcomes of GASB 68 and the effect on beneficiary financial statements. She has been an avid supporter of AGA for many years. Thank you, Jan.

The February Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at the Red Lobster Restaurant in Santa Fe. The speaker will be Julia Gabaldon, Executive Director of Quality New Mexico. Please register for this event by contacting Wanda Gonzales, Chapter President-Elect, at 505-827-4865 or by email at supwmg@nmcourts.gov.

Welcome new members! Ms. Ursula Garcia, Chief Procurement Officer, New Mexico State Land Office; Mr. Antonio L. Muniz, Accountant & Auditor, NM Department of Transportation; Ms. Lori A. Narvaiz, Financial Coordinator-Advanced, NM Human Services Department; and Ms. Amber Trujillo, Financial Coordinator – A, NM Department of Information Technology.

This is another reminder that the New Mexico and Albuquerque Chapters will be conducting the Annual Professional Development Training. This training will be held on April 20-21 in Albuquerque. Please see the notification in this newsletter and our web-site.

Have you considered being of a member of the Chapter Executive Committee? Positions will be available for the 2017-2018 Program Year. They are: President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Be on the lookout for future announcements.

Congratulations go out to Dominic Donio, CGFM. Dominic was the latest New Mexico Chapter Member to obtain his professional designation as a Certified Government Financial Manager. And speaking of CGFM, March is Certified Government Financial Managers Month. Help AGA celebrate this month by proudly displaying your CGFM or by applying to become a CGFM.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wanda Gonzales".

Save the Date

Association of Government Accountants Albuquerque & New Mexico Chapters Professional Development Training

April 20 - 21, 2017

Hyatt Regency in Downtown Albuquerque

\$91 special sleeping room rate with code 2017PDT.

Parking available.



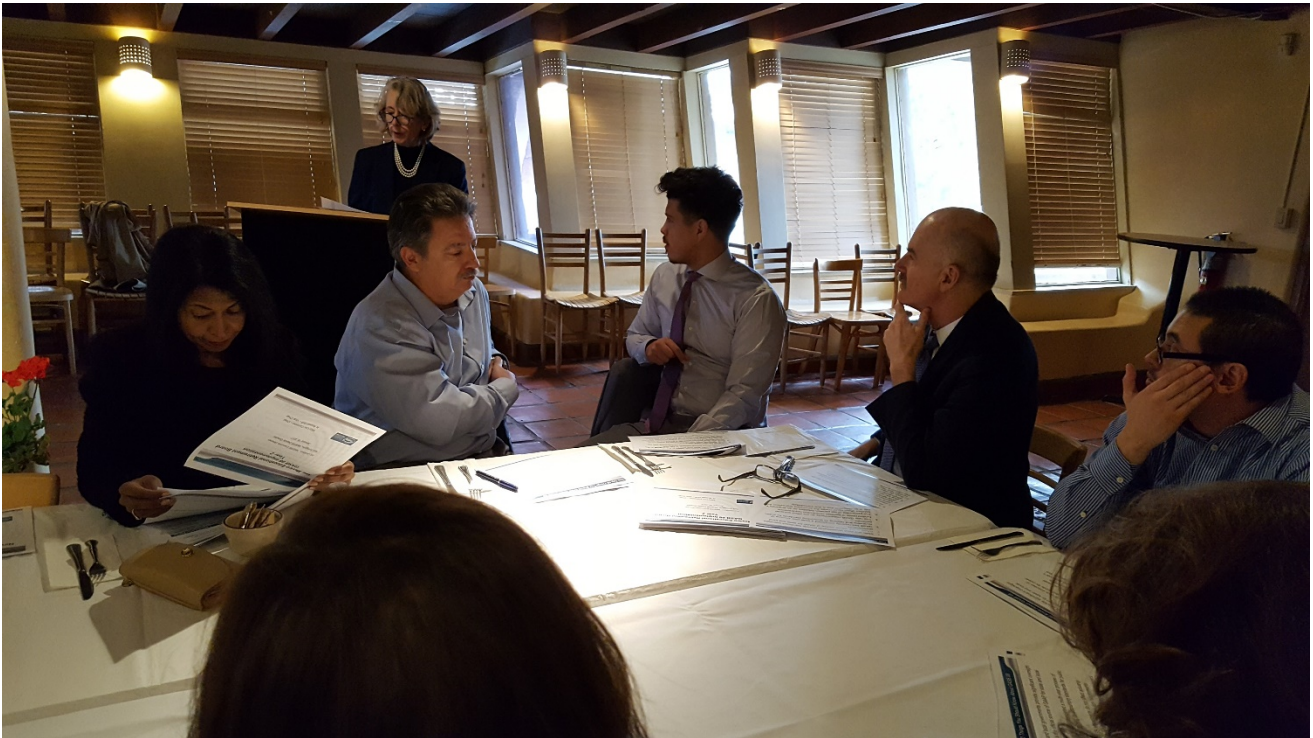
The topics for this year are:

- Powering Positive Change
- Transcending Barriers & Creating Opportunities



Chapter Events

Here are highlights from recent events...



January Luncheon...Jan Goodwin, CPA, Executive Director of the Education Retirement Board (ERB) presents to AGA New Mexico Chapter members during the January Luncheon, that was held at the Pecos Trail Café.



Attendees at the Financial Reporting Model Improvement – Governmental Funds webinar held on February 8.

...And the highlights keep comin' ...



Bryan Maestas, CGFM, NM Chapter Education Chair prepping webinar attendees.

February Luncheon

Quality New Mexico

- Date:** February 22, 2017 11:45 am – 1:00 pm
- Location:** Red Lobster, 4450 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe
- Cost:** \$12 Members & \$18 Non-Members
- Speaker:** Julia Gabaldon, President/Chief Executive Officer, Quality New Mexico
- Topic:** Quality New Mexico
- R.S.V.P.:** Wanda Gonzales by 3:00pm on February 21, 2017
Telephone: 505 827-4865 / Email: supwmg@nmcourts.gov

Cancellations after the deadline and “no shows” will be charged the full price of the meal payable to the Chapter. We must guarantee the number of attendees to the restaurant in advance





The Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

To earn the CGFM, individuals must apply for the CGFM program and meet the following requirements:

Ethics — read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics

Education — have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university

Examinations — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations, and

Experience — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

To maintain CGFM certification in active status, individuals must continue to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, renew CGFM annually and earn 80 continuing professional education (CPE) hours every two years.

If you are an AGA member and apply now you can save \$35.00 off the application fee through 3/31/2017. So, you can apply for only \$35.00! If you're not an AGA member the application fee is \$99.00. Please go to the agacgfm.org website or email Luis R. Eres at luis.r.eres.civ@mail.mil for more information.

Start working on your CGFM certification today!

Scheduled Webinars/Audio Conferences

Bryan Maestas, CGFM, Education Chair

The New Mexico Chapter CEC has 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.

Upcoming webinars / audio conferences are:

- Topic: Fraud/Risk
Date: February 22, 2017
- Topic: Ethics
Date: April 12, 2017
- Topic: Uniform Guidance
Date: March 8, 2017
- Topic: Blended and Braided Funding
Date: April 26, 2017

Chapter Finances

AGA NM CHAPTER TREASURER'S REPORT January 2017

Book Balance (ledger)	42,186.47
Unreconciled amount	592.82
Outstanding deposits	-
Outstanding checks	739.32
Bank Balance (bank statement)	<u>43,518.61</u>
Statement Ending Bank Balance as of 1/31/17	<u>\$ 43,518.61</u>

New Mexico Chapter Website

Please visit the New Mexico Chapter web-site at agasantafe.org to view the most recent postings of Chapter events, happening and member profiles.

Education

Don't forget about education - the Chapter has secured webinars. Updates on the location of these trainings will be posted on the Chapter web-site as well as disseminated through email.

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