



ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

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President's Message

Greetings,

This is a bittersweet message to compose this month... This is the last President's message of my term and it has truly been a great honor and opportunity to guide an excellent CEC, as well as a chapter exploding in growth of members. You all make AGA a wonderful organization to be a part of! You have probably heard me say that being President was never really in my goal lists and I was wary to take on something in such limelight. That old adage of the benefits of stretching ourselves outside of our comfort zones proves itself once again! I can't properly articulate the joy and pride I have felt while watching our successes and the things we have learned and re-engineered to make this organization more member-friendly, open, and beneficial.

In this newsletter, there is a great summary of all that we have accomplished and been part of during the 2014-2015 program year. I extend my most heartfelt thanks to members of the CEC and all they do and champion to keep us reaching new heights. There is also a section showing milestone member anniversaries. We congratulate those who have been with AGA for the long haul and look forward to seeing this number continue to grow in the years ahead.

As this program year comes to a close, I am very excited to see what the new CEC and President has in store to keep this upward trend moving! Please stay tuned in to your email for upcoming announcements of summer education opportunities and announcements.

Once again, thanks for a SUPERB year! Cheers and hope to see you all down the road in the future!

Heather Prudhomme, CPA, CGFM, CGMA

AGA Albuquerque Chapter President

Welcome New Members!

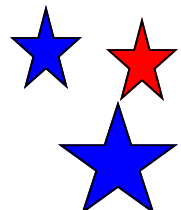
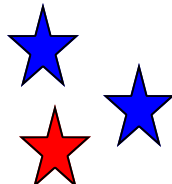
April Members:

- Dorinda J. Cash—CNM , Student
- Sally Jo Ann Doyle—NM Dept. of Workforce Solutions
- Carl Hernandez—CNM, Student
- Teresa R. Storey—Public Employee Retirement Association



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2014-2015 AGA Albuquerque Chapter Accomplishments

Membership

Overall: 55 NEW MEMBERS!!
 Increased membership by 38 members from 12/31/13
 2 New CEC Members
 1 Student CEC Member

WOW Awesome!!!

Education

4 CPE Luncheons held (4 CPE hours: 2 Tech, 2 Non-Tech)
 3 CPE Seminars held (12 CPE hours: 12 Tech)
 Visit from AGA National President
 Fall Seminar offered free of charge
 Member Appreciation CPE Seminar (3 CPE hrs, Tech) *Co-hosted with NM Chapter*
 2015 PDT: 17 hours offered per attendee
 (28 different classes/39 hours offered, 24.5 tech, 14.5 non-tech)
 6 hours – CGFM day (tech)
Total education offered for 2014-2015 program year: 64 hours (47.5 tech, 16.5 non-tech)

Certification

CGFM Study Guide Library, updated guides purchased
 1st ever CGFM day offered – 6 hours of instruction for exam preparation
 2 new CGFM designations awarded, and celebrated at special luncheon

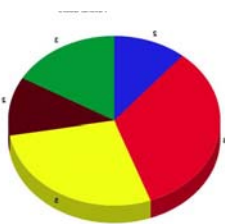
Community Service and Outreach

Carrie Tingley/UNM Children’s Hospital (Toy donation)
 Albuquerque Rescue Mission (Monetary and Supplies donation)
 School Supplies Drive for 2 local APS school (Supplies donation)
 Participation in Wreaths Across America Chapter Challenge (Monetary donation)
 Clothing drive for the Barrett Foundation (Supplies donation)
 Monetary drive for Animal Humane of New Mexico and People Against the Cruelty of Animals
 Chapter donation to NM Special Olympics
 Sponsorship of CNM Government Accounting Students Association (GASA)
 Mentor program launched between GASA and AGA ABQ Chapter

Reporting and Communication

CEC held summer retreat to plan program year and strategic initiatives
 Citizen Centric Report published for 2013-2014 program year
 10 monthly newsletters published (August – May)
 Networking reception held after Winter and Member Appreciation Seminars, and PDT
 Member survey sent for membership feedback
 Results compiled, published, and implemented during year

Membership Demographics



148 Members
 14 Federal
 52 State
 34 Local (City/County)
 37 Private
 8 Students/Faculty
 1 Retired
 33 with CGFM!


Great!


Welcome 2015-2016 Albuquerque Chapter CEC

President	Jeff Brown	
Immediate Past President	Heather Prudhomme	
Secretary	Amy Carter	
Treasurer	Matt Bone	
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Newsletter Editor	Heather Prudhomme	
Historian	Christopher Schmitz	Co-Chair Jeff Brown
Awards Chair	Johnny Mangu	



UPCOMING AGA TRAINING & EVENTS

 Update and Implications of DATA Act "Beyond the Beltway"
 June 3 | 2-3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs | Register (coming soon)

 Citizen-Centric Reporting
 June 20 | 2-3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs | Register (coming soon)



CGFM Corner

by James Hartogensis, CGFM, CPA

Free CGFM® Exam for AGA Members!

AGA members can now take a CGFM examination for free. Enroll in the CGFM program in April or May and save \$125!

To qualify for this promotion, an individual must:

- Be a [current member of AGA](#) for the 2015-2016 membership year, and
- Complete the CGFM application requirements between 4/1/15 and 5/31/15 (Note: this includes submitting the online CGFM application form, paying the \$85 application fee and submitting the [required official college transcript](#) to the AGA Office of Professional Certification).

Individuals who have met the above criteria and are enrolled in the CGFM program will be issued an exam voucher that can be used in lieu of payment for the Governmental Environment examination taken at a Pearson VUE testing center. The testing appointment must be scheduled and the exam must be taken by November 30, 2015.



Watch your email for summer CPE offerings!

June Member Appreciation Event details coming soon!

Speaker Call

Are you interested in sharing your knowledge and providing CPE to our attendees? We are looking for luncheon and seminar speakers for the upcoming program year. Please contact any member of the CEC to express interest in timing, topics, etc.



Membership Renewal Season

Dear Members,

Thank you for your support of AGA! We understand how you choose to spend your money is a critical decision and we encourage you to continue to invest in yourself and your career by renewing today. AGA is your organization, providing an extraordinary return on investment in terms of training, knowledge management, resources and networking.

Renew your membership and CGFM online today:

Login with your **User Name** at www.agacgfm.com

Enter your password, typically **first initial last name** (no space).

Select the "Proceed to Checkout" button at the bottom of the invoice to renew online

Important CGFM renewal information:

To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFM's are required to:

Pay the CGFM annual renewal fee by March 31

Complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) in government financial management topics or related technical subjects within each designated two-year cycle

Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed

More information on CGFM renewal, CPE requirements, inactive status and retired status may be found at:

[Maintaining CGFM Certification.](#)

By submitting your renewal payment, you affirm your agreement and compliance with AGA's Code of Ethics. CGFM's further agree to meet the above CPE requirements.

We look forward to your continued membership!

77% Of Our Albuquerque Members Have Renewed—Please Join Them!

The Date For Renewal Has Passed But The Grace Period For Renewal Without Suspension Is May 31, 2015—Don't Be A Part Of The 23%

Member Milestone Anniversaries

5 Years

Matthew Bone, CGFM
Alan D. Bowers, Jr.
Robert A. Gonzales
Kevin P. Grandinetti
Kimberly Hallatt, CGFM
Heather Prudhomme, CGFM
Isabelle E. Purcella
Jason Shaw

10 Years

Fidel A. Bernal
John T. Kennedy

25 Years

Jeffrey M. Riggs, CGFM

30 Years

Peter Gilmour, CGFM

50 Years

William R. Stoffels



Congratulations Are In Order For The AGA Albuquerque Chapter!!!

The AGA Albuquerque Chapter has been selected for two national awards!

Each year, AGA recognizes financial management professionals and chapters whose visionary leadership, outstanding accomplishments and exceptional service have significantly advanced our profession, strengthened our Association and improved our communities. This year on behalf of the AGA National Awards Committee, Heather Prudhomme was chosen as the recipient of the **“2015 AGA Chapter Service Award”!**

The Albuquerque Chapter was chosen to receive the **“2015 AGA Chapter Education Award”** for demonstrating an outstanding commitment to providing educational programs to their members and other accountability professionals.

AGA National will celebrate all national awards winners in Nashville, Tennessee at the 64th Annual Professional Development Training, July 12-15, 2015. Heather Prudhomme will be attending the Training and will represent the Albuquerque Chapter and accept the award on the behalf of the Chapter!!!

This is wonderful accomplishment for the Albuquerque Chapter, everyone in the Chapter should be very proud!



Annual Records Conference

The annual conference hosted by the Rio Grande Chapter of the Association of Records Managers & Administrators (ARMA) in Albuquerque. Topics include document imaging, how to conduct a records survey (inventory), and the importance of retaining records according to a formal schedule. Cost is \$125 for eight hours of continuing education that the State Board of Public Accountancy has accepted as technical CPE for license holders.

For more information about this conference or to register, please click on the graphic below or go to <http://armariogrande.org/spring-conference-2015-records-and-information-empowering/>. The conference registration form can be downloaded from <http://armariogrande.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/ARMARGC-Registration-Form-2015-FINAL.doc>

MISSION STATEMENT

Albuquerque AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

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AGA CORE VALUES

Service, Accountability,
Integrity, Leadership



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Make achieving the CGFM your goal for this program year!

The first two AGA Albuquerque Chapter Members who send in a notice of CGFM award between now and May 31, 2015 (*final test must not have been taken prior to September 1, 2014*) will receive recognition in our newsletter and \$500 from the AGA Albuquerque Chapter. For more details or to apply for the award please contact James Hartogensis, CPA, CGFM at jhartocpa@msn.com.

