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President's Message

Mari Hughes

AGA Albuquerque Chapter President

Happy Spring fellow AGA Albuquerque Chapter members! In typical NM fashion, Spring has been ushered in with some interesting weather.

We were very pleased with the turnout for our Winter Series training held on February 2nd, 2023 at the Nusenda Credit Union Training Center. This was only our second in person training event since the pandemic (the first was last year's PDT) and over 40 people turned out! It was really great to see people in person again. Our next in person event is the 2023 Professional Development Training (PDT), which will be held at Santa Ana Star Casino and Hotel on April 12th and 13th. We've got some great sessions planned, plus a reception on the first night and a raffle with some great prizes. There will be a virtual option for those who can't attend in person, however only select sessions will be offered virtually. I hope to see you there in person!

Finally, it is renewal season so please take a moment to renew your membership and respond to the membership survey Krista sent out to everyone. Responses to the membership survey helps us to improve and provide more value for your membership. We are genuinely interested in your opinion.

Last, but not least, a new program year will soon be upon us. I would like to encourage anyone who has been thinking of being more involved with AGA to join the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC), we're always excited to welcome new faces! If you're interested, please reach out to myself or any member of the CEC.

I want to thank everyone for your continued support of AGA and the Albuquerque Chapter. I hope to see you all at the PDT – remember, register by April 5th! See you there!

Mari Hughes

AGA Albuquerque Chapter President

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AGA Members Spotlight



Leslie A. Martin, MBA, CGFM
City of Albuquerque
Accounting Systems Coordinator
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Where do you work and what is your role?

I work for the City of Albuquerque as an Accounting Systems Coordinator; however, I am very new to this position. For the past 7 years, I was a Principal Accountant on the Grants Team for the City. My primary role was to provide system and fiscal support to departments with regards to their respective grants. For the first few years in the position, I also did year-end fund work.

What is your education and why was it important to you to obtain a CGFM certification?

I have a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA). When the CGFM program was introduced to us, I knew that getting a CGFM certification would be beneficial to my job and career. I enjoy learning new things and consider myself a life-long learner. You're "never too old" and "knowledge is power" are words I live by. It helps that I am curious by nature. I knew that I didn't have a full picture of what we did or why we did it so my hope was that the study materials for the CGFM would help me expand my knowledge and put the pieces together. And, I was right!

How is the AGA helpful in your career?

It has given me an understanding of the annual ACFR and all the different components and work that goes into it. Having this knowledge has opened my eyes to how and why certain jobs/positions contribute to its creation. I also believe it could provide people a leg up when it comes to moving up within an organization.

What are some of your hobbies and interests?

My hobbies and interests include hiking, art, thrifting and health and wellness. My granddaughters are a big part of my life and we enjoy baking together.

What advice do you have for other Government finance employees?

My advice would be to begin your CGFM journey today, if you haven't done so. It took me a while to get into a good study routine, but once I found what worked for me, I was able to do it consistently. Eventually, I got to a point where I felt ready to take the exam(s). The time and effort were well worth it!

2023 Professional Development Training

GROWING THE FUTURE OF GOVERNMENT

REGISTER BEFORE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th

<https://forms.office.com/r/6VfX67d2Mz>



In Person or Virtual
8 hours CPE / Day

2 Day PDT
Wednesday & Thursday, April 12th and 13th
Member Rate: \$285
Non-Member Rate: \$335

1 Day PDT
You choose the day
Member Rate: \$185
Non-Member Rate: \$210

Location:

Santa Ana Star Casino
54 Jemez Canyon Dam Rd.
Santa Ana Pueblo, NM 87004

Room Rate: \$98 (use group code 3802)
Reserve room before Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Member Milestones

5 Year Anniversaries

Linda Cutler-Padilla
Vickie Ortiz
Carmela Little

Melarie M. Gonzales
Amanda R. Trujillo
Corrine Zajac-Clarkson

Joshua T. Catellano-Gonzalez, CGFM
Rachel Apodaca

10 Year Anniversaries

Jennifer N. Baca, CGFM, CFE
Marianne T. Kemp, CGFM, CPA
Dolores M. Perea
Crystal M. Funes

Roberta Smith
Sara Specht, CGFM, CFE, CPA
Sarah Brack, CGFM

Joshua Trujillo, CGFM, CPA
Perry O. Valdez
Lisa M. Storey

15+ Year Anniversaries

Laura E. Beltran-Schmitz, CGFM
Maria D. Fidalgo, CGFM
James Hartogensis, CGFM, CPA
John E. McCoy II
Donna M. Sandoval, CGDM, CISA, CISM
Bryan M. Maestas, CGFM
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Renew your AGA membership to continue benefits 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.

Connect, Collaborate & Network!

- Expand your network – with 90+ chapters nationwide, you can even join AGA in multiple locations.
- Participate in our online mentoring program. Be a mentor and/or seek a mentor!
- Volunteer to serve on AGA committees and boards.
- Find a position or look for qualified candidates on AGA's Job Bank.
- Join the conversation on LinkedIn, Twitter & Facebook.



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Continuous Learning!

- Participate in educational events – learn from and meet the experts.
- Save money with registration discounts on national and chapter training events.
- Sign up for four (4) complimentary members-only webinars.
- Attend the Transformation & Technology Summit for FREE!
- Leverage discounts on CGFM renewal and application fees.



Stay Informed & Find Solutions!

- Access online tools, developed by government experts to prevent fraud, reduce improper payments, improve outcomes, mitigate risk, and enhance collaboration.
- Stay up to date through the quarterly *Journal of Government Financial Management*.
- Learn about and share best practices described in AGA research and executive reports.
- Get the latest innovations in government by tuning into AGA's Accountability Talks podcasts.



The association for connecting and empowering professionals who support government, from financial management to IT, human resources, cybersecurity and more, to accelerate their careers.

We work together to advance good government initiatives and improve citizen trust in government.

Advance.
Grow.
Accelerate.

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AGA CGFM Members

Renew Today!

The government accountability and transparency network

AGA is the preeminent network for connecting and empowering professionals who support government, from financial management to IT, human resources, cybersecurity and more, to accelerate their careers.

Driving excellence & transparency in government accountability

Through thought leadership, certification, and national and local educational events, AGA remains at the forefront of emerging issues and innovation – driving excellence and transparency in government accountability.

Shaping the future of good government

Whether you're leading the way or looking to advance your career, as an AGA member you can expand your expertise and help shape and drive the future of government accountability.

A platform to connect & collaborate

AGA brings together professionals from an array of disciplines to collaborate and exchange ideas to accelerate government accountability and transparency to build citizen trust.



Renew Today
Advance. Grow. Accelerate.



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AGA Members Privileges

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

Like Saving Money?

AGA's training opportunities are value-priced, and members receive Discounted (and free) rates.

Got Problems? AGA has Solutions!

Intergov features FREE tools to prevent fraud, reduce improper payments, improve outcomes and mitigate risk.

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

Membership includes a subscription to the quarterly *Journal*.

Zero Dollars!

Members receive quarterly webinars for FREE! That's 6 CPEs annually.

Can't Sleep?

Access recordings from AGA events and earn CPE at your pace, at any time—day or night. We are always open! And...members receive discounted rates!

Informative, Insightful, Thought-Provoking...All for You!

AGA's Accountability Talks Podcasts are a convenient, mobile, FREE way to learn hot topics in government financial management.

Get a Leg Up on the Competition

AGA members received discounts on the CGFM application and renewal fees, as well as the Intensive Review Course.

Here's My Number...So Call Me Maybe

Members find and connect with fellow members via the AGA membership directory.

And...So Much More!

Learn more and share with your colleagues: agacgfm.org/benefits.



AGA ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

2022-2023 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

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