

September 2020

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Chapter President

Dear AGA Albuquerque,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 Chapter Program year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new members and a big thank you to our returning members for their dedicated support and advocacy over the years. This year has been unlike anything we have ever experienced, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us all and I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones doing well and staying safe.

As a member of the AGA Albuquerque Chapter for the past four years, it is with great excitement that I reflect on all the amazing experiences AGA has offered me. I have had the privilege of serving in various capacities on the CEC, participated in community networking events along with impactful mentoring experiences. Now as your 2020-2021 Chapter President, I would like to thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve you and advance the AGA Albuquerque Chapter. I am committed to serve as your voice for our AGA Albuquerque chapter, collaborating with my fellow board members and working alongside dedicated community leaders within our Chapter CEC.

Our objectives and vision for the 2020-2021 chapter year are to continue to provide an elevated level of education, philanthropy, community engagement, networking and commitment to engage all members especially during these unprecedented times. Making the decision to postpone our 2020 PDT was critical to the safety of us all. We understand that this may have impacted our members in meeting their required education hours along with budgeted funds for training and education opportunities; however, your safety was our priority.

We have worked to provide you with this year's program and trainings within a virtual environment. We are dedicated to furthering our CGFM candidates by providing virtual exam resources, networking/engagement opportunities, with the anticipation of celebrating new CGFM members this program year. I would like to encourage you to help grow our chapter by inviting friends and/or colleagues to join us virtually for one of our education sessions and/or community service opportunities.

As your Chapter President, I look forward to expanding our presence, voice and community engagement through the growth of our AGA Chapter membership. Cheers to another successful year!

Thank you and be well!

Elizabeth Nuñez, CPA
AGA Albuquerque Chapter President

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COVID-19 Resource Exchange

COVID-19 brought many changes in a short period of time. While many have gone back to work, many more are still working from home for safety purposes. The AGA has provided many tools to assist with the transition, including:

Track the Money - Pandemic Response Accountability Committee

DoD IG: COVID-19 Oversight Plan

How to Manage Your Newly Remote Workforce

For the full list of resources, visit:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools-Resources/COVID19Resources.aspx>

CEC PROFILE *Heather Prudhomme*



Hello and Happy September! We are starting a new newsletter feature to help our members get to know our Albuquerque Chapter Executive Committee. My name is Heather Prudhomme and I am serving this year as the Chapter Webmaster. I also serve on the AGA National Governance Committee. Being the Webmaster for the past several years has allowed me the flexibility I need to stay engaged with our local chapter, volunteer at the National level, and be a full-time working mom! As we all know this year, flexibility is key!

My entire professional career has involved some sort of government finance. I first worked on government entity audits with 2 CPA firms, and then transitioned to audit and finance roles in my current private government contractor home at Sandia National Laboratories. Along the line, I earned my CPA license, and CGFM and CGMA certifications.

I often say that AGA is one of my happy places. In the past ten years of being part of the CEC and AGA, I have served in numerous positions in our chapter: Programs Director, Secretary, Early Career Chair, President Newsletter Editor, and Webmaster. I have also been the Regional Vice President for the Southwest Region. I find such value in this organization in the way we work to collaborate as government financial professionals, give back to our communities, and provide avenues of networking and information sharing. Whether it is at a local CPE luncheon or the National Professional Development Training, there is a large population of AGA members to find community with.

Our Chapter is incredible – we have many legacy members on our CEC and consistently reach our high standards with our award-winning activities and programs! If you know of website suggestions or other things you'd like to see, feel free to contact any of our CEC. Have a wonderful fall and hopefully we will see you all in person soon!



Enjoy podcasts? Check out AGA's Accountability Talks!

"Accountability Talks" is a podcast focused on the government accountability community. We hope these conversations will enlighten and inspire you as you navigate your career, provide fascinating insights from government thought leaders and encourage you to take part in this vibrant community.

They are available on Apple Podcasts and Google Play.

CEC STUDENT MEMBER *Marisa Maestas*



Hi, I am Marisa Maestas and I'm currently serving for the first time as a Student Member on the Albuquerque Chapter Executive Committee (CEC). I am a senior at the Anderson School of Management at the University of New Mexico (UNM) pursuing a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. My immediate future plan after completing my undergraduate studies is to continue graduate school at UNM before beginning my career in accounting. My primary role on the CEC is to be the liaison between UNM students and the Albuquerque Chapter. Serving on the Albuquerque Chapter CEC, I am excited to learn more about the accounting profession, how AGA promotes career growth, and how AGA will assist me and college students with our individual careers.

DO YOU KNOW A COLLEGE STUDENT MAJORING IN AN ACCOUNTING OR IT FIELD?

Pass along this great membership opportunity!

Give your career a lift

If you're interested in pursuing a rewarding career in government financial management, rise to the occasion and join AGA as a student member.



•• *For a limited time!* ••

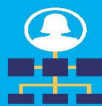
Your student membership is **free** for one year!

Visit www.agacgfm.org/FreeStudent to join!



Recognition

- Scholarships
- Internships
- Academic competitions



Network

- Meet leaders
- Make connections
- Mentor opportunities
- Gain insight



Distinction

- Become a Certified Government Financial Manager
- Establish your expertise

For more:
www.agacgfm.org/membership
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Welcome NEW MEMBERS

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


- * Leslie Martin
- * Alexandra Williams

Membership has benefits. Please share this newsletter with associates who may be interested in joining our chapter. If you haven't renewed yet, please be sure to do so by visiting: <https://www.agacgfm.org/MyAGA/Signin.aspx?RET=/MyAGA/Annual-Renewal.aspx>

UPCOMING TRAINING Opportunities

Watch your In box and future editions of this monthly newsletter! Our Chapter Education Chair is hard at work developing a full education plan that will provide all our members with virtual training opportunities at low or no cost. Current topics include the following:

- CAFR Preparation: Tips and Tricks
- Fraud: Latest Prevention and Detection Techniques
- Ethics
- CARES Act: Best Practices for Accounting and Reporting
- Internal Controls in Remote or Hybrid Work Environment
- Uniform Guidance Update



Interested in taking the CGFM examination? 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 Chair Jennifer Baca at jennifern.baca@outlook.com.

**AGA National
Training Opportunities**
all events are virtual
Register at agacgfm.org

September 23-24, 2020
Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training
14 CPEs
\$525 for members
\$700 for non-members
early bird rates until 9/4/2020
In-person attendance available (DC)

October 7, 2020 12:00-1:50 MT
Internal Control/Improper Payments
2 CPEs
\$59 for members
\$99 for non-members

November 4, 2020 12:00-1:50 MT
Ethics: Becoming a Person of Influence
2 CPEs
\$59 for members
\$99 for non-members

November 18, 2020
Technology & Transformation Summit (TTS)
8 CPEs
Free for members!
\$125 for government non-members
\$249 for private sector non-members
In-person attendance available for government employees only (DC)

December 9, 2020 12:00-1:50 MT
Internal Control
2 CPEs
\$59 for members
\$99 for non-members

AGA ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

2020-2021

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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