



August 2020
NEWSLETTER

Message from the Chapter President

Fellow AGA Albuquerque Chapter Members,

It's hard to believe that school has started and summer is ending. What a year! Many of us are currently working from home and looking forward to returning to all the fantastic things we took for granted before.

Your CEC has worked to transition to a remote environment. While this year's PDT was postponed due to the COVID-19 virus and the related restrictions, we are still committed to providing virtual educational offerings and activities for our members. Please stay healthy and plan to attend the PDT in April 2021.

In February, before our world changed, I attended our well-organized weekly CGFM training courses. Thanks to Javier Machuca, Mari Hughes, Josh Trujillo, and Jennifer Baca for your outstanding presentations in the CGFM review courses. I truly looked forward to those Friday afternoon sessions. Please see the CGFM proclamations from Governor Lujan Grisham and Mayor Keller in this issue. Our chapter has some great financial incentives for those who want to take the exams this year, so join me in this pursuit if you are not a CGFM.

As we wrap up our 2019-2020 program year and look forward to 2020-2021, our CEC has some new faces. A heartfelt thanks to Sara Brownstein, Javier Machuca, and Gerald Torres for their service as they step off the committee this year. Elizabeth Nunez will serve as the new President and lead a dedicated team of volunteers. See the 2020-2021 roster on page 8.

Our CEC meetings are currently held virtually at 5:30 pm on the first Tuesday evening of each month. Meetings are open and we welcome your participation. Please reach out to a CEC member for a link to our next meeting and get involved! We invite ideas or comments on how we can better serve you and improve our award winning chapter.

The best thing about volunteering on the CEC is the opportunity to serve in different roles. During the coming year, I will be the editor of this newsletter. If you would like to provide an article or content for a future edition, please contact me at the number below. Thanks again for your membership and for making our chapter a success!

Kory Hoggan
Past President, AGA Albuquerque Chapter
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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>



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.

CHAPTER Awards

During the AGA National Professional Development Training (PDT) held in July, the Albuquerque Chapter was recognized and collected four awards for the 2019-2020 program year:

- **Chapter Recognition Award: Platinum Chapter**
- **Community Service Award**
- **Chapter CGFM Award**
- **Chapter Accountability and Transparency Award**

Thanks to the CEC chairs who led efforts for continuance of our Chapter's national recognition!



Welcome NEW MEMBERS

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

- * Renee Turner
- * Lizzy J. Ratnaraj
- * Brandon Solwick
- * Mahvand Biazar

Membership has benefits. 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>

CHAPTER MEMBERS *National Roles*

Two of our chapter executive committee members also serve in national AGA roles, as described below. We are proud of their service!

Heather Prudhomme serves as a member of the AGA's Governance Committee. The Governance Committee consists of 5-8 members, who are appointed by and serve at the discretion of the National President. The Committee assists the National Governing Board by:

- * Keeping the NGB informed of current best practices in association governance;
- * Reviewing governance trends for their applicability to AGA;
- * Recommending updates to AGA's governance principles and governance practices; and
- * Advising on the skills, qualities and professional or educational experiences necessary to be effective board members.

Donna Sandoval serves as a National Governing Board (NGB) Director. The NGB sets strategic direction, determines policies and procedures, and approves the annual budget for AGA. It is the organization's decision-making authority, responsible for appointing the CEO.

Donna also serves as a National Council of Chapters (NCC) Representative. The NCC is vital for the representation and furtherance of the interests of AGA chapters and members. It facilitates communication, support, and collaboration among chapters and between chapters and the Board. Members of the Council serve as a critical resource both to the NGB and to their chapters to support the best interests of AGA and the profession.

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

September 2, 2020 11:00-12:00 MT
Build a Positive Workplace Environment—Even in a COVID-19 World!
1 CPE
Free for members!

September 9, 2020 12:00-1:50 MT
Communicate and Lead through Intention, Interaction, and Influence
2 CPEs
\$59 for members
\$99 for non-members

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 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)

CGFM Corner

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 Albuquerque Chapter "Virtual School Supply Drive"

August 8th-31st

While there is still so much uncertainty as to when students will be returning to the classroom, we do know our students still need school supplies.

Partner with us and make a contribution to the APS Education Foundation and we will match your contributions up to **\$500** to assist with necessary school supplies.

Visit: <https://www.aps.edu/education-foundation/giving>

Select your contribution amount and in the designation field please include:
"AGA Virtual School Supply Drive"

STATE OF NEW MEXICO PROCLAMATION: CGFM MONTH



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, both the New Mexico and Albuquerque 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 and Albuquerque 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, 2020, as;

"CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGERS MONTH"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

*Done at the Executive Office this
7th day of February, 2020.*

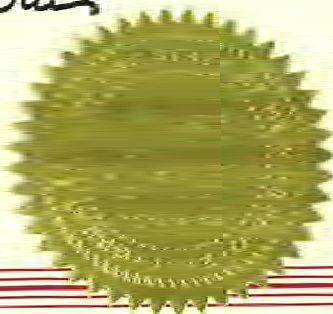
Attest:

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



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE EXECUTIVE ORDER: CGFM DAY



Executive Order From the Office of the Mayor

Whereas, The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is an international, 14,000 member organization for government financial management professionals with a mission to advance government accountability by emphasizing high standards of conduct, honor, and character; and

Whereas, The 140 member Albuquerque chapter of AGA has representation from municipal, state, and federal agencies as well as private-sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers; and

Whereas, Chapter members are making significant advances in professional ability and service to the citizens of New Mexico by mastering increasingly technical requirements; and

Whereas, The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have an appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's code of ethics; and

Whereas, CGFM candidates must pass three examinations requiring expertise in governmental financial management, and must maintain their certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in governmental financial management topics every two years; and

Now, Therefore, I, Timothy M. Keller, Mayor of the City of Albuquerque, do hereby proclaim, March 18th, 2020 as:

"Certified Government Financial Manager's Day"



Timothy Keller
Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

Attest:
Ethan Watson
Ethan Watson, City Clerk

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Order No.

AGA ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Announcing our 2020-2021 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.

Position	Name	Email Address
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