



# ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Albuquerque AGA Monthly Newsletter

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## AGA CHAPTER SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

**Date:** Tuesday,  
September 16, 2014

**Time:** 11:30am — 1:00pm

**Topic:** Internal Controls

**Presenter:** Ray Roberts,  
Accounting & Consulting  
Group, LLP

**Location:** Sheraton  
Uptown

*Please bring your school  
supplies*



## President's Message

Greetings,

Hello everyone! Welcome to our 2014-2015 program year. It's very hard to believe that it's getting closer to the end of summer and time to start thinking about backpacks, books, and busy season for government auditors and auditees!

The Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) has stayed busy during the summer months planning some great events and new ideas for the year. CEC members attended a retreat in June to identify major areas of opportunity, success, and improvement, and we learned a great deal about important areas from your participation in our member satisfaction survey. We are excited to roll our new ideas out and get this year underway!

There are a few activities coming up quickly to get things going - our annual school supply drive will be held during August and September for two local schools that have come to anticipate and appreciate our help, and our first education event will be held to kick things off for the year.

As a CEC, we are here to serve our members and make AGA a great experience for you all. Please feel free to reach out to any of the Board members listed in this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you this year!

*Heather Prudhomme, CPA, CGFM, CGMA*

## Balloon Fiesta Event

On the evening of Friday, October 10th, the Albuquerque Executive Committee and some lucky members/guests, will have the opportunity to enjoy the Special Shapes Balloon Glow at the Gondola Club. Hopefully weather permits the balloons to inflate, but even if they don't, this will be a fun event with great food, drinks, and company. Members attending the September luncheon will be entered into a drawing to be selected to bring a guest to this event. Complete the raffle ticket below or bring a business card to the luncheon! Don't miss out on this opportunity!!!



**Special Shapes Balloon Glow Raffle — Bring this coupon to the September luncheon to be entered into a drawing to attend the Balloon Fiesta event on Friday, October 10th.**

Name:

Company:

Email Address

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***Hard at work at the  
Strategic Planning  
Meeting on June 8, 2014***




Heather Prudhomme, Marla Gorena, James Hartogensis, Johnny Mangu



# Albuquerque Chapter

## BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

help a student in need  
with the tools to succeed



We need your help collecting the following new school supplies for children served by our programs:

- Backpacks
- Binders
- Crayons
- Folders
- Glue Sticks
- Markers
- Paper

Drop off locations include: Accounting Consulting Group, Atkinson CPAs, CliftonLarsonAllen, REDW LLC and the September AGA Luncheon.

For a pickup, email Javier at [Jmachuca@REDW.com](mailto:Jmachuca@REDW.com)

- 3 boxes of pencils
- Scissors
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 bottles of glue
- Ruler with centimeters and inches
- 1 box 24 count crayons
- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 box of markers
- 2 boxes of tissue
- 1 pencil sharpener

- 4 dry erase markers
- 1 package pencil top erasers
- 4 wide ruled spiral notebooks
- 2 pocket folders with brads
- 2 pocket folders without brads
- 1 package wide-ruled loose leaf paper
- 1 -1" hard plastic binder
- 1 box sheet protectors
- 2 containers Clorox wipes
- 1 package of 5 subject dividers

## Member Satisfaction Survey Results

In June, the member satisfaction survey was distributed to members. We really appreciate the time and effort that respondents took to help us learn what our members value! It was refreshing to find that we are already offering things that are very important to you, like quality education, and support for becoming and/or maintaining the CGFM certification. We have also identified areas where we are glad to know there is interest and are already working your responses into our plans for making this program year a great experience. Keep on the lookout for information regarding a mentorship program and additional resources in our CGFM library.


Overall, we noted that ongoing education with relevant topics is very important to all our members. We also asked for topic suggestions that you would be interested in, and have integrated these suggestions into our education plan for this year. The location and venue preferences were mostly neutral, but we learned that Wednesday lunches are the most preferable time for classes, and most people do not want to head to the Downtown area. There was significant interest in longer seminars being available for members as well.

In the certification arena, many members are very satisfied with the level of support and information provided to CGFMs, but many are unsure about what types are available. The survey gave us several new ideas for things we can implement to better bridge this gap, such as a mentoring program, access to the online study guides, and access to intensive review courses.

One of the most beneficial parts of the survey was learning who would like to become more involved with AGA, through committees or other activities! We are very glad to see this interest and will always welcome your help through comments, suggestions, and completion of surveys like this! Thank you very much for helping us learn how to better serve you. You may view the full results of our survey at the ABQ chapter website: [www.agaabq.org](http://www.agaabq.org).

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations to our winners of the gift card drawing for filling out the survey!**  
**Jennifer Baca, New Mexico Public Accountancy Board**  
**Perry Valdez, NM Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors**  
**Victoria Fredrick, City of Las Cruces**





# Attention!

**The AGA Professional Development Conference (PDC)**  
*will now be known as the*  
**The AGA Professional Development Training (PDT)**

**Come for the Education, Relish in the Fun!**

The 2014-2015 Executive Committee has already been working hard to bring you the best year yet for this local training option! Location and dates will be released next month, with a speaker line-up following soon. Have an idea on a class you'd like to teach or attend? Send it to Education Chair Marla Gorena at [mgorena@acgsw.com](mailto:mgorena@acgsw.com).



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## Student Member — Offering For Chapter Executive Committee

The Albuquerque Chapter of AGA is offering a student sponsorship opportunity for our 2014-2015 program year. The selected applicant will participate as the student member of the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC), to include monthly CEC meetings and other participation in Chapter planning and events.

The Chapter will pay the annual dues, the cost of attending the monthly luncheons, and the AGA Professional Development Training held in Spring 2015.

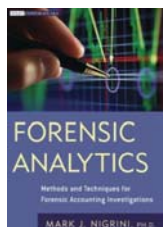
If you are interested, or know someone who is interested, please contact Heather Prudhomme, at 505-843-6492 or at [hprudhomme@atkinsoncpa.com](mailto:hprudhomme@atkinsoncpa.com) for the application process.

## Welcome New AGA Albuquerque Chapter Members

- Alan R. Gutowski, City of Albuquerque
- Glen G. Post, REDW
- Natalie Stewart, US Forest Service



## ACFE-NM's Presentation of Forensic Analytic & Employee Fraud



### **FORENSIC ANALYTIC & EMPLOYEE FRAUD** Presented By: **Mark Nigrini PhD.**

**September 22, 2014**  
**8:30am — 4:30pm**



**Greater Albuquerque Assoc. of Realtors Training Room**  
**1635 University Blvd. NE**  
**Albuquerque, NM**

**Cost: \$190**

**Register By**  
**Email to JoAnn Cowman at [JCowman@theMcHardfirm.com](mailto:JCowman@theMcHardfirm.com)**  
**or call JoAnn at 505-554-2968**

***Breakfast & Lunch Provided***

**8 Hours NASBA Approved CPE**



CGFM Corner by James Hartogensis

Welcome to this program year's first edition of CGFM Corner. As the Chapter's CGFM Chair, it is my responsibility to promote the certification and support CGFM candidates.

For those of you who are new to governmental accounting and auditing, or if you are new to AGA, I will start by explaining what a CGFM is. The letters stand for "Certified Government Financial Manager". It is the mark of excellence in Federal, State and Local Government. 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, candidates 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.
- **Experience**— have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.

This brief introduction to the CGFM designation will be continued in the next newsletter. Do you want to know more? Here are some resources:

AGA website - <http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Overview.aspx>

Study guides are available for purchase from AGA. The Albuquerque Chapter also has study guides available for members. You may contact any Chapter Executive Committee member. Contact information is in this newsletter.

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

[www.agaabq.org](http://www.agaabq.org)

### AGA CORE VALUES

Service, Accountability, Integrity, Leadership



## Special Olympics New Mexico



A Thank You To AGA  
From The  
Special Olympics



DEAR ROBI and THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS ~  
MICHAEL HAS BEEN COMPETING IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS FOR YEARS - AND THE ONLY WORD I HAVE EVER HEARD HIM SAY IS "AMEN."  
HE HAS A GREAT SMILE FOR ANYONE HE MEETS, PUTS HIS HEART INTO EVERYTHING HE DOES, AND IN SPITE OF YEARS OF BEING TEASED AND EXCLUDED - HE GOES THROUGH LIFE THANKFUL FOR ANY OPPORTUNITY GIVEN TO HIM. MICHAEL HAS A WAY OF MAKING EVERYONE AROUND HIM HAPPIER. THANKS TO YOU - MORE PEOPLE VALUE WHO HE IS.  
AMEN... and THANK YOU -  
CHANDY MASCOBELLA  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**CGFM**<sup>®</sup>  
You Pass  
All tests by May 31, 2015  
We Pay  
\$500

**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](mailto:jhartocpa@msn.com).

