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ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Albuquerque AGA Monthly Newsletter

President's Message

Greetings,

I hope all of you enjoyed your summer and had an opportunity to relax before you gear up for your annual audits. Your local Albuquerque Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) had a productive program-year planning session in July and we are excited for our upcoming year. We realize that most state and local governments have been hit hard with budget cuts for the current fiscal year, as a CEC we are being creative in our CPE offerings, which will include more variety to meet the needs of our members. We are looking forward to a new CPE offering in early 2017 that we hope will be more effective in preparing CGFM candidates for the CGFM exam.

I openly invite any of our Chapter Members to attend the CEC's regularly scheduled business meetings and provide input on how we can better serve you. Please also feel free to contact any one of us if you have ideas, comments, or suggestions you would like to offer.

I am honored to serve the professionals of the Albuquerque community, and I look forward to seeing you at our various events this year!

Sincerely,

Matt Bone, CPA, CGFM, CGMA
AGA Albuquerque Chapter President



New Members:

Debra L. Gallegos, NM Workforce Solutions
Tamara L. Hanan, CGI Federal
Jenny Harrington, Moss Adams LLP
Sheila Herrera, Moss Adams LLP
Kory Hoggan, Moss Adams LLP
Thu Sanchez, NM Workforce Solutions

Website update announcement:

www.AGAABQ.org has a new look! Come visit the new site to access information for CGFM certification, education and service events, and provide ideas or feedback to our Chapter.

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NEW FACEBOOK PAGE



www.facebook.com/agaabq

We changed our Facebook communication from a closed group to a page that everyone can access. Come follow us to see events, pictures and more!





CGFM CORNER:

The Certified Government Financial Manager® (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.

Employers recognize the CGFM as the premier certification for those seeking a career in Government accounting and financial management. The certification exemplifies experience and proficiency, distinguishing individuals who have made a significant commitment to their professional development. A CGFM has:

Increased knowledge of government financial management: CGFMs must pass three rigorous examinations, covering key topics including federal, state and local accounting and reporting; financial management functions; performance measurement; internal controls and auditing.

Better understanding of the big picture of government: CGFMs recognize how the different components of government financial management fit together, and they understand their role in the process.

Greater confidence on the job: The CGFM certification is directly applicable to the everyday duties of government financial professionals, at every level. It can help a new employee hit the ground running, while enhancing the performance of existing employees.

To earn the CGFM, individuals 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

During the AGA Albuquerque Chapter's 2016/2017 Program Year, we will lead our members through each step of the process for obtaining their CGFM certification, and provide training to help you prepare for the exams.

For more information on the CGFM and how to get certified, please contact Jeff Brown at jeffrey.brown313@yahoo.com.

AGA-ABQ EDUCATION EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON:

We are kicking off our education program with a luncheon on Tuesday, September 20 from 11:30am – 1:00pm at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen. Amy Carter, Assurance Senior Manager with Moss Adams, will discuss Sub-recipient Monitoring, Cooperative Audit Resolution & Allowable Costs. Cost is just \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members – cash or check at the door – attendees will receive 1 hour of technical Yellow-Book CPE. RSVP with Marla Gorena at mgorena@rpcllp.com.

Other Educational Events:

AGA, IIA, & ISACA have a reciprocal agreement to honor each other's membership rates for educational events.



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- August 19, 2016 - Panel Discussion on "Audit Best Practices", La Luz room, Nusenda
- September 29, 2016 - State Auditor Tim Keller, La Luz room, Nusenda
"The State of Auditing in New Mexico"
- October 17-21, 2016 - Glenn Sumners, CNM (location may change, so TBD)
"The CIA Review"
Participants can take the full week or just Part III (two days)
- November 17-18, 2016 - Danny Goldberg, La Luz room, Nusenda
"Internal Audit 201: Keys to Being an Effective Audit Senior"
"IT for the Non-IT Auditor"
Participants can sign up for either or both (8 hours each)
- December-January TBD
- February 23-24, 2017 - John Hall, La Luz room, Nusenda
"How to Audit...Better!" (16 hours)
- March TBD
- April, 13-14, 2017 - Leita Hart, La Luz room, Nusenda (dates may change)
Either "Audit Planning and Risk Assessment" or "Internal Controls Workshop"

AGA National PDT Recap

by Heather Prudhomme, CPA, CGFM

Albuquerque CEC members Jeff Brown, Marla Gorena, and Heather Prudhomme traveled to Anaheim, CA to attend the 2016 AGA National Professional Development Training (PDT) on July 17-20, 2016. The group attended a variety of events ranging from education to service. A small recap of major events continues below:

National Board of Directors (NBD) Meeting

On the morning of July 17th, the NBD convened to provide the annual report of the Association. A vote was also conducted for two items on the agenda. Outgoing National President John Homan gave his recount of a very successful year. He highlighted increased attendance at AGA events, and chapter visits to see what different locations were doing successfully. National Treasurer Tim Baker gave an outstanding report on the state of the Association's finances, showing that the increased attendance at AGA educational events had allowed for a greatly increased revenue surplus over the budgeted amount for the year. Voting members in attendance voted in favor of two proposed matters: language amendments to the Code of Ethics, and the authority of the National Executive Committee to increase dues if/when deemed necessary without express vote by the NBD.

Education

The four training days provided a selection of 91 classes with a wide variety of topics. As the latest OMB Circular A-123 had been issued the previous Friday, Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) was a hot topic, and was addressed by Directors of OMB, GAO, and many Departments and Agencies. Shared Services, the DATA Act, and Data Analytics also had several course offerings. GASB classes, ERM affects on state and local government, and grants management were presented for State and Local Government members. Keynote speeches addressed our need to minimize distractions and finding the opportunities in our changing environments.



Service

Each year, a booth is set up in the exhibitor hall for a community service fundraiser. Chapters and sponsors around the country donate items for auction and raffle to generate money for the AGA Community Service National Fund (NDSF) and five national recognized charities throughout the year. There are also challenge boards set up for the National Presidents, National Treasurers, and Chapters to challenge each other to donate. During 2015, the NCSF helped 27 charities.

Our Albuquerque Chapter is proud to donate a NM-themed gift each year. This year, our Nambe gift was auctioned for \$220, after an intense bidding war. At the close of the conference, the total amount generated for the NCSF was over \$18,000!

Other Events

In between the enticing education and charitable bidding, there were many other opportunities offered to attendees. Several receptions were held in honor of National leadership positions, and many awards were presented to individuals and chapters who have made outstanding contributions to the Association and the profession it serves.

CONGRATULATIONS ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER!

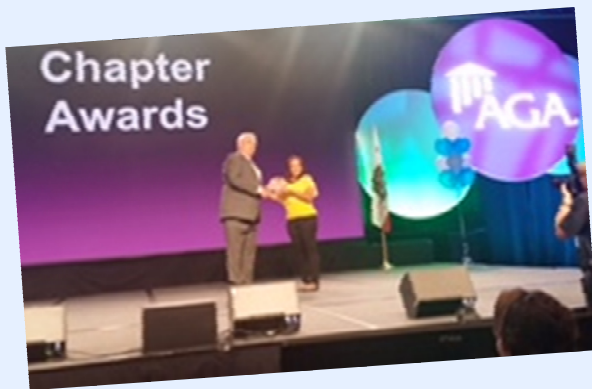
AGA PDT 2015 National Awards

Chapter Recognition Award -

Platinum – Albuquerque

Jeff Brown, CPA, CGFM, CGMA – President

This award is designed to support, encourage and promote AGA's mission, and to provide flexible guidelines for a well-rounded chapter.



Chapter Education Award – Albuquerque

Marla Gorena, Education Chair

This award recognizes chapters that have done an outstanding job in providing educational programs to its members and other government finance professionals.

**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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