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NEWSLETTER



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Past President's Message

Alan D. "A.J." Bowers, Jr., CPA, CITP



AGA Albuquerque!!

My goodness how quickly this last year has gone—I can't believe we are already back in school, in the second half of 2022, and beginning a new program year. I hope each of you had a great and fantastic Labor Day holiday with family, friends, and celebration; I know I truly enjoyed the long weekend and celebration with friends and family.

As I look back on this last year, I want to pause and thank each of you for the support. It was truly an honor to serve as your President of the Albuquerque Chapter of the AGA and I am grateful to the service of our committee and the involvement of our members. This last year, your chapter was able to support local charities and provide multiple CPE opportunities, including lunch webinars, a winter series, and while it was not perfect, I am excited that we were able to assist the NM chapter in co-hosting our annual PDT in May, in person for the first time since 2019!

While I have served on the CEC for multiple years, I feel that I was able to learn a tremendous amount serving as President and I am thankful to each of you as members, including the CEC members who were gracious as we continue to navigate such a unique time. These lessons learned will continue to be invaluable to me as I continue in service to state and local government.

I am excited for the upcoming year as a member of the Albuquerque Chapter AGA and embarking on a new program year with our new chapter President; she is a tremendous asset to the AGA.

I thank you for this last year and I wish each of you a wonderful end of the summer.

Thank you,

Alan D. "A.J." Bowers, Jr., CPA, CITP
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Message from the *Chapter President*

Welcome to the 2022–2023 program year! I hope you and your families are enjoying the summer. Thank you so much for your membership and support of AGA – THE government accountability association.

Let me take a moment to introduce myself for those of you who do not know me. My name is Mari Hughes and I am the current AGA Albuquerque Chapter President. I have called the City of Albuquerque my professional home for the last 15 years and I am currently the Deputy City Controller. Prior to coming to the City of Albuquerque, I was with the State of New Mexico for 9 years. I have been an AGA member for many years and this will be my fourth year on the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC). It has been a very rewarding experience to be a part of the CEC so, if you are interested in becoming more involved with the Chapter, please feel free to reach out to myself or any other member of the CEC. In addition to serving on the CEC, I was awarded my Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation in 2018, which has opened many doors for me. If you have been thinking about working towards your CGFM, I highly encourage you to make this year the year you achieve that goal – you won't regret it! The Chapter offers resources to help you in this journey, so please feel free to reach out to Jennifer Baca, our CGFM Program Chair, or any other member of the CEC for more information.

The CEC members are currently working hard to plan a great upcoming program year for our membership. Considering your feedback, we will continue to offer the majority of our “lunch and learn” trainings in a virtual format and are also planning some great in person training sessions as well. With more and more events going to in person again, we are looking forward to holding a membership even and seeing you in person. In addition, we are planning some great community service activities.

I want to see the Albuquerque AGA Chapter reach new heights this year and beyond. I challenge each member to make AGA and our profession the best they can be. I look forward to working with you and hearing your ideas on how to make membership in the Albuquerque Chapter more valuable for you. Together, we can make a difference.

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Local May PDT



Getting ready for general session at PDT



Preparing for PDT, stuffing bags.



Getting ready for general session at PDT





AGA National and Representation

Disney Leadership Excellence

- **Values**
Steady, guiding
- **Vision**
Leadership's picture of how to
- **Common Purpose**
Known and shared by all
- **The Five (formerly Four) Keys**
Ways staff express and live the Purpose
- **Communication**
All directions, all levels



Donna Sandoval, CGFM, CISA, CISM
Accountability
Panel Member



Accepting AGA Albuquerque Chapter Award



Anaheim, CA
Summer 2022





AGA ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Mari Hughes, President

Jennifer Baca, CGFM Chair

You Pass, We Pay!

up to **\$500** for exam expenses

Make achieving the CGFM your goal for this program year!

The Albuquerque Chapter would like to reward AGA Albuquerque Chapter Members who pass all three CGFM tests and is awarded a CGFM certificate. You must send in a notice of CGFM award between May 31st, 2022 and June 30th 2023 (*final test must not have been taken prior to February 1st, 2022*). Winners will receive recognition in our newsletter and reimbursement for exam expenses from the AGA Albuquerque Chapter. Members do not qualify if your employer has reimbursed your exam expenses. For more details or to apply for the award please contact Jennifer Baca, CGFM at : JenniferN.Baca@state.nm.us

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WE WANT TO HEAR

..... *from*

YOU

We are busy planning out the 2022-2023 educational event calendar and would like your input. Please take a few minutes to provide some feedback on your preferences regarding the format and content for the upcoming AGA educational events.

Here's the link to the form "AGA Albuquerque Chapter Survey:"

<https://forms.office.com/r/puu1UifPas>

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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