

Report to Our Members



Welcome to AGA New Mexico

The New Mexico Chapter of AGA is a diverse group of financial managers, accountants, and auditors. Members come from federal, state and local government and CPA firms. Meetings provide a opportunity for members to share information with others interested in financial topics. Each Lunch meeting has a guest speaker that discusses a topic related to accounting, auditing or financial management issues. Additionally, the lunch meetings provide an opportunity for networking. AGA also offers free monthly audio conferences with a wide

The New Mexico Chapter membership has increased

since the last program year, from 232 to 243. The large majority of our membership are state employees,

83%. The Chapter is based in Santa Fe, the state capi-

tal, and may explain the large number of state employ-

ees. The chart reflects the type of employers of our

The number of members with certifications is a total of 62, with the number of CGFMs and CPAs almost

equal. Our Chapter also has several members that are

Development Training (PDT) members from both the

New Mexico and Albuquerque chapters participated in

a CGFM Day. CGFM day provided an overview of all

In program year 2014-2015 two members became

CGFMs and took advantage of the "You Pass, We

three exams and had an overwhelming 40 attendees.

At the 2015 Professional

members as of June 2015.

both CGFMs and CPAs.

Pay" program.

City of Santa Fe Proclamation of March 2015 as "Certified Government Financial Managers" month. Pictured are Vince Lithgow, CGFM; Santa Fe Mayor Javier Gonzales; Bryan Maestas, CGFM; Elena Tercero CPA, CGMA, CGFM; and Carmichael Dominguez, City Councilor.

range of topics during the year. The New Mexico and Albuquerque AGA Chapters also put on a joint yearly Professional Development Conference which offer great topics, CPE hours and great networking opportunities.

Chapter Executive Committee (CEC)

Member Demographics

Membership Employers



Membership Certification



AGA fosters learning, certification. leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

Mission

Service, Accountability, Integrity, Leadership

Performance Report



Education

2015 Professional Development Training (PDT)

The objective of the New Mexico Chapter is to instruct, train and inform government financial professionals in the fields of accounting, auditing, budgeting, systems and financial management. Representatives from all areas of government and those that work closely with governmental entities attended the 2015 PDT, *Your Passport to an Unforgettable Training Experience*. The 2015 PDT was a joint effort of both the New Mexico and Albuquerque chapters, attendance was up significantly from last year with almost 300 members and nonmembers. The PDT included the first ever CGFM Day and it was a success! The overview of all 3 exams presented by eight members of both chapters was attended by 40 that also picked up 6 hours of continued professional education (CPE).

The two other days of the PDT offered 24 break-out sessions with 17 hours of CPE, topics included: Omni-Circular; Knowing your Financial Statements; Grants Management Best Practices; WTF—What the Fraud; Anatomy of a Cyber Attack; Yellow Book Ethics; Microsoft Excel: to Pivot of Not to Pivot; No More Reruns... Change Up Your MD&A; and Leading with Confidence from any role. Lunch-time speakers were the State Auditor and the Deputy State Treasurer. We were also honored to have John Homan, CGFM, CPA, CGMA the AGA National President-Elect as our opening speaker for day one of the PDT.



Opening Session at the PDT with speaker National President-Elect John Homan



CGFM Day at the PDT, attendees are listening to Exam 2 overview

Webinars and Luncheons

The chapter purchased ten webinars through nationals that provided 20 hours of free CPE for members and non-members. In addition, the Chapter also had three luncheons offering one hour of CPE each, guest speakers were from the Department of Finance and Administration with the topic Cash Remediation, Heather Kent manager of the Cash Control Unit provided changes to come over the next year for agencies issuing their own warrants; State Auditor Tim Keller provided a summary of coming changes for audits in 2015 and beyond; and Larry Maxwell Chief Procurement Officer for the State of New Mexico provided background in the requirement of each State agency to have a Certified Procurement Officer (CPO). We also offered two Microsoft Excel Pivot Table trainings with 2 hours of CPE and hands-on training for attendees.

Community Service Events

The Chapter held four community service events during the program year that benefitted: Food Depot with food donations totaling 114 pounds; Esperanza Shelter with gift cards; Youth Shelters with toiletry items; Carrie Tingley Hospital with stuffed bears and a cash donation.



Bear donations to Carrie Tingley

Accomplishments

- * Platinum Chapter Award
- * THREE proclamations as March being CGFM month, State, City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County.
- * Certificate of Excellence in Citizen Centric Reporting
- * A five percent increase in membership
- * Two members became CGFMs

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Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets

For the Year Ended March 31, 2015 and 2014

	2015	2014
Revenue		
Education Programs	64,990	66,177
Membership Dues	878	1,165
Other Revenue	480	29
Total Revenue	66,348	67,371
Expenses		
Education Programs	44,536	37,408
Governance	665	700
Membership Services	4,220	5,229
Publications - CGFM Guides	272	287
Other	4,103	3,404
Total Program Expenses	53,796	47,028
Net Assets	12,552	20,344
Net Assets beginning of the year	66,172	45,828
Net Assets end of the year	78,724	66,172

Revenue and Expenses



Lunch during CGFM Day at the 2015 PDT

Revenue and Expense Comparison



Notes to Statement of Activities

The majority of the revenue and expenses for the Chapter are attributable to the annual PDT. The New Mexico and Albuquerque Chapters have a joint PDT and share equally in the revenues and expenses. The presentation above is based on the same year-end as the 990 Tax return, March 31. Because of the timing of the PDT in late March or early April accruals were established to recognize the revenue and expenses in the correct program year.

Payments made by the Chapter are sent to the CEC for approval. The Chapter Treasurer prepares the financials and the bank reconciliation for CEC review on a monthly basis. The 990 tax return is reviewed and approved by the CEC prior to submission.

2015 Professional Development Training Financial Summary

Expenses



The two pie charts reflect the breakdown of expense and revenue categories for the PDT. All expenses were approved by the New Mexico and Albuquerque CECs. The final reconciliation was approved by the CEC for both Chapters.





We ended the 2014-2015 program year with many accomplishments: increased membership, 3 luncheons with speakers from State Auditor's Office, DFA/FCD Cash Control and the State Purchasing Division, 10+ audio conferences, 300 attending the 2015 Professional Development Training (PDT) and an AGA Platinum Chapter Recognition for meeting our annual goals. Six members of the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) attended the national PDT in Nashville, Tennessee in July to accept the award.

We submitted our Strategic Plan to nationals in June to reflect how we would like to concentrate our efforts in 2015-2016. The goals with specific measurable activities are as follows:

<u>Goal 1</u>: To contribute to the advancement of financial management principles and standards through education events to improve accountability to the public.

Activities:

- Provide a minimum of 12 hours of CPE in audio conferences and 4 hours of CPE with guest speakers
- Submit a CCR to nationals

<u>Goal 2</u>: To provide educational events for the interchange of ideas among government and non-government financial managers.

Challenges Moving Forward What's Next?



Activities:

- Offer at least one training event with a panel of state employees sharing best practices
- Request that a representative of one of the audit firms lead a presentation on common causes for delays in audit deliverables

Goal 3: Sponsor a professional certification program.

Activities:

- Include a CGFM Day at the 2016 PDT
- Follow up with CGFM Day participants to coach or mentor CGFM candidates.

<u>Goal 4</u>: Establish processes for efficient and effective administration of the New Mexico Chapter.

Activities:

- Prepare and maintain an annual Chapter budget.
- Retention and maintenance of chapter files in a shared directory

The CEC has members with many years of experience with both government and AGA. The CEC is confident that the coming program years will be successful and we will reach our goals with the help of the members of the New Mexico Chapter.



The CEC produced this report to demonstrate accountability and answer the question, "Are we better off today than we were last year?" For more details visit us at http://agasantafe.org/





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Wanda Gonzales, CEC Member, at the PDT registration desk.



