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Government Accountants

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President's Message

I hope 2019 is off to a great start for you! There is a lot happening! Take a look at the following pages for details on the upcoming chapter events, including the **Annual Professional Development Conference** to be held on April 4-5 at the beautiful Santa Ana Casino. We look forward to seeing you there!



- March is CGFM Month
- March is Membership Renewal Month
- Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the CGFM Designation
- March 27 Webinar - Cybersecurity
- Registration is now open for the Annual Professional Development Conference (April 4-5)
- Chapter planning for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year
- Nomination Period for Financial Manager of the Year Opening Soon
- Scholarship Nominations for Accounting Students Opening Soon

Thank you to all of our members for your continued participation and support.

Treasurer's Report January 2019



	Bank	Book
Beginning Bank / Book Balance	\$ 48,181.05	\$ 48,106.05
Checks Cleared / Issued	-	-
Deposits	30.00	30.00
Ending Bank / Book Balance	48,211.05	48,136.05
Outstanding Deposits	-	
Outstanding Checks	(75.00)	
<i>Check Figure</i>	\$ 48,136.05	\$ 48,136.05
Stmt Ending Bank Bal as of 1/31/19	\$ 48,211.05	

CLEARED CHECKS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
		Total	-
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
1830	8/10/2018	Railyard Conservancy (deposit)	(75.00)
		Total	(75.00)
CLEARED DEPOSITS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
ACH	1/18/2019	Quarterly Membership Dues	30.00
		Total	30.00
OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	Date	Transaction / Description	Payment Amount
		Total	-

Activity in orange denotes NEW activity for current month.

About our chapter

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) New Mexico Chapter serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability. Join the AGA New Mexico Chapter today and enjoy the benefits of being a member of one of the major professional organizations in New Mexico!

March is CGFM Month

What is a CGFM?

Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

CGFM is a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager.

Being a CGFM allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field.



In 1994, AGA fulfilled a tacit obligation to the community it serves by creating a widely-respected credential that demonstrates the vast knowledge and skills government financial managers need at every level of government.

25 years later over **18,000 professionals** have earned their Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation. CGFM is the 'must have' certification for *all* financial specialists at the federal, state and local levels.

Here's what current CGFM have to say about the certification:

"CGFM has enhanced my career in multiple ways, from competing for promotions and demonstrating knowledge to upholding ethical standards."

Dr. Jennifer Miller, DBA, CGFM, CDFM-A, DFMC3
Financial Analyst for the Department of the Army

"When I was new to the government sector, becoming a CGFM was the best move I could have made. It accelerated my knowledge in a way that would have otherwise taken 10-15 years to acquire."

Mark B. Mitchell, CGFM, CIA, CRMA
Director of Internal Audit, New York State, Department of Corrections and Community Supervision

"CGFM is one of my greatest accomplishments to-date. CGFM provides the world assurance that I am well versed in government financial management and have the skills needed to succeed."

Alfredo Riverol, CGFM, CPA
CFO, City of South Miami, Florida

"Having the CGFM designation provides instant credibility among your peers."

Denise Lippuner, CGFM, CPA, and RIMS-CRMP-FED
Public Sector Risk Advisory Services Lead, Grant Thornton LLP

To learn More about becoming a CGFM, go to:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>

Celebrating the New Mexico Chapter CGFM's

We proudly honor and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the CGFM Designation and CGFM Month with our New Mexico Chapter CGFM's:

CGFM	TITLE	COMPANY
Mr. Carl M. Baldwin, CGFM, CPA	Managing Member	Carl M Baldwin, CPA, LLC
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Ms. Lynette Renee Kennard, CGFM	Financial Audit Director	NM Office of the State Auditor
Mr. Vince Lithgow, III, CGFM	Comptroller	Northern New Mexico College
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Mr. Robert K. Westervelt, CGFM, CPA, CFE	Deputy Utilities Mgr of Finance & Admin	Los Alamos County
Ms. Marcy E. Pompei, CGFM-Retired		
Ms. T. Hazeldine Romero, CGFM-Retired		



CGFM in NM – March Profile

Donna Sandoval. CGFM
Assistant Commissioner Administrative Services
New Mexico State Land Office
CGFM since June 2013

The CGFM is important to me because it demonstrates government accountability, and the importance of our role as government workers. In the February 2018 issue of *Governing* I was the part of the CGFM advertisement for AGA. I still believe in my quote in that advertisement “With the call for government accountability the time was right for me to put the mark of excellence and confidence next to my name.” When I became a CGFM I became part of a group of CGFMs in the Albuquerque and New Mexico Chapters that provided CGFM overview classes and for the past two years I participated in a CGFM Workshop to write and update CGFM exam questions. More doors opened for career opportunities when I became a CGFM. I have a BBA in Accounting and an MBA in Management Information Systems, and I continue to learn more through the 80 hours of CPE required to keep my CGFM active.



I am the Assistant Commissioner of Administrative Services at the New Mexico State Land Office, I have been in this position 5 weeks! I am excited to be a part of Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard administration. My prior state government positions were Administrative Services Division Director (ASD) and CFO for the New NM Department of Information Technology and Deputy ASD Director for the NM Human Services Department. I am the Education Chair for the AGA Albuquerque Chapter, National Council of Chapters (NCC) representative for Albuquerque, and Immediate Past RVP for the Southwest. Donna can be contacted at dmsandoval@slo.state.nm.us.

Ask about the You Pass We Pay Program

Obtain your CGFM Certification and We Pay!

REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Be a NM Chapter Member
- ★ Must have paid for the exam(s) and provide proof of payment upon successful completion
- ★ Must have not received any other type of CGFM preparation and training compensation from the NM Chapter (i.e. this would be if the NM Chapter paid for and sent a NM Chapter member to a CGFM course)
- ★ Must attest they are not receiving any other reimbursement for the exam(s) [e.g. having the employer paying for the exams and then the new CGFM would take the NM Chapter reimbursement and give it back to the company or just take the funds]

If you are interested in participating in this NM Chapter program, please contact AGA NM Chapter Certification Coordinator Misty Schuck at mschuck@burtcpa.com



NEW AGA MEMBERS

- Penny Baldwin – Carl M Baldwin, CPA, LLC
- Amador Espinosa – City of Las Cruces
- Brenda Salazar
- Ashley Sandoval – Weiner & Company

Welcome and Thank You for your Membership!!!!

Membership Renewal Season is Upon Us

Just a friendly reminder to all our members that membership renewals are due now in **March**. Please renew your memberships as quickly as possible so you may continue receiving your member benefits.



As an AGA member, you gain access to a host of benefits designed to support your career growth and your success. Some key benefits include:

- Networking through 100 AGA Chapters
- Local training events and meetings with CPE opportunities
- Attend all Chapter sponsored training events at member rates
- Being notified of all training events prior being publicized to the public
- Access to the online members' directory
- Leadership and Volunteer opportunities at the chapter and national level
- Complimentary members-only webinars
- Subscription to the quarterly *Journal of Government Financial Management*
- FREE Online Tools to help prevent fraud, reduce improper payments, improve outcomes, mitigate risk, and enhance collaboration
- Being an AGA Member also provides a wide-array of benefits for your employer

AGA Member Categories

- Full Government Member (F)** This class of membership is available to individuals currently working in government with three or more years of experience. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience who currently work for colleges/universities and not for profit organizations. **\$100/year.**
- Private Sector Member (P)** This class of membership is available to individuals working for private companies, corporations, partnerships and sole proprietors. **\$160/year.**
- Young Professional (E)** This class of membership is available to individuals with less than three years of experience in any field. **\$45/year.**
- Student Member (S)** This class of membership is available to full-time college/university students that are not gainfully employed. **Free Electronic Membership.**
- Retired** This class of membership is available to AGA members who have permanently retired. **\$35/year**
- Lifetime Member** Lifetime membership is bestowed upon individuals that have been AGA members for forty years to recognize their distinguished service to the Association. Lifetime memberships are awarded each January. Lifetime members no longer pay annual dues.

To be affiliated with the New Mexico Chapter, dues should be added to membership dues as follows:

New Mexico Chapter F/P/E: \$10.00

Membership Example: Full-Government Member

Member Fees: \$100.00 + Chapter Dues \$10.00 = Total Fee: \$110.00

Webinar and Fundraiser

RSVP NOW: Blanca Sena 476-4790 or Blanca.Sena@state.nm.us

New Mexico Association of Government Accountants presents the following FREE Webinar and Lunch will be provided by Burt & Company CPAs, LLC:

Cybersecurity

Protecting and Utilizing Government Data

March 27 | 12–1:50 PM | 2 CPEs | FOS: CS

Location: Location: NM General Services Department, Office of the Secretary Conference Room, 1st Floor, Room 104, 1100 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None required

Field of Study: Computer Software & Applications (CS)

Government agencies have never had access to so much data, or the modern capabilities to access and use data. Increased value of data can be obtained by turning it into manageable and usable information, while leveraging modern technologies to protect data from cyber security breaches.

Government agencies continue to face challenges from legacy systems, resulting in vast amounts of data not being fully leveraged and heightened cyber security risk. Snatched from 2018 headlines: “. . . federal agency data is under siege,” with 57 percent of federal agencies experiencing a data breach in the past year, over three times the number of agencies reporting breaches two years ago. How can government agencies better protect and use data to drive enhanced decision making and taxpayer transparency?

Moderator

Tony Hubbard, Partner, KPMG Government Cybersecurity

NOTE: We will be accepting donations on behalf of Esperanza Shelter at this Webinar. If you can, please help us in our efforts to give back to our community and those in need. See below for details:



Esperanza Shelter is a domestic abuse agency. They offer safe, confidential housing, counseling, food, clothing and supplies for individuals experiencing abuse.

Donations of \$5 or \$10 gift cards to Target or Walmart, cash or checks are most helpful for individuals who enter the shelter with nothing.



Taking Fiscal Change to the Next Level

Albuquerque and New Mexico Chapters'

2019 Professional Development TRAINING

April 4 - 5, 2019

Santa Ana Star Casino

54 Jemez Canyon Dam Road
Bernalillo, NM 87004
(505)867-0000

2 day PDT - April 4 & April 5, 2019

Member: \$275 | Non-member: \$325

1 day PDT - (8 hours CPE / day)

Member: \$175 | Non-member: \$200

speaker names and class descriptions to come...

Register at: <https://events.eventzilla.net/e/aga-professional-development-training--2138729551>

Register by 03/28/2019

NO Cancellations will be accepted after 03/28/2019

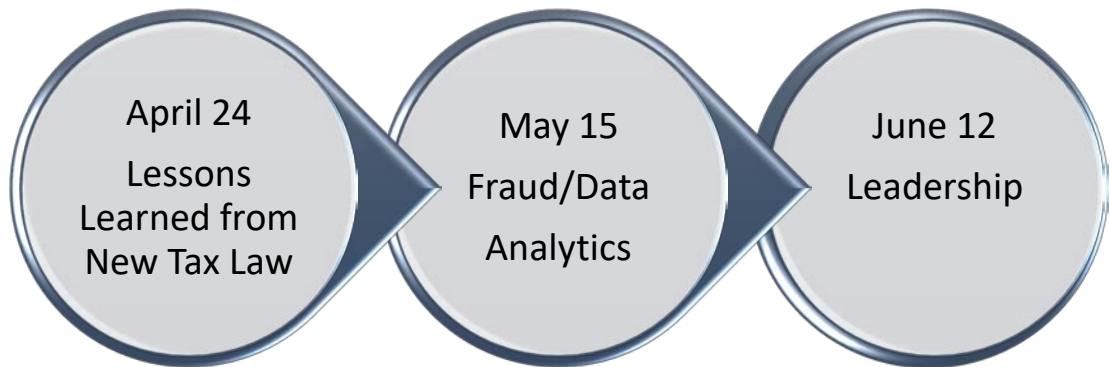
Room Rate: \$93

Reserve by 03/19/2019

<https://book.b4checkin.com/chameleon/sasch/rlp/AGANM2019Conference>



Upcoming Webinars and Luncheons



And we leave you with this.....



Chapter Leadership

2018-2019 Program Year

National Leadership members from our local chapter

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Donna Sandoval - Immediate Past Southwest Regional Vice President and Journal Editorial Board Member

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