



New Mexico Chapter

Chapter

Chapter Newsletter

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Welcome!

to the 2024-2025 Program Year!

Message from the President

Mauricia Chavarria-Quam, MBA, Chapter President



Greetings AGA New Mexico!

Welcome to the new AGA Newsletter! We just wrapped up a busy year and are ready to expand upon the progress made by providing you with exceptional trainings, events, and opportunities! In the coming months, I am excited and honored to serve as your Chapter President for the 2024-2025 Program Year.

Our momentum would not be possible without the help and dedication of the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC). I wish to extend a special note of appreciation to the CEC for their generous efforts and continued commitment. Each CEC member volunteers their time and works tirelessly to plan, coordinate, and promote various events for our members. With their help, we will ADVANCE, GROW, and ACCELERATE collectively as a Chapter! Thank you to the CEC for making a difference in helping to move us forward!

Further, we are delighted to share with you the variety of training sessions, networking activities, charitable events, and CPE opportunities that we have planned, which will allow us to collaborate and connect. Please be on the lookout for additional details to come!

We appreciate your continued support and participation as we embark on an exciting journey together, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events! Thank you!

More Updates:

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The 2023-2024 Program Year "In Review"

The 2023-2024 Program Year was a successful one for the NM Chapter, and the CEC was busy planning and hosting a variety of events for you. Here is a glimpse of the CEC's achievements over the past year:

Completed the Strategic Planning Session for 2023-2024 program year

Hosted a Fall Social Event and School Supplies Drive

Volunteered at the Food Depot in Santa Fe twice

Volunteered at the Souper Bowl Charity Event

Made donations to various charitable organizations throughout the state monthly

Offered 5 free AGA webinars and 2 free luncheons

Planned and hosted the 2024 AGA Professional Development Training

Submitted Achievement in Chapter Excellence ("ACE") data to Nationals before the 5/1 deadline

Increased AGA NM Chapter Membership to 210 MEMBERS!



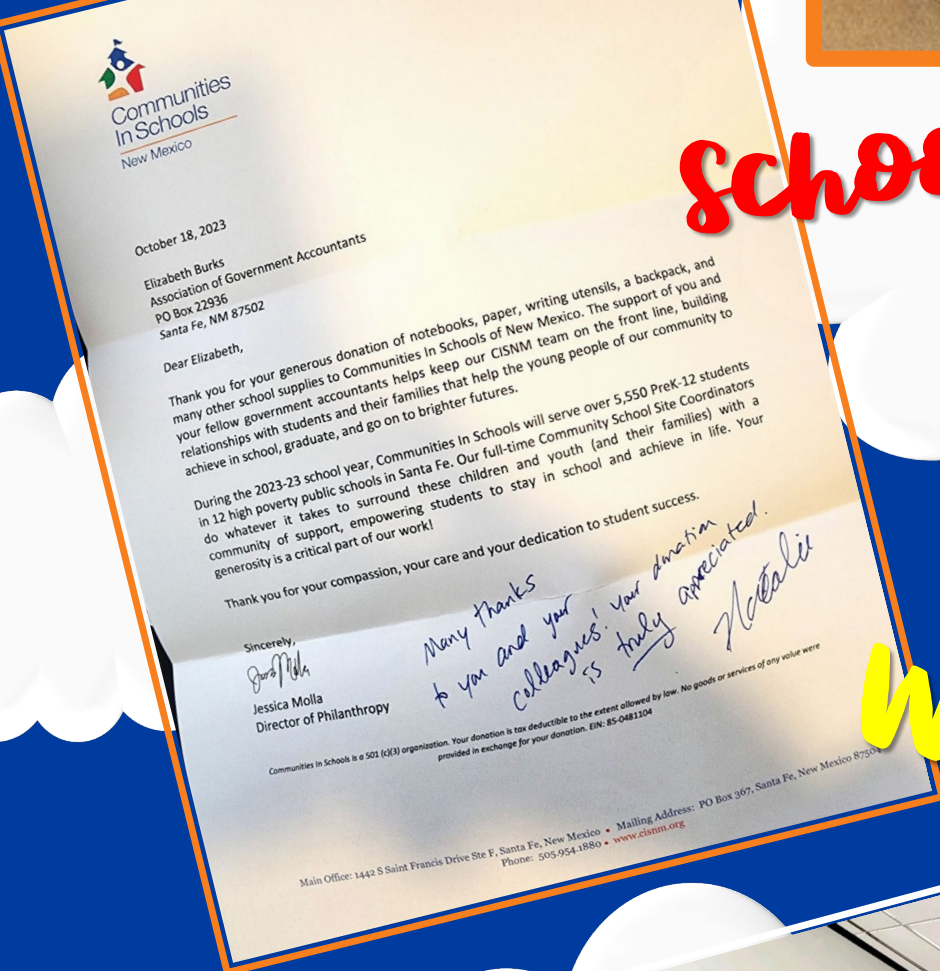
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School Supplies Drive

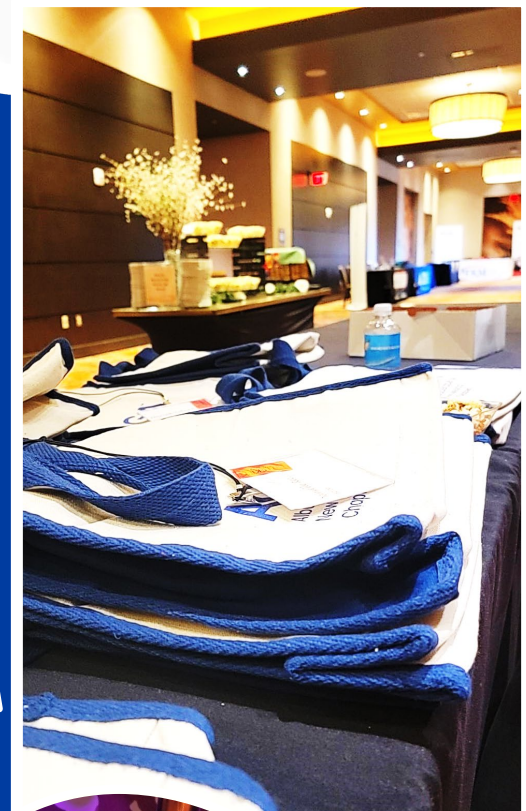
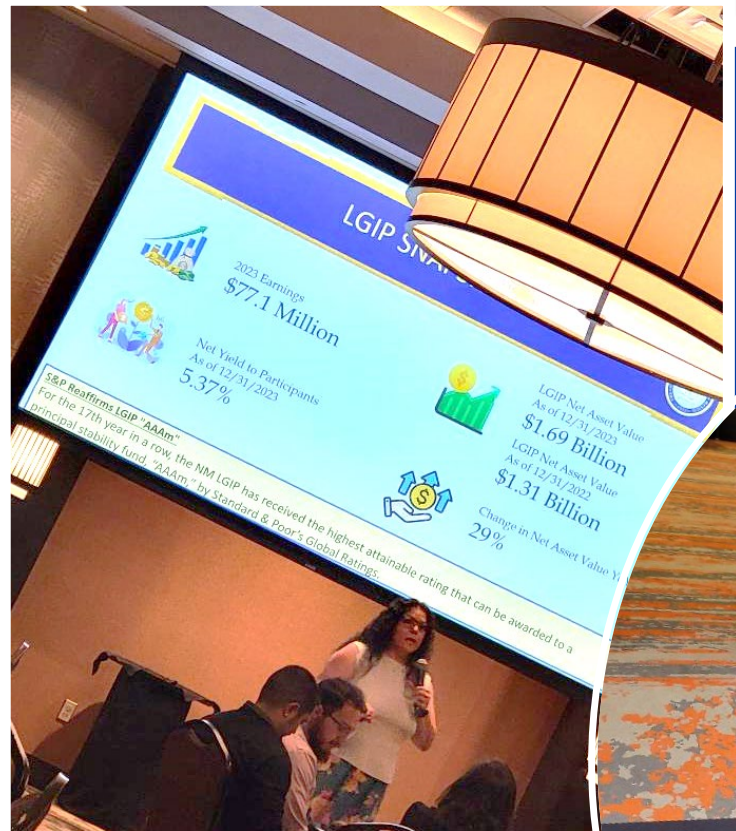


Webinars



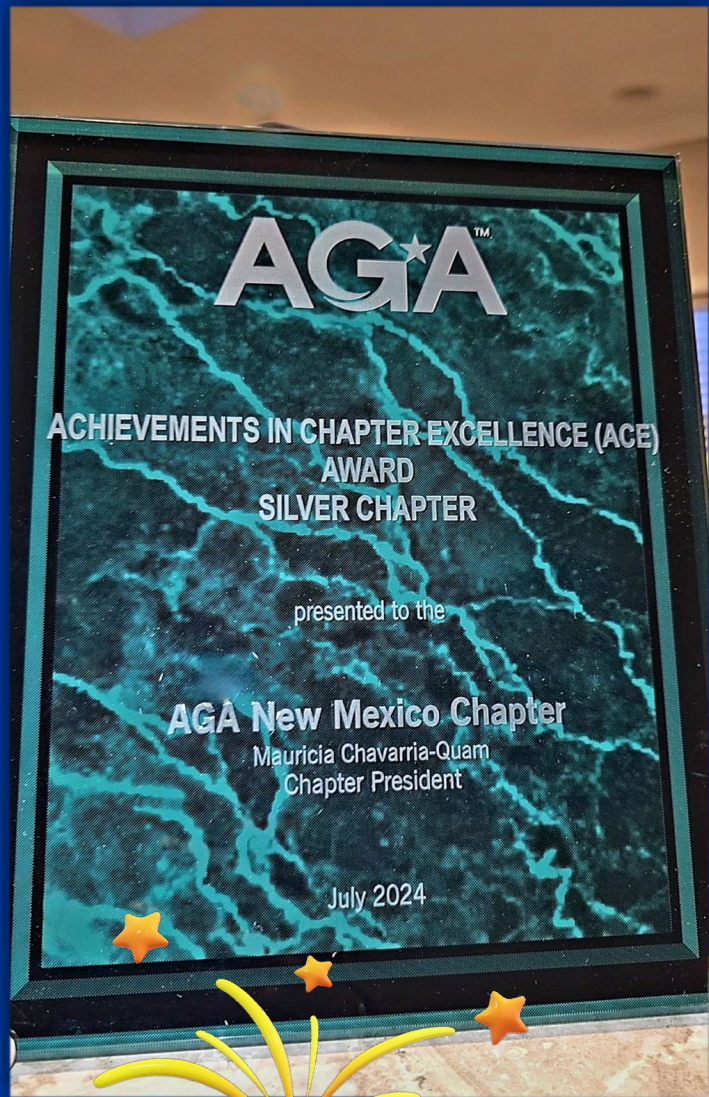
2024 AGA PDT

The NM Chapter in collaboration with the Albuquerque Chapter held the 2024 Professional Development Training on March 20th & 21st at the Santa Ana Star Casino. It was well attended both in-person & virtually.



2024 ACE SILVER AWARD!

The NM Chapter earned the **Achievements in Chapter Excellence "ACE" Silver Award** for the **2023-2024** Program Year. The award was presented in July during the 2024 AGA PDT in Denver, CO. The Awards Program "recognizes individual **chapter performance** and provides a standard by which each AGA chapter **maintains a well-rounded operation for the professional growth** of its members."



Member Anniversaries

July

- **Krista Giances-Chavez (14 Years)**
- **Mauricia Chavarria-Quam (12 Years)**
- **Bernadette Segobia-Abeyta (3 Years)**
- **Patricia Ortiz-Gameros (1 Year)**
- **Ana Rodriguez (New)**
- **Darlene Martinez (New)**
- **Kim Swain (New)**

August

- **Kim Keahbone, CPA (24 Years)**
- **Filemon Gonzales (15 Years)**
- **Anna Nolasco (5 Years)**



September

- **Michelle Clark (17 Years)**
- **Elena Tercero, CGFM, CPA, CGMA (15 Years)**
- **Andrew Gallegos, CGFM (15 Years)**
- **Jennifer Baca, CGFM, CFE (11 Years)**
- **Yvonne Herrera (7 Years)**
- **Jessica Martinez (4 Years)**
- **Shawn Beck (3 Years)**
- **Alanna Goodman (3 Years)**
- **Guadalupe Jaramillo (3 Years)**
- **David Mora, CGFM, CFE (2 Years)**
- **Erika Jaquez (1 Year)**

Annual Fall Social



New Mexico Chapter

You are invited to a
FREE AGA Social Event!

Friday, September 20th
4PM – 7PM

Santa Fe Brewing Co.

35 Fire Pl, Santa Fe, NM 87508

Back to School Fundraiser

At the event, we will be collecting school supplies to benefit area community schools.

Suggested supplies:

Spiral Notebooks, Loose Leaf Paper, #2 Pencils, Crayons, Markers, Backpacks, Folders, Colored Pencils

Bring a potential new member with you!

Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 17th via email at nmagacgfm@gmail.com

Save the dates!



The AGA New Mexico Chapter is thrilled to host a webinar every month from September through May! These webinars are sure to enhance your professional knowledge and help you keep up with continuing education requirements. Please join us to learn and grow together!

All webinars are scheduled for noon to 1:50 local time, so please **SAVE THESE DATES!**

- September 25, 2024 – Communications
- October 16, 2024 – Uniform Guidance & Grant Accounting
- November 13, 2024 – Ethics
- December 4, 2024 – Internal Control
- January 15, 2025 – AI
- February 5, 2025 – GASB Update
- March 26, 2025 – RPA/Machine Learning
- April 23, 2025 – Data Analytics/Fraud
- May 7, 2025 – Risk Management

Additional information will be sent out as each webinar approaches.

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.

How do you become a CGFM?

To earn the CGFM, you must fill out an online application and meet the following requirements:

- **Ethics** – read and agree to abide by AGA's *Code of Ethics*
- **Education** – have a bachelor's degree in any subject area from an accredited U.S. college or university
- **Examinations** – pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations
 - **Exam 1:** Governmental Environment – Focuses on the structure, legal framework, and fiscal roles of government entities
 - **Exam 2:** Governmental Accounting & Financial Reporting – Covers accounting standards, financial reporting, and budgeting practices unique to federal, state, and local governments
 - **Exam 3:** Governmental Financial Management & Control – Emphasizes internal controls, auditing, financial analysis, and ethics in managing government resources
- **Experience** – have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

For questions, contact the AGA NM CGFM Chair, **Tim Zapata** at timothy.zapata@fema.dhs.gov or refer to the AGA website: <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM.aspx>

Member Pulse-Check Survey!

In our ongoing efforts to enhance the membership experience, the CEC will be conducting a “**Member Pulse-Check**” survey. The survey is designed to gain more info on what the members would like to see from AGA NM as we move forward. Your voice is important to us, and we value your feedback!

Thank you in advance for your time and effort in providing your thoughts. As a token of our appreciation, you will be enrolled in a drawing to win a **Visa Gift Card** upon completion of the “Member Pulse-Check” survey. An email announcement is coming soon!

Join Us!

The AGA NM Chapter is looking for energetic and active members to join the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for the 2024-2025 Program Year!



CEC Positions Available:

- Chapter President-Elect
- Social Media
- Communications
- Accountability
- Bylaws & Procedures
- Citizen Centric Report

Spread the Word!

Please update your contact information on the AGA website at:
<https://my.agacgfm.org>

If you are interested or would like more information, please email: nmagacgfm@gmail.com

The CEC Team!

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| Chapter President – Mauricia Chavarria-Quam Los Alamos County | Webmaster – Misty Schuck Burt & Company CPAs, LLC |
| Chapter Treasurer – Elizabeth Burks State Early Childhood Education & Care Dept | CGFM/Professional Certification – Tim Zapata Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) |
| Chapter Co-Treasurer – Misty Schuck Burt & Company CPAs, LLC | Young Professionals – JC Trujillo Los Alamos National Laboratory |
| Chapter Secretary – Blanca Sena State Early Childhood Education & Care Dept | Community Service – Jolene Gonzales AGA NM Chapter |
| Membership Chair – Bryan Maestas Los Alamos National Laboratory | Community Service – Margaret Sena Los Alamos National Laboratory |
| NCC Representative – Wanda Gonzales State Corrections Department | Training Coordinator – Lynette Sanders State Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) |
| ACE Reporting – Mauricia Chavarria-Quam Los Alamos County | Sponsorships – Wanda Gonzales State Corrections Department |
| Citizen Centric Rpt – Mauricia Chavarria-Quam Los Alamos County | Citizen Centric Rpt – Wanda Gonzales State Corrections Department |