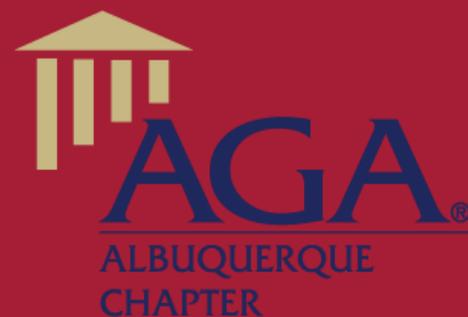


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President's Message



Happy New Year AGA Albuquerque!!

I can't believe we are already in 2022. I hope each and every one of you had an enjoyable and restful holiday season with friends and family.

As we move into 2022, I wanted to thank each of you for your support over these last few months and years. We have been successful in providing some webinar training, including the winter series in December, and we look forward to more training over these next few months. I encourage each of you to attend that CPE leading up to the PDT (more to come).

As we continue to navigate these unusual times, we ask for your continued flexibility and feedback. We are working diligently in order to plan and execute timely and relevant CPE that accommodate the varied needs of our members. Through these times, we are also working to remain engaged with our membership and local communities. I encourage all of you to become involved in the coming months as we move toward the summer months and upcoming program year.

Lastly, I encourage each of you to put your membership to work and consider becoming a CGFM, joining the Albuquerque Chapter CEC for our next year, or encourage your colleagues to become members of the AGA.

I wish you the very best in 2022 and hope to see each of you soon.

Let me know if there is anything I can do for you. Thank you,

Alan D. "A.J." Bowers, Jr., CPA, CITP
AGA Albuquerque Chapter President
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CEC Profile

Ben Martinez



Hi my name is Ben Martinez. I currently serve as the Secretary for the Albuquerque Chapter of the AGA. As Secretary, I am responsible for taking minutes at Chapter Executive Committee meetings. I started this role in July of 2021 and was a member at large on the Chapter Executive Committee for the July 2020-June 2021 program year. As part of the CEC I have participated as both a facilitator and instructor at Chapter CPE events. I have been a member of the AGA for 3 years.

I am currently employed at Central New Mexico Community College as the Director of the Internal Audit Department. Prior to this position, I spent 16 years working in public accounting at multiple firms in the Albuquerque area. My work was primarily in area of governmental and tribal auditing, with a particular focus on federal single audits and federal housing programs. I graduated from the University of New Mexico with a Bachelor's of Business Administration with a focus in Accounting and achieved the CPA Designation in 2011. I have also served as the Board Treasurer for the Alice King Community School Foundation since 2009.

I am currently working to pursue the CGFM designation. I encourage all AGA members to join me in this pursuit of the CGFM as I believe the designation will provide a valuable credential needed to assist in furthering a career related to governmental accounting. Being involved in AGA has given me the opportunity to meet and network with a great number of well-respected individuals throughout the profession. Additionally, being involved as part of the Albuquerque CEC has also been personally rewarding to me as it has helped me to get to know a greater number of people within the profession across the state.

Membership Milestones

Congratulations to our fellow Chapter members who achieved membership milestones this month. We appreciate your loyalty and participation in the Chapter!

1 YEAR

Clulli Vanessa Bernal

Christopher Bitakis, CGFM

Autumn Kaiser

William Schwettmann, IV

10 YEARS

Leann Bell, CGFM

Laura Holguin

WELCOME

NEW MEMBER

Jenny Haikin, Bernalillo

County

We are so glad to have you in our
Chapter!

2021 Winter Series Recap

We would like to thank everyone who attended our AGA Winter Series and recognize our skillful presenters from CLA and CRI who helped make the event a success!

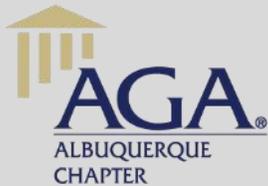
Single Audit/Grant Compliance Best Practices and ARPA Updates

Laura Beltran-Schmitz, Signing Director with CliftonLarsonAllen, provided participants with an excellent overview of grant management best practices. Laura covered lessons learned from COVID-19 programs that could be applied to new federal programs under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for local governments. The presentation covered eligible uses and reporting requirements of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recover Fund (CLSFRRF). Questions? Reach out to Laura at laura.beltran-schmitz@claconnect.com.

Accounting Foundations: Internal Controls and IT General Controls

Alan D. "A.J." Bowers, Jr., Partner with Carr, Riggs & Ingram and AGA Albuquerque Chapter President, provided a great presentation that highlighted the role that internal controls play in an organization. The presentation covered internal control basics with a deep dive into the COSO Framework. AJ provided an overview of audit requirements related to IT General Controls and Application controls to help participants feel more comfortable with the audit process. Questions? Reach out to AJ at abowers@cricpa.com.

SUPCOMING CHAPTER TRAINING



AGA Albuquerque Chapter February Webinar

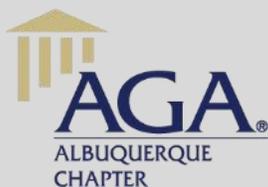
Budgets and Forecasting for Planning Credibility

presented by **Aaron Hamilton, CPA**
Senior Manager with Moss Adams LLP

Thursday, February 3, 2022
12:00 - 1:00pm

1 hour of Yellow Book Technical CPE | no charge this month

Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwuf-ggqTsiHdUSqzSILTINS2AkqTmXtOHK> or email attendee names and email addresses to emily.wilson@CLAconnect.com



AGA Albuquerque Chapter February Webinar

Case Study: Ramping Up for Annual Reporting

by **Donna Sandoval, City Controller** and
Marie Hughes, Deputy Controller, with the City of Albuquerque

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
12:00 - 1:00pm

1 hour of Yellow Book Technical CPE | no charge this month

Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwuf-ggqTsiHdUSqzSILTINS2AkqTmXtOHK> or email attendee names and email addresses to emily.wilson@CLAconnect.com



**AGA National
Training Opportunities**
all events are virtual
Register at agacqfm.org

**January 26, 2022 12:00-1:15
MT**

**How We Communicate and
Why it Matters—Navigating a
Multi-Generational**

Workforce

1.5 CPEs

FREE! (Members Only)

**February 2, 2022 12:00-1:50
MT**

GASB Update

2 CPEs

\$59 for members

\$99 for non-members

**February 23-24, 2022 12:00-
1:50 MT**

National Leadership Training

14 CPEs

**\$425 for members (early bird
before 1/26, \$525 after)**

\$675 for non-members

**DONNA SANDOVAL WILL BE
PRESENTING & SERVES AS**

CO-CHAIR

In addition, there are Chapter training events with exciting topics listed from chapters across the country who would welcome your participation.

Visit agacqfm.org to fit one of these events into your training calendar.

Interested in taking the CGFM examination? The Albuquerque Chapter has current study guides (hard copy and digital) available for checkout on a first come first served basis. For more information contact our CGFM Chair Jennifer Baca at jennifern.baca@outlook.com.



COMMUNITY SERVICE



Holiday Donation Recipient—Ronald McDonald House Charities New Mexico

Ronald McDonald House Charities New Mexico was the successful recipient of our \$250 holiday donation. Ronald McDonald House provides comfort, care and a “home-away-from-home” for families whose children are in medical treatment. The charity serves New Mexico families from across the state many who would not be able to keep their immediate families together during such a stressful time without the help of services provided by Ronald McDonald House.

We encourage everyone to consider making your own donation at <https://www.rmhc-nm.org> where you can Sponsor A Meal for families or check out their Amazon wish list at Amazon Smile. Ronald McDonald House also accepts generous gift donations such as travel-sized toiletry kits, activity kits with coloring books and puzzles, or donate a Family fun night with microwave popcorn, pre-packaged healthy snacks and a family friendly DVD.

Pet Photo Contest



To celebrate our January donation to Animal Humane of New Mexico we would like to spotlight those always loving and super cuddly family members in our lives with a Pet Photo Contest. Email us a photo of your pet at Elizabeth.Nunez@mossadams.com for a chance to win \$10 gift card to Satellite Coffee. We would love to show off our member adorable pets on our next newsletter.

Animal Humane of New Mexico



Attendees at our 2021 Winter Series voted for our next Chapter donation to benefit some of our local four-legged friends at Animal Humane of New Mexico. Their mission is to support and improve the lives of New Mexico’s cats and dogs through sheltering, adoptions, humane education, and veterinary services.

Animal Humane of New Mexico serves 10,000 homeless & at-risk dogs and cats each year. Animal Humane does not euthanize based on age or length of stay. To help animals find their forever home, adoption questionnaires are completed to match you with the pet that will compliment your personality and ensure love and happiness for you both. Learn more about adoption, volunteering and how to donate at <https://animalhumanenm.org/about-animal-humane/>.

AGA ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

2021-2022 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 one of the officers below.

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