



# ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Albuquerque AGA March Newsletter 2016

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## *President's Message*

Dear Fellow AGA Members,

I would like to thank all of our sponsors, volunteers, and attendees who, once again, made this year's Professional Development Training (PDT) and CGFM Day a success. We are already carefully reviewing the evaluations you provided to determine how to make next year's event even better.

March was proclaimed by our Governor to be CGFM month in the State of New Mexico! This issue contains a focus on the AGA's certification of CGFM, showing Chapter activities and opportunities, expressed value of the certification by members of National Leadership, and a recognition and celebration of the certified individuals in our Chapter.

We are now entering the final quarter of our 2015/2016 program year. We are not finished yet, however! We recently requested your input on the services we can offer through our website which would be of the most benefit to you. Using this valuable feedback, we have contracted with a developer to implement the suggestions you provided. Stay tuned for the launch of the newly redesigned AGA Albuquerque Chapter website!

Additionally, please plan on attending our upcoming lunch event for community service and networking, in which we will be collecting donation items to benefit El Ranchito de los Ninos. As a professional organization, I feel it is our responsibility to give back to the community to which we are a part of. Please plan on joining us at this event, and enjoying a complimentary lunch with your colleagues, courtesy of our Chapter.

As always, it is my honor to serve you and the local professional community.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Brown, CGFM, CPA

President

AGA Albuquerque Chapter



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## *Welcome New Members!*

- ♦ Ms. Danielle Brown ~ NM Metropolitan Court
    - ♦ Mrs. Christina Card ~ Valencia County
  - ♦ Ms. Crystal M. Funes ~ NM Admin Office of the District Attorneys
    - ♦ Ms. Regina Jackson ~ NM Metropolitan Court
  - ♦ Mr. Philip Gonzales ~ Jaramillo Accounting Group (JAG)
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## *Welcome President-Elect, Matt Bone!*

The ABQ AGA Chapter is happy to announce and welcome our 2016-2017 President-Elect, Mr. Matt Bone, CGFM, CPA, CGMA! Matt joined the Albuquerque AGA chapter in 2010 and the Chapter Executive Committee in 2013, where he has served as the treasurer for the past 3 years. He obtained his CGFM certification in 2012 and is a licensed CPA in the state of New Mexico. Matt is an Assurance Principal at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, where he specializes in providing auditing and consulting services to state and local governments. He received his Master of Business Administration from the University of New Mexico in 2003. He is a life-long resident of New Mexico and enjoys spending his free time with his wife and 2 children.

It will be an exciting year to see Matt's contributions to our chapter!



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## **Membership Renewal**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>** is the official cutoff for renewal of your membership. AGA allows a grace window for renewal before membership suspension – use the steps below! Our Chapter currently has **75%** renewed, but let's make that number 100%!

**Renew your membership and CGFM online today:**

- Log in with your User Name and password at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)
  - Select the "Proceed to Checkout" at the bottom of the invoice to renew online.



# Scenes from the 2016 Professional Development Training

**NM and ABQ CEC Members at work putting the attendee bags together**



**Sharp looking members of the NM and ABQ CECs**





## **CGFM Day Recap: Creating Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFMs)**

### **By Javier Machuca, CGFM**

One of my goals as the AGA ABQ CGFM Chair is to motivate as many members to become CGFMs as possible. The recipe to become a CGFM is not an easy one, it takes discipline and drive. One method we have successfully implemented is to provide training that showcases newly certified CGFMs. The instructors included members from the AGA NM Chapter and the AGA ABQ Chapter. The classes were well attended, and as a result, great enthusiasm was created to become certified. What made these classes great is the industry mix of participants. Participants came to us from federal, state and municipal entities. Everyone had knowledge of a particular area and that made the classes better. Knowledge was shared and contacts were made.

I encourage all those interested in attaining the CGFM certification to go to the AGA National website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/About-CGFM.aspx> in order to gain an understanding of the CGFM process, preparing for exams, scheduling your exams and required forms. Feel free to contact any of our board members if you have any questions.



\* **Participants at CGFM Day learning the overview of 3 exams**



\* **Chapter CGFMs take part in training of future CGFMs at 2nd annual CGFM Day**



# ABQ Chapter CGFM's

We would like to extend HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our new CGFM's of the 2015-2016 program year:

- Jennifer N. Baca, CGFM
- Joshua F. Trujillo, CGFM

As March is CGFM month, we continue to recognize the success of our certified members:

- |                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ♦ Raul Joseph Anaya, CGFM        | ♦ Anthony Lo, CGFM           |
| ♦ Lee Adams Baldwin, CGFM        | ♦ Javier Machuca, CGFM       |
| ♦ Laura E. Beltran-Schmitz, CGFM | ♦ Bryan M. Maestas, CGFM     |
| ♦ Matthew Bone, CGFM             | ♦ Johnny I. Mangu, CGFM      |
| ♦ Sarah Brack, CGFM              | ♦ Danny A. Martinez, CGFM    |
| ♦ Jeffrey A. Brown, CGFM         | ♦ Marty E. Mathisen, CGFM    |
| ♦ Barbara G. Burns, CGFM         | ♦ Melissa Nelson, CGFM       |
| ♦ Clarke Cagle, CGFM             | ♦ Georgie Ortiz, CGFM        |
| ♦ Victoria M. Fredrick, CGFM     | ♦ Janet Pacheco-Morton, CGFM |
| ♦ Peter Gilmour, CGFM            | ♦ Heather J. Prudhomme, CGFM |
| ♦ Steven M. Gregg, CGFM          | ♦ Jeffrey M. Riggs, CGFM     |
| ♦ Kimberly Hallatt, CGFM         | ♦ Donna M. Sandoval, CGFM    |
| ♦ James Hartogensis, CGFM        | ♦ Daniel O. Trujillo, CGFM   |
| ♦ Joanne Johnson, CGFM           | ♦ Patrick J. Wagner, CGFM    |
| ♦ Gilbert T. Kometa, CGFM        | ♦ Ted H. Webber, CGFM        |
| ♦ Janet K. Langston Schoen, CGFM | ♦ Stephanie M. Yara, CGFM    |

23% of our chapter members hold the CGFM designation – OUTSTANDING! Please let the Albuquerque Chapter know what we can do to help you get your CGFM certification!





STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, THE NEW MEXICO AND ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS (AGA) ARE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THAT ARE PART OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS WHICH HAS A NETWORK OF OVER 14,074 MEMBERS IN 100 CHAPTERS IN THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD; AND

**WHEREAS**, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 369 ACTIVE MEMBERS REPRESENTING STATE, FEDERAL, MUNICIPAL, AND PRIVATE SECTOR ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS, AND FINANCIAL MANAGERS IN NEW MEXICO; AND

**WHEREAS**, AGA NEW MEXICO AND ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER MEMBERS HAVE RESPONDED TO AGA'S MISSION OF ADVANCING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AS IT CONTINUES ITS BROAD EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON HIGH STANDARDS OF CONDUCT, HONOR, AND CHARACTER IN ITS CODE OF ETHICS, AND ARE MAKING SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES IN PROFESSIONAL ABILITY AND IN SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW MEXICO BY MASTERING INCREASINGLY TECHNICAL AND COMPLEX REQUIREMENTS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER (CGFM) PROGRAM OF AGA PROVIDES A MEANS OF DEMONSTRATING PROFESSIONALISM AND COMPETENCY BY REQUIRING CGFM CANDIDATES TO HAVE APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY, TO ABIDE BY AGA'S CODE OF ETHICS, AND TO PASS THREE EXAMINATIONS REQUIRING EXPERTISE IN GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL AND BUDGETING, AND REQUIRES EACH CGFM HOLDER TO MAINTAIN CERTIFICATION BY COMPLETING AT LEAST 80 HOURS OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION IN GOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TOPICS OR RELATED TECHNICAL SUBJECTS EVERY TWO YEARS;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2016, AS

## "CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGERS MONTH"

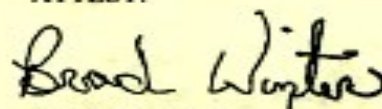
THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2016.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

  
SUSANA MARTINEZ  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
BRAD WINTER  
SECRETARY OF STATE







## Member Picnic

AGA Members and Friends are welcome!

**What:** Enjoy a yummy lunch of brats and sodas with the AGA Membership, Board, and other friends to celebrate the spring, catch-up, and share ideas for classes and events for our upcoming program year, and special summer session.

**When:** Friday, April 29, 2016 | 11am - 2pm

**Where:** Heimat House patio | 6910 Montgomery Blvd NE 87109

This is a **free** event, but please be sure to rsvp to: Christopher Schmitz [cschmitz@burtcpa.com](mailto:cschmitz@burtcpa.com) and we will be accepting donations for

### **El Ranchito de los Ninos** *Keepings Brothers and Sisters Together*

**El Ranchito de los Niños**, an alternative to foster care, is a safe, loving home where children grow in a supportive, family farm setting in Los Lunas, NM. Children ages 0 to 18 are considered for admission. El Ranchito's mission is to keep brothers and sisters together, and to give siblings a stable and loving home in which they can grow into adulthood together.

They are a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. 100% of the home's funding is from private sources including individuals, businesses, corporations, in-kind gifts, corporate and private foundation grant funding sources. They do not receive any state or federal funding.

*Donation wish list on the following page...*



# **El Ranchito de los Niños**

## ***Keepings Brothers and Sisters Together***

partial wish list for donations

<b>Home / Kitchen</b>	<b>Yard / Animals</b>	<b>Kids / Crafts / Education</b>
Furniture - book cases couches	Rakes	Children's Medicine
Garage shelving	Hoses (all lengths)	Pillows
Large trash bags	Garden soil	Comforters
Floor Cleaner	Plants / seeds	Dressers
Lysol	Lawn mowers	Face wash / deodorant
Brooms & Mops (Industrial)	Weed spray	Lotion
Picture Frames	Buckets	Corkboards
Crock pots (large)	Fly spray	Construction paper
Cookie sheets / cake pans	Brushes	Glue / tape
Casserole dishes (all sizes)	Litter	Glitter
Plastic drinking cups	Feed for cats, dogs, horses,	Paintbrushes and paint

For more information or a full list, please visit  
<http://elranchitonm.org/index.php>





## **The High Value of CGFM**

You've heard from your Chapter about the value of the CGFM certification. Here we share values from other Distinguished Members and National Leadership:



**John Homan, MBA, CGFM, CPA, CGMA**

**2015-2016 AGA National President**

Senior Manager, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

"When I was looking to advance my career in the government space, obtaining the CGFM became a primary focus because of the universal esteem in which it is held in federal, state and local governments, and the recognition it has garnered in the accounting profession. No other credential more directly recognizes competence in government finance and accounting than the CGFM."



**Kelly Stefanko, CGFM, CPA**

2015-2016 Chair, AGA's Professional Certification Board

"The CGFM is about defining your professional identity. The CGFM says that you are competent, curious and continuously improving. What do you want to stand for as a professional?"



**Riley Shaull, CGFM, CPA**

Chief Financial Officer, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission

"I recently transferred to a new position within the state of Oklahoma. Although I have worked for the state for 20 years, this position was a change from anything within financial management that I had done in the past. The knowledge I obtained earning my CGFM certification gave me the confidence to accept this new challenge, knowing I had the skills and confidence to tackle these new responsibilities."



**Beryl H. Davis, CGFM**

Director, Financial Management and Assurance, U.S. Government Accountability Office

"The CGFM certification is a widely and highly respected certification that demonstrates an individual's knowledge and skills as a public-sector financial manager. It also requires the holder to subscribe to a code of ethics. People respect the certification, and I believe that holding this certification during most of my career has enhanced my credibility as a government financial manager."





# **AGA National Training:**

## **Dates & Deadlines**



**A-123 Forum**



**Fraud Prevention**



**Ethics**



**CFO/CIO Summit**



**Government Financial Management**

*View registration information for the following training at*

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events>



## MISSION STATEMENT

Albuquerque AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

[www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)

## AGA CORE VALUES

Service, Accounta-  
bility, Integrity,  
Leadership



ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

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EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT...

**PDT2016**

July 17–20  
Anaheim, CA or virtual  
24 CPEs