



ABQ CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER— OCTOBER 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

This is a beautiful time of the year in New Mexico and there is so much to see and do, I hope everyone is enjoying all that New Mexico has to offer this time of the year. The football season has also started, which might not be that enjoyable for all you Carolina fans, but it's a great opportunity to focus on something other than politics.

Thank you to all of you that attended our September luncheon last week at Pappadeaux's, we appreciate your support of the AGA. We also pushed out our education calendar for the 2016-2017 program year last week, which is filled with a great selection of educational opportunities. One of the courses that we are excited to offer, is a CGFM test 2 intensive course that will be offered in February 2017. With the uncertainty in our State and our budget shortfall, it is a great year to seek your CGFM certification.

I openly invite any of our Chapter Members to attend the CEC's regularly scheduled business meetings and provide input on how we can better serve you. Please also feel free to contact any one of us if you have ideas, comments, or suggestions you would like to offer.

Please join us for our next seminar on October 20, 2016.

~Matt Bone, CPA, CGFM, CGMA

WEBSITE UPDATE ANNOUNCEMENT:

www.AGAABQ.org has a new look! Come visit the new site to access information for CGFM certification, education and service events, and provide ideas or feedback to our Chapter.



**NEW
MEMBERS:**

Jonathan S. Rothweiler , REDW LLC

CONGRATS TO SURVEY GIFT CARD DRAWING WINNERS:

Gregory Baird and Tai Etcherry.

Thank you to all who participated to help us continue to shape the best service to our members!

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

www.facebook.com/agaabq



We changed our Facebook communication from a closed group to a page that everyone can access. Come follow us to see events, pictures and more!

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CORNER

CGFM CANDIDATES OFTEN ASK “WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO STUDY?”

THERE ARE MANY APPROACHES. IN THIS MONTH’S ISSUE, WE WILL OUTLINE THE APPROACH THAT AGA RECOMMENDS.

- 1.) Review the examination's content outlines that list the main and subtopics covered in each examination. This should be the focal point of your preparation. It is the core document used as the basis for each examination and a guideline for writing examination questions.
- 2.) Customize your preparation process. The examinations are rigorous. Don't underestimate the need to study and be prepared. There are a number of options available, including instructor-led courses and self-study guides. Review each option to determine what works best for your level of knowledge, learning style, budget and time constraints.
- 3.) Decide on which study option works best:

Most AGA Chapters offer classroom instruction to assist in passing the CGFM exam. The Albuquerque Chapter and New Mexico Chapter jointly conduct annual CGFM training events. Contact any of our Albuquerque Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members for information on registering for the next event.

AGA National's Intensive Review Course (IRC) event serves as a concentrated refresher course and is followed by an opportunity to take the examinations immediately following the review. It is a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM! The two-day IRC runs from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days, and offers up to 18 CPEs.

If you are looking for a cost-effective way to study at your own pace, AGA offers CGFM study guides in two convenient formats: A printed version and a one-year online subscription. An option is also available to purchase both formats as a bundle.

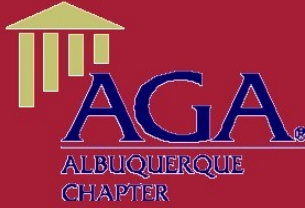
Printed Version: These three comprehensive publications benefit both CGFM candidates and those who wish to advance their knowledge of government financial management in general. The study guides feature a textbook-like format, with learning objectives, a summary, and a reinforcement quiz included in each chapter. In addition to the relevant resources, the appendices contain a glossary of terms, a list of reference materials, answers to reinforcement quizzes with explanations, and end-of-course review questions. Individuals ordering the study guides can purchase the option of earning self-study Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours upon passing an online CPE quiz.

Online Subscription: The online subscription option offers the same benefits as the printed version, but also offers the ability to review the content on your laptop, tablet or phone, and access new editions if they are published within your subscription period.

- 4.) Work with others within our chapter to form study groups and share study guides.
- 5.) Review the CGFM Examinations sample questions. These questions are designed to provide you with a sampling of the format and types of questions you can expect on the examinations.

Good luck! Jeff Brown, Albuquerque Chapter CGFM Chair

For more information on the CGFM and how to get certified, please contact Jeff Brown at jeffrey.brown313@yahoo.com.



2016 - 2017 Program Year Educational Events

October 20, 2016 | Seminar | 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Succession Planning for Government Entities by Denise Montoya, Ph.D., SHRM SCP, SPHR
\$50 for members; \$65 for non-members | 4 hours of YellowBook CPE
REDW Albuquerque - 7425 Jefferson St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

November 10, 2016 | Luncheon | 11:30am - 1:00pm

Leadership: The Endless Journey by Tricia Sena, CGAP of Sandia National Laboratories
\$15 for members; \$20 for non-members | 1 hour of non-technical CPE
Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen - 5011 Pan American Fwy NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

December 16, 2016 | Seminar | 1:00pm - 5:00pm

followed by free networking reception and Toy Drive for UNM Carrie Tingley Hospital
GASB Updates & Financial Reporting by Ray Roberts, CPA and Danny Martinez, CPA, CGFM of
RPC CPAs + Consultants
\$50 for members; \$65 for non-members | 4 hours of YellowBook CPE
Crowne Plaza - 1901 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102

January 24, 2017 | Luncheon | 11:30am - 1:00pm

Severance Tax Bonds by Sarah Brack, CPA, CGFM of Atkinson & Co.
\$15 for members; \$20 for non-members | 1 hour of YellowBook CPE
Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen - 5011 Pan American Fwy NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

February 21, 2017 | Seminar | 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Data Analytics (2hrs) and Advanced Excel (2hrs) by Andres Gamez of CliftonLarsonAllen
\$50 for members; \$65 for non-members | 4 hours of YellowBook CPE
Hotel Albuquerque - 800 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104

March 23, 2017 | Dinner | 5:30pm - 7:30pm

CGFM Celebration & Time Management by Tal Moore of REDW
\$20 for members; \$25 for non-members; **free for CGFMs** | 1 hour of non-technical CPE
Chama River Brewing Company - 4939 Pan American West Fwy NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

CGFM Test 2 Intensive:

February 2 | February 10
February 17 | February 24
1:00pm - 5:00pm each day
RPC CPAs + Consultants
2424 Louisiana Blvd NE Suite 300

Chapter Hosted AGA National Webinars:

DATA Act	Fraud/Data Analytics
May 17, 2017	June 14, 2017
12:00noon - 2:00pm	12:00noon - 2:00pm
CliftonLarsonAllen	Moss Adams
6501 Americas Pkwy Suite 500	6565 Americas Pkwy Suite 600



ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON WITH AMY CARTER



On September 20, 2016, Amy Carter of Moss Adams LLP gave a luncheon presentation to an attentive audience about changes and updates to Sub-Recipient Monitoring, Cooperative Audit Resolution & Allowable Costs at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen. Amy provided insight to attendees about updates to the Uniform Grant Guidance, with the overall consolidation of 8 OMB Circulars, as well as updates to the topics of Allowable Costs and Sub-Recipient Monitoring. She discussed detail about determining the difference between contractors and sub-recipients, which always creates good discussion and dialogue about its decision-making! In another relevant area for our participants, the need for cooperative audit resolution, and helpful techniques for achieving was highlighted. The approach relies on the critical skills of effective communication, collaboration, and trust between auditors and clients. Amy's presentation provided helpful tips and answers to questions posed about all the included topics, and we were happy to have her share with us!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER, LAWRENCE DAVIS!

All member attendees at the September luncheon were entered into a drawing for 2 tickets to the CEC's annual night at the Balloon Fiesta Gondola Club.

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AGA is celebrating 66 years serving
government-finance professionals!

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

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oct.

Cybersecurity — The New Norm

October 12, 2016

Webinar | 2-3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs

16
nov.

Tools and Strategies for Fighting Fraud

November 16, 2016

Webinar | 2-3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs

13-14
oct.

CGFM Intensive Review Course

October 13 – 14, 2016

Alexandria, Va.

13
jan.

Financial Systems Summit

January 13, 2017

Jan. 13, 2017 | Washington or virtual | 6 CPEs



CITIZEN— CENTRIC REPORT

To our Members is available online now....

[http://www.agaabq.org/index.php/
citizen-centric-report](http://www.agaabq.org/index.php/citizen-centric-report)



October Seminar

Succession Planning with Denise Montoya, Ph.D

Every day approximately 10,000 baby boomers are retiring out of the workforce. That's a reality that both private business and government entities must face. Our October Seminar speaker, Denise Montoya, Ph.D., SHRM-SCP, SPHR will be discussing how this retirement wave will affect government entities in particular, and what they can start doing now to decrease the damaging effects.

Dr. Montoya achieved her Ph.D. in Organization, Information, and Learning Sciences at UNM. She is a published co-author for topics including a Model of Shared Leadership as well as Building Trust in Virtual Teams. Dr. Montoya served as the former Executive Director of Human Resources (HR) with Central New Mexico Community College (CNM) and former Director of HR Client Services at the University of New Mexico (UNM).

Thursday, October 20, 2016

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

REDW Albuquerque

7425 Jefferson St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

\$50 for members | \$65 for non-members

Provides 4 hours of technical CPE which will count for both your CGFM and Yellow-Book requirements.

**RSVP to Marla Gorena at mgorena@rpcllp.com or
505.883.2727**





ALBUQUERQUE AGA MEMBER SURVEY

The link to our member survey was sent to full membership during May 2016, and was open for 3 weeks. We received a response rate of 35% (47 of 135 members). Major takeaways were presented at the July CEC meeting, and responses determined and noted below.

Members find the most value in the CPE offered by the Chapter

Although many are not interested or are not able to participate in the mentor program, contact info for those interested was gathered and will be held for future mentoring sessions

Based on interest suggestion, we will consider adding a section in our newsletter and website to post resources about changes to standards and other industries.

The CGFM promotions the Chapter offers are not reaching some members and about a third of members are not aware.

CEC Response:

We will continue to announce and promote the benefits and opportunities offered at the local and National levels.

A majority of respondents are already CGFM's or not interested, and there was no expressed interest in conducting a National intensive session locally to teach the certification material.

CEC Response:

We will work to provide other options for CGFM certification support, such as our "You Pass, We Pay, and will also implement a Test 2 intensive training this year to enhance our approach for more in-depth instruction sessions.

A majority of respondents are interested in webinars, as it garnered the highest response rate. We have not historically provided webinars based on audio and topic quality.

CEC Response:

We will continue to provide a variety of choices and topics to provide education opportunities.

Responses showed that members are interested in all types of training and topics. The survey responses indicate that more people are interested in luncheons, but in practice more people show up for the longer sessions.

CEC Response:

Further input from other chapters in our region highlighted their improvement in the last few years, and we will hold two sponsored sessions at local firms for this program year.

There was not high consensus for good or bad timing for the CPE sessions. A majority agreed that Fall (Sept – Nov) is difficult timing. Summer was also shown to be a hard time for our state government employees.

CEC Response:

Based on this feedback, our program is better from December through June for state government employees, and the summer and fall could be more beneficial for local and federal government employees. We will continue to provide a variety of options throughout the year to allow opportunities for all members, and work to tailor topics that will apply to each during noted timeframes.



DONNA SANDOVAL



Donna Sandoval, is on the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for both the Albuquerque and New Mexico chapters. Donna is now a member of the AGA Journal Editorial Board with term ending 6/30/2019. The Board reviews articles submitted for publication in the quarterly Journal of Government Financial Management (Journal). The quarterly publication, produced by AGA since 1950, is distributed to members and international libraries with a circulation of nearly 14,000. The Journal includes ethics questions each month, which are submitted by readers and answered by our ethics expert. Do you have an ethics question you want answered? You can submit your anonymous question so it may be reviewed and responded to by an expert on ethics. The Board also encourages authors to submit articles for review. If you would like more information on the Journal please contact Donna at Donna.Sandoval@state.nm.us.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL EVENTS:

AGA, IIA, & ISACA HAVE A RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT TO HONOR EACH OTHER'S MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR EDUCATIONAL EVENTS.

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER:



October 17-21, 2016 - Glenn Sumners,
CNM (location may change,
so TBD) "The CIA Review"

Participants can take the full week or
just Part III (two days)

November 17-18, 2016 - Danny Goldberg, La Luz room,
Nusenda

"Internal Audit 201: Keys to Being an Effective Auditor"

"IT for the Non-IT Auditor"

Participants can sign up for either or both (8 hours each)

December-January TBD

February 23-24, 2017 - John Hall, La Luz room, Nusenda
How to Audit...Better!" (16 hours)

March TBD

April, 13-14, 2017 - Leita Hart, La Luz room, Nusenda
(dates may change)

Either "Audit Planning and Risk Assessment" or
"Internal Controls Workshop"

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF
GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS



Collecting much-needed food and household items for today's struggling families.

Items can be dropped off at Burt & Co., CPAs at 4101 Indian School Rd. NE, Suite 440.

Now through Nov. 18th.

Benefitting a local food bank

Or contact Christopher Schmitz at (719) 580-8325 to arrange for pick up.

Will also be collecting items at our October and November education 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.

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www.agacgfm.org

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SERVICE,
ACCOUNTABILITY,
INTEGRITY,
LEADERSHIP

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