



New Mexico
Chapter



Winter 2021

NEWSLETTER

Presidents Message

Elena Tercero

Greetings New Mexico Chapter!

I hope that 2022 has started off well for all! Our chapter earned Gold recognition for the previous program year, thanks to the work done by the members of the chapter executive committee. The goal for this program year is to increase to a Platinum recognition.

In July we hosted our annual member appreciation picnic, and we were happy to see everyone that made it out. The chapter purchased 5 National webinars for our members to attend this program year and were all well attended.

There were two virtual training opportunities in the month of March for our members. March is Women's History month as well as CGFM month. On Wednesday March 2nd, we learned from three women in State, Local and higher education on how they have and continue to break down barriers to leadership. Then on Tuesday March 22nd, we heard from individuals about their journey to becoming a CGFM. We will also had Katya Silver, Director of Professional Certification from the National AGA office with us to talk about the process to become a CGFM and study opportunities from the National office as well as opportunities from our chapter.

The New Mexico and Albuquerque Chapters are working together to host our annual professional development training. Discussion is being held with both chapters to hold the training in person and a hybrid, be on the lookout for more information soon.

Thank you for being a member of the New Mexico AGA chapter!!

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Everyone Get One Campaign

AGA National is promoting the member-get-a-member campaign this program year. From now through April 30, 2022; please focus efforts to recruit one new member to our Chapter and to AGA. All members who recruit new members are eligible for prizes from AGA National to include Amazon gift cards or registration for PDT 2022 in Anaheim, CA.

And as a Chapter, if we exceed a 16% overall growth, we have a chance to earn bonus points towards our Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) goals. AGA offers many benefits to its members, so let's help AGA and our Chapter grow!

Welcome to our newest chapter members:

Name	Employer
July 2021	
Ms. Tracey Glen	
Ms. Bernadette Segobia-Abeyta	NCNMEDD
August 2021	
Mr. Marcos Lopez	NM Department of Public Safety
Mr. Jonathan Montoya	County of Taos
Ms. Louise Riebe	NM Dept of Public Safety
September 2021	
Shawn Beck	NM Office of the State Auditor
Mrs. James Chang	City of Albuquerque
Ms. Alanna Goodman	NM Office of the State Auditor
Ms. Guadalupe Jaramillo	NM Office of the State Auditor
Mr. David J. Mora	NM Office of the State Auditor
January 2022	
Robert Lemmon	Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC
Mrs. Jamie M. Lindemann	Ninth Judicial District Court
Ms. Gwendolyn Mansfield-Vogt	Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC
Jonathan E. McKee	Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC
Kameron Romero	Romero & Weiner, PC
Michael Wolf	Romero & Weiner, PC

Name	Employer
February 2022	
Mrs. Sheri Ayanniyi	NM Retiree Health Care Authority
Miss Kaylee R. Brown	UNM
Mr. Kent DeYoung	NM Public Defender Department
Lucio Luttrell	Dona Ana County
Ms. Jacqueline R. Martinez	NM Public Defender Department
Sergio Monarrez	Dona Ana County
Ms. Anna G. Moser	NM Public Defender Department
Michael Perez	Dona Ana County
Laura Wade	NM Office of the State Auditor
March 2022	
Mr. Ricky A. Bejarano	City of Santa Fe
Ms. Marie Giannantonio	NM Public Education Dept
Tina Maes-Baca	NM Public Education Dept
Alecia Martinez	NM Public Education Dept
Natalie Zamora	NM Office of the State Auditor

Happy AGAversary to the follow chapter members:

5 Years

10 Years

Name	Employer
Mrs. Anne Kelbley	NM Office of the State Auditor
Ms. Gwendolyn Mansfield-Vogt	Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC
Mr. Antonio L. Muniz	NM Dept of Transportation
Ms. Lori A. Narvaiz	NM Depart of Finance & Administration
Mrs. Alicia M. Pazienza, CGFM	Bureau of Trust Fund Administration
Ms. Helen M. Perraglio	Los Alamos County
Ms. Brenda Troelsen	NM Public Education Dept

Name	Employer
Ms. Jeannae L. Leger	NM Legislative Finance Committee
Mrs. Rosita Duran, CGFM	Third Judicial District Court
Ms. Louise Riebe	NM Dept of Public Safety
Mrs. Vera Lyons	Education Trust Board

15 Years

Mr. U Chan Kim	Retired
Ms. Yvonne Herrera	Santa Fe County, Finance Dept

New Mexico Chapter CCR

Please view our CCR on our website here: [2021 CCR](#)

Community Service Corner

This program year our chapter has donated time or money to the following organizations:



Tell Us What Training You Want

As we are planning our upcoming AGA Chapter program year, please let us know what training / topic you would be interested in learning about. Please reach out to any of your Chapter Officers and we will do our best to find a speaker to address your request.

Interested in Joining Our Chapter Executive Committee?

Are you interested in becoming more involved in AGA and your Chapter? Please email nmagacgfm@gmail.com and let us know. The new program year will begin soon. Take time to get involved; it will be worth your efforts to learn and grow!

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Upcoming Events

March 9th 1pm to 5p EST

AGA's Council for the Advancement of Women Inaugural Women's Forum

Interactive sessions will cover these focus areas and more:

- Unconscious bias
- Recruiting and promotion
- Best practices in DEI&A
- Leadership challenges and techniques
- Mentors, coaches, and sponsors
 - Self-Care

Up to 5 CPE's offered

March 15th Noon MST

CGFM Month & Informational Session

Join the fireside chat with members of the New Mexico Chapter to hear their journey to become a CGFM and tips that helped them pass the three exams. The New Mexico AGA Chapter and National office will share opportunities to decrease the cost to become a CGFM.

1 CPE offered

March 16th 2pm EST

Free member only webinar

A retrospective on the Financial Report of the US Government: Past, Present and Future

In February, Treasury released the 25th edition of the Financial Report of the U.S. Government. To mark this achievement, this session will look back over the past two decades to examine the progress made to strengthen transparency and accountability and discuss the challenges that remain.

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)

CGFM is a professional certification awarded by **AGA**, who is *the* member organization for financial professionals in government.

Benefits of Becoming a CGFM:

- Increases knowledge of government financial management
- Increases confidence on the job
- Provides better understanding of ‘big picture’ of government
- Indicator of experience and knowledge
- Enhanced marketability throughout all levels of government
- Helps encourage employer incentives and continuing education
- Enhances credibility, public confidence, and employee value

New Mexico chapter received proclamations from the Governor and Santa Fe County declaring March as CGFM month [CGFM Proclamations](#)



CGFM – NM Chapter You Pass We Pay Program (YPWPP)

The You Pass WE Pay Program (YPWPP) is a great way to assist NM Chapter members meet their goal of obtaining the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification.

The basic criteria and steps for the YPWPP are summarized below:

- STEP 1:** Only NM Chapter members are eligible for this program since it is unique to our Chapter.
- STEP 2:** Begin the CGFM Certification Process on the [AGA national website](#) Complete the Program Application Form. Once approved, you will receive a CGFM Eligibility Letter.
- STEP 3:** Send an email to the CGFM Coordinator to “apply” for the YPWPP program. Once accepted into the YPWPP program, participants are allotted One (1) Year to take and pass all three examinations. The clock starts “ticking” when an agreed upon date is received by the CGFM Coordinator and the participant. A Welcome Letter is sent out to you welcoming you to the YPWPP program which will have your start date.
- STEP 4:** STUDY, STUDY, STUDY! Schedule, take and pass the exams. (Study materials are available for the participant to borrow on a first come, first served basis. Contact the CGFM Coordinator [Kusum Adhikari](#), for more details.)
- STEP 5:** Upon successful completion of passing all three examinations, the participant will provide the CGFM Coordinator with a copy of the official AGA Award Letter from AGA National stating the applicant has passed all three examinations. Also, submit proof of payment with a signed statement attesting that the applicant has received no further financial assistance for this process (i.e., having an employer pay for the exams.) A determination will be made verifying that all three examinations were completed within the one (1) year time-period allotted and proof of payment and signed statement are sufficient. Reimbursement will then be made to the participant.

To earn the CGFM certification, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Read and agree to abide by the AGA’s Code of Ethics
 - Have a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
 - Pass 3 comprehensive CGFM examinations
 - Have at least 2 years of professional-level experience in the government financial management field
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Chapter Officers 2021-2022

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