

March 2017 Newsletter

President's Message

Happy belated St. Paddy's Day and welcome to Spring!

The Month of March came in like a lion...quick. The 2017 Legislative Session is almost done. It is time to start planning for next (fiscal) year already. The New Mexico Chapter has a lot of events coming up this and next month.



The February Luncheon was held at the Red Lobster Restaurant in Santa Fe. The speaker was Julia Gabaldon, Executive Director of Quality New Mexico. Approximately 20 attendees listed as Julia spoke on the services and promotions of Quality New Mexico.

The March Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at the Cowgirl Restaurant in Santa Fe. The speaker will be Laura Beltran-Schmitz, CPA, CGFM of CLA. Laura will present on the Uniform Grant Guidance. Please register for this event by contacting Wanda Gonzales, Chapter President-Elect, at 505-827-4865 or by email at supwmg@nmcourts.gov.

March also marks Certified Government Financial Managers Month. This annual celebration is to bring attention to the professional designation and show the importance of professionals working in this field. The New Mexico Chapter has obtained two proclamations for recognizing March as CGFM Month in the State of New Mexico and in Santa Fe County. The Chapter received a third proclamation on March 21, 2017 from the City of Santa Fe. Last, AGA National Office is offering a discount on membership for those who register to become a CGFM. Please see the National web-site at AGACGFM.ORG, for specific details.

Registration will be opening-up very soon for the Annual Professional Development Training. This training will be held on April 20-21, 2017 in Albuquerque at the Hyatt. Please see the notification in this newsletter and our web-site.

Last but not least, the New Mexico Chapter is calling on its membership to consider being of a member of the Chapter Executive Committee for the 2017-2017 Program Year. The positions will be available are: President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Nominations may be submitted to Wanda Gonzales via email at supwmg@nmcourts.gov. Nominations are due by Friday, March 24, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. MDT. Balloting will be via email on Survey Monkey on March 28-30, 2017.

Best regards,



Save the Date

Association of Government Accountants Albuquerque & New Mexico Chapters Professional Development Training

April 20 - 21, 2017

Hyatt Regency in Downtown Albuquerque

\$91 special sleeping room rate with code 2017PDT.

Parking available.



The topics for this year are:

- Powering Positive Change
- Transcending Barriers & Creating Opportunities



Chapter Events

Here are highlights from recent events...



Attendees are listening attentively at the March 8 webinar on Uniform Grant Guidance: Doing Things Differently. The New Mexico Chapter hosted this event within the General Services Department's conference room located at the Montoya Building in Santa Fe. Approximately 25 persons attended this 2-hour event.

CFGM Review Course Survey

Please take 1 minute to let us know of your interest in attending a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) review course. More information about the CGFM is provided as part of this survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D66FFMW>

Citizen-Centric Reporting - Certificate of Excellence

A special thanks to Donna Sandoval for her leadership and efforts in achieving the CCR Certificate of Excellence...

Ms. Donna Sandoval
AGA New Mexico Chapter
1304 Desert Ridge SE
Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87124

Dear Donna,

On behalf of AGA National Office, thank you for submitting your chapter CCR. Chapter CCRs are reviewed by national staff so they can learn more about the local chapters. By producing a CCR, we hope that it provides the members with the experience and knowledge to replicate the report for governmental entities in which you work and live. We also hope the document can be used as a marketing tool to highlight the chapter and its benefits in joining. I thank you for your hard work and commitment to transparency and accountability.

As part of AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting award program, I'm pleased to present you with a **Certificate in Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting**.

We would like to commend you on the outstanding points of your report:

- Well-Written – The report was well-written and excellent photos showing the chapter activities.
- Page 1 – Congratulations on receiving CGFM proclamations from three jurisdictions!
- Page 2 – The theme of the annual PDT was fun!
- Page 4 – Great job of explaining the goals of the chapter! The plans to meet those goals are commendable and explained very simply.

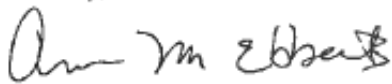
Even the best CCRs can be improved. Listed below are comments from the reviewers:

- Page 1 - Consider increasing the size of the pie charts for easier reading. There appears to be a missing sentence in the column of the text.
- Page 2 – How many individuals attended your events? Consider a table showing the year's events and number of attendees at each.
- Page 3 – No recommendations.
- Page 4 – No recommendations.

As you know, this initiative is focused on encouraging governments at all levels to improve how they present financial and performance information to taxpayers, so that it is clear, accurate, up-to-date, and easily accessible to all. By preparing a report for your chapter, you have taken the first step to understanding this initiative and giving yourself an informed platform on which to promote the report to governmental entities. If you need assistance, contact www.agacgfm.org/ccr.

Again, congratulations on your noteworthy accomplishment. We're counting on your support to ensure that our important work continues well into the future. We look forward to seeing your future reports!

Sincerely,



Ann M. Ebberts
Chief Executive Officer

Citizen-Centric Reporting - Certificate of Excellence

2017 marks the 10th anniversary of the Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) initiative, which features a four-page report communicating government business to



citizens. The New Mexico Chapter received an Excellence in Reporting for the 2016 CCR. You can read our CCR at <http://agasantafe.org/category/citizen-centric-report/>

We produce an annual CCR to demonstrate transparency and accountability, and hope that it provides our members with the experience and knowledge to produce a CCR for your governmental entity.



March Luncheon

Uniform Guidance

- Date:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 11:45 am – 1:00 pm
- Location:** Cowgirl Restaurant, 319 S. Guadalupe Street, Santa Fe
- Cost:** \$12 Members & \$18 Non-Members
- Speaker:** Laura Beltran-Schmitz, CGFM, CPA, CFE, CICA, Assurance Engagement Director, CliftonLarsonAllen
- Topic:** UG Implementation – How’s it going?”
We’ve had a couple years to implement the Uniform Guidance – how is it impacting federal reporting? What have we learned, and what resources are available to help?
- R.S.V.P.:** Wanda Gonzales by 3:00pm on Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Telephone: 505 827-4865 / Email: supwmg@nmcourts.gov

Cancellations after the deadline and “no shows” will be charged the full price of the meal payable to the Chapter. We must guarantee the number of attendees to the restaurant in advance

The New Mexico Chapter will be taking donations for Youth Shelters and Family Services. Please consider donating the following items:



DonationWish List

Snack Foods (Energy Bars, Jerky, Cookies)
Bottled Water
Canned Foods (Soups, Tuna, Fruit, Chicken)
Cereal
Trail Mix
Coffee/Hot Chocolate

Mission Statement

Youth Shelters and Family Services delivers life-changing services to homeless, runaway, and in-crisis youth in northern New Mexico by providing shelter and addressing health, safety, education, and workforce opportunities so they may lead independent and meaningful lives.



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 OVER 14,000 MEMBERS IN 101 CHAPTERS IN THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD; AND

WHEREAS, THERE ARE OVER 300 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 BY EMPHASIZING HIGH STANDARDS OF CONDUCT, HONOR, AND CHARACTER IN ITS CODE OF ETHICS, AND CONTINUING TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES IN PROFESSIONAL ABILITY AND 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 AN APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY, TO ABIDE BY AGA'S CODE OF ETHICS, TO PASS THREE EXAMINATIONS REQUIRING EXPERTISE IN GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, AND CONTROL AND BUDGETING; AND TO ENSURE EACH CGFM HOLDER MAINTAINS 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, 2017, AS

“CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGERS MONTH”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

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

Susana Martinez
SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR





SANTA FE COUNTY PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2017, "CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGERS MONTH"

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, which has a network of over 14,000 members in 101 chapters in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 311 active members in the New Mexico and Albuquerque chapters of the AGA, 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 governmental accountability and broad educational efforts, with emphasis on the high standards of conduct, honor and character in the AGA code of ethics; and

WHEREAS, AGA New Mexico and Albuquerque chapter members are making significant advances in professional ability and in service to the citizens of New Mexico by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

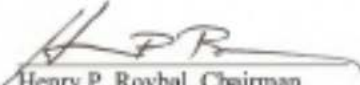


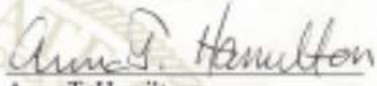
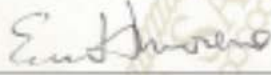
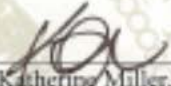

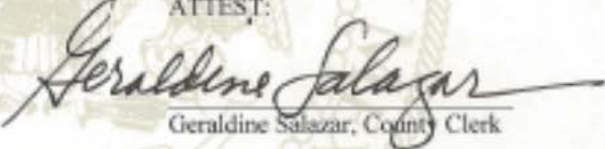
WHEREAS, AGA's Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment histories, to abide by AGA's code of ethics; pass three examinations requiring expertise in governmental environment, governmental financial management and control, governmental financial management and budgeting; and 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 BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, DO HEREBY
PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2017, AS:**


"CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGERS MONTH"



**APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED ON THIS 14TH DAY OF
MARCH, 2017.**

 Henry P. Roybal, Chairman Commissioner, District 1	 Anna Hansen, Vice-Chair Commissioner, District 2
 Robert A. Anaya, Commissioner, District 3	 Anna T. Hamilton, Commissioner, District 4
 Ed Moreno, Commissioner, District 5	 Katherine Miller, County Manager
APPROVED AS TO FORM:  Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney	ATTEST:  Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk







The Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

To earn the CGFM, individuals must apply for the CGFM program and meet the following requirements:

Ethics — read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics

Education — have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university

Examinations — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations, and

Experience — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

To maintain CGFM certification in active status, individuals must continue to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, renew CGFM annually and earn 80 continuing professional education (CPE) hours every two years.

If you are an AGA member and apply now you can save \$35.00 off the application fee through 3/31/2017. So, you can apply for only \$35.00! If you're not an AGA member the application fee is \$99.00. Please go to the agacgfm.org website or email Luis R. Eres at luis.r.eres.civ@mail.mil for more information.

Start working on your CGFM certification today!

Scheduled Webinars/Audio Conferences

Bryan Maestas, CGFM, Education Chair

The New Mexico Chapter CEC has purchased the following webinars/audio conferences. The topic and dates are listed below. The location where the webinar/audio conferences are to be held will be announced at least one week before the event. Two hours of Continuing Professional Education will be offered.

Upcoming webinars / audio conferences are:

- Topic: Ethics
Date: April 12, 2017
- Topic: Blended and Braided Funding
Date: April 26, 2017

Chapter Finances

TREASURER'S REPORT February 2017

Book Balance (ledger)	41,697.43
Non-redeemed payable	592.82
Outstanding deposits	-
Outstanding checks	717.04
Bank Balance (bank statement)	<u>43,007.29</u>

Bank Ending Balance as of 2/28/17 **\$ 43,007.29**

Transaction / Description	Date	Check Number	Payment Amount
Red Lobster (February luncheon)	2/24/2017	1753	(500.38)
Elena Tercero (Reimbursment for website)	2/27/2017	1754	(216.66)

New Mexico Chapter Website

Please visit the New Mexico Chapter web-site at agasantafe.org to view the most recent postings of Chapter events, happening and member profiles.

Education

Don't forget about education - the Chapter has secured webinars. Updates on the location of these trainings will be posted on the Chapter web-site as well as disseminated through email.

2016-2017 Chapter Executive Committee

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