



JANUARY 2021

NEW MEXICO AGA CHAPTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year AGA! I know that 2020 was nothing short of chaotic and confusing for many of us, I hope that you and your families have stayed healthy and well.

The New Mexico Chapter of AGA has done it's best to shift from our usual in person meetings to virtual events and the plan it to be able to offer more educational events virtual in the coming months of 2021.

In 2020 the New Mexico Chapter was able to offer three virtual webinars on local issues and topics. The Chapter also purchased three national webinars, two were held in 2020. The purchase provides 30 virtual seats that are offered to our members, free of charge.

The Chapter would like to host three additional webinars on local topics, so please be sure to complete the survey emailed in December. If you are unable to find the email, or maybe it got stuck in the spam filter, here is the link:

[Membership Survey](#)

The New Mexico Chapter, in conjunction with the Albuquerque Chapter will be hosting the PDT virtually this year, please fill out the survey so we know what our members need.

The New Mexico Chapter Executive Committee is looking for volunteers to join us in shaping the programing for this year. If you are looking to volunteer your time, gain leadership skills and help continue the mission of the AGA chapter email me at: nmagacgfm@gmail.com



THE POWER OF 7

STRENGTHENING THE FUTURE
OF THE PROFESSION...TOGETHER!

AGA's Power of 7 Recruitment Challenge

As we celebrate AGA's 70th year, National President Wendy Morton-Huddleston, CGFM, challenges all members to commit to the Power of 7! Her call to action is for all members to recruit 7 new AGA members during the 2020–2021 year!

AGA membership is more important than ever. It is a key link to our profession, an opportunity to learn from others, invest in ourselves and make our profession stronger.

As members, YOU are the best advocates for AGA membership! Only you know how AGA membership has impacted you and your professional career and can easily convey it to others. Tell them *what AGA means to you!* By recruiting new members, you can help strengthen your Association and impact the future of your profession!

In as little as 7 minutes — with a quick call, a Zoom chat, or an email, you can have a tremendous impact!

Just think about it:

- 24 hours in a day
- 1440 minutes in a day
- *7 minutes is less than 1 percent of your day!*

Plus, by encouraging your friends and colleagues to elevate their professional potential via AGA membership can lead to awards for you!

Step 1: Reach to Colleagues and Friends

Step 2: Share What AGA Means to You

Step 3: Invite Them to Join AGA

Step 4: Receive Awards and Rewards!

The Fine Print

- All AGA members in good standing are eligible to participate.
- Recruiting free electronic members (students and professors), retired and suspended members do not qualify for campaign awards and rewards.

The 2020–2021 Power of 7 Recruitment Challenge runs for 7 months! October 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021

Additional Questions regarding AGA Membership, please contact Bryan Maestas, CGFM, Membership Chair at

Welcome New Members to the New Mexico Chapter:

- Veryl Begay – NM Office of the State Auditor
- Darla Brewer – NM Office of the State Auditor
- Joe Cruz – NM Office of the State Auditor
- Leo Dudziak – NM Office of the State Auditor
- Valerie Garcia – NM Aging & Long-Term Services Department
- Sue Kontny – NM Office of the State Auditor
- Melinda Quintana – NM Aging & Long-Term Services Department
- Benjamin Romero – NM Office of the State Auditor
- Lucia Santini – NM Office of the State Auditor
- Anthony Sena – NM Office of the State Auditor
- Theresa Edwards – NM Public Defender Department
- Christina Keyes – NM Public Defender Department
- Valerie Martinez – NM Public Defender Department
- Liliana Ornelas – NM Public Defender Department
- Antonio Muniz – NM Department of Transportation
- Nathan Sloman – Children, Youth and Families Department
- Clayton Pelletier – City of Santa Fe
- Sabrina Cook – Law Offices of the Public Offender
- Mackie Romero – Department of Finance and Administration

Welcome and Thank You for your Membership!!!!

CGFM - YOU Pass WE Pay Program (YPWPP)

***Are you interested in obtaining your CGFM certification?
Could this be a 2021 Professional Career Goal?***

We are here to assist you by offering the CGFM – YOU Pass WE Pay Program (YPWPP) to active NM AGA Chapter members.

If you have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university **and** at least 2 years of professional-level experience in the government financial management field, this is a great opportunity for you to look into the CGFM certification. If you are interested in the YPWPP program or have questions, please e-mail me at

To help with your studies, the NM AGA Chapter has printed study guides available to borrow on a first come, first served basis. For more information on the CGFM process, please go to

Terese R. Montoya, AGA NM Chapter CGFM Certification Chair



Test 2 Exam Preparation Series

*four half day seminars to teach all the concepts needed to understand the material
for Test 2 of the CGFM Examination*

The cost is \$20 for members and
\$40 for non-members for the **whole series.**

Each class will provide 4 hours of CPE for a

**Classes will be held :
Via Zoom**

RSVP by: 01/25/2021

by sending the attendees name(s) and email address to

Jennifer Baca at jennifern.baca@state.nm.us



Albuquerque & New Mexico Chapters

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The New Mexico Chapter donated \$100 to each of these organizations between the months of October through December 2020.



**MAKING STRIDES
Against Breast Cancer®**



If you have other local non-profit ideas that we can contribute to, send us an email with your ideas!



New Mexico DECA is looking for judges to help our high school students competing in the State Career Development Conference in February. If you can volunteer up to 3 hours of your time, please consider registering as a judge & let them know you're participating on behalf of the New Mexico AGA Chapter! Also email Elena at [redacted] so she can make sure to reach out the State DECA board to ensure your registration was received.

WHO CAN JUDGE?

- Individuals with experience in marketing, management, hospitality, finance, entrepreneurship, sales, human resources, travel and tourism, retail and accounting
- Must be 21+ years old
- All judging will be done virtually
- Resources and support are available
- Visit <http://nmctso.com/judge-sign-up-for-deca/> to complete your registration as a judge
- Learn more about DECA here -> <http://nmctso.com/deca/getinvolved/>



AGA NATIONAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL

The AGA Council of the Advancement of Women is comprised of members who act on behalf of the association to manage gender diversity initiatives and progress. The Council will create strategic accountability for results, promote governance and oversight of gender diversity efforts and integrate gender diversity into strategy and programming. AGA aims to create and foster a Council for the Advancement of Women that reflects and contributes to the diverse profession and association membership. We take a collective responsibility to create an association where members feel included, respected and empowered.

**Council for the
Advancement of
Women**



The Council is hosting a **Book Talk** on, *Oliver's Spot for the Public Sector: The 5Ps Leading Teams to Top Results*, by Patrick Leddin coming up on February 18, 2021. If you would like to learn more about the council visit the National AGA website

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