

# October 2016 Newsletter

## President's Message



Hello AGA New Mexico Chapter Members!

The fall season has arrived with the weather cooling off, the leaves changing colors and the financial statement audits in process. The federal government is starting a new fiscal year. At the forefront of this season are the responsibilities of financial management officials at all levels. Part of these functions are cyber security, which was the topic of the webinar on October 12. Three experts presented on the current threats to all areas including the public and private sectors. The negative effect is the reduction or stoppage of financial activities. However, the presenters remarked that with constant planning, monitoring and involvement of all parties within an organization cyber-attacks can be prevented and operations continued without interruption.

Chapter members participated this past weekend in the annual five mile Walk to Cure Breast Cancer. The Chapter raised \$155 to support research. Just a reminder that the Chapter is participating in a food drive now and through the month of November to collect non-perishable food items. The Chapter will be collecting these items at all events. Please consider donating to help out those in need. Please see the flyer for more information.

The next Chapter luncheon will be October 19, 2016 to be held at the Cowgirl Hall of Fame Restaurant in Santa Fe. The Chapter is honored to have Heather Prudhomme, CGFM and AGA Southwest Regional Vice President as the featured speaker. Please read the announcement in the newsletter for specific information.



Have you thought about becoming a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)? If you have, all it takes is a little time and effort to get it done.

There are three training venues that can help you prepare to take and pass the three examinations.

The first is three open enrollment courses offered by Management Concepts [www.managementconcepts.com](http://www.managementconcepts.com). The three courses are:

- Governmental Environment (1 day course)
- Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting (3 day course)
- Governmental Financial Management and Control (2 day course)

The second venue, if you prefer not to travel, is self-study using the three CGFM Study Guides. These study guides are available hard copy or on-line. The New Mexico Chapter also has these study guides available for check out.

The third option is to take the Intensive Review Course. This course is a special, limited enrollment opportunity for individuals who have already been studying for the CGFM examinations and want extra reinforcement of the material.

For more information on becoming a CGFM please visit [www.agacgfm.org/CGFM](http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM) or [agasantafe.org](http://agasantafe.org).

Luis R. Eres, CGFM,  
New Mexico Chapter Certification Chair

## October Luncheon

The October Luncheon will be held on Wednesday 19, 2016, at the Cowgirl Hall of Fame Restaurant in Santa Fe, starting at 11:45 a.m. The speaker will be Heather Prudhomme, CGFM, CPA, CGMA, and Southwest Regional Vice President of the Association of Government Accountants. Ms. Prudhomme will be presenting on Business Etiquette. One hour of CPE will be offered.

### Scheduled Webinars/Audio Conferences By 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.

- Topic: Fraud Toolkit Case Studies  
Date: November 16, 2016
- Topic: Ethics  
Date: December 7, 2016
- Topic: Blended and Braided Funding  
Date: January 18, 2017
- Topic: GASB Update  
Date: February 8, 2017
- Topic: Fraud/Risk  
Date: February 22, 2017
- Topic: Uniform Guidance  
Date: March 8, 2017
- Topic: Ethics  
Date: April 12, 2017

### CHAPTER FINANCES

#### AGA NM CHAPTER TREASURER'S REPORT September 2016

Book Balance (ledger)	\$ 43,869.75
Unredeemed payable	592.82
Outstanding deposits	0.00
Outstanding checks	<u>1,720.57</u>
Bank Balance (bank stmt)	<u><u>46,182.57</u></u>

Statement Ending Bank Balance as of 9/30/16 \$ 46,182.57



**JOIN**  
US IN THE  
**FIGHT**

**Support Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) – New Mexico Chapter participated in the walk to help the American Cancer Society finish the fight against breast cancer.



**Smiling, happy faces with tired feet...sitting in the big chair!!**

# Food Drive



In participation with the AGA National challenge to collect food and help improve the lives of others!

The Association of Government Accountants

New Mexico Chapter

Will be collecting can food donations to benefit the

Santa Fe Food Depot

Donations will be accepted at Chapter events through  
November 18, 2016

Please help struggling families with your donation.

## New Mexico Chapter Website

Please visit the New Mexico Chapter web-site at [agasantafe.org](http://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.

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