



# November 2016 Newsletter

## President's Message



Welcome AGA New Mexico Members!

It is hard to believe that the month of November is already here and it's full steam ahead. I know that all accountability professionals have been hard at work completing their audits while still working on daily operations that continue in the present fiscal year. Multi-tasking and time management are the status quo for those in financial management. I believe that all you professionals should take a moment to pat yourself on the back for all the hard work you do.

The 2016-2017 AGA Program Year is almost halfway through and there are many events to come. The annual statewide Professional Development Training (PDT) will be held the third week of April 2017 in Albuquerque, so please save the date to attend this exceptional annual training event. The Chapter will be hosting a webinar on November 16 with the topic

"Tools and Strategies for Fighting Fraud."

The November luncheon will be held on November 17 at the Del Charo Restaurant in Santa Fe. The speaker is Mary Jo Lujan of the New Mexico General Services Department – Risk Management Division. The Chapter is also participating in the National Food Drive Challenge. Non-perishable food items can be donated at the luncheon and webinar events. In this month of Thanksgiving please consider bringing items to donate to help all New Mexico families celebrate this season. And speaking of being appreciative, please thank a Veteran. Their service to our country allows us to practice our profession and live a life style in a manner that is indicative of free will.

A special thank you goes out to Donna Sandoval for her participation as an editor for the Journal.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vince Satchon".



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

## November Luncheon

The November Luncheon will be held on Thursday November 17, 2016, at Del Charo Restaurant located at 101 West Alameda Street in Santa Fe. The luncheon starts at 11:45 a.m. and the speaker is Mary Jo Lujan, Alternative Dispute Prevention & Resolution Bureau Chief, Risk Management Division, New Mexico General Services Department. The topic is Alternative Dispute Resolution & Prevention and one hour of CPE will be offered.

We had a great turn-out for the October luncheon.

(L) Margaret Sena, Community Services Chair and Vince Lithgow, Chapter President with food donations. (R) Heather Prudhomme, SW Regional Vice President, during her presentation.



### CHAPTER FINANCES

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

Book Balance (ledger)	\$ 43,883.43
Unredeemed payable	592.82
Outstanding deposits	0.00
Outstanding checks	<u>264.32</u>
Bank Balance (bank stmt)	<u><u>44,690.57</u></u>
 Statement Ending Bank Balance as of 10/31/16	 \$ 44,690.57

## 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.

The next webinar / audio conference is:

Topic: Tools and Strategies for Fighting Fraud  
Date: November 16, 2016  
Location: 1100 S. St. Francis, Joseph Montoya Building, Office of the Secretary (first floor)  
Description: Whether you are new to fraud prevention and mitigation or a seasoned professional in the field, resources made available through AGA and other sources can help you strategize and manage fraud risks with your team. Hear from experts with years of experience at fighting fraud within government and the private sector.  
Cost/CPE: Free 2.0 Hours CPE credits  
RSVP: Contact Elena Tercero at [elena.tercero@state.nm.us](mailto:elena.tercero@state.nm.us) by 12:00pm on Tuesday, November 15th

Upcoming webinars / audio conferences are:

- 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



# 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.

## 2016-2017 Chapter Executive Committee

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