



December 2016 Newsletter

President's Message

Happy Holidays AGA New Mexico Members!



The chill is in the air and the time of year festivities are commencing and yet the work government financial professionals continues no matter what season approaches. Congratulations to those who have completed your state and local government audits. This is another notch in the financial accountability process.

The Chapter participated in a national webinar on December 7, 2016 featuring New Mexico Chapter member Leon Young, who spoke on Ethics. The webinar was broadcast live to over 1,500 participants from around the country from the General Services Department located at the Montoya Building in Santa Fe. Several New Mexico Chapter members were present to spur on the presentation.

The New Mexico Chapter Accountability Chair Donna Sandoval, CGFM, will be hosting a one hour and **FREE** webinar entitled "A Glimpse at Government", which is about preparing a Citizen Centric Report. This event is on December 14, 2016. Here is the link to register for the event:

https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars/2015-2016-Offerings/121416-CCR.aspx?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AGA+Communications&zs=TIOCc1&zl=71xQ3

The December luncheon will be held on December 15, 2016 at the Luminaria Restaurant located within the Inn & Spa of Loretto in Santa Fe. The Chapter has made a financial contribution to the "Shop with a Cop" program.

Speaking of charity and community service the New Mexico Chapter successfully participated in the National Chapter Challenge for collecting non-perishable food. The Chapter donated over 100 pounds to the Food Depot. Thank you to the New Mexico Chapter members for your donations.

Last but certainly not least, the New Mexico Chapter Executive Committee would like to express our thanks to all members and wish them well during these holidays and the upcoming New Year.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valerie Fitzgibbon".

A Glimpse at Government Webinar – December 14, 2016

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Dec. 14, 2016 | 2–3 p.m. ET | 1 CPE | FOS: MAS | FREE

Governments at all levels — federal, state and local, are making major strides in providing access to financial data on open data websites. While state governments and federal agencies might have several people on staff who can compile reports, local governments might find Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) especially conducive to easily providing citizens with a lot of information in a short, easy-to-read format.

Reports should answer the questions citizens may have about their governments' priorities, program performance and accomplishments, and focus for the future. Citizens should easily be able to find a succinct, clear, plain-language summary of spending and performance. Do your current reports allow citizens to do that? If not, check out CCR. It can be the mechanism in providing honest, direct, and simple information in a visually appealing four-page report. The CCR initiative marks its 10th year in 2017, and in that time, the public sector has produced more than 400 reports for citizens nationwide.

Learning Objective: Learn how CCR can help communicate financial and performance information to the public.

Speakers:

- **Nic Hales, CPA**, Asst. Accounting Supervisor, West Valley City, Utah
- **Bill Miller, CGFM, CIA**, AGA Past National President, retired state and county auditor
- **Mary Peterman, CGFM, CPA**, Deputy Director of Financial Management, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- **Donna Sandoval, CGFM**, ASD Director/Chief Financial Officer, New Mexico Department of Information Technology
- **Marsi Woody, CGFM**, Financial Executive Officer, Idaho State Police

December Luncheon

The December luncheon will be held on December 15, 2016 at the Luminaria Restaurant located within the Inn & Spa of Loretto in Santa Fe. The Chapter has made a financial contribution to the “Shop with a Cop” program. Please consider donating a teddy bear that will be used by law enforcement to give to children who are involved in incidences. Please register for this event by contacting Wanda Gonzales, Chapter President-Elect, at 505-827-4865 or by email at supwmg@nmcourts.gov.

We had a great turn-out for the November luncheon...thanks for all the food donations!



NM Chapter Community Services Chair Margaret Sena with NM Chapter Accountability Chair Donna Sandoval, CGFM, with donations of food at the November Luncheon.

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 collected over 100 pounds of food donations to benefit the Santa Fe Food Depot!



Chapter President Vince Lithgow, CGFM, with food donations from the New Mexico Chapter members to the Food Depot.



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. 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 or agasantafe.org.

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

CHAPTER FINANCES

AGA NM CHAPTER TREASURER'S REPORT November 2016

Book Balance (ledger)	43,637.17
Unreconciled amount	592.82
Outstanding deposits	-
Outstanding checks	-
Bank Balance (bank statement)	<u>44,229.99</u>

Statement Ending Bank Balance as of 11/30/16 **\$ 44,229.99**
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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: 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

Our last webinar...



NM Chapter Education Chair Bryan Maestas, CGFM, with NM Chapter Member Leon Young. Leon was the guest presenter for an AGA National webinar entitled “Ethics in the Workplace.” This webinar was broadcast live to sites around the country from Santa Fe on December 7, 2016.

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.

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