

# January 2017 Newsletter

## President's Message

**Happy 2017** AGA New Mexico Members! It is hard to believe that 2017 is here. This number is most associated with the fiscal year for which it is named. Now most financial managers are working toward wrapping up the downside of fiscal year process. There are a great number of unknowns for remainder of this fiscal year. On the state and local government side the legislature is about to begin, and addressing the fiscal crisis on the State's revenues will be a big driver that affects all levels of government in New Mexico. Accordingly, the nation is about to engage in a new president and the future about new economic policy is unknown. This will be a great time to embrace one's financial management skills to responsibly direct the changes that are about to come.



The December luncheon was held on December 15 at the Luminaria Restaurant located in the Inn & Spa of Loretto in Santa Fe. The speaker was Officer Billy Perdue of the Santa Fe Police Department. Officer Perdue is also the President of the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police. Officer Perdue provided great insight to the value of the "Shop with a Cop" program. New Mexico Chapter members who attended the event brought stuffed animals, which will be given by law enforcement to children during times of intervention. This was definitely a positive consequence for the chapter members.

The January Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at the Old Pecos Café in Santa Fe. The speaker will be Jan Goodwin, CPA and Executive Director of the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board. Please register for this event by contacting Wanda Gonzales, Chapter President-Elect, at 505-827-4865 or by email at [supwmg@nmcourts.gov](mailto:supwmg@nmcourts.gov).

The final note is to let you all know that the upcoming trainings. The Albuquerque Chapter is hosting CGFM Preparation Training for Examination 2. The trainings will take place on every Friday afternoon in the month of February. Presenters are from both the Albuquerque and New Mexico Chapters. To register please access [www.agaabq.org](http://www.agaabq.org).

The Annual Professional Development Training will be held on April 20-21 in Albuquerque. The New Mexico and Albuquerque Chapters have been hard at work putting on this event. Ann Eberts, AGA Executive Director, will be one of the keynote speakers. Please see the notification in this newsletter and our web-site.

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...



New Mexico Chapter AGA Executive Committee members Wendy Loomis, Wanda Gonzales, Elena Tercero, CGFM, CPA and Donna Sandoval, CGFM, with donations of stuffed animals. The toys were donated by New Mexico Chapter members who attended the December Luncheon. The stuffed animals were given to Officer Billy Perdue of the Santa Fe Police Department, and will be given to children involved in law enforcement situations.



Fraternal Order of Police President Billy Perdue speaking to attendees at the New Mexico Chapter's December Luncheon.

# January Luncheon

## **GASB 68 – Jan Goodwin, NM Educational Retirement Board**

- Date:** Wednesday, January 18, 2017 **Time:** 11:45 am – 1:00 pm
- Location:** Pecos Trail Cafe, 2239 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe
- Cost:** \$12 Members & \$18 Non-Members
- Speaker:** Jan Goodwin, CPA, Executive Director, New Mexico Educational Retirement Board
- Topic:** GASB 68
- R.S.V.P.:** Wanda Gonzales by 3:00pm on Tuesday, January 17, 2017  
Telephone: 827-4865 / Email: [supwmg@nmcourts.gov](mailto: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*





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

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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: GASB Update  
Date: February 8, 2017
- Topic: Ethics  
Date: April 12, 2017
- Topic: Fraud/Risk  
Date: February 22, 2017
- Topic: Blended and Braided Funding  
Date: April 26, 2017
- Topic: Uniform Guidance  
Date: March 8, 2017

## Chapter Finances

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

Book Balance (ledger)	42,723.62
Unredeemed payable	592.82
Outstanding deposits	-
Outstanding checks	-
Bank Balance (bank stmt)	<u>43,316.44</u>
<b>Statement Ending Bank Balance as of 12/30/16</b>	<b><u>\$ 43,316.44</u></b>

## 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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