

AGA ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

2024-2025 REPORT TO OUR MEMBERS

WHO ARE WE?

The Albuquerque Chapter of AGA is a local affiliate of the national Association of Government Accountants, serving professionals across all levels of government and related sectors in New Mexico. We are committed to advancing government accountability through education, certification, and professional development.

Through our active Chapter Executive Committee and growing membership, we continue to build a strong network of professionals dedicated to improving financial stewardship and public service.



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OUR MISSION

The Albuquerque Chapter (Chapter) serves professionals in government financial management and related areas by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

OUR VISION

To train and inform government financial professionals in the fields of accounting, auditing, budgeting, systems and financial management.

To contribute to the advancement of financial management principles and standards and to improve management control and accountability to the public.

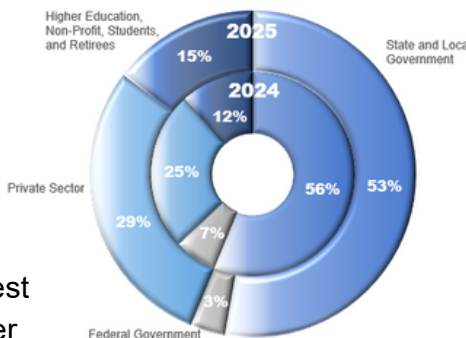
To recognize the unique skills and knowledge required of professionals who specialize in government financial management by sponsoring a professional certification program.

MEMBERSHIP

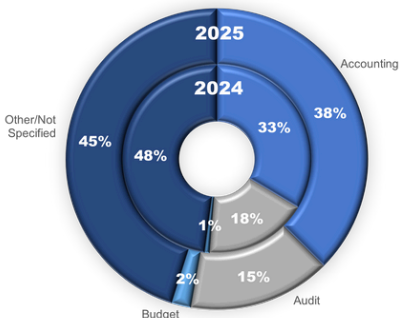
We closed the 2025 Program Year with 144 members—an increase of 25 over 2024! Our membership continues to grow not only in size but also in diversity.

Our private sector members grew by 4% this year, increasing from 30 to 42 members. State and local government members remain the largest segment with 76 members. Membership in higher education, non-profit organizations, students, and retirees also grew this year, while federal sector membership dropped slightly. Overall, we maintain a well-rounded public service profile.

MEMBERSHIP BY EMPLOYER TYPE:
2024 VS 2025



MEMBERSHIP BY RESPONSIBILITY AREA:
2024 VS 2025



In terms of professional roles, accounting professionals increased from 40 to 54 members, while audit professionals held steady with a slight rise from 21 to 22. Budget-focused members tripled from 1 to 3, indicating growing interest in fiscal planning and oversight.

These shifts highlight the evolving needs and strengths of our community. We encourage all members—new and returning—to consider joining the CEC. Your insights and energy are vital to our continued success, and we're always excited to welcome new faces.

Thank you for your ongoing support of AGA Albuquerque. Together, we're building a stronger, more connected chapter.

Do you want to become an AGA member?



AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Albuquerque Chapter continues to use the ACE Awards Program as a strategic framework to guide and evaluate our Key Performance Areas. By aligning our efforts with ACE’s six focus areas—membership, education, CGFM, communications, community service, and strategic vision—we ensure our programming remains impactful and member-focused.



This year, we’re especially proud to have exceeded our membership challenge goal, achieving 167% of our target and earning a “Touchdown!” recognition in Area 2. This milestone reflects the strength of our outreach and the growing engagement across our professional community. For the fourth consecutive year, we earned the ACE Platinum Award, reaffirming our commitment to excellence and continuous improvement.

Membership



Teams are listed alphabetically. This page will be updated weekly.

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167%



COMMUNITY SERVICE & EDUCATION

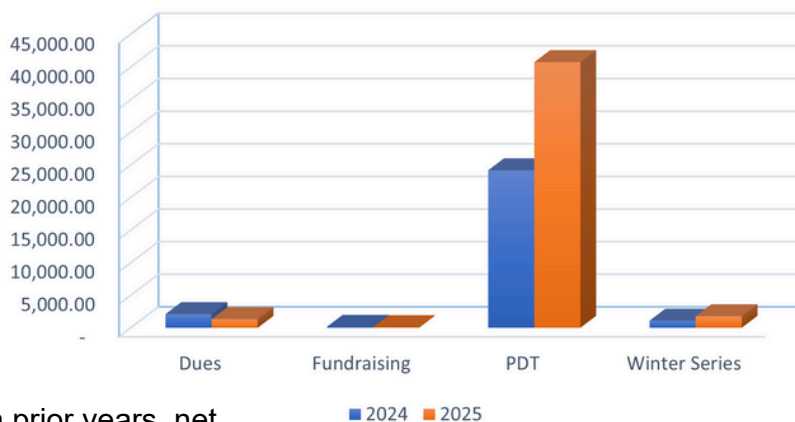
During the 2025 Program Year, the Albuquerque Chapter continued to deliver high-quality educational and service opportunities to our members. We hosted an in-person Winter Series event offering 7 hours of technical CPE, with 48 attendees participating. Our joint Professional Development Training (PDT) with the New Mexico Chapter remained a hybrid event, drawing 208 attendees and providing broad access to timely content and outstanding networking opportunities across the two-day event.

In addition to these flagship programs, we reinforced our commitment to member engagement and community service. We hosted a Membership Appreciation event at Top Golf, offering a relaxed and fun environment for members to connect and network outside of formal settings. We also held several Community Service events benefiting local nonprofit organizations, including a holiday toy drive for PB&J Family Services and participation in the Lobo Cancer Challenge to support cancer research and awareness.



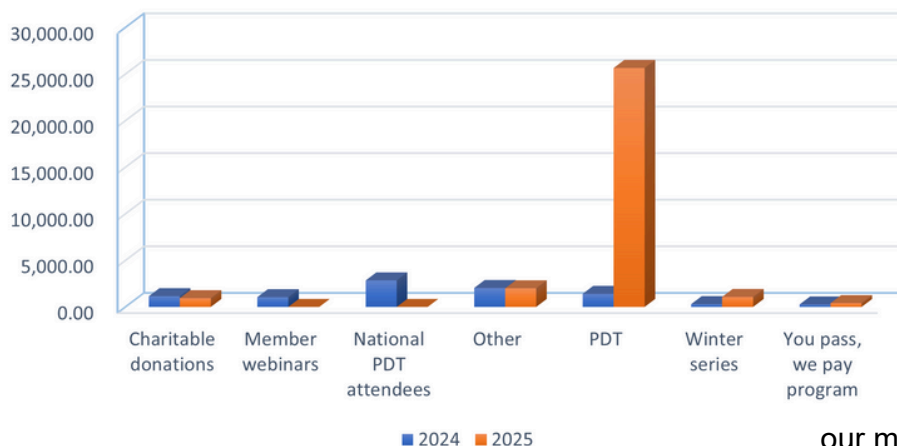
The largest source of both revenue and expenses for the Albuquerque Chapter in 2025 remained the joint Professional Development Training (PDT) with the New Mexico Chapter. As the lead planning chapter for this odd-numbered year, Albuquerque managed all revenue collection and expense payments for the hybrid event held in March. With 208 attendees participating either in-person or virtually, the PDT generated nearly \$45,000 in revenue—an increase of approximately \$20,000 over 2024—and incurred the highest expense of any program area, reflecting the scale and quality of the event. As in prior years, net proceeds will be split between the two chapters following final reconciliation.

Revenues



Other notable program activities included the Winter Series, which was held in-person only and offered 7 hours of CPE. The event drew 48 attendees and generated modest revenue, consistent with prior years, while incurring slightly higher expenses due to the in-person format. Unlike 2024, the Chapter did not reimburse any National PDT attendees in 2025, as the event was held virtually and offered a reduced registration fee, eliminating travel-related costs.

Expenses



The Chapter continued to invest in member development through its “You Pass, We Pay” CGFM incentive program, which reimburses up to \$500 for members who successfully complete the CGFM exam series. One reimbursement was issued in 2025 and the program remains active and available to support future candidates.

While the Chapter did not purchase any webinars in 2025, it remains a viable option for offering high impact and timely training to

our members. The Chapter’s financial strategy continues to prioritize high-impact programming while maintaining fiscal responsibility and transparency, with monthly reviews conducted by the Executive Committee.

The Albuquerque Chapter Executive Committee reviews the financial statements monthly.

An independent review will be completed. To request detailed financial information on the chapter, please reach out to us at aga.abq.chapter@gmail.com.



Attendees enjoying one of the outstanding 2025 PDT sessions



2025-2026 CEC Roster



Christopher Gregory, Chapter President

Laura Gonzales, Treasurer

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Kelly Burton, Membership

Heather Prudhomme, Secretary

Shadeen Kesani, Communications

Mari Hughes, Accountability

Laura Beltran-Schmitz, Education

Christopher Gregory, Education

Carla Nieto, ACE Chair

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Bryan Maestas, Historian

Kory Hoggan, Community Service

Jeff Roybal, Community Service

Alan Bowers, Member at Large

Desiree Zents, Member at Large

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Join AGA and benefit in technical knowledge, career and skills development, shared experiences and successes, while building lasting connections. Members receive at least 14 hours of training each year on timely topics for FREE. This \$375 value easily covers the cost of membership. Through engagement in local chapters, members can also enjoy additional networking, leadership and educational experiences.

Let's connect!

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