

# NEWSLETTER



Dear Albuquerque Chapter Members,  
 My name is Jeff Roybal, and I am a Manager with Baker Tilly. I have been a member of AGA for several years and currently serve as President-Elect and Community Service Co-Chair for the Albuquerque Chapter. I have served on the CEC in various roles throughout my time with AGA and will step into the role of Chapter President in the upcoming year.

I initially joined the CEC to become more connected with my peers and to expand my professional network. As Community Service Chair, I especially enjoy the opportunity to give back to our community. This past August, we hosted a school supply drive supporting New Mexico Kids Matter, an organization that advocates for children who have been abused or neglected by empowering community volunteers to speak up for them within the foster care system. We also participated in the annual UNM Cancer Challenge Run, a community fundraiser that supports the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center in delivering high-quality cancer care right here in New Mexico.

## ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER



## NEW MEXICO CHAPTER



My name is Lynette Sanders, and I am the ASD Director/Chief Financial Officer of the Public Employees Retirement Association of New Mexico. I joined the AGA in 2015 and have always enjoyed the quality education and networking opportunities offered by the AGA. In addition, AGA gives back to our community through volunteer time and donations which is extremely important to me.

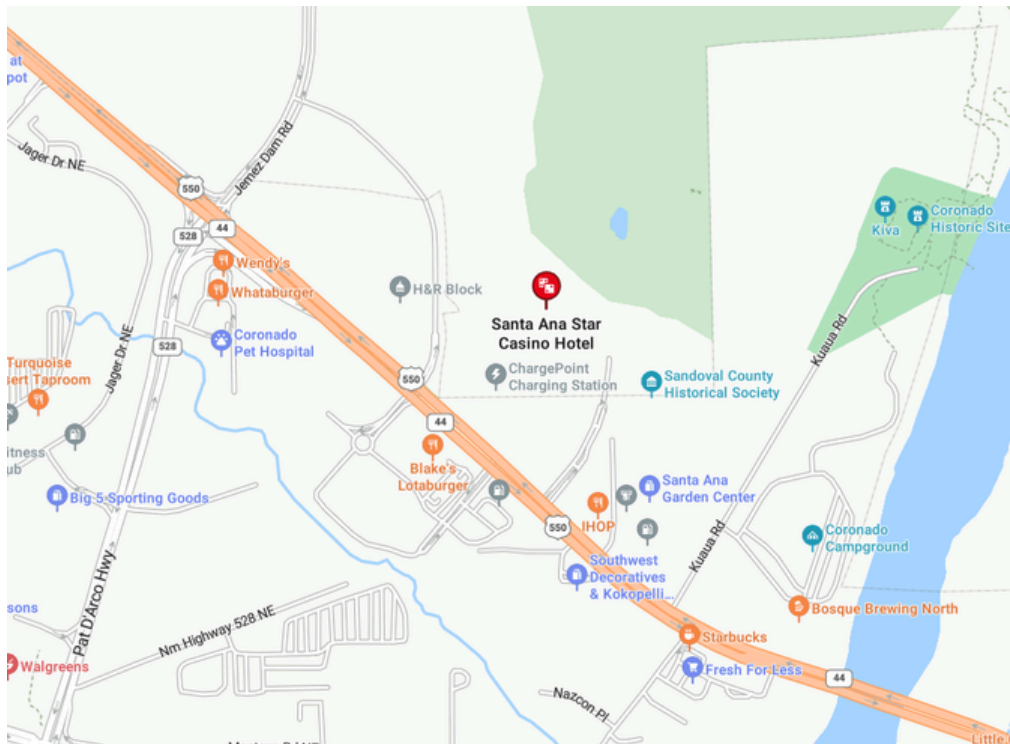
I am proud to be a part of our incredible membership of dedicated professionals. I joined the New Mexico Chapter CEC to contribute to the ongoing support of financial management professionals in government. I am currently serving as the New Mexico Chapter Training Coordinator. For the current year, the New Mexico Chapter purchased 10 AGA group webinars which provides 30 members free registration on a first come first serve basis. These webinars are offered on a variety of subjects with high quality speakers, I hope you take advantage of this member benefit!

Please reach out if you have any feedback or suggestions for our training program, I would love to hear from you!

# PDT 2026

SAVE THE DATE!

**Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>  
in person at Santa Ana Star Casino, registration  
information coming soon!**



**AGA**  
2026 Professional Development Training  
**Sponsorship Opportunities**  
April 28 & 29 at Santa Ana

**Sponsorship Benefits**

- ◆ Verbal recognition of sponsorship during opening general session
- ◆ Exhibit booth during PDT (by request)
- ◆ Opportunity to provide branded item to AGA for placement in Attendee Goodie Bags (sponsor provides item)
- ◆ Recognition on AGA chapter social media
- ◆ Company logo displayed during session breaks
- ◆ Company logo on chapter websites
- ◆ AGA Membership discount when you sign up new members (depending on sponsorship tier)

**Diamond Sponsorship \$15,000**

- ◆ All benefits listed under sponsorship benefits above
- ◆ Limit 1 Sponsor: Exclusive sponsorship of Reception Event on April 28, 2026, and opportunity to address attendees
- \* Reception invitation cards, with sponsors logo, included in attendee packets
- \* Company logo displayed at Reception Event and Day 1 training
- ◆ Prominent table placement of exhibit booth
- ◆ Sponsor/moderate up to 4 technical breakout presentations (topic must be approved by the PDT committee)
- ◆ 8 complimentary PDT registrations for AGA members
- ◆ Membership fees discount: \$75 off 1-2 new members, \$100 off 3-4 new members, or \$160 off 5 or more new members

**Platinum Sponsorship \$3,500**

- ◆ All benefits listed under sponsorship benefits above
- ◆ Exclusive sponsorship of lunch on April 28th or April 29th with opportunity to address attendees
- ◆ Sponsor/moderate 2 technical presentations (topic must be approved by PDT committee)
- ◆ Prominent logo placement on program and projector screens during general sessions prior to presentations
- ◆ 3 complimentary PDT registrations for AGA members
- ◆ Membership fees discount: \$50 off 1-2 new members, \$75 off 3-4 new members, and \$100 off 5 or more new members

**Gold Sponsorship \$2,500**

- ◆ All benefits listed under sponsorship benefits above
- ◆ Exclusive sponsorship of coffee break (morning or afternoon) on April 28th or April 29th
- ◆ Sponsor/moderate up to 2 technical breakout presentations (topic must be approved by the PDT committee)
- ◆ Company logo displayed for coffee break sessions
- ◆ 2 complimentary PDT registrations for AGA members
- ◆ Membership fees discount: \$40 off 1-2 new members, \$65 off 3-4 new members, and \$90 off 5 or more new members

**Silver Sponsorship \$1,250**

- ◆ All benefits listed under sponsorship benefits above
- ◆ Sponsor/moderate up to 1 technical presentation (topic must be approved by the PDT committee)
- ◆ 1 complimentary PDT registration for AGA members
- ◆ Membership fees discount: \$25 off 1-2 new members, \$50 off 3-4 new members, and \$75 off 5 or more new members



# Membership Matters

## your monthly membership update

Membership in a professional accounting organization supports career growth and professional confidence by providing access to current technical resources and guidance on evolving standards and regulations. Networking opportunities with peers and industry leaders encourage collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and new career opportunities.

Membership also enhances professional credibility by demonstrating a commitment to ethical standards, lifelong learning, and excellence. In addition, members benefit from advocacy, research, and practical tools that help them add greater value in their roles and contribute meaningfully to the financial community

### **Don't Forget: Join or Renew Your AGA Membership!**

#### **AGA Memberships also include:**

- Take advantage of member-only discounts on events, training, certifications, and publications
- Enhance leadership and career advancement opportunities through committees, forums, and volunteer roles.
- Receive support at every career stage, from early professional development to senior leadership
- Earn continuing professional education (CPE) credits with high-quality courses, webinars, and conferences
- Stay connected to a trusted professional community that shares knowledge and best practices
- Strengthen your voice in the profession through collective advocacy and representation
- Access timely guidance and resources to help navigate complex ethical and compliance challenges

#### **Remember AGA Members,**

You are the best advocates for AGA membership! Only you know how AGA membership has impacted you and your professional career and can easily convey it to others. Make sure you share what AGA means to you and invite others to join AGA!

# MEET OUR TEAM



**Chapter President** – Christopher Gregory

**Presidente Elect** – Jeff Roybal

**Treasurer** – Laura Gonzales

**Membership Chair**– Kelly Anderson

**Membership Co Chair**– Krista Ganes-Chavez

**Secretary** – Heather Prudhomme

**Communications Chair** – Carla Nieto

**Communications Co Chair**– Mayra Serrano

**Accountability** – Mari Hugh

**Education Chair** – Laura Beltran Schmitz

**Education Co Chair**–Christopher Gregory

**ACE Chair** – Carla Nieto

**CGFM Chair** – Jennifer Baca

**Historian** – Bryan Maestas

**Community Service Chair** – Jeff Roybal

**Community Service Co Chair** – Kory Hoggan

**Member at Large** – Desiree Jensen

**Member at Large Co Chair**– AJ Bowers

**Chapter President** – Timothy Zapata

**Treasurer** – Elizabeth Martinez

**Co-Treasurer & Webmaster** – Misty Schuck

**ACE Chair** – Mauricia Chavarria-Quam

**Membership Chair** – Bryan Maestas

**NCC Representative & Sponsorships** –  
Wanda Gonzales

**Secretary** – Blanca Sena

**Young Professionals** – JC Trujillo

**Community Service** – Jolene Gonzales &  
Margaret Sena

**Training Coordinator** – Lynette Sanders

## Meet Our New CGFM Chair–Sheri Ayanni



Sheri Ayanniyi serves as the Chief Financial Officer for the New Mexico Retiree Health Care Authority. She has worked for the State of New Mexico since 2014, having transitioned from the private sector. Sheri holds a master's degree in Accounting and Finance from New Mexico Highlands University and is both a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

Outside of her professional role, she enjoys spending time with family, travel, outdoor activities, and lifelong learning. As CGFM Chair, Sheri's vision is to support and engage current and potential CGFM candidates by fostering professional growth, mentorship, and collaboration, while promoting the value and recognition of the CGFM designation within government and the broader accounting/finance community.

# You Pass, We Pay!

Up to **\$500** for exam expenses

## **Make achievement the CGFM your goal for this program year!:**

The Albuquerque and New Mexico Chapters would like to reward AGA our Chapter Members who pass all three CGFM tests and is awarded a CGFM certificate. You must send in a notice of CGFM award between May 31st 2025 and June 30<sup>th</sup> 2026 (Final test must not have been prior, to February 1st, 2025). Winners will receive recognition in our newsletter and reimbursement for exam expenses from the AGA Albuquerque Chapter. Members do not qualify if your employer has reimbursed your exam expenses. For more details or to apply for the award please contact your Chapter POC:

### **Albuquerque Chapter**

Jennifer Baca

[jennifer.baca@ose.nm.gov](mailto:jennifer.baca@ose.nm.gov)

### **New Mexico Chapter**

Sheri Ayanniyi

[sheri.ayanniyi@rhca.nm.gov](mailto:sheri.ayanniyi@rhca.nm.gov)



## **JOIN AGA NOW**

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.

For AGA membership questions,  
contact Kelly Anderson, CPA  
at [kelly.anderson@claconnect.com](mailto:kelly.anderson@claconnect.com)

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**March 4, 2026**

**Cyber Security**—Lock it down

**April 8, 2026**

**Ethics**—Back by demand

**April 22, 2026**

**Data analytics & Fraud**—  
Finding needles in haystacks

**April 28–29, 2026**

**AGA PDT Conference**—Santa  
Ana Star Center

**May 6, 2026**

**Risk Management**



**Get ready to level up your  
professional game!**

Each month, the AGA New Mexico Chapter is serving up 2 CPE's per course with webinars designed to keep you sharp, savvy and ahead of the curve.

# AGGA™ SAVE THE DATE!

Albuquerque  
Chapter

## Group Viewing: Cybersecurity Webinar

### March 4, 2026

Lunch at 11:30 AM · Webinar 12:00 PM – 1:50PM (MT)

Hosted at the NM Society of CPAs  
3400 Menaul Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87107



Pricing: **CGFMs are FREE!**  
Members - \$10  
Non-Members - \$40  
2 CPE credit hours

Scan the QR Code or  
[CLICK HERE](#)  
To Register

AGA Albuquerque CGFM  
Celebration & Group Viewing:  
Cybersecurity Webinar



**AGA**  
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**Spotlight  
on  
Community Service**



The AGA NM Chapter  
has been hard at work  
**volunteering** and **donating**  
to charities in our community.

**November**



**680 Meal  
Boxes Packed**

**\$500** Donated to

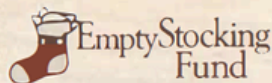
**THE  
Food Depot**

Provides no-cost, healthy  
food across nine counties in  
Northern New Mexico



**December**

**\$100** Donated



Serves as a critical safety net  
for those experience  
unexpected financial  
challenges in our community.

**January**

**\$100** Donated



Provides free grief support for  
children, teens, and families  
who have experienced the  
death or separation of a loved  
one



Thank you to our members for strengthening our community through service and generosity.

# MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

## 1 YR OF MEMBERSHIP

Annmol Anand  
Natasha Apodaca  
Raquel Dawson  
Justin Deubel  
Hailey Farley  
Joshua Gamboa  
Linda Garcia  
Jared Glass  
Javier Gonzales  
Erika Jaramillo  
Jacqueline M. Leyba  
Marisa Lopez  
Collette Lucero  
Tawrence Mendoza  
Pfungwa Mutambanash

Sharon Nunez  
Jose Ortiz  
Carmel Pacheco-Aragon  
Lizzy J. Ratnaraj  
Susanne Roubidou  
Mayra Serrano  
Daniel Silva  
Harry Sloan  
Rebecca Thompson  
Gabriella M. Trujillo  
Anna Vigil  
Ruben Vigil

## 15+ YRS OF MEMBERSHIP

Laura E. Beltran-Schmitz  
Matthew Bone  
Alan D. Bowers, Jr.  
Jeffrey Canney  
Deborah A. Casaus  
Maria D. Fidalgo  
Krista Ganes-Chavez  
Filemon Gonzalez  
Kimberly Hallatt  
Gilbert T. Kometa  
Bridgette A. Long  
Johnny I. Mangu  
Amy L. Myer  
Heather J. R. Prudhomme  
Kristina Richardson  
Jeremy Francisco Romero  
Jason T. Shaw  
Roberta A. Werito-Jones

## 10+ YRS OF MEMBERSHIP

Marlene Acosta  
Jennifer N. Baca  
Lee Adams Baldwin  
Leann M. Bell  
Alan R. Gutowski  
Clarke Cagle  
Mauricia J. Chavarria-Quam  
Jennifer Ciolek  
Denise V. Corriz  
Melissa Dadzie  
Dominic Donio  
Pamela Fanelli  
Crystal M. Funes  
Andres Gamez  
Wendy J. George  
Roberta Gonzales

Sylvia A. Hartley  
Laura G. Holguin  
Marianne T. Kemp  
Danny A. Martinez  
Elise M. Mignardot  
Cynthia M. Ortega-Armijo  
Marilyn Rapp  
Jacqueline Sanchez  
Jennifer L. Schwartz  
Misty L. Schuck  
Sara Specht  
Angelica Testa  
Josie Z. Trevino  
Daniel O. Trujillo  
Joshua Trujillo  
Becky Valencia



## 20+ YRS OF MEMBERSHIP

Raul Joseph Anaya  
Carl M. Baldwin  
Sanjay Bhakta  
Luis R. Eres  
Wanda M. Gonzales  
Jolene M. Gonzales  
Maryam (Mari) R. Hughes  
Kim Y. Keahbone  
Vince Lithgow  
Bryan M. Maestas

Javier Machuca  
Cecilia M. Martinez  
Francis P. Page  
Kathleen I. Pinyan  
Marcy E. Pompei  
Allen Roybal  
Donna M. Sandoval  
Blanca A. Sena  
Stephanie M. Yara



Manuel Chavez  
Jakeline Claridge  
Maribel Diaz  
Marcie Duran  
Donna Johnson  
Shayenne Keliiaa  
Bridgette Long

Chris Montoya  
MariaLucia Montoya-Atencio  
Maria Rodriguez  
Jimmie Rogers  
Mariah Solano  
Clorissa Willie



# A BIG shout-out to our New Mexico Chapter members for obtaining their CGFM certification:

Alanna Goodman,  
JC Trujillo,  
Sherri Ayannyi, &  
Shawn Beck!

