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# AGA ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the President

Dear AGA Albuquerque Chapter Members,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 program year. I sincerely appreciate your continued support of the AGA. My name is Christopher W. Gregory, and I am honored to serve as President of the AGA Albuquerque Chapter. I am currently employed as a State and Local Government Manager at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP.

This year marks my seventh term on the Chapter Executive Committee, following my previous role as Education Chair. Last year, I earned my Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation, and I encourage you to consider pursuing this certification as well. Our chapter offers various resources to support your professional development, so please feel free to contact our CGFM chairs with any questions.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Chapter Executive Committee, whose work is vital in coordinating publications, educational programs, speaker engagements, community outreach initiatives, and other member activities.

The CEC is actively planning an engaging schedule for this year, including continuing education webinars, in-person events such as the Winter Series, and our annual Professional Development Training (PDT). Additionally, we have planned various membership activities and community service initiatives.

Serving on the Albuquerque Chapter CEC has provided me with valuable opportunities to connect and collaborate with professionals across our industry. I am committed to leading our chapter toward new achievements in the year ahead.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### \* Toy Drive

December 2025

Join our Toy Drive initiative as we partner with PB&J to support at-risk children, helping them to grow and develop.

### \* Winter Series

1st Quarter of 2026

### \* PDT

2nd Quarter 2026

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## Past Community Events

# Cancer Challenge

For the second year our AGA members participated in Lobo Cancer Challenge in Albuquerque, where passion meets purpose! Proceeds directly enhance the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center's innovative research and care initiatives.



# School Supply Drive

We partnered with New Mexico Kids Matter, an organization that advocates for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. AGA's members purchased school supplies, including calculators, for children in foster care. The proceeds from this event were donated to the nonprofit organization.





## Upcoming Toy drive



**AGIA**  
Albuquerque Chapter **HELP BRING JOY TO CHILDREN IN NEED**

# CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

**DONATE BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

December 15th, 2025  
Drop off locations coming soon!  
You can also donate via Paypal

**PB&J**  
FAMILY SERVICES

## >>> Welcome New Member

- Elizabeth P. Franco
- Claudia Griego
- John Jennings
- Veronica Purcell
- Sandra Riggs
- Michael Withrow





## Members Only CPE Reminder



Albuquerque  
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### Free Members-Only Webinar

Self- Care as Professional Strategy: Enhancing  
Performance Through Practical Well-Being

**Date & Time**

Dec 3, 2025

2:00pm-3:15 pm (ET)

**COST**

Free for AGA Members

**COURSE LENGTH**

1.5

**FIELD OF STUDY**

Personal Development

## Membership Milestones

Congrats to our fellow members who achieved membership milestones during this quarter. We appreciate your loyalty and participation in the Chapter!

### >>> 1 Year of Membership

- Rath Chaleunphon
- Noemi Davila Tovar
- Alejandra Gamon
- Michelle Garcia
- Alex Lerma
- Zhengyan Liu
- Allyja Ramirez
- Beatriz Sierra
- Claudia Sierra

### >>> 10+ Years of Membership

- Daniel Trujillo

### >>> 15+ Years of Membership

- Alan Bowers
- Javier Machuca
- Amy Myer


## Winter Series Planning

Your feedback is appreciated to help with planning for our Winter Series in February 2026.

Please complete the form at this link or via QR code by Friday, 11/21. [Response Requested - ABQ AGA Winter Series Planning - Fill out form](#)

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Chris Gregory, President  
Jennifer Baca, CGFM Chair

# You Pass, We Pay!

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

**Make achieving the CGFM your goal for this program year!**

The Albuquerque Chapter would like to reward AGA Albuquerque 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 30th 2026 (*final test must not have been taken 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 Jennifer Baca @ [JenniferN.Baca@outlook.com](mailto:JenniferN.Baca@outlook.com)



- Christopher Gregory, Chapter President
- Jeff Roybal, President Elect
- Laura Gonzales, Treasurer
- Krista Ganes-Chavez, Membership
- Kelly Burton, Membership
- Heather Prudhomme, Secretary
- TBA, Communications
- Mari Hughes, Accountability
- Laura Beltran-Schmitz, Education
- Chris Gregory, Education
- Carla Nieto, ACE Chair
- Jennifer Baca, CGFM Chair
- Bryan Maestas, Historian
- Kory Hoggan, Community Service
- Jeff Roybal, Community Service
- Alan Bowers, Member at Large
- Desiree Jensen, Member at Large

## Join AGA Today!

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.

### Join the Albuquerque Chapter Executive Committee

Interested in getting more involved with the Albuquerque Chapter? Please reach out to a Chapter Executive Committee Member. CEC meetings are held virtually, the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm. Email the CEC at [aga.abq.chapter@gmail.com](mailto:aga.abq.chapter@gmail.com) for more information.