



August 2026 Newsletter



Words From Our Chapter President

I hope everyone has had a safe and wonderful summer! We are kicking off the new year with a social happy hour rather than an in-person luncheon. I'm excited to invite you all to our upcoming social event at Stone Werks, located at 999 E Basse Rd, on Thursday, August 13, 2026, from 5:30–7:30 PM. This is a great opportunity to unwind, connect with fellow members, and network in a relaxed, informal setting. AGA San Antonio will provide free appetizers, and I'll personally cover the first round of drinks for everyone who joins us. It's our way of saying thank you for being part of this chapter and for your continued engagement throughout the year.

I'd also like to encourage each of you to bring a colleague, friend, or contact who you think would benefit from joining an organization like AGA. Our chapter thrives because of the relationships and professional network we build together, and events like this are a great, low-pressure way to introduce someone new to what we do.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting lineup of speakers for the upcoming months. In September, we will hear from Dr. Stacy Y. Evans, Director, OLLU, who will present on AI Literacy for the Government Workforce. In October, Mario Hernandez, Sr. Legal Counsel, TWC, will join us for a TWC Update. In November, Gilbert Barrera of Texas A&M San Antonio will present on Forensic Accounting. We will close out the year in December with our Annual Toy Drive & Luncheon.

Thank you again for your continued support of the AGA San Antonio Chapter. Your involvement and engagement are what make our chapter successful, and I look forward to seeing everyone at Stone Werks next week and at our upcoming sessions throughout the rest of the year.

Julio Elizondo
President, AGA San Antonio Chapter

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Upcoming Presenters:

August 2026
Social Event @
Stone Werks
5:30-7:30pm

September '26
Dr. Stacy Y.
Evans
Director
OLLU



October '26
Mario Hernandez
Sr. Legal Counsel
TWC



November '26
Gilbert Barrera
Texas A&M
San Antonio

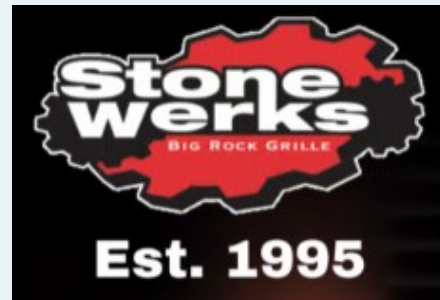


December 2026
Annual Toy Drive
& Luncheon

Up Next: Social Event at Stone Werks

Join Us at the August 2026 Social

Thursday, August 13, 2026,
5:30-7:30 pm
Stone Werks,
999 E Basse Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209



We encourage you to bring a friend and/or future AGA
San Antonio member to this event!

Enjoy Free Appetizers, loads of fun, & a great time with friends and fellow
AGA San Antonio members!

Monthly Meetings

Future Meetings

In-Person (+ Virtual) CPE Meetings

Usually 1st Fridays , **12 Noon**
Meet & Greet ,Light Lunch, (\$15);

12:30 - 1:30 pm
Presentation for 1 CPE (Free)

*Join us monthly for an educational presentation for 1
CPE. The presentation is FREE with an in person lunch
cost of only \$15 (optional).*

Presenters receive a complimentary lunch.

*Presentations are usually held every 1st Friday. There
will be a lunch meet & greet with the presenter prior to
the presentation. You may also join us virtually. Virtual
attendees will need to answer questions throughout the
presentation in order to receive the CPE credit.*



PDT 2026 - AGA San Antonio Members meet up & learn in Washington DC July 21-23

Members learned a lot during PDT 2026 from many of the greats out there.

Tuesday July 21 - From a surprise visit from the mayor of DC, Muriel Bowser to the insights on working well with the government discussion between AGA CEO Ann Ebberts & Acting Comptroller General Orice Williams Brown, we were truly enlightened.

Wednesday July 22 - Tom Harker, Deputy CFO at the Office of the Under Secretary of War, informed us of the DOW's renewed focus on auditability and how his office will address longstanding financial challenges by the end of 2028 .

Thursday July 23 - We learned about Green Book Implications on Grants, received loads of leadership tips, as well as how Agentic AI shifts beyond dashboards and predictions to agents that run multi-step workflows.

Along with the wealth of information and insights, we also received LinkedIn Leadership & Branding consultations at the Lab held throughout the conference, great conversations with vendors in the Solutions Hall, and let our hair down at the end with a great networking reception congratulating 2026-2027 National President Melinda DeCorte and thanking past president Mark Mitchell.

Teams After-Action/ Planning Meetings

Usually 3rd Tuesdays

11 am Central

Tuesday, 8/18/26, 11 am

Tuesday, 9/15/26, 11 am

Tuesday, 10/20/26, 11 am

December 2026

Holiday Break,

No Meeting

Trainings, Events & Webinars

Webinars

<https://www.agacgfm.org/events-training/trainings/webinars/>

Expand Your Career Options with AGA and CGFM

FREE

Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 2-2:30pm ET

Communications

\$59 for Members

Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 2-3:50pm ET

Chapter Events

Area chapter events are listed at the following link. You can Earn CPEs, expand your network, and make a difference in your local government financial management community.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/events-training/national-events/chapter-events/>

Membership

AGA San Antonio Chapter has maintained a strong core membership.

Our membership is now at **44!**

We thank all current members, new members, and those who have participated (potential future members) for your commitment and participation.

Scholarship Opportunities

The **Early Career Training Scholarship** gives rising professionals the opportunity to grow their careers, expand their networks, and gain valuable training alongside 2,000+ government financial management experts at **AGA's Professional Development Training (PDT)**—AGA's flagship annual event. This year's scholarship application is closed but be on the lookout for next year's scholarship opportunity for PDT 2027. Join our board for this 2026-2027 year to increase your eligibility.

The **National Collegiate Leadership Scholarship** offers exceptional students the chance to attend **National Leadership Training (NLT)**, where they can connect with senior leaders in government financial management and explore careers in public service.

Take a look at our previous recipients and get more info here: <https://www.agacgfm.org/award-scholarship/national-collegiate-leadership-scholarship/>

Be on the lookout for applications to be accepted soon and encourage your friends & colleagues to join as a student member for free today!

"Education is the key that unlocks the golden door to freedom." George Washington Carver



Strategies for Success for CGFM Candidates:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/webinar/strategies-for-success-for-cgfm-candidates/>

August 27, 2026 & September 30, 2026 2-2:30pm ET

CGFM Courses:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/events-training/trainings/cgfm-courses/>

- AGA members **save \$75** per virtual CGFM course when they register
- Group, On-Demand, and Live Virtual options available for CGFM Course 1, 2, & 3
- CGFM **application fee** is \$90

Live Virtual:

Course 1: Governmental Environment; **Nov 5-6**, 10:30am-2:30pm ET, **\$325**

Course 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting & Budgeting; **Sep. 15-18** 10:30am-3:30pm ET, **\$725**

Course 3: Governmental Financial Management & Control; **Oct. 6-8**, 10:30am-3:30pm ET, **\$525**

On Demand:

- Available for Purchase at <https://cgfm.learnupon.com/store> at a lower cost than live virtual **\$189 - \$599**

National Training Events

[Internal Control & Fraud 2026](#)

September 22, 2026

Washington, DC



[NLT 2027](#)

Feb. 17-18, 2027

Washington, DC



[Performance Counts](#)

May 4, 2027

Virtual Event, **FREE** for Government Employees



<https://www.agacgfm.org/events-training/national-events/>

Check out **pictures** from prior training sessions, **upcoming announcements**, & the **CCR!**

Facebook:

<https://bit.ly/47YjOMd>



LinkedIn:

<https://bit.ly/4nQxSgw>



AGA San Antonio 's NEW Website:

<https://san-antonio.agacgfm.org>

LEAD 2026, July 19-20

Let's Congratulate the following winners:

Julio Elizondo, ACE GOLD Award

Alice Hufnagle, COMMO Award

Rafael Pérez , Volunteer of the Year Award

At LEAD 2026, not only did we bring home some amazing awards, but we also came home with some great information on how to continue leading our Chapters.

July 19 - We learned valuable information on how to increase membership, how to communicate the AGA Brand, Citizen-Centric Reports & how to obtain the CGFM designation as well as get our employers to recognize the designation.

July 20 - We learned about getting and retaining corporate sponsorships as well as the AGA transformation task force committee who recognizes that change are needed and are working on addressing those needs.

Chapter Leadership Contact us at aga.satx@yahoo.com

Julio C. Elizondo, Jr, MSF Chapter President	Mary Lou Saldivar, CGFM Past President / Webmaster / ACE Reporting	Alice S. Hufnagle CGFM-Retired, CPA-Retired, CFE-Retired Past President/ Asst. Webmaster/ Asst. ACE Reporting
Jean Morris, MPAcc Education Chair/President-Elect	Gwendolyn R. Sewell, CGFM NCC Rep/Membership Chair	Your Name Here for the 2026-2027 Year
Haleigh Heins Treasurer	Rafael Perez, CGFM, CPA Member-at-Large, Past Treasurer	Your Name Here for the 2026-2027 Year