



THE LINK March Newsletter

The AFP Ethics Committee Presents: Doing The Right Thing in Tough Times

Our special guest is Sarah Smith, Rust professor of Business Ethics at the University of New Mexico, Anderson School of Management. Ms. Smith's topic will explore serious issues facing nonprofit organizations today, followed by an interactive audience discussion of a real-life scenario which challenges ethical choices.

Location: Nativo Lodge in the Tewa Room, 6000 Pan American East Freeway, NE. Albuquerque, NM 87109

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Date: Thursday, March 11

Cost: \$25 for AFP members, \$30 for non-members

There is a late registration fee of \$5 after the reservation deadline of 5:00 pm, Friday, March 5th.

Ways to pre-pay and make reservations:

- ◆ Pay online with a credit card at www.afp-nm.org
- ◆ Mail check (AFP NM) or credit card info:
AFP-NM, PO Box 37408, Albuquerque, NM 87176-7408
- ◆ Call 505-239-9106 or
email MarJohnsonAFP-nm@comcast.net

Please indicate if you are an AFP member and if you would like to order a vegetarian dish.

Welcome New Members

***Colleen Frangos, Development Associate
Albuquerque Community Foundation***

***Mark Schinnerei, CEO
CARC, INC.***

***Anna M. Sanchez, Alumni & Communications Coordinator
CNM Foundation***

***Daysha Trujillo, Special Events & Initiatives Coordinator
CNM Foundation***

Meeting Dates

March 11

April 8

Santa Fe

June 10

July

No Meeting

August 12

September 9

October 14

November 15

*Philanthropy
Day*

December 9

***April 8
AFP
Luncheon
Santa Fe***

***At the
Center of
Museum
Resources***

***Round
Table
Discussion
With
Leading
Nonprofit
Organizations***

President's Message

All of you, I'm certain, struggle to budget appropriately in your organizations – how to maintain and grow the services and programs you provide, how to keep overhead costs low, how to grow the amount of funding available to serve your constituents, particularly when the economy is down.

AFP-New Mexico Chapter faces the same concerns, and your Board members have been working to prepare and approve an appropriate budget for 2010, one that increases the value of your membership while being prudent with available funds. I am impressed with and appreciative of their conscientious approach to this Board responsibility.

What will it mean for you as members? More introductory membership scholarships to help those of you new to the profession have access to the wonderful resources AFP offers. More professional development opportunities through web conferences, monthly meetings that include additional training, more workshops that qualify for CFRE credit, and scholarships for conferences. More member-only networking events.

Building that array of benefits on a frugal budget hasn't been easy. When you see your Board members at the monthly meetings, I hope you'll thank them for the work they are doing on your behalf.

A new Board member to thank, and one who plays a key role in the budget preparation and implementation, is Brian Bone, Development Director at McCurdy School in Espanola. Please welcome Brian to the position of Treasurer. He is already making a remarkable contribution to this work.

Join the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network

YNPN- Central New Mexico is a chapter of the national Young Nonprofit Professionals Network. The mission of YNPN is “to promote an efficient, viable, and inclusive nonprofit sector that supports the growth, learning, and development of young professionals. YNPN engages and supports future nonprofit and community leaders through professional development, networking and social opportunities designed for young people involved in the nonprofit community.” If you are interested in learning more about the network or becoming a member (it's free!), go to their website at www.ynnpn.org/centralnewmexico.

SUCCESSION PLANNING (or how NOT to be “Irreplaceable!”)

If Integrity and Ethics are the cornerstone of our profession, then SUCCESSION PLANNING is the foundation under them. With new leaders rising up to move AFP forward, our organization stays vital, responsive to members needs, and on the cutting edge of innovation.

Nominations for AFP-NM Chapter board of director positions are open June 1st, but it's not too early to start helping groom potential leaders, or self nomination.

Are you a leader in our profession? AFP-NM needs your vision and expertise! Are you currently involved in AFP-NM, but hope to move into leadership roles? Self nominate!! Are you a leader in AFP-NM? Recruit members to join your committee/project, bring them to meetings and events and introduce them, let them know about training opportunities, encourage them to grow in their AFP-NM involvement. Do you have great ideas for our Chapter?? Get involved on a leadership path!!!!

***It's March – do you know where YOUR time went??
(July 16 is closer than you think)***

JUNE 1	Nominations open for Board of Directors positions
JULY 16	Nominations due for Board of Directors Slate
AUGUST 5	Board Meeting: Slate presented to Board
SEPTEMBER 2	Board Meeting: Board votes on Slate
OCTOBER 14	Monthly Meeting: Annual Meeting (Members vote on Slate)

Did you lose a small silver pin at last month's Funders Forum at Embassy Suites? Please call 245-7100 to make arrangements to identify it and pick it up.

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence Launches online New Mexico Nonprofit Directory

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence, a capacity building organization for New Mexico nonprofits, recently launched an online New Mexico Nonprofit Directory. The Directory is a **free and searchable database of 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations** and Tribal programs in the state of New Mexico. Go to www.centerfornonprofitexcellence.org and follow the instructions.