



# January 2020 Newsletter

## President's Message:

January Theme: "Recognize your Orange Barrels"

Greetings AGA Greater Columbus Chapter members! Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed some relaxing time off and had wonderful holidays celebrating with family and friends. Last month I spoke of "Preparing to Weather the Storms". This month I'd like to address ways to "Recognize Your "Orange Barrels" on your "Road to Success".

As this New Year begins, take the time to assess what obstacles that may be blocking your career path. Could it be the need for further education, lack of a certification, or the need for expanded work experiences? Self-evaluation can help identify if you are simply stuck in a comfortable "rut". Don't be afraid to talk to your supervisor or a mentor about your career goals. Informal and formal mentors, along with supervisors, are a great source of ideas they can share to help you overcome any "orange barrels" you may be encountering. Career building often takes time and patience, hard work, listening skills, and the willingness to step out of your comfort zone.



Our Greater Columbus Chapter is here to help! Personally, I've had opportunities as an AGA member to meet many great mentors, take on leadership roles, improve my team-building skills, expand my accounting and finance knowledge base, and get out of my "rut". In the next few months, our Chapter will be hosting several luncheon speakers, webinars, and the Spring 2020 AGA/ASMC Joint Professional Development Training (PDT). The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program begins soon – watch for the announcements on how to volunteer as a Tax Preparer or Greeter. It's a great way to serve our community while you expand your networking and experience base. Jump over your "orange barrels" and join us!

"When obstacles arise, you change your direction to reach your goal; you do not change your decision to get there." -Zig Ziglar

Sincerely,

Barb Bail  
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

## **Treasurer's Report – as of December 31, 2019**

Checking Balance: \$12,836.28 (↑ \$1,182.23)

Savings Balance: \$1,058.61 (↑ \$0.27)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,093.51 (↑ \$13.16)

### **What You Need To Know**

#### **Get Involved**

Our Greater Columbus chapter currently has CEC Openings. Not interested in a position but want to help out? Serve on a Committee! We'd love to have you involved and it's a great way to build you resume. Contact any chapter leaders or [greatercolumbusaga@gmail.com](mailto:greatercolumbusaga@gmail.com) if you're interested.

#### **New Members**

Greater Columbus AGA would like to welcome our newest member: Dr. Samuel A. Akinyeye - who joined in January 2020. We're glad you joined the chapter!

#### **Amazon SMILE**

For all your Amazon purchases, shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), and choose Greater Columbus Association Of Government Accountants as your preferred charitable organization. Instructions are at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Greater-Columbus-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/Help-Support-our-Chapter-with-Amazon-Smile!.aspx>

#### **Become a CGFM**

Consider studying and taking the tests to become a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

Having this certification gives you a leg up when seeking promotions in the Federal Government! For more info, contact Ayisha King or Glenn Weimar or visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>

#### **Kroger Plus Community Rewards**

Don't forget to help out our chapter with your Kroger Plus Card with Community Rewards! Find Instructions on our website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/GreaterColumbus/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/Kroger-Community-Rewards.aspx>

#### **Keep Your AGA Information Up To Date**

If you've recently changed your contact information, such as your e-mail address, please update your profile at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org), so you can continue to receive communications from the chapter and AGA National. Contact Will Kays if you have problems receiving communications messages.

*Remember: AGA is THE member organization for government financial management professionals. We lead and encourage change that benefits our field and all citizens. Our networking events, professional certification, publications and ongoing education help members build their skills and advance their careers.*

# November 2019 CEC Meeting Minutes

**December 16, 2019, 11:00 AM – 12:00PM**  
**DSCC Building 21**

In attendance: Barb Bail, Kristen Hershberger, Ayisha King, Eric Gersper, Matt Little, Liz Marsh, Pat Jackson, Cindy Shoe, Joe Scipione, Will Kays

## **Presidential Updates:**

- Chapter's recommendation (to DFAS) to attend this year's AGA National PDT – who would like to be considered? July 19-22 Dallas (Grapevine, TX) Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center. Please let Barb and Cindy know.
- **Chapter Planning Calendar**
  - December 15 – Finalize Plans for January Luncheon Speaker
  - December 20 – Prepare annual list of active members recommended for PDT attendance
  - December 30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter CRP Deadline
  - January 15 – Secure Venue for Spring Conference (**completed, Noah Event Center reserved for 3/19/2020**)
  - January 15 – Finalize Plans for February Luncheon Speaker
  - January 31 – Secure Auditor for review of Fiscal Year Treasurer Report (**Pat Jackson already reached out to ODU POC**)
  - January 31 – Send message to Governor's Office Requesting CGFM Month Proclamation
  - January 25 – Elect the new National Council of Chapters Representative (**I AW the Chapter By-Laws**)
  - February 14 – Solicit auditor for FY audit
  - February 14 – Finalize Plans for March AGA/ASMC Conference Speakers
  - February 14 – Renewal of Chapter Insurance Policy
  - February 20 – Establish the Chapter Nominating Committee, led by the President Elect
  - February 28 – Finalize Plans for March CGFM Luncheon

## **President-Elect Updates:**

- None

## **Treasurer Updates:**

- None

## **Committee Updates:**

- **Finance & Budget– Marc Willis/Shaq Chambers**  
GREAT NEWS: Proceeds for working the 7 OSU Home Football Games was a total of \$7,166.12
- **Programs – Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri**  
AGA Holiday Party on 12/04/2019 was very nice – good food, great company. Minimal cost to the chapter as we received a \$100 donation towards the cost of the appetizers from our First Command

sponsors.

- **Membership/Early Career – Matt Little**

The CGFM and the Membership committees have collaborated on the next annual Membership drive to incorporate a focus on addressing interest and increasing awareness of the benefits associated with the CGFM certification.

The committees have outlined a short-term project plan to leverage our existing, recurring communications to serve multiple needs throughout the fiscal year. This effort will be facilitated by: flyers, MOTD messages, and newsletter marketing as well as informational sessions. Our plans will be much clearer once the announcements are drafted for review.

- **Certification – Ayisha King/Glenn Weimer**

CGFM Study Guides have been purchased/received.

Important CGFM Policy Updates:

The Professional Certification Board (PCB) modified the following policies that apply to CGFM candidates:

Effective Dec.1, 2019, the 90-day exam retake period was shortened to 60 days. Previously, if candidates failed an exam more than once, they had to wait 90 days before retaking that exam. The 30-day waiting period for those who do not pass an exam the first time remains unchanged.

For new candidates who enroll after Jan. 1, 2020, the eligibility period and deadline to submit a work verification form will be shorter. These periods will remain the same for existing candidates.

Details at: <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Candidates/CGFM-Process.aspx>

- **Education – Eric Gersper/Connie Sombaty**

Noah Event Center reserved for 3/19/2020 (AGA/ASMC 2020 Spring Joint PDT), need to form Planning Committee – who would like to volunteer?

Upcoming Luncheon Topics – Tax Updates? Other suggestions?

- **Community Service – Catrina Davis Harris**

VITA will tentatively be held Sat. Feb 8 – Sat. March 14th at Northland and West HS. Super Saturday will be Saturday, Feb. 1st at Downtown High School. Training information will be sent via G-Mail.

- **Scholarships – Ben Thayer**

Looking for volunteers, please let Ben know. First meeting will be before January 20th.

- **By Laws - Liz Gibbs**

New By-Laws; NCC Rep – working on wording about requirement to be past president, current president, or president elect.

## Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

JANUARY LUNCHEON TBD	Stay tuned to your e-mail for details about our upcoming January Luncheon!	1 CPE/CET – TBD
SATURDAY FEB 8 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Greater Columbus AGA Volunteer Opportunity Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Northland HS/West HS, Columbus OH	
SATURDAY FEB 15 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Greater Columbus AGA Volunteer Opportunity Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Northland HS/West HS, Columbus OH	
FEBRUARY LUNCHEON TBD	Stay tuned to your e-mail for details about our upcoming February Luncheon!	1 CPE/CET - TBD
SATURDAY FEB 22 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Greater Columbus AGA Volunteer Opportunity Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Northland HS/West HS, Columbus OH	
SATURDAY FEB 29 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Greater Columbus AGA Volunteer Opportunity Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Northland HS/West HS, Columbus OH	
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SATURDAY MAR 7 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Greater Columbus AGA Volunteer Opportunity Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Northland HS/West HS, Columbus OH	
SATURDAY MAR 14 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Greater Columbus AGA Volunteer Opportunity Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Northland HS/West HS, Columbus OH	
WEDNESDAY MAR 4 2:00 – 3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar Improper Payments DFAS-CO Building 21, Room B215	2 CPE/CET – Auditing
WEDNESDAY MAR 18 2:00 – 3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar Cybersecurity DFAS-CO Building 21, Room B215	2 CPE/CET – Computer Science
THURSDAY MAR 19 8:00 – 4:30 PM	AGA Greater Columbus/Buckeye Chapter ASMC Joint Conference Noah’s Event Venue, New Albany, OH	7 CPE/CET – Various Areas

**Greater Columbus AGA –  
Officer & Chapter Executive Committee Roster**

President	Barb Bail, CGFM
President-Elect	Cindy Shoe
Secretary	Kristen Hershberger
Treasurer	Pat Jackson

Immediate Past-President	Matthew Little
National Council of Chapters Representative	Ben Thayer
Accountability Outreach	Andy Higgins
By-Laws	Elizabeth Gibbs
Communications 1	Will Kays
Communications 2	Joe Scipione, CGFM
Community Service 1	Catrina Davis-Harris
Community Service 2	-Vacant-
CGFM 1	Ayisha King
CGFM 2	Glenn Weimar, CGFM
Education 1	Eric Gersper
Education 2	Connie Sombaty
Finance & Budget 1	Marc Willis
Finance & Budget 2	Shaneequah Chambers
Historian	Lindsay Harris
Leadership Development Committee	Matthew Little
Membership 1	Matthew Little
Membership 2	Lindsay Harris
Programs 1	Bob Palmieri, CGFM
Programs 2	Carolyn Lutz
Scholarships Committee	Ben Thayer

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