



December 2021 Newsletter

Happy Holidays

The Holidays are upon us and in full swing! As we wrap up another year of this “virtual reality” we reflect to appreciate those around us, what we have and to give of ourselves to others in need. Our AGA Greater Columbus Chapter held an “Adopt-a-Military-Family” event and was able to donate items to not one, but two families in need this year! I want to thank Catrina Davis Harris for doing such a great job in putting all of that together and to all of those that made donations!

We will be holding a Zoom membership appreciation meeting to celebrate the Holidays and our Chapter Anniversary on Thursday January 13th. This will be an informal social event with fun and games! We hope you will be able to join us! Please be on the lookout for more details coming up.

Want to be more involved in the Chapter? The Chapter is looking for individuals to fill some vacated CEC positions in Membership, Accountability, Chapter Historian and Budget and Finance. Please help the Chapter to grow by joining the CEC or recruiting new members.

Did you know AGA is holding a Recruitment Challenge? By reaching out to colleagues and friends, sharing what AGA means to you and inviting them to join, you could receive awards and rewards!

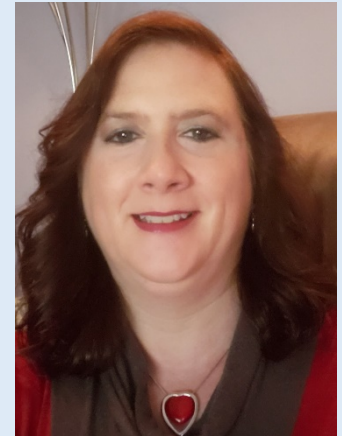
- All recruiters receive an AGA Recruiter lapel pin and an AGA reusable face mask.
- Monthly Drawings: Each month, recruiters are entered into a drawing for a chance to win a cool tech product (i.e., wireless earbuds, noise-canceling head phones, Amazon Echo Dots, Bluetooth speakers, etc.) or a \$200 Amazon gift card — names and prizes are drawn randomly. The more members you recruit, the more chances you have to win!
- Grand Prize: All recruiters will be entered into the drawing for a chance to win a complimentary virtual registration to the 2022 Professional Development Training (PDT) event.
- Recruiter Recognition Awards
- Recruiter of the Year (one winner) — the member who recruits the highest number of new members during the campaign will be presented with this award and receive complimentary AGA national event registrations for one year (this includes NLT, PDT and Fraud)
- Top Recruiter (two winners) — the next two members who recruit the highest number of new members during the campaign will be presented with this award. Each will receive a complimentary AGA national training registration of their choice.

As 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. Tell them what AGA means to you! By recruiting new members, you can help strengthen your Association and impact the future of your profession! In as little as 5 minutes — with a quick call, a Zoom chat, or an email, you can have a tremendous impact! I challenge all of you to invite at least one person to attend our Zoom membership appreciation meeting on January 13th!

Wishing you all a warm, safe and blessed Holiday season.

“What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future.” – Agnes M. Pahro

Connie Sombaty
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA



Treasurer's Report – as of November 30, 2021

Checking Balance: \$9,273.36 (↑\$0.23)

Savings Balance: \$1,059.55 (No Change)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,282.95 (↑\$4.37)

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 if you're interested.

Amazon SMILE

For all your Amazon purchases, shop at 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 and can be used for your initial FM Certification! For more info, contact 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, 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.

December 2021 CEC Meeting Minutes

Notes from the December Meeting held on 12/20/2021:

January get together

- *Zoom happy hour - targeting Thursday Jan 13th (chapter anniversary/holiday celebration)*
- *Any other ideas?*

Adopt a Military Family

- *Event went very well, received enough donations to adopt two families. Catrina took pictures and sent over to Will for next newsletter*

NCC representative nominations are due at the end of January; additional communication to come out soon

Status on VITA, usually hear in early January

Treasurer/Education – all funds from the PDT have been remitted by DFAS Ops, ESS, and DDSS transferred to the checking account

Status on funds from the OSU football games, pending funds from legends to ASMC and will share once finalized

Community Service News

Thank You From Community Service Team

The Greater Columbus AGA participated with the “Adopt a Military Family for the Holidays” initiative on December 12th. AGA was able to provide games, toys, hats, gloves and gift cards from Target and Kroger for two families. Thank you to everyone that was able to contribute!



Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

Jan 13 Time TBD	Greater Columbus AGA ZOOM Membership Appreciation Meeting	
Jan 26 2 – 3:15 PM	Free Members-Only Webinar – How We Communicate (FOS: Personal Development)	1.5 CPE/CET Register @ agacgfm.org
Mar 2 2 – 3:50 PM	Improper Payments Group Webinar (FOS: Auditing)	2 CPE/CET
Mar 16 2 – 3:15 PM	Free Members-Only Webinar (FOS: Personal Development)	1.5 CPE/CET Register @ agacgfm.org
Mar 23 2 – 3:50 PM	Cyber Security/ERM Group Webinar (FOS: Information Teechnology)	2 CPE/CET
Apr 20 2 – 3:50 PM	CARES Act Group Webinar (FOS: Auditing)	2 CPE/CET
May 11 2 – 3:50 PM	Fraud/Data Analytics Group Webinar (FOS: Auditing)	2 CPE/CET
June 8 2 – 3:50 PM	Leadership Group Webinar (FOS: Human Resources)	2 CPE/CET

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

President	Connie Sombaty
President-Elect	Leisha Hickman
Secretary	Linda Gover
Treasurer	Shane Nicklaus

Immediate Past-President	Cindy Shoe
National Council of Chapters Representative	Ben Thayer
Accountability Outreach	-Vacant-
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	-Vacant-
CGFM 2	Glenn Weimar, CGFM
Education 1	Eric Gersper
Education 2	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 1	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 2	-Vacant-
Historian	-Vacant-
Leadership Development Committee	-Vacant-
Membership 1	-Vacant-
Membership 2	-Vacant-
Programs 1	Bob Palmieri, CGFM
Programs 2	Carolyn Lutz
Scholarships Committee	Ben Thayer

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