



March 2018 Newsletter

Members,

Happy Spring! Although we've been very busy with chapter events during the most recent month, I wanted to start with one of our most important initiatives – membership renewals. There are many members who still need to submit their dues to AGA National. The deadline is March 31st, so please renew as soon as you can. This will ensure you still get access to our AGA Webinars, Luncheon/Conference discounts, networking opportunities, and more. Please remember that Greater Columbus AGA Members are NOT charged chapter dues, which is not common for many chapters. We maintain AGA Membership is a great value, so please renew for the 2018-2019 year (online at www.agacgfm.org is easiest!) For any questions, contact Membership Chairs Bob Palmieri or Ed Young.



Next, what a great Spring 2018 PDI at Creekside Event Center on March 27th! We had approximately 130 attendees from the government financial management community, and seven great speakers: Ms. Debra White-Johnson, Auditor Clarence Mingo, Dr. Tim Reymann, Ms. Betty Moseley Brown, Mr. Keith Strom, Ms. Kathryn Grandstaff-Bradford, and Mr. Donald Schulze. For those who attended, it was also a great post-event social at Local Cantina. CPE Forms have been distributed. As always, it was great to partner with ASMC in hosting this event.

Next, March was CGFM Month, and thank you to Barb Bail and Bob Mako for organizing the CGFM Luncheon on March 28th at Hickory House. Thanks also to those of you who also made it to one of our two webinars in March – Cybersecurity on March 28th, and Infrastructure Financing on March 7th.

April will be another busy month for us. We're hosting Mr. Rob Stahl as our April Luncheon Speaker on April 12th (Topic: Project Management – 1 CPE/CET), and there are two webinars (April 11th and 25th from 2:00 PM – 3:50 PM). It's a great time to get ahead on your CPE/CET for CGFM and DoD FM Certification. April will also be your chance to vote for President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary for the 2018-2019 year. Stay tuned for when the Nominating Committee will present our nominees for these three offices. Make sure you vote and have your voice heard as our chapter elects its newest leaders.

Lastly, stay tuned for communication regarding a drive we are putting forward for the Veterans First Foundation, who is in desperate need for supplies. AGA will be sponsoring a drive from April 9th through 27th, where you can donate supplies that are in need. If you're interested in assisting, please contact me via e-mail at william.y.kays.civ@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

Will Kays
President, Greater Columbus AGA

Treasurer's Report – as of 2/28/2018

Checking Balance: \$21,053.76 (↓ \$2,382.55)

Savings Balance: \$1,056.45 (No Change)

Certificate of Deposit: \$5,173.13 (↑ \$2.42)

What You Need To Know

Get Involved

Our Greater Columbus chapter currently has CEC Openings in Education, Communications, Finance & Budget, and Community Service. 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 your resume. Contact any chapter leaders or greatercolumbusaga@gmail.com if you're interested.

New Members

Greater Columbus AGA would like to welcome our newest members. Mr. Andy Higgins, DFAS, Ms. Eydie Platt, DLA, Lauren Hagan, Columbus Library, and Michelle Halsell, Franklin County Data Center.

Full AGA Webinar Schedule Available

AGA National has published the full topic and date list for AGA Webinars for 2017-2018. Our chapter has purchased all 12 webinars (5 remain!). Visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars.aspx>

Follow Us On Instagram

Social media savvy? Follow our chapter on Instagram under "agabuckeyes". We'll typically post pictures from chapter events.



Help us Fundraise

Don't forget to renew 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>

Chapter Member Centric Report

Please take a look at our chapter's Member-Centric Report! The report is intended to summarize our chapter's most recent fiscal year and give members access to our activities, finances, and strategic goals. <https://www.agacgfm.org/aga/chaptersites/GreaterColumbus/files/AGA%20CCR%202016-17.pdf>

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.

March is CGFM Month!

March means CGFM Month for AGA, and don't take our word for it -- Governor John Kasich and Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor have designated March 2018 as Certified Government Financial Manager Month throughout Ohio! Check out the official proclamation below.

What are the benefits of the CGFM Certification?

CGFM highlights your achievements, serves as a tangible indicator of your experience and knowledge and stays with you throughout your career. In addition, the CGFM may:

- enhance your marketability throughout all levels of government (local, state, and federal).
- provide networking opportunities with other government financial managers.
- support continued education to keep you informed of the latest developments and cutting edge technologies.
- provide increased employee value, both real and perceived.
- increase confidence on the job.

The Greater Columbus Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Chapter has study guides available for each of the three (3) sections which you can borrow in two (2) week increments or you can order your own study material online. For more information please contact either Bob Mako 701-3017 or Barb Bail 701-3445 or check out the AGA National website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification>



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AGA March CEC Meeting Notes

February 20, 2018

DSCC Building 21 – 2nd Floor Fishbowl Meeting Room

In attendance: Will Kays, Ayisha King, Bob Mako, Kristen Hershberger, Jason Gentile, Ben Thayer, Mark Willis, Cindy Shoe, Eric Gersper, Barb Bail

President Updates (Will Kays)

- Registration is complete for the March PDI – wrapping up final registration payments
- Membership Renewal is March 31st – invoices have been received. Be sure and contact members who haven't renewed to encourage renewal for the 2018-19 year.
- AGA Summer PDT – Will is handling the Training Request for the Columbus Operations Attendees from DFAS
- May Sectional Leadership Meeting is upcoming for Matt Little & Lindsay Harris in early May

President-Elect Updates (Matt Little)

- TDY to DFAS Indianapolis

- Nominating Committee is wrapping up actions in preparation for votes for President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer during April (votes must be cast no later than April 30)

Treasury Report (Eric Gersper):

- Presented February Treasurer's Report
- Received & Paid Ohio Dominican Invoice from Fall Conference
- Set April Date to drop off Treasurer's documentation for Audit in early April
- Eric has begun process to switch from CMFCU Savings/CD to Goldman Sachs Savings/CD in April

Committee Updates:

- **Finance & Budget – Marc Willis**
 - Eight people have volunteered to work Spring Game on April 14th
 - Discussed organizations that could serve as potential chapter sponsors
 - April is the month to renew Kroger Rewards
- **Chapter Historian – Jason Gentile**
 - Updated Chapter Archive with most recent information
 - Planning to use Instagram to document local conference
- **Membership – Bob Palmieri/Ed Young**
 - Renewal Period Has Begun, members should renew by March 31st
 - 4 New Members in March
- **Programs – Kristen Hershberger/Lindsay Harris**
 - No Luncheon this month due to PDI
 - Lunch options are set for future months
 - Discussed Grinders Groupon to potentially pay for luncheon
- **Certification – Barb Bail/Bob Mako**
 - CGFM Luncheon scheduled for March 28th at Hickory House
- **By-Laws – Elizabeth Gibbs**
 - Planning on Updating By-Laws in early April for annual update
- **Communications – Pat Jackson**
 - No Update
- **Education – Vacant**
 - Upcoming AGA Webinars on March 28, and five others prior to the end of the year
- **Community Service & Scholarships – Vacant**
 - VITA completed on March 17th – thanks to Matt, Barb Bail, and Barb Lockett for volunteering
 - Only 1 Scholarship Application received to date – deadline is April 1st
 - Making both CGFM and Scholarship Announcements during PDI
- **Accountability Outreach – Cindy Shoe**
 - Decided on submitting awards for Chapter Newsletter, Chapter Website, Chapter Education Award, and Chapter CGFM Award
 - Due date is March 31st – gathering necessary documentation
 - Other – CRP Updates for 3rd Quarter (Jan 1 through March 31)

Looking Ahead – Calendar of Chapter Events

APR 9 – APR 27	Veterans First Foundation Collection Drive – Details Forthcoming	
APR 11 2:00 – 3:50	AGA Group Webinar – Ethics DSCC Building 21, Room B-123 (Scioto Room)	2 CPE Behavioral Ethics
APR 12 11:30-1:00	AGA April Luncheon – Project Management DSCC Building 21, Room A-121	1 CPE Management Services
APR 14	Ohio State Spring Game Fundraiser Merchandise Sales	
APR 16 11:00 – 12:00	AGA CEC Meeting DSCC Building 21 Fishbowl – 2 nd Floor	
APR 25 2:00 – 3:50	AGA Group Webinar – DATA Act DSCC Building 21, Room B-123 (Scioto Room)	2 CPE Auditing
MAY 9 2:00 – 3:50	AGA Group Webinar – Polishing Your Presentation Skills DSCC Building 21, Room TBD	2 CPE Personal Development
MAY 16 2:00 – 3:50	AGA Group Webinar – Fraud/Data Analytics DSCC Building 21, Room A-119 (Erie Room)	2 CPE Auditing
MAY TBD	Officer Induction Luncheon Restaurant TBD	

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

President	Will Kays
President-Elect	Matthew Little
Secretary	Ayisha King
Treasurer	Eric Gersper

Immediate Past-President	Ben Thayer
Accountability Outreach	Cindy Shoe
By-Laws	Elizabeth Gibbs
Communications 1	Pat Jackson
Communications 2	-Vacant-
Community Service 1	-Vacant-
Community Service 2	-Vacant-
CGFM 1	Barbara Bail
CGFM 2	Bob Mako
Education 1	-Vacant-
Education 2	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 1	Marc Willis
Finance & Budget 2	-Vacant-
Historian	Jason Gentile
Membership 1	Ed Young
Membership 2	Bob Palmieri
Programs 1	Lindsay Harris
Programs 2	Kristen Hershberger

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