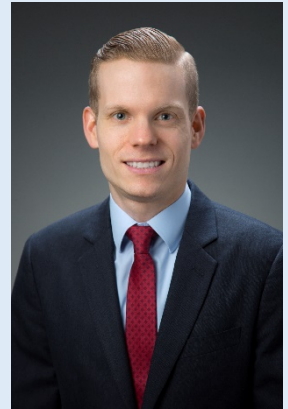




## November 2017 Newsletter

Members,

With it being Thanksgiving season, Greater Columbus AGA wants to thank all of its members, long-time and new, for their contributions to AGA over the past few months. We successfully wrapped up our volunteer season selling merchandise at Ohio State. We had many different volunteers participate during the year and we appreciate all of you. This fundraiser wouldn't work if enough individuals didn't sacrifice their weekend time to help support our chapter. I'd like to especially thank Matt Little, Bob Palmieri, Jason Gentile, Patricia and Barb Bail who all volunteered for multiple games this season. I'd also like to thank Lisa Nix, Veronica Stanley, and Nate Johnson who also volunteered for multiple games (as non-members!).



November 2017 has been an exciting month for AGA. We completed our third webinar of the year on Fraud Prevention on November 15 and had a very informative luncheon on the topic of SSAE18 on November 21<sup>st</sup> with Ms. Michele Gaw, new Deputy Director, DFAS Columbus. I also had a chance to partner with the Central Ohio AGA Chapter and visit both Ohio Dominican and Ohio State's Accounting students to help promote careers in governmental accounting.

Everyone is used to a busy December, but AGA has a lot of plans as well! We have several opportunities coming up in December for both educational and social events. These include a webinar on Best Accounting/Auditing Practices on December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Member Holiday Party on December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Professional Fair on December 13<sup>th</sup>, and our Monthly Luncheon on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining us for any or all of these events!

As I mentioned last month, I'm always advertising AGA and our open positions and opportunities to be involved. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is right around the corner – be thinking about volunteering during the upcoming tax season in February and March 2018. We also have two committees we're searching for volunteers – the Scholarship Committee and the Nominating Committee. The Scholarship committee will advertise and judge our scholarship applicants in Spring 2018. Meanwhile, the Nominating Committee will work to seek out the nominees for our new chapter officers for the 2018-19 year (President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer). Consider joining one of these important committees or running for a position.

Our newsletter, our website (<http://www.agacgm.org/greatercolumbus>), and our e-mail updates have more information on all these topics. Check back frequently for new information and stay informed, so you receive full benefits from your AGA Membership.

Sincerely,

Will Kays,  
President, Greater Columbus AGA

## **Treasurer's Report – as of 10/31/2017**

Checking Balance: \$17,319.43 (↑ \$2,463.79)

Savings Balance: \$1,056.18 (No Change)

Certificate of Deposit: \$5,163.55 (↑ \$2.38)

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

#### **Get Involved**

We currently have CEC Openings in Education, Communications, Finance & Budget, and Community Service. Not interested in a position but want to help out? Serve on the Nominating Committee or Scholarship 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 have an interest!

#### **New Members / Departures**

Welcome to our newest members – Annette Evans and Michael Hall, from DFAS Columbus. Also, welcome back Justin Sponseller, former Chapter President! Also, thanks to CEC Member Patricia Beavers, who is leaving DFAS in December for all her hard work for AGA!

#### **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 (9 remain!). Visit

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars.aspx>

#### **VITA**

AGA will be seeking volunteers for our annual volunteer opportunity – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. We have several roles available as greeter or tax preparer. Volunteer dates are Saturdays (10 AM – 2 PM) on Saturdays in February and March 2017. For questions, please contact Will Kays at [william.y.kays.civ@mail.mil](mailto:william.y.kays.civ@mail.mil).

#### **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/GreaterColumbu/s/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>

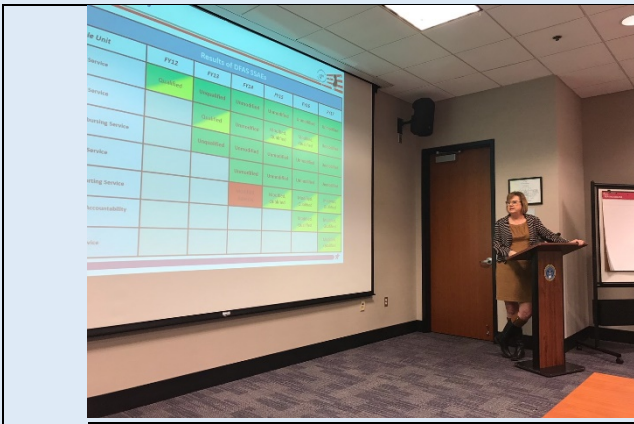
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**Pictured Above:** Ms. Michele Gaw, Deputy Director, DFAS Columbus, presents at the November 21, 2017 AGA Luncheon.



**Pictured Above:** Members look on, as Ms. Michele Gaw, Deputy Director, DFAS Columbus, presents at the November 21, 2017 AGA Luncheon.

# AGA November CEC Meeting Notes

November 20, 2017

DSCC Building 21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Fishbowl Meeting Room

## **President Updates (Will Kays)**

- Successful AGA Professional Development on 10/25/2017 with over 100 in attendance
  - o Still reviewing surveys from event
- OSU Football Season Recap
  - o Still finding ways to encourage participation and ensure we have contractually required 8 volunteers at each game.
  - o Should receive payment in December 2017 and will compare against contract terms
- Recap of Ohio State & Ohio Dominican visits
  - o Joint effort with Central Ohio Chapter and students were appreciative
- Volunteers Needed for Professional Fair
  - o Giving away gift cards and pizza, and hosting Speed Networking Event
- Nominating Committee & Scholarship Committee recruitment
- CRP Updates will be due in December 2017
- Patricia Beavers will be leaving DFAS, and accepted a new position in Pennsylvania

## **President-Elect Updates (Matt Little)**

- Still working on membership anniversary recognition project
- Investment Matrix Review – finalizing plans for utilizing online banks

## **Treasury Report (Eric Gersper):**

- Presented October Treasurer's Report
- Budget largely on track – expected to be lower than budgeted parking/lunch reimbursements for OSU Football
- Will verify existing CD maturity date

## **Committee Updates:**

- **Finance & Budget – Christina Hoffman (Matt Little presenting)**
  - o Net sales of \$13K for last OSU game vs. Illinois
  - o Discussed opportunities to reward volunteers as a means of recruitment
- **Chapter Historian – Jason Gentile**
  - o Jason continuing to assist others in updating Instagram as needed
  - o Updating Archive File as needed
- **Membership – Bob Palmieri**
  - o CEC decided to offer all new members a free luncheon beginning immediately
  - o Annette Evans, Michael Hall, and Justin Sponseller joined chapter in most recent month
- **Programs – Kristen Hershberger**
  - o Food will be Domino's for Thursday Luncheon
  - o Finalizing plans/advertising for Holiday Party at Bar Louie on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM
- **Certification – Barb Bail/Bob Mako**
  - o No Update
- **By-Laws – Elizabeth Gibbs**
  - o Verified no vote required for online banking option

- **Communication – Pat Jackson**
  - o New website functionality for links, bios, and HTML format for newsletters
- **Education – Rosa Moreno (Wil Kays presenting)**
  - o Luncheon Thursday, 11/21 – Ms. Michele Gaw
  - o Mr. Jeff Carter is scheduled to speak during December AGA luncheon
  - o 11 attendees at latest webinar
  - o Discussion with outside organizations to join in cost of webinars (Will/Ben)
- **Community Service & Scholarships – Patricia Beavers**
  - o Ben Thayer will take over activity of Scholarship Committee in Spring 2018
- **Accountability Outreach – Cindy Shoe**
  - o Will mentioned that he is working with Site Support on Intern production of Citizen Centric Report during next Summer

## Looking Ahead – Calendar of Chapter Events

DEC 6 2:00 – 3:50	<b>AGA Group Webinar - Best Practices for Auditing &amp; Quality Assurance</b> DSCC Building 21, Room C-128 (DCAA Room)	<b>2 CPE</b> Auditing
DEC 8 6:00 – 7:30	<b>AGA Member Holiday Party – Bar Louie</b> Free For Members	
DEC 13 11:00 – 1:00	<b>AGA/ASMC Professional Fair &amp; Speed Networking</b> DSCC Building 21, Room C-136/137, Room C-128 (DCAA Room)	
DEC 14 11:30 – 1:00	<b>AGA December Luncheon - Mr. Jeff Carter, DFAS Corporate Communications Communications Topic TBD</b> DSCC Building 21, Room C-153 (Air Force Room)	<b>1 CPE</b> Communications
DEC 18 11:00 – 12:00	<b>AGA CEC Meeting</b> DSCC Building 21 Fishbowl – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	

**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	Patricia Beavers
Community Service 2	-Vacant-
CGFM 1	Barbara Bail
CGFM 2	Bob Mako
Education 1	Rosa Moreno
Education 2	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 1	Christina Hoffman
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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