



# July 2020 Newsletter

July Theme: “Making the Impossible Possible”

Hope everyone had a great July 4th Holiday and enjoyed some activities outside with your family. Currently, we are finalizing plans for the first “Virtual” Luncheon in August. I know, I said we were going to have one in July but a speaker was not available. More information we be coming soon. Hope you can join!

We just received the list of group webinars from AGA National for the 2020-2021 year. All of the webinars will be “attend on your own PC” and will allow up to 30 attendees per webinar. Please be on the lookout for more information on the full schedule of webinars for this year.

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



Has the “New Normal” presented challenges where you feel like you are not making a difference or completing your goals? Have you asked yourself, “What am I going to do in my lifetime? Making the Impossible Possible can be done in five simple steps.

1. Write it down – you are 40% more likely to achieve your goals. Build your dreams like an outline.
2. Share your goals – help from others can move you closer to complete your goals. Do not be afraid to share.
3. Persist – Do NOT stop trying.
4. Take “Moonshots” – shoot for unrealistic goals. Less competition and more motivation for you to complete your goals.
5. Give a gift – Help someone else. More fulfilling for you than giving a gift to yourself.

~Happiness is only real when sharing – Book – “Call of the Wild.” Dream Big and stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Cindy Shoe  
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

## **Treasurer's Report – as of June 30, 2020**

Checking Balance: \$14,917.62 (↑ \$0.62)

Savings Balance: \$1,059.02 (↑ \$0.14)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,168.63 (↑ \$8.17)

### **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**

Congratulations to our recent new chapter members this AGA Chapter Year: Mr. Ryan Dietrich (Shared Membership with Cleveland Chapter), Ms. Ebonie Jackson, and Mr. Samuel Olaniran.

#### **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.*

# June 2020 CEC Meeting Minutes

**AGA CEC Meeting**

**Date:** June 15, 2020

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** B518; Bridge Line 614-701-4444; DSN 791-4444; 855-719-6909; Access Code: 426700# Chair PIN; Log in, then press \* then: 235689#

In attendance:

Attendees: - Cindy Shoe, Bob Palmieri, Leisha, Glenn Weimer, Liz Gibbs, Carolyn Lutz, Pat Jackson, Barb Bail, Matt Little



o DISCUSSION TOPIC	SPEAKER
<p><b>Presidential Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2020 National PDT will be online July 20-22, shortened agenda for virtual event (less session but still can earn 18 CPEs/CETs). AGA will send a link. No program/software to download. It's 100% web browser. We will send each registered attendee a link which will take them directly to this page <a href="https://aga.digitellinc.com/aga/live/143/page/783">https://aga.digitellinc.com/aga/live/143/page/783</a>. Each link is unique to the registrant's AGA record ID in our system. If you have never attended a virtual PDT with us before, you will need to create an account by clicking on the "Login" icon on the top right hand corner. This is different from your AGA account. Once the account is created, you will be given authorization to attend any of the sessions available in the "sessions" tab by clicking on "join session." Once you click on it, the session will launch on the screen. You can test your system and the requirements using the link above and then click on "system checker." <a href="https://www.youracclaim.com/badges/c1238347-c592-4419-a52a-4fb3091a7236/public_url">https://www.youracclaim.com/badges/c1238347-c592-4419-a52a-4fb3091a7236/public_url</a></li> </ul> <p><b>LH – Link will be provided to the National PDT designated attendees closer to the date of the event.</b>  <b>Need to validate the attendees paid for the event – Leisha's action (complete 6/15)</b>  <b>CS – Approved Attendees - Ms. Reed, Keeley Hankinson, William Kays, Cynthia Shoe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multiple CEC vacancies: Accountability, Finance and Budget, CGFM Certification and Education. I will draft an email today  <b>LH – really need to fill Accountability, Finance and Budget – Cindy will send a note out to the members to solicit assistance</b></li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Cindy Shoe,  <b>President</b>            Ms. Connie Sombaty,  <b>President Elect</b>            Mr. Pat Jackson,  <b>Treasurer</b>            Ms. Leisha Hickman,  <b>Secretary</b></p>

- Survey Email

**LH – Barb forwarded to National HQ asking opinion on participation. Background - Group email sent to CEC to contact University of Chicago POCs regarding discrimination case study. At this time we should remain cautious and not respond to the email, the email asked us to distribute to membership but CEC agrees we should not distribute on behalf of AGA Chapter without AGA National providing recommendation. CS – Information from AGA National.**

**Happy Tuesday!**

*I understand another message was sent about the research project noted below. To date, here is what I know:*

- *The "AGA official" the individuals spoke with is a professor who has not been an AGA national officer for over 8 years; he is a great professor and AGA member, he just hasn't been a national officer in some time.*

- *The three researchers are professors at the college they stated.*

- *This project isn't sponsored or endorsed by AGA; their 1996 project was facilitated by AGA providing mailing addresses for individuals within a certain geographic area. This time around, they went to each chapter's website and copied/pasted email addresses.*

Q *This is where I struggle: While the information is publicly available, if they had worked with AGA national we would have coordinated the marketing effort.*

- *I have heard that many chapters are reticent to participate.*

Q *This is a second struggle point for me: Their most recent message stated that they've received positive feedback, but I'm hearing concern from most chapters.*

*So, my greatest struggle is in how they obtained information and their messaging. I am meeting with the researchers when I return from my vacation (looking at a meeting on July 1 or 2 at this time). At that time, I expect to have a better feel for what is going on. I am reaching out to the college's research board as well.*

*Ultimately, each chapter can make its own decision about how to participate. There is no mandate from AGA national to participate, nor is there a "ban" on participation. If you wait until the first full week in July, I should have a better feel and better guidance at that time. Thank you to each of you for always communicating with me! I am glad that we have a positive relationship to where we reach out to one another!*

## Chapter Planning Calendar

### June

- o June 1 – Final Deadline to submit Chapter Officers to National Office (**complete by Barb – June 12**)
- o June 15 – Finalize Plans for July Membership Appreciation Luncheon (**TBD due to Covid-19**)
- o June 15 – Complete Voting on By-Laws Changes, as necessary (**LH – Liz sent by-laws out for comment – no changes and no comments returned; CEC concurred/(no vote necessary when staying as is); next step will be to distribute to all membership (Liz action) (will or pat can send out via gmail)**)
- o June 30 – Annual Report of Accomplishments National Office, CEC and Members (Education, CGFM, Community Service, Membership, Community Service, Early Career) – **LH - Cindy working with various leads to consolidate and submit by 6/30**
- o June 30 – Update Chapter Brochure and Fact Sheet – **LH - Matt will provide fact sheets to Cindy for review / update**

### July

- o July 1 – CEC to Submit Membership Appreciation Certificates to President & Programs Chair
- o July 1 – Submit Meetings, Education, CGFM, Community Service, Membership, Early Career Plans to NCC Rep and National Office
- o July 15 – Finalize Plans for August Luncheon Speaker (**TBD due to COVID-19**)
- o July 15 – Submit Request for AGA National Speaker for Fall Conference
- o July 15 – Secure Date/Venue for Fall Conference
- o July 31 – Begin Recruitment for OSU Football Volunteers (**TBD due to COVID-19**)

### **President-Elect Update:**

### **Treasurer Update :**

LH - No activity for May - Pat distributing report to group



2019- 2020 Monthly  
Treasury Rpt.xlsx

**Committee Updates:**

- o Finance & Budget – Vacant  
No decision made on OSU game; any new ideas to replace – LH  
– **Cindy has not heard an update on OSU games from Jason**  
**Q: what expenses will we have to pay with the reduced activities**  
**A: Barb, Cindy can provide a list of cost for webinars, insurance, etc. to try to cost fixed expenses for this year (action: cindy/pat)**  
**From Treasury Report as of March 2020**

Expense:	YTD
Food/Parking Volunteer Reimbursements	\$ 1,785.00
Up-Front Fundraising Costs	\$ 50.00
Luncheon & PDT Speaker Donations	\$ 300.00
Luncheon Food Costs	\$ 910.29
Social Event Food Costs	\$ 166.85
Membership Recruiting	\$ -
Spring & Fall PDT Up-Front Costs	\$ 8,765.74
Website Domain Costs	\$ -
AGA Webinar Costs	\$ 2,124.00
CGFM Committee Expenses	\$ 473.69
Regular & Reoccurring Bills	\$ 422.00
Scholarships/Special Donations	\$ 2,000.00
Misc-Reimbursements	\$ 183.35
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$ 17,180.92</b>

Revenue:	YTD
Ohio State Revenue	\$ 8,638.66
PDT Revenue	\$ 7,141.71
Luncheon Revenue	\$ 973.00
Misc Revenue	\$ 215.76
Sponsorship Revenue	\$ 1,250.00
Misc Fundraising Revenue	\$ 192.00
Food/Parking Advance Returned	\$ 60.00
Interest Revenue	\$ 168.95
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$ 18,640.08</b>

**OSU Games Only**

	Collections	Disbursements
Apr-19	\$ -	\$ 150.00
May-19	\$ -	\$ 105.00
Jun-19	\$ 761.26	\$ -
Jul-19	\$ 711.27	\$ -
Aug-19	\$ -	\$ 135.00
Sep-19	\$ 45.00	\$ 570.00
Oct-19	\$ -	\$ 370.00
Nov-19	\$ 2,608.98	\$ 455.00
Dec-19	\$ 2,199.62	\$ -
Jan-20	\$ 2,372.53	\$ -
Feb-20	\$ -	\$ -
Mar-20	\$ -	\$ -
Apr-20	\$ -	\$ -
May-20	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 8,698.66	\$ 1,785.00
Profit	\$ 6,913.66	

- o Chapter Historian – Lindsey Harris  
**LH - No update**

- Programs –Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri  
**LH – Bob/Carolyn – just wanting on the state to open to allow us to know how to proceed – concern it could be 12-18 months to return to normal; also concern over attendance based on the COVID environment – perhaps should investigate virtual options (luncheons, etc), perhaps use the APAN environment (bob action to discuss APAN with Eric). APAN does have a 50 person max; Carolyn will discuss outside presenters with Eric and others to assess if outside people can use APAN as well.**
- Membership/Early Career –Matt Little  
**LH - NO update – due to the date - TBD discussed earlier in the June calendar  
 May look at APAN or DCS to maintain schedule.**
- Certification – Glenn Weimer  
**LH – No Update**
- Education – Eric Gersper/Connie Sombaty  
 APAN  
**LH -Cindy will discuss options with Eric using APAN**
- Community Service – Catrina Davis Harris  
**No update – (Catrina is out)**
- Scholarships – Ben Thayer  
**No update – (Ben is out)**
- By Laws - Liz Gibbs  
**LH – update discussed during President update- Liz will send out message to membership regarding no change in the by-laws and our CEC process for yearly review/ratification.**
- Communications – Will Kays/Joe Scipione  
**No representation**
- Accountability – Vacant  
**LH - Nothing due until Sept. Cindy will work to identify a chairperson to take this position**
- NCC Rep – Ben Thayer



## Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

SUNDAY JULY 19 – WEDNESDAY JULY 22	AGA National Professional Development Training (PDT) Online Only	25 CPE/CET
WEDNESDAY SEPT 2 2-2:50 PM	AGA Members Only Webinar Communications Online Only – Self Register at AGA Website	1 CPE/CET

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

President	Cindy Shoe
President-Elect	Connie Sombaty
Secretary	Leisha Hickman
Treasurer	Pat Jackson

Immediate Past-President	Barb Bail
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	-Vacant-
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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