

## President's Message

**Ben Thayer, CPA**

It is with a heavy heart that I write this final address to you as chapter President. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in leading the Greater Columbus chapter and am blessed to have had the opportunity to do so. I am proud to have led an organization in which I've been part of for more than five years now as I've seen tremendous growth in not only the number of members but in the culture as well.

I want to thank my President-Elect, Will Kays, for assisting in so many different roles this year and for keeping me on track. I also want to thank Matt Little for his time as Treasurer as his efforts lead to another clean audit opinion for the chapter. I also want to thank Cindy Shoe for her service as Secretary and for making sure our meetings and minutes were always timely.

Congratulations to Will Kays (President), Matt Little (President-Elect), Eric Gersper (Treasurer) and Ayisha King (Secretary) as they take on new roles and lead the chapter into the 2017-2018 year. I am extremely confident that they will serve the chapter with the utmost integrity and diligence. We are all in great hands!

The next webinar will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 3:50 p.m. and will be on the topic "Fraud/Data Analytics".

This event is free for all chapter members and offers two CPEs.

Additionally, please consider joining the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) as there are currently open positions in Communications, Education, and Community Service. These leadership roles are vital to our chapter and we need your support in continuing the chapter's success.

Thank you all for a tremendous year and I know great things are in store for 2017-2018.

Thank you!  
Ben

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# Interesting Article of the Month

## DoD Comptroller Nominee: “It is time to audit the Pentagon”

By David Thornton, federalnewsradio.com

The Defense Department has less than five months to meet its deadline to be audit ready, so the incoming Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and his team have their work cut out for them. Both lawmakers and the nominee himself made it a point to address that immediately during the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on President Donald Trump’s pick for the post (who happens to be a member of AGA!). For more details, visit [Federal News Radio](#), the source of this story.



David Norquist (left), President Trump's Nominee for DoD Comptroller

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## Reminders & Upcoming Events



June 1: Conversation With Women AGA Webinar (Self-Register) (4:00 – 5:00 PM)

Through June 9: AGA Crayon & Coloring Book Drive

June 14: AGA Webinar – Fraud & Data Analytics (2:00 – 3:50 PM; DFAS-CO Bldg. 21, Room B-619)

July 10-12: AGA National Professional Development Training in Boston

Late July: Membership Appreciation Luncheon

# AGA Members Who Got Involved This Month

## Think of how YOU can get involved!

By Will Kays

Special thanks to everyone who's had the chance to get involved in the last two months!



Members **Patricia Beavers** and **Will Kays** volunteered at the OSU Spring Game at Ohio Stadium on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Members **Ayisha King**, **Michelle Hodge**, **Will Kays**, **Bob Palmieri**, and **Jason Gentile** all volunteered at the OSU Commencement at Ohio Stadium on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. All of the volunteer hours at the merchandise booth helped raise funds to support AGA's activities throughout the upcoming year.

Member **Ayisha King**, as well as members **David Glover**, **Gretchen Shivers**, **Patricia Beavers**, **Catrina Davis Harris**, and **Kristen Hershberger** all took part in serving on the Scholarship Committee in Spring 2017. The committee solicited and received scholarship applications, which they analyzed before selecting two winning candidates in late April 2017. Thanks to the committee for all their hard work!



CEC Members **Ben Thayer**, **Will Kays**, **Ayisha King**, **Matt Little**, **Robert Palmieri**, **Lindsay Harris**, **Eric Gersper** and member **Jason Gentile** attended the Officer Induction Luncheon at the Hamilton Road Rusty Bucket on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. We celebrated the outgoing officers and inducted the new officers for the 2017-18 chapter year.

Members **John Yerkey**, **Will Kays**, **Felicia Wright**, **Justin Morrison**, **Jason Gentile**, **Elizabeth Gibbs**, and **Veronica Sowell** all attended the AGA Webinar on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, earning two CPE while they learned about maximizing existing funds in an austere government funding environment. Additionally, members **Jason Gentile**, **Sylvia Taylor-Porter**, **James Finn**, **Elizabeth Gibbs**, **Will Kays**, and **Kelly Mizell** earned 2 CPE by attending the AGA Webinar on Wednesday, May 17, focused on the DATA Act.



Officers **Matt Little** and **Will Kays** from the Greater Columbus Chapter attended the AGA Sectional Leadership Meeting (SLM) in Baltimore, MD on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. They learned how other chapters are recruiting new members and maintaining existing membership, promoting the CGFM designation, and are running successful chapters. They also got to interact with other chapters across the east coast, including the Great Lakes Region (Central Ohio Chapter, Cincinnati Chapter, Cleveland Chapter, Greater Columbus Chapter, Detroit Chapter, West Michigan, and Greater Lansing Chapter).

Member **Barbara Bail** assisted with running Officer Elections, including tracking nominees, announcing the winners, and communicating the results to AGA National. Thanks Barb!

Member **Ayisha King** helped plan and launch the Coloring Book Drive Crayon & Coloring Book Drive to benefit Nationwide Children's Hospital. Community Service remains an important part of how our chapter gives back to the Columbus Community. Be sure and donate!

# Greater Columbus Chapter

## Points of Contact for 2017-18

President	Will Kays
President-Elect	Matthew Little
Treasurer	Eric Gersper
Secretary	Ayisha King
Education 1	-Vacant-
Education 2	-Vacant-
CGFM	Barbara Bail
Programs 1	Lindsay Harris
Programs 2	Robert Palmieri
Communications 1	Pat Jackson
Communications 2	-Vacant-
Membership 1	Edward Young
Membership 2	-Vacant-
Community Service & Scholarship 1/2	-Vacant- -Vacant-
Finance & Budget 1	Christina Hoffman
Finance & Budget 2	-Vacant-
By-Laws	Elizabeth Gibbs
Accountability	Cynthia Shoe
Outreach	