



January 2021 Newsletter

January Theme: “A New Year, a New Normal”

Hello and Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a great a Holiday Season and was able to relax and be prepared for the New Year of 2021.

Our next webinar will be March 3, 2021, on Improper Payments, “Using Data and Disruptive Technology to Reduce Improper Payments”, from 2:00–3:50 PM and offers 2 CPEs in Auditing.

Free Webinar to Members only!

Annual AGA Women's Council Webinar, March 17, 2021 from 2:00–3:15 PM ET, offering 1.5 CPEs. Please check the AGA website for further information.

WANTED!!! Want to be more involved in the Chapter? The Chapter is looking for individuals to fill a vacated CEC position in Accountability. The Accountability Chair prepares the annual CCR Report for the Chapter and accounts for the Chapter points on a quarterly basis. For more information on this positions, please contact me and help the Chapter to grow by joining the CEC.



I would like to “Welcome” our newest CEC member, Jeff Howe as our Budget and Finance Chair.

We have learned a great deal about ourselves, our families, friends, neighbors, healthcare providers, and our essential workers in the past year. We can profit from our experiences and in the coming year, we can thrive rather than survive. Let us look at some lessons learned from the past year: 1.) We are stronger than we think we are; 2.) We are capable of change; 3.) Our attitudes and perceptions, and not necessarily our circumstances, determine our well-being; 4.) We can strengthen our resilience; and 5.) We can work on being happy. We have to adjust to a New Normal, and 2021 will bring more changes, no doubt, but Resilience is the key, “You can’t stop the waves, but you can learn how to surf.” ~ Moe Gelbart, Ph.D. - Director, Behavioral Health, Blog, ThelmaMcMillenCenter, November 30, 2020.

Sincerely,

Cindy Shoe
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

Treasurer's Report – as of December 31, 2020

Checking Balance: \$11,869.22 (↓ \$300.66)

Savings Balance: \$1,059.30 (↑ \$0.14)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,216.98 (↑ \$7.94)

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.

New Finance & Budget Chair

Congratulations to Mr. Jeff Howe, Greater Columbus AGA's new Finance & Budget Chair. Welcome to the CEC!

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! 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.

Holiday Donation Drive was a Success

In December, Greater Columbus AGA participated with the “Adopt a Military Family for the Holidays” initiative and were able to grant a family wish with \$160 in Gift Cards to their favorite stores (Kohl’s, Kroger, Target, Macy’s and Old Navy). Thank you to everyone that was able to contribute! And thank you to Catrina Davis Harris for organizing this effort!

Volunteer Tax Income Assistance – 2020 Tax Season

For more than ten years, Greater Columbus AGA has supported the Volunteer Tax Income Assistance sites at both Northland and West HS in Columbus. Volunteers across Central Ohio work at numerous sites to prepare tax returns for low to moderate income families.

Despite the pandemic, the work continues this tax season! United Way of Central Ohio is organizing virtual tax preparation this year and seeking volunteers who are interested in volunteering. Clients will be able to make tax appointments through 2-1-1 and GetYourRefund.Org, and our tax preparers will be virtually preparing their returns via an online platform called “The Hub” and contacting them via phone as needed to ask questions and go over their return with them.

Similar to prior years, all volunteers must be certified by the IRS. This is the first step before you schedule time to volunteer. Each volunteer must pass the Volunteer Standards of Conduct, Intake/Interview, and Advance Tax Certification at <https://www.linklearncertification.com/d/>. This will generate a Form 13615, which can be submitted to prove you’re good to go! Note: if you are an active CPA, you can take the Circular 230 Exam, which just tests on the most recent tax updates. In addition, the training courses (excluding Circular 230) do qualify for CPE (not CET, since tax related).

If you’d like to attend an online training to learn more about the volunteering process and the virtual how-to, register for Canvas here:

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Contact Will Kays/614-701-3478 or william.y.kays.civ@mail.mil for more details. Volunteering will begin in earnest in mid-February.

Membership Renewal Season

It’s that time of year – AGA Membership Renewal. Renewal is due by March 31, 2021 and can be completed at <https://www.agacgm.org/MyAGA/Renew.aspx>. For any questions, please contact Matt Little/614-701-4136 or matthew.r.little12.civ@mail.mil. We look forward to another great membership year!

January 2021 CEC Meeting Minutes – Part 1

Meeting Minutes

AGA CEC Meeting

Date: January 25, 2020

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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

Attendees: - Eric, Catrina, Ben, Connie, Glenn, Jeff, Barb, Matt and Cindy

o DISCUSSION TOPIC	SPEAKER
<p>Presidential Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) February Luncheon-Need a Tax Speaker 2.) Spring PDT-Joint PDT with ASMC; ASMC to discuss at their meeting on Wednesday. 3.) Secure Auditor for review of Fiscal Year Treasurer Report-Pat/Eric suspense. 4.) Send message to Governor's Office Requesting CGFM Month Proclamation-Glenn sent on Monday, January 25th. 5.) Still looking for someone to fill the Accountability Chair position <p><u>Chapter Planning Calendar</u></p> <p>President-Elect Update: Need to review email from Crystal Stacklin on the Management Council Approved Project</p> <p>Treasurer Update : TBD</p>	<p>Ms. Cindy Shoe, President Ms. Connie Sombaty, President Elect Mr. Pat Jackson, Treasurer Ms. Leisha Hickman, Secretary</p>

January 2021 CEC Meeting Minutes – Part 2

Committee Updates:

- Finance & Budget – Jeff Howe
- Chapter Historian – Lindsey Harris
- Programs –Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri
- Membership/Early Career –Matt Little
 - Membership Reports as of 1/2021
 - Membership is stable.
- Certification – Glenn Weimer
- Education – Eric Gersper/Connie Sombaty
 - Director’s showcase
- Community Service – Catrina Davis Harris – Working with the Military Regional Group, along with ASMC, for virtual projects.
- Scholarships – Ben Thayer – Review the Treasury Budget for the 3 - \$500 disbursements for Scholarships
- By Laws - Liz Gibbs
- Communications – Will Kays/Joe Scipione
- Accountability – Vacant
- NCC Rep – Ben Thayer – Will send the notes from the December meeting

Committee
Directors /Co-
Directors

Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

WEDNESDAY MAR 3 2-3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar FOS: Improper Payments Online Only - Free For Members, \$30 for Non-Members, Contact Eric Gersper to Register	2 CPE/CET
WEDNESDAY MAR 17 2-3:15 PM	AGA Members Only Free Webinar FOS: Personal Development Online Only – Free for Members Self Registration Only	1.5 CPE/CET
WEDNESDAY APR 7 2-3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar FOS: Ethics Online Only - Free For Members, \$30 for Non-Members, Contact Eric Gersper to Register	2 CPE/CET
WEDNESDAY MAY 12 2-3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar FOS: Fraud/Data Analytics Online Only - Free For Members, \$30 for Non-Members, Contact Eric Gersper to Register	2 CPE/CET
WEDNESDAY JUN 9 2-3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar FOS: Leadership Online Only - Free For Members, \$30 for Non-Members, Contact Eric Gersper to Register	2 CPE/CET
SUNDAY JUL 18 – WEDNESDAY JUL 21	AGA National Professional Development Training Nashville, TN (Multiple FOS) Chapter Selection/Registration Coming Soon	25 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	-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	Jeff Howe
Finance & Budget 2	-Vacant-
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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