



June 2020 Newsletter

June Theme: “The Virtual New Normal”

Greetings AGA Greater Columbus Chapter members! As the new Chapter Officers for the 2020-2021 chapter year – President Cindy Shoe, President-Elect Connie Sombaty, Treasurer Pat Jackson, and Secretary Leisha Hickman, we are going to do our best to acclimate to the New Normal of “Virtual” luncheons and webinars. We are planning our first “Virtual” Luncheon in July. Hope you can join!

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.

During these challenging times we are living, a “New Normal” has been introduced to us. Our normal workday is entirely virtual. We do our shopping all online. Visit friends and family on Skype. Does it seem like your productivity is being challenged? Here are some apps for Windows, IOS and Android personal devices which may help during these challenging times:

- 1.) IFTTT – (If This Then That) – APPs and Devices talk to each other.
- 2.) Sleep Cycle – A Smart Alarm which wakes you up easily.
- 3.) Remindo – Helps you remember dates, names etc.
- 4.) Lumosity – Brain Training
- 5.) Forest – Helps you concentrate on work. Focus grows trees to build a forest.
- 6.) Flipboard – Organizes all your social media sites.
- 7.) Dropbox – Backup for your computer.
- 8.) CoachMe – Habit Tracker to help you reach your goals.
- 9.) Trello – Project Management APP
- 10.) BrainFM – Music to De-Stress
- 11.) Pocket – Save articles to read later.
- 12.) Headspace – Meditation sessions.
- 13.) Google Keep – Helps to take notes during meetings.
- 14.) TeamView – Allows for remote access.
- 15.) Cloudcal – Mobile Calendar Planner

Everyone stay safe and healthy! If you haven’t renewed your AGA Membership, remember you have until June 30 to do so! It can all be taken care of in less than five minutes at the AGA national website.

“We sense that “normal” isn’t coming back, that we are being born into a new normal: a new kind of society, a new relationship to the earth, a new experience of being human. ~Charles Eisenstein~

Sincerely,

Cindy Shoe

Treasurer's Report – as of May 31, 2020

Checking Balance: \$14,917.00 (↑ \$1.27)

Savings Balance: \$1,058.88 (No Change)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,160.46 (↑ \$13.25)

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.

Renew Your Membership

Greater Columbus AGA reminds you if that you haven't yet renewed your membership for FY20-21, you have extra time to do so this year due to COVID-19. Renew by July 2020 at <https://www.agacgfm.org/renew>.

Amazon SMILE

For all your Amazon purchases, shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.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, 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.

May 2020 CEC Meeting Minutes

AGA CEC Meeting

Date: May 18, 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: Leisha, Matt, Kristen, Barb, Connie, Eric, Catrina, Shaq, Liz, Pat, Bob

o DISCUSSION TOPIC	SPEAKER
<p>Presidential Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2020 National PDT will be online July 20-22, shortened agenda for virtual event (less session but still can earn 18 CPEs/CETs) - Chapter Recognition Program (CRP), 4th quarter input due May 31st. Let Cindy or Barb know if you need help adding points for your committees. - Officer transition this month, Pat Jackson remaining as Treasurer. Kristen coordinate with Leisha Hickman for the Secretary role. - Multiple CEC vacancies, who else has reached their 2 year mark? Willing to stay on in the same role or ready to switch to something else or take a break? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Vacancies in Accountability, Ways & Means, and CGFM Certification. <p><u>Chapter Planning Calendar</u></p> <p><u>May</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o May 1 – Distribute Scholarship Funds o May 13 – Deadline for certifying Chapter Officer Voting results to be certified (completed) o May 15 – Finalize Plans for May Officer Induction Luncheon (TBD due to COVID-19) o May 15 – Finalize Plans for June Luncheon Speaker (Possible virtual?) o May 31 – 4th Quarter CRP deadline o May 31 – Complete Annual By-Laws Review o May 31 – Renew the AGA Chapter Authority to certify CPE for the Ohio Accountancy Board o May 31 – Review/Submit Ohio Statutory Agent Registration/Fee to Ohio Sec. of State (Use Pres. Elect and/or member comfortable with remaining Statutory Agent) <p><u>June</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o June 1 – Final Deadline to submit Chapter Officers to National Office 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 o June 30 – Annual Report of Accomplishments National Office, CEC and Members (Education, CGFM, Community Service, Membership, Community Service, Early Career) o June 30 – Update Chapter Brochure and Fact Sheet 	<p>Ms. Barb Bail, President Ms. Cindy Shoe, President Elect Mr. Pat Jackson, Treasurer Ms. Kristen Hershberger, Secretary</p>

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)**

Committee Updates:

Committee
Directors /Co-
Directors

- o Finance & Budget – Vacant
No decision made on OSU game yet, but looking for fresh ideas to replace
- o Chapter Historian – Lindsey Harris
- o Programs –Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri
- o Membership/Early Career –Matt Little



2019-2020 AGA
Membership Survey

- o Certification – Glenn Weimer
- o Education – Eric Gersper/Connie Sombaty
APAC is being used for onboarding, check with Virginia Finney about being able to use
- o Community Service – Catrina Davis Harris
Everything ~~was cancelled~~; looking into things to do virtually.
Thank you for contributions to the blessing boxes
- o Scholarships – Ben Thayer

High School – Brooks ~~Suprano~~
Undergraduate – Jacob ~~Chobany~~
Graduate – Jason Stitt

Ben will draft congratulations letters to the winners and send them this afternoon with your approval.



AGA Scholarship
Scoring - High Scho



AGA Scholarship
Scoring - Undergrad

- o By Laws - Liz Gibbs
By Laws are ready to go, send to CEC first and then will send to all members through the ~~mail~~ account.
- o Communications – Will Kays/Joe Scipione
- o Accountability – Vacant
- o NCC Rep – Ben Thayer

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- o Finance & Budget– Marc Willis/Shaq Chambers
 - Football games are in question for next year, what other ideas for fundraisers. Raffle?
 - Marc's 2 year term ends next month
- o Chapter Historian – Lindsey Harris
- o Programs –Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri
- o Membership/Early Career –Matt Little
 - The Annual Membership Survey was initiated via Survey Monkey and 27 responses were received as of 4/17/2020.
 - The current active membership count is 155, primarily due to our annual training events and the DOD CPE requirements.
- o Certification – Ayisha King/Glenn Weimer
- o Education – Eric Gersper/Connie Sombaty
 - Webinars – Sent code to 8 people, but only 2 people attended. 1 person said it was full and couldn't get on, so not running very smoothly.
 - Must monitor presentation to get CPE
- o Community Service – Catrina Davis Harris
 - Encourage to support the blessing boxes
- o Scholarships – Ben Thayer
 - 15 applicants
- o By Laws - Liz Gibbs
- o Communications – Will Kays/Joe Scipione
- o Accountability – Andy Higgins
 - Will be leaving for DFAS Japan, position will be open
- o NCC Rep – Ben Thayer
 - Lead moved to the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before PDT
 - Selected as the area 5 director of chapters

Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

SUNDAY JULY 19 – WEDNESDAY JULY 22	AGA National Professional Development Training (PDT) Online Only	25 CPE/CET
DATE TBD JULY	Greater Columbus AGA Virtual Webinar	1 CPE/CET
FRIDAY JUNE 26 1-2 PM	AGA Members Only Webinar Understanding the Multi-Generational Workplace Online Only – Self Register at AGA Website	1 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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