



April 2022 Newsletter

Accelerating, Growing and Advancing

Greetings AGA Greater Columbus Chapter members! We had our CGFM appreciation lunch at the end of March and it was great to get out and see some faces. Hopefully this year we will be able to have more face-to-face gatherings again.

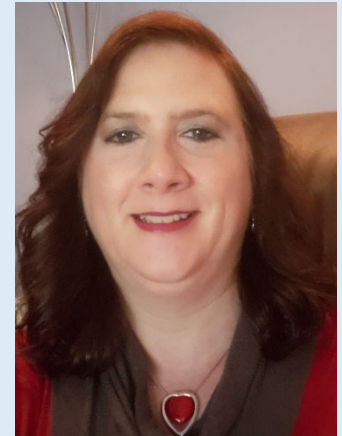
We also just completed our AGA/ASMC combined virtual Spring PDT! We had a good amount of attendees on both days. I hope you all had a chance to join in and appreciate the knowledge that was shared. Most of our topics included ways to adapt to our ever changing workplace environment post-Covid and there was some great info on data analytics as well as the importance of credit. I want to thank all of our speakers and our committee and the ASMC committee for putting this all together.

Welcome (and welcome back) to our newest members, Ben Novotny, Debra C. White-Johnson, Emmanuel Costas, Kristen Hershberger, Jeffrey Dozier, Maria Resto-Gonzales, Robyn Ruble, Denise Wellman, Abigail Atkins, Krystal Mason, Raymond Musser, Michelle Hostetler, Shaneequah Chambers, and Felecia Parker! Each of them will be entered into our drawing for the \$50 gift card. The winner will be announced next month.

Elections will be held next month for our Chapter. We welcome all of our members to participate in any of our committees and programs. We are always looking for fresh perspectives! If you're looking to get more involved or would like a stepping stone into a leadership position volunteer for one of our programs. Terms are coming up and the Chapter is currently looking for individuals to fill some Committee Chair positions. We are looking for someone to fill the following positions for our next term: Budget and Finance, Membership, Education, Chapter Historian, Accountability, and Certification. Please help the Chapter to grow by joining the CEC or recruiting new members.

April was **A** new month to **P**ush yourself, **R**ejuvenate, **I**nspire others and **L**augh lots! I'm very much looking forward to May and the warmer weather!

Connie Sombaty
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA



Treasurer's Report – as of March 31, 2022

Checking Balance: \$10,247.86 (+ \$0.22)

Savings Balance: \$1,059.72 (+\$0.08)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,303.41 (+\$4.09)

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.

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 and can be used for your initial FM Certification! 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.

AGA/ASMC Spring PDT

Thanks to the many members who joined Greater Columbus AGA for the joint Spring PDT with Buckeye Chapter ASMC on April 26 and April 28. The event was a success with more than 83 participants, all earning CPE/CET that they can apply towards their CGFM, DoD FM Certification, or other professional designation. Thanks to the Education Committee for all the planning and organization that went into the event!

CPE will be forthcoming in coming days, and all the presentation slides are available on the Greater Columbus AGA website for reference.

Please continue to give your supervisors positive feedback if you enjoyed attending the conference. All funds raised will help support the chapter, to include scholarships and purchasing National AGA webinars.

Scholarship Winners Announcement Soon

Chapter Scholarship Nominations wrapped up in late April. The Scholarship Committee is reviewing all applications and those awarded will be announced in coming weeks!

Reminder – AGA Renewal Due March 31

Reminder to all members, if you missed the initial deadline, you can still renew for the 2022-2023 year to continue your great benefits of AGA. Please contact a CEC Member if you have any questions about renewal. Chapter dues are consistent with prior years.

Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

May 11 2 – 3:50 PM	Fraud/Data Analytics Group Webinar (FOS: Auditing)	2 CPE/CET
June 8 2 – 3:50 PM	Leadership Group Webinar (FOS: Human Resources)	2 CPE/CET
July 17-20	AGA National Professional Development Training (Virtual/Anaheim, CA)	24 CPE/CET

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

President	Connie Sombaty
President-Elect	Leisha Hickman
Secretary	Linda Gover
Treasurer	Shane Nicklaus

Immediate Past-President	Cindy Shoe
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	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 2	-Vacant-
Historian	-Vacant-
Leadership Development Committee	-Vacant-
Membership 1	Cindy Shoe
Membership 2	-Vacant-
Programs 1	Bob Palmieri, CGFM
Programs 2	-Vacant-
Scholarships Committee	Ben Thayer

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