



May 2021 Newsletter

Overall Theme: “The New Normal”

May Theme: “Accepting the New Normal as Normal”

Greetings AGA Greater Columbus Chapter members! It has been my honor to serve as your Chapter President for the 2020-2021 chapter year. Congratulations to the incoming Chapter Officers for the 2021-2022 chapter year – President: Connie Sombaty, President-Elect: Leisha Hickman, Treasurer: Shane Nicklaus, and Secretary: Linda Gover. Please give them your full support as they fulfill these critical roles within our chapter. I would like to give a special thanks to the 2020-2021 officers and Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Directors and Co-Directors, for all of their support, hard work, and dedication this past year.



I would also like to congratulate this year’s winners of the continuing education Scholarships, Noah Cottrell and Rachel Swick. The Greater Columbus AGA Chapter awards two \$500 Scholarships, One High School Graduate and one Undergraduate, each year. This is a great way for the chapter to give back to the local community and develop future financial leaders in government!

In June of 2020, my first President’s message was based on the theme of “The New Normal”. Throughout the year, my monthly themes followed a pattern of highlighting the challenging times we are living during the pandemic and tips for coping with the “New Normal”. Please stay safe until our fulltime telework and stay-at-home restrictions end and we are able to see each other again at AGA gatherings. Until then, please join us for our online webinars.

“Today...we must cultivate the science of human relationships-the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together and work together in the same world at peace.” ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt~

Cindy Shoe
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

Treasurer's Report – as of April 30, 2021

Checking Balance: \$11,739.79 (↑\$44.70)

Savings Balance: \$1,059.38 (No Change)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,249.07 (↑\$8.23)

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.

Membership Renewal Season

Renewal for Greater Columbus AGA ended March 31, 2021, but if you forgot – it's okay! You can still renew by going to <https://www.agacgfm.org/MyAGA/Renew.aspx>. For any questions, please contact Matt Little/614-701-4136 or matthew.r.little12.civ@mail.mil. All memberships not renewed by May 31, 2021 will officially be suspended.

May 2021 CEC Meeting Minutes

AGA CEC Meeting

Date: May 17, 2021

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: - Bob, Connie, Barb, Ben, Matt, Will, Eric

o DISCUSSION TOPIC	SPEAKER
Presidential Updates: -Newsletter – sending out first of next week -PDT – Held April 22 and 23 – Survey – like half day sessions Chapter Planning Calendar May o May 1 – Distribute Scholarship Funds o May 13 – Deadline for certifying Chapter Officer Voting results to be certified o May 15 – Finalize Plans for May Officer Induction Luncheon? o May 31 – Draft Budget for Fiscal Year o May 31 – 4th Quarter ACE deadline & notify RVP and SVPRS when complete o May 31 – Submit volunteer of the Year to National June o June 1 – Deadline to submit Chapter Officers to National Office o June 15 – Finalize Plans for July Membership Appreciation Luncheon o June 30 – Annual Report of Accomplishments RVP, SVPRS, National Office, CEC and Members (Education, CGFM, Community Service, Membership, Community Service, Early Career) President-Elect Update: Nomination Committee – Officers for 2021-22 Year – Deadline for voting was Friday, May 14, 2021. Sent back out for new deadline of May 17, 2021. By-Laws Chair (Liz Gibbs) will certify the results. Treasurer Update : Chapter audit with ASMC - Handed off our financial statements to ASMC (Vonjia Shannon) last weekend (4/10) for the audit for the last two years. Update?	Ms. Cindy Shoe, President Ms. Connie Sombaty, President Elect Mr. Pat Jackson, Treasurer Ms. Leisha Hickman, Secretary

Committee Updates:

Committee
Directors /Co-
Directors

- Finance & Budget – Jeff Howe
- Chapter Historian – Vacant
- Programs –Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri
- Membership/Early Career –Matt Little
 - Membership Report Data as of 5/14/21- holding steady at 125 members
 - Zoom Meeting Proposal for May 27th
 - Matt's term is up. He will hand over his information to ?
- Certification – Glenn Weimer – CGFM books on currently on loan
- Education – Eric Gersper/Connie Sombaty
 - Eric will send out an email for the CEC to concur on next year's webinars.
 - PDT recon complete - \$2800 total (\$1400 AGA/\$1400ASMC)
- Community Service – Catrina Davis Harris - waiting for the completion data from the Boy Scouts on the Blessing Box. AGA will collect Books/coloring books and snack items for kids. Once I have dates. I will set up a drop off point to the site of the box located outside the AT&T building just east of the Broad Street Entrance of the base.
- Scholarships – Ben Thayer – Received Thank-you from the two scholarship winners. Thank you Pat and Bob for helping with the scoring of the scholarships.
- By Laws - Liz Gibbs
- Communications – Will Kays/Joe Scipione – Newsletter by the end of the month. Updating the communication list.
- Accountability – Vacant
- NCC Rep – Ben Thayer – LEAD held on Friday, May 14th; will send out slides when available. ACE Awards were reviewed at LEAD. Include in budget for coming year.

Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

THURSDAY MAY 27 6:00 PM	Greater Columbus AGA Virtual Zoom Happy Hour Contact Matt Little for more Details/Link	
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 Virtual (Multiple FOS) Chapter Selection/Registration Coming Soon	25 CPE/CET
FALL 2021	Full Webinar Listing Coming Soon	2 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	Jeff Howe
Finance & Budget 2	-Vacant-
Historian	-Vacant-
Leadership Development Committee	Matthew Little
Membership 1	Matthew Little
Membership 2	-Vacant-
Programs 1	Bob Palmieri, CGFM
Programs 2	Carolyn Lutz
Scholarships Committee	Ben Thayer

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