

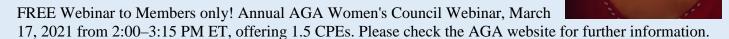
February 2021 Newsletter

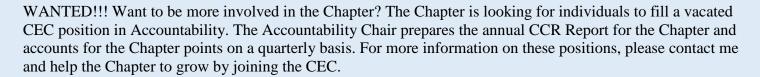
February Theme: "Celebrating February in the New Normal"

Hello, Hope everyone is staying safe and looking forward to warmer weather around the corner since Buckeye Chuck did not see his shadow and predicts an early Spring for Ohio!!!

It is time to renew your AGA Membership! Please renew early to win a chance to attend the National AGA PDT for FREE! Please see the AGA website for more information.

Reminder!!! 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.





Even though February is the shortest month of the year, there are plenty of ways to celebrate safely. February was declared American Heart Month by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964. American Heart month is celebrated by wearing "Red" on February 5th. Of course, in the month of February, we have Valentine's Day on February 14th. Celebrating during a pandemic may mean cooking a gourmet dinner at home and binge watching romantic movies. Just remember, through thick and thin, strong relationships can withstand many hardships, including a pandemic. February is more than just chocolate, roses, romance and the color "Red". If the dark winter days are starting to drag on, try celebrating with one these fun excuses like: National Drink Wine Day on February 18th, National Love Your Pet Day on February 20th, National Banana Nut Bread Day on February 23rd or National Margarita Day on February 22nd and National Tortilla Chip Day on February 24th. However you choose to celebrate the month of February in our "New Normal", please be safe.

~"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched-they must be felt with the heart"- Helen Keller~

Sincerely,

Cindy Shoe Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA



Treasurer's Report – as of January 31, 2021

Checking Balance: \$11,694.52 (\$174.70)

Savings Balance: \$1,059.30 – No Change

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,225.19 (1 \$8.21)

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.



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 are now 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). Due to this being virtual, we have less need for greeters this year.

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 <u>william.y.kays.civ@mail.mil</u> 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.agacgfm.org/MyAGA/Renew.aspx. Renewing by March 15 ensures your name gets put in the pot for a free National PDT! 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!

Greater Columbus AGA Scholarship Applications Available

Greater Columbus AGA Scholarship application information is now open. Please share with students you know who might be interested in applying! Everything is available on the Greater Columbus AGA website and were e-mailed to all members. For more information, contact Ben Thayer.



February 2021 CEC Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes will be shared in March 2021 newsletter; February CEC meeting rescheduled for Monday, February 22^{nd} .

Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

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



<u>Greater Columbus AGA –</u> <u>Officer & Chapter Executive Committee Roster</u>

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