



# April 2020 Newsletter

## President's Message:

April Theme: Mentors Become “Bridges” to Success

Greetings AGA Greater Columbus Chapter members! April showers bring May flowers, welcome to our first full month of spring 2020. I began the draft of this month's message before the seriousness on the COVID-19 virus spread hit us all. I had hoped to say that we all enjoyed last month's AGA/ASMC Joint Spring 2020 PDT, because it's always beneficial to have these training and networking opportunities, away from the routine of our normal, hectic work schedules and many meetings. Little did we know how quickly and drastically our normal routines would be changing. We will do our very best to partner with ASMC later this year and co-host a Fall PDT in late October. While the educational aspects are the highlight of our one-day PDTs, interacting with “old” coworkers and meeting “new” colleagues is a second favorite benefit. It would give us all a great opportunity to reconnect with each other after this period of social distancing. You might even meet some future mentors.



The “official” Mentoring Month was recognized a few months ago by DFAS and other organizations, however this April, I'd like to highlight how mentors can become “bridges” to success. Whether you partner with a mentor through a formal mentoring program or team up with an admired advisor, that relationship can assist you in building your bridges at work, collaborating with others on projects, and even help you achieve your personal goals. As Oprah Winfrey expressed, “A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself”.

Our Greater Columbus Chapter will be hosting an AGA webinar on April 8th, on Ethics, from 2-3:50pm and worth 2 CPEs/CETs. Our chapter will not be working at the Ohio State spring football game on April 11, as it was cancelled, so we will look for other means of earning funds towards our Scholarship Program and chapter operating expenses. Watch the announcements and emails for information for future luncheons as well as online voting/elections for the 2020-2021 Chapter Officers.

Please be safe and stay healthy! We look forward to seeing everyone at a future luncheon, webinar, and in the office.

“Your problem is to bridge the gap which exists between where you are now and the goal you intend to reach.”  
Earl Nightingale

Sincerely,

Barb Bail  
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

## **Treasurer's Report – as of March 31, 2020**

Checking Balance: \$15,214.50 (↑\$180.03)

Savings Balance: \$1,058.88 (↑\$0.27)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,133.54 (↑\$12.77)

### **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](mailto:greatercolumbusaga@gmail.com) if you're interested.

#### **New Members**

Greater Columbus AGA would like to welcome our newest members: Ms. Pam Carrico, Mr. Emmanuel Costas, and Mr. Tony Salas, who joined Greater Columbus AGA in March 2020.

#### **Amazon SMILE**

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

# **It's Time for Membership Renewal!**

Remember to visit the main AGA website and pay your renewals for FY2020-21, so you can continue to receive great benefits such as: Free Webinars, Discounted Luncheons/PDTs, Leadership Development Opportunities, and more! Renewal dues are \$100.00, unless you are new; then, typically you are paying a pro-rated amount for your second year to get caught up to the normal renewal cycle. To renew, visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/renew>. \*Please note that AGA National has extended the renewal time due to the COVID-19 outbreak to July 2020.

## **February 2020 CEC Meeting Minutes**

**March 16, 2020, 11:00 AM – 12:00PM**  
**DSCC Building 21**

In attendance: Glenn Weimer, Connie Sombaty, Kristen Hershberger, Catrina Davis Harris, Will Kays, Cindy Shoe, Bob Palmieri, Eric Gersper, Ayisha King, Barb Bail

### **Presidential Updates:**

Cancellation of ASMC/AGA Spring 2020 PDT – some considerations for future PDTs  
Upcoming Officer Election – CEC, please consider sending nominations (or self-nominations) to the Nominations Committee c/o Cindy Shoe

### **Chapter Planning Calendar:**

#### **March**

- o March 15 – Finalize Plans for April Luncheon Speaker
- o March 31 – 3rd Quarter CRP deadline & notify ? when complete
- o March 31 – Submit recruitment best practices to the National AGA Members Only Site
- o March 31 – Deadline for Nominations for Chapter Officers
- o March 31 – Approve Budget for Next Fiscal Year
- o March 31 – Review and update the CEC appointed positions
- o March 31 – Annual Membership Survey

#### **April**

- o April 1 – Scholarship Application Due Date
- o April 1 – Finalize Sponsorship Flyer Offer
- o April 1 – Communicate Kroger Community Rewards Renewal to Members
- o April 30 – Deadline for Votes to be Cast for Chapter Officers
- o April 30 – Initial deadline to submit Chapter Officers to National Office
- o April 30 – Monitor CGFM Renewal Rates for CRP
- o April 30 – Submit Treasurer Report to Auditor for review
- o April 30 – Sponsoring Partnership applications from Finance and Budget

#### **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 15 – Finalize Plans for June Luncheon Speaker
- 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)

**Treasurer Update:**

Chapter audit: Reached out previously to the professor and they were on board. Looking at the ODU site they're going online through 3/31, will reach out to the professor and see how he wants to handle it. Might change how we need to do the audit with them.

**Committee Updates:**

**Finance & Budget**– Marc Willis/Shaq Chambers

The OSU Spring Game date has been cancelled for 4/11/20.

**Programs** –Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri

April – luncheon date? Speaker? Maybe we can see if any of the PDT speakers are available...the local ones that is. Possibly do a call, may need letter verification like AGA National does for CPE

**Membership/Early Career** –Matt Little

Membership renewal reminder going out. CRP Updates made for Q3 (March 31, 2020) Completed for the Membership Committee. Active Stats. Show 157 members (Results of Conferences and CPEs)

**Certification** – Ayisha King/Glenn Weimer

On hold for the time being  
CGFM Lunch – postponed indefinitely

**Education** – Eric Gersper/Connie Sombaty

AGA Webinars during time of COVID-19 precautions, AGA National can provide arrangements for individuals to call in and participate (and not have to attend in person), POC is Eric and Connie. Everyone will get a unique link, capture red letters, and submit to AGA. Email will be coming out tonight

**Community Service** – Catrina Davis Harris

All events are on hold at this time  
June 21-26 ACAP potential dates  
Blessing Box Donations, a possible opportunity to help others  
Helped about 100 people through VITA at Northland

**Communications** – Will Kays/Joe Scipione

March Newsletter went out  
Scholarship reminder went out  
By-laws updated on website  
Webinar will go out tonight

## Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

WEDNESDAY MAY 13 2:00 – 3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar How to Leverage Data Analytics to Build an Effective Anti-Fraud Strategy DFAS-CO Building 21, Room B215	2 CPE/CET – Auditing (Governmental)
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10 2:00 – 3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar Taking Care of People – Leadership that Matters DFAS-CO Building 21, Room B215	2 CPE/CET – Personal Development
SUNDAY JULY 19 – WEDNESDAY JULY 22	AGA National Professional Development Training (PDT) Dallas, TX	25 CPE/CET

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

President	Barb Bail, CGFM
President-Elect	Cindy Shoe
Secretary	Kristen Hershberger
Treasurer	Pat Jackson

Immediate Past-President	Matthew Little
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	Connie Sombaty
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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