



December 2017 Newsletter

Members,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We're excited to wrap up a great year for our chapter. Many of us were present at our holiday party at Bar Louie on December 15th, where we had a great time catching up with other members. Thanks to those of you that were able to attend the AGA National Webinar on December 6th which focused on Accounting & Financial Auditing Challenges/Best Practices and our luncheon with DFAS Director of Communications, Jeff Carter on December 14th. Mr. Carter spoke on Crisis Communications.



It's almost time for 2018, so, for January, we are holding a promotion for membership, so please communicate to all of your non-member friends. If you join our chapter in January 2018, you'll receive a free luncheon, AND you'll be entered in a drawing to win a \$25.00 gift card to a restaurant of your choice. Plus, being a member of AGA opens you up to greater opportunities to earn CPE/CET, networking opportunities, and more. Look for communications on dates we will have a booth available in the DFAS Building 21 Cafeteria for more information about joining AGA.

Also in January, we will host a Webinar on Grants Management on Wednesday, January 10th, and our Monthly Chapter Luncheon on Thursday, January 18th. Stay tuned for further details about how you can attend and get a jump start on CPE/CET for your 2018-2019 reporting cycle!

As I mentioned last month, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is right around the corner – be thinking about volunteering during the upcoming tax season in February and March 2018 as a greeter or tax preparer! Please contact me at william.y.kays.civ@mail.mil if you have any questions. We're also searching for members for our scholarship committee who will advertise and judge our scholarship applicants in Spring 2018. Please contact member Ben Thayer if you're interested (benjamin.s.thayer2.civ@mail.mil). Consider joining us in one of these community service opportunities!

Our website (<http://www.agacgfm.org/greatercolumbus>) and our e-mail updates have more information on all these topics. Check back frequently for new information and stay informed, so you receive full benefits from your AGA Membership.

Sincerely,

Will Kays
President, Greater Columbus AGA

Treasurer's Report – as of 11/30/2017

Checking Balance: \$18,712.22 (↑ \$1,392.79)

Savings Balance: \$1,056.18 (No Change)

Certificate of Deposit: \$5,165.96 (↑ \$2.41)

What You Need To Know

Get Involved

Our Greater Columbus chapter currently has CEC Openings in Education, Communications, Finance & Budget, and Community Service. Not interested in a position but want to help out? Serve on the Scholarship 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.

Member Departures

Thank you to CEC Members Christina Hoffman and Rosa Moreno, Finance & Budget and Education Chair, respectively for their hard work for our chapter. Both have recently left their Leadership roles. We appreciate them!

Full AGA Webinar Schedule Available

AGA National has published the full topic and date list for AGA Webinars for 2017-2018. Our chapter has purchased all 12 webinars (8 remain!). Visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars.aspx>

Financial Systems Summit

AGA National is hosting the Financial Systems Summit (FSS) on Wednesday, January 17th, which offers 6 CPE/CET. You can attend virtually for FREE by registering in advance at the AGA national website. Visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/FSS.aspx>. This is a great benefit for members! For questions, please contact Will Kays at william.y.kays.civ@mail.mil.

Help us Fundraise

Don't forget to renew 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>

Chapter Member Centric Report

Please take a look at our chapter's Member-Centric Report! The report is intended to summarize our chapter's most recent fiscal year and give members access to our activities, finances, and strategic goals. <https://www.agacgfm.org/aga/chaptersites/GreaterColumbus/files/AGA%20CCR%202016-17.pdf>

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Pictured Above: Greater Columbus AGA Members at the Chapter Holiday Party at Bar Louie Easton on Friday, December 15th.

AGA December CEC Meeting Notes

December 20, 2017

DSCC Building 21 – 2nd Floor Fishbowl Meeting Room

President Updates (Will Kays)

- Thanks to all who attended Holiday Party, and thanks to the Programs Committee for coordinating it. We had approximately 15 in attendance and came in under budget thanks to utilizing Bar Louie.
- Thanks to those who attended the luncheon with Jeff Carter despite competing events at the same time. We had about 10 attendees on the topic of Crisis Communications. Eric sent out the CPE form to attendees after.
- The webinar on 12/6/17 had about 6 attendees. We have been utilizing our new CPE sign-in/out signage successfully.
- Will presented at AGA Year II LIM Meeting on 12/19, to include a brief advertisement of AGA. Hoping to successfully gain new members.
- Nominating Committee – We have filled all necessary spots – Matt, Ben, Bob, Cindy, Jason. Also, Ms. Beck volunteered to join. Matt will be setting up monthly meetings in the near future.
- Thank you to Christina Hoffman and Rosa Moreno, who both had to resign their committee spots in November/December.
- Unfortunately, we had to reschedule the Professional Fair due to concerns over DFAS approval & off-site guests. Meeting with DFAS Chief of Staff on January 9th to discuss way forward (partnering with ASMC).
- Meeting on January 11th with DFAS Leaders to discuss opportunities to join the CEC and/or run for officer positions.

President-Elect Updates (Matt Little)

- Investment Proposal Draft – Eric will work on transferring reserve funds over to Goldman Sachs CD/Savings Account with better interest rate once CD with Credit Union expires in 2018. Will coordinate on exact amounts to transfer.
- CRP Input – On Track for Platinum Status
- PDT Speakers Needed – If you have any ideas, please forward to Matt or Will, as meetings have begun for March 27th PDT. Planning on after-PDT social at Local Cantina, which is nearby Creekside Event Center.
- AGA Anniversary Database Status
- Amazon Smile Status
- Conference Center Cabinet – Reaching out to Conference Center to see if we can utilize their space versus our AGA room, as most of our events are downstairs – eases transport of items.

Treasury Report (Eric Gersper):

- Presented November Treasurer's Report

Committee Updates:

- **Finance & Budget – Vacant**
 - Ayisha to check mailbox for OSU Check. Will need to verify amount matches our records. If not provided, let's ask for how our amount was determined so we can see how OSU calculates our income.
 - Still awaiting Invoice from Ohio Dominican on Fall Conference. Coordinating with Ann Netzley Hollins.
- **Chapter Historian – Jason Gentile**
 - Discussed ideas for expanding reach of AGA
 - Follow our Chapter Instagram Page – “agabuckeyes”
- **Membership – Bob Palmieri/Ed Young**
 - Will will get with Bob Palmieri and Ed Young to plan out our Membership Recruiting Table in the Cafeteria in January 2018, as people are thinking over their New Year's Resolutions. Need to coordinate with membership signage explaining our promotion. We will have a \$25.00 donation for all new members who join through 1/31/18. We will ask volunteers to staff the table.
- **Programs – Kristen Hershberger/Lindsay Harris**
 - Will begin planning food options for January and February 2018 Luncheon
- **Certification – Barb Bail/Bob Mako**
 - No Update
- **By-Laws – Elizabeth Gibbs**
 - No Update
- **Communications – Pat Jackson**
 - No Update
- **Education – Vacant**
 - Upcoming Events – efforting Tax Talk for 1/18/18 luncheon with Ms. Tabatha Tomlinson, and received initial agreement from Ms. Tammy Kicas in Departmental Reporting to speak at February Luncheon on 2/21/18. Programs Committee will need to think on food options.
 - Unfortunately, ASMC opted against sharing cost of AGA Webinars with our chapter. Ben is working with Internal Review to discuss opportunities there.
- **Community Service & Scholarships – Vacant**
 - VITA begins February 3rd, and goes through March 17th. February 3rd will be Super Saturday at Downtown High School, and February 10th through March 17th we will be hosting tax prep sites at Northland and West High Schools in Columbus. We have openings for Greeters and Tax Preparers. Further information is available on the Chapter Website.
 - Will will get with Ayisha and Ben to discuss Scholarship Committee activities as advertisement needs to begin.
- **Accountability Outreach – Cindy Shoe**
 - No Update

Looking Ahead – Calendar of Chapter Events

JAN 10 2:00 – 3:50	AGA Group Webinar - Grants Management: Breaking Down the Complexities DSCC Building 21, Room A-119 (Erie Room)	2 CPE Management
JAN 9 11:00 – 1:00	Greater Columbus AGA Member Table DSCC Building 21, Cafeteria	
JAN 17 11:00 – 12:00	AGA CEC Meeting DSCC Building 21 Fishbowl – 2 nd Floor	
JAN 17 8:30 – 4:45	Financial Systems Summit Free Virtual Attendance – Register in Advance at AGA Website	6 CPE Various
JAN 18 11:30 – 1:00	Greater Columbus AGA January Luncheon - Topic TBD DSCC Building 21, Room C-153 (Air Force Room)	1 CPE TBD
JAN 24 11:00 – 1:00	Greater Columbus AGA Member Table DSCC Building 21, Cafeteria	
FEB 7 2:00 – 3:50	AGA Group Webinar - Understanding GASB’s New Standards on Leases & Fiduciary Activities DSCC Building 21, Room C-146 (USMC Room)	2 CPE Accounting
FEB 20 11:00 – 12:00	AGA CEC Meeting DSCC Building 21 Fishbowl – 2 nd Floor	
FEB 21 11:30 – 1:00	Greater Columbus AGA February Luncheon – Financial Reporting – Ms. Tammy Kicas DSCC Building 21, Room C-147 (Army Room)	2 CPE Governmental Accounting

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

President	Will Kays
President-Elect	Matthew Little
Secretary	Ayisha King
Treasurer	Eric Gersper

Immediate Past-President	Ben Thayer
Accountability Outreach	Cindy Shoe
By-Laws	Elizabeth Gibbs
Communications 1	Pat Jackson
Communications 2	-Vacant-
Community Service 1	-Vacant-
Community Service 2	-Vacant-
CGFM 1	Barbara Bail
CGFM 2	Bob Mako
Education 1	-Vacant-
Education 2	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 1	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 2	-Vacant-
Historian	Jason Gentile
Membership 1	Ed Young
Membership 2	Bob Palmieri
Programs 1	Lindsay Harris
Programs 2	Kristen Hershberger

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