



# August 2020 Newsletter

August Theme: “When Life gives you Lemons....”

Wow! Where has summer gone! Hope everyone has been enjoying their summer and staying safe. August has been a productive month for the Chapter. We completed our very first “Virtual” Luncheon with success. Thank you everyone who attended. Currently, we are planning our September “Virtual” Luncheon. Further information will be forthcoming. Please plan to join us. You will not be disappointed!

Our first webinar for the 2020-2021 year will be Sept. 9, 2020 on Communications. All of the webinars will be “attend on your own PC” and will allow up to 30 attendees per webinar. Please be on the lookout for more information.

WANTED!!! Want to be more involved in the Chapter? The Chapter is looking for individuals to fill some vacated CEC positions in Accountability and Budget and Finance. The Accountability Chair prepares the annual CCR Report for the Chapter and accounts for the Chapter points on a quarterly basis. The Budget and Finance Chair recruits sponsorships and organizes the fundraisers for our annual Scholarship Fund. For more information on these positions, please contact me and help the Chapter to grow by joining the CEC.



Does the “New Normal” seem like you’ve ended up with lemons? Of all the citrus fruit, the lemon is quite sour and bitter to the taste. Often, the lemon is used as a negative expression to help us find optimism in the face of adversity and turn it into something positive to our advantage. The origin of the saying, “When Life gives you Lemons, make Lemonade”, came from a 1915 obituary for dwarf actor Marshall Wilder, where he was praised for his optimistic attitude and achievements in the face of his disability.

Our “New Normal” may seem like we have been presented with lemons, but with an optimistic attitude we can turn this “New Normal” into our own new Lemonade Stand.

Sincerely,

Cindy Shoe  
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

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

Checking Balance: \$14,918.26 (↑ \$0.64)

Savings Balance: \$1,059.02 ( No Change )

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,176.54 (↑ \$7.91)

### **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**

Congratulations to our recent new chapter members this AGA Chapter Year: Mr. Ryan Dietrich (Shared Membership with Cleveland Chapter), Ms. Ebonie Jackson, and Mr. Samuel Olaniran.

#### **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.*

# July 2020 CEC Meeting Minutes

**AGA CEC Meeting**

**Date:** July 27, 2020

**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: - Cindy Shoe, Carolyn Lutz, Pat Jackson, Barb Bail, Eric Gersper, Catrina Davis-Harris

o DISCUSSION TOPIC	SPEAKER
<p><b>Presidential Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multiple CEC vacancies: Accountability, Finance and Budget, CGFM Certification and Education. I will draft an email today</li> <li>- Heard from Jason McFarland-LIDS. He is hoping to hear something in the next few weeks.</li> <li>- Discussed having Virtual Fall PDT with ASMC. Cindy to contact ASMC to see if interested. Central Ohio Chapter has one currently scheduled. Cindy to check with Brian Cotrell on the GoToMtg set-up.</li> </ul> <p><u>Chapter Planning Calendar</u></p> <p><u>June – need to confirm complete</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o June 15 – Finalize Plans for July Membership Appreciation Luncheon <b>(TBD due to COVID-19)</b></li> <li>o June 30 – Update Chapter Brochure and Fact Sheet</li> </ul> <p><u>July – need to confirm complete</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o July 1 – CEC to Submit Membership Appreciation Certificates to President &amp; Programs Chair</li> <li>o July 15 – Finalize Plans for August Luncheon Speaker <b>(TBD due to COVID-19)</b></li> <li>o July 15 – Submit Request for AGA National Speaker for Fall Conference</li> <li>o July 15 – Secure Date/Venue for Fall Conference</li> <li>o July 31 – Begin Recruitment for OSU Football Volunteers <b>(TBD due to COVID-19)</b></li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Cindy Shoe, <b>President</b> Ms. Connie Sombaty, <b>President Elect</b> Mr. Pat Jackson, <b>Treasurer</b> Ms. Leisha Hickman, <b>Secretary</b></p>
<p><u>August</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o August 1 – Secure Date/Venue for Fall Conference</li> <li>o August 15 – Submit Request for AGA National Speaker for Fall Conference</li> <li>o August 15 – Deadline for IRS Tax Form 990 Filing</li> <li>o August 15 – Finalize Plans for September Luncheon Speaker (with ASMC)</li> <li>o August 31 – Select/Pay Audio Conferences for upcoming Fiscal Year</li> </ul> <p><u>September</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o September 15 – Finalize Plans for October AGA Conference Speakers</li> <li>o September 30 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter CRP deadline &amp; notify RVP and SVPRS when complete</li> <li>o September 30 – Member Centric Report complete, posted to Chapter Website and National Office</li> </ul>	

**Committee Updates:**

Committee  
Directors /Co-  
Directors

- Finance & Budget – Vacant  
No decision made on OSU game; any new ideas to replace
- Chapter Historian – Lindsey Harris
- Programs –Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri
- Membership/Early Career –Matt Little  
**While an annual membership awards list was generated, more names are needed, please share names for recognition as soon as possible for consolidation.**
- Certification – Glenn Weimer
- Education – Eric Gersper/Connie Sombaty  
-Eric has confirmed the Audio Conferences for the year. They will all be virtual.
- Community Service – Catrina Davis Harris  
-ACAP – Virtual Volunteers needed
- Scholarships – Ben Thayer
- By Laws - Liz Gibbs
- Communications – Will Kays/Joe Scipione  
-**July Newsletter was distributed to membership**  
-**Going to update membership e-mail list based on those who renewed**  
-**Forwarded an e-mail received in the Chapter box around re-filing with the State of Ohio (I believe as a non-profit). It appears a notice was sent to our post office box in March, but perhaps wasn't retrieved by the Secretary. Need to determine what paperwork we need to file to get re-registered.**  
-**Did Kristen forward key to Leisha? Eric Gersper can help retrieve the mail if needed.**

- Accountability – Vacant  
**Nothing due until Sept. Cindy will work to identify a chairperson to take this position.**
- NCC Rep – Ben Thayer

## Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

WEDNESDAY SEPT 2 2-2:50 PM	AGA Members Only Webinar FOS: Personnel/HR Online Only – Self Register at AGA Website	1 CPE/CET
WEDNESDAY SEPT 9 2-3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar FOS: Communications Online Only - Free For Members, \$30 for Non-Members, Contact Eric Gersper to Register	2 CPE/CET
TUESDAY SEPT 22 11:30 AM- 12:30 PM	Greater Columbus AGA – Lunch & Learn Cheryl Brooks Sullivan, Franklin County Treasurer Online Only – Contact Eric Gersper to Register	1 CPE/CET
WEDNESDAY OCT 7 2-3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar FOS: Internal Controls Online Only - Free For Members, \$30 for Non-Members, Contact Eric Gersper to Register	2 CPE/CET
WEDNESDAY NOV 4 2-3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar FOS: Ethics Online Only - Free For Members, \$30 for Non-Members, Contact Eric Gersper to Register	2 CPE/CET
WEDNESDAY DEC 9 2-3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar FOS: Internal Controls Online Only - Free For Members, \$30 for Non-Members, Contact Eric Gersper to Register	2 CPE/CET
WEDNESDAY MAR 3 2-3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar FOS: Improper Payments Online Only - Free For Members, \$30 for Non-Members, Contact Eric Gersper to Register	2 CPE/CET
WEDNESDAY APR 7 2-3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar FOS: Ethics Online Only - Free For Members, \$30 for Non-Members, Contact Eric Gersper to Register	2 CPE/CET
WEDNESDAY MAY 12 2-3:50 PM	AGA Group Webinar FOS: Fraud/Data Analytics Online Only - Free For Members, \$30 for Non-Members, Contact Eric Gersper to Register	2 CPE/CET
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

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

President	Cindy Shoe
President-Elect	Connie Sombaty
Secretary	Leisha Hickman
Treasurer	Pat Jackson

Immediate Past-President	Barb Bail
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	-Vacant-
CGFM 2	Glenn Weimar, CGFM
Education 1	Eric Gersper
Education 2	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 1	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 2	-Vacant-
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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