



March 2021 Newsletter

March Theme: “Celebrating March in the New Normal”

Greetings AGA Greater Columbus Chapter members!

Wow! It is now March already! The first day of spring is just around the corner and we have daylight savings time, where we lose an hour of sleep. But, it is just nice to put the winter weather behind us and enjoy some outdoor time in the sun.

It is time to renew your AGA Membership! March is Membership Renewal Month. Please renew your membership by the March 31st to continue the benefits of your membership. Please see the AGA website for more information or contact our Chapter Membership Chair, Matt Little.

Have you been thinking about a CGFM certification? AGA declared March as CGFM Month! Therefore, the application fee has been reduced to \$21. For more information, please see the AGA website or contact our Chapter Certification Chair, Glenn Weimer.



WANTED!!! Want to be more involved in the Chapter? The Chapter is looking for individuals to fill a vacated CEC position in Accountability. The Accountability Chair prepares the annual CCR Report for the Chapter and accounts for the Chapter points on a quarterly basis. For more information on this positions, please contact me and help the Chapter to grow by joining the CEC.

As of March 2021, we are celebrating the one year anniversary of the “New Normal”. Will working from home, online shopping, movie streaming and eating more at home continue? At this time, we do not know the size of the gap between the old normal and new normal. Physics has proven not all systems bounce back to the beginning after a severe shock. No one knows what the “New Normal” will look like in the future, but it seems clear some things will not reverse back to the beginning. Enjoy March 2021 watching your favorite basketball team during March Madness and create your own ‘New Normal’.

~”I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But, I can’t accept not trying.” – Michael Jordan~
Sincerely,

Cindy Shoe
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

Treasurer's Report – as of February 28, 2021

Checking Balance: \$11,694.52 (↑ \$0.27)

Savings Balance: \$1,059.30 – No Change

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,233.41 (↑ \$8.22)

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.

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

AGA CEC Meeting

Date: February 22, 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: - Jeff, Matt, Pat, Joe, Catrina and Cindy



o DISCUSSION TOPIC	SPEAKER
<p>Presidential Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) March Luncheon-Have we secured a <u>speaker?</u> Eric has not heard back from his contact. 2.) Spring PDT-Joint PDT with ASMC-Dates of the PDT – April 22 and 23 3.) Secure Auditor for review of Fiscal Year Treasurer Report-Pat/Eric suspense. 4.) Still looking for someone to fill the Accountability Chair position 5.) ACE pulse check February 28th 6.) Membership Renewal – Renew early for a chance to win a free spot to the National PDT <p><u>Chapter Planning Calendar</u></p> <p><u>February</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o February 14 – Solicit auditor for FY audit o February 14 – Finalize Plans for March AGA/ASMC Conference Speakers o February 14 – Renewal of Chapter Insurance Policy o February 28 – Finalize Plans for March CGFM Luncheon <p><u>March</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o March 15 – Finalize Plans for April Luncheon Speaker o March 31 – Deadline for Nominations for Chapter Officers <p>President-Elect Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be sending a request for Nominations of the 2021-2022 Chapter Officers <p>Treasurer Update :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has not receive the Insurance Policy Renewal for the Chapter. 	<p>Ms. Cindy Shoe, President</p> <p>Ms. Connie Sombaty, President Elect</p> <p>Mr. Pat Jackson, Treasurer</p> <p>Ms. Leisha Hickman, Secretary</p>

Committee Updates:

Committee
Directors /Co-
Directors

- o Finance & Budget – Jeff Howe
 - Kroger Awards Update
 - Inquiring about a Sponsorship with Kearney
 - Look at ideas for Virtual Fundraisers
- o Chapter Historian – Lindsey Harris
- o Programs –Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri
- o Membership/Early Career –Matt Little
 - Current Membership 121
 - Drafting an email to encourage and remind the members to review as soon as possible
- o Certification – Glenn Weimer
- o Education – Eric Gersper/Connie Sombaty – Webinar March 3rd
- o Community Service – Catrina Davis Harris – No Update
- o Scholarships – Ben Thayer – Sent requests out last week.



AGA Greater
Columbus Chapter By

- o By Laws - Liz Gibbs - Please review and return any comments/updates by March 8, 2021.
- o Communications – Will Kays/Joe Scipione
 - Newsletter for February has been sent
- o Accountability – Vacant
- o NCC Rep – Ben Thayer –

Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

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
SUNDAY JUL 18 – WEDNESDAY JUL 21	AGA National Professional Development Training Virtual (Multiple FOS) Chapter Selection/Registration Coming Soon	25 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	-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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