

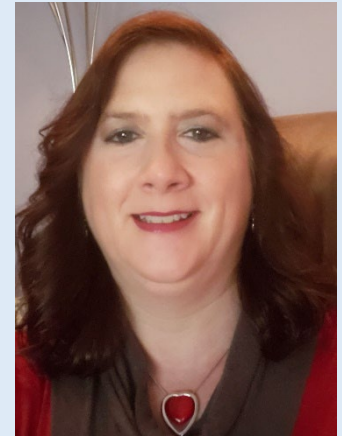


February/March 2022 Newsletter

Happy Spring and CGFM month!

March is the end of the beginning—the best time to adjust your yearly goals, make realistic plans and be amazing. What better way to make a lasting change and do something for yourself by getting your CGFM! Having your CGFM credential allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field. It is also a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager.

We are having a CGFM appreciation luncheon on March 30th at the Hickory House in Gahanna at 11:30am, to celebrate our chapter's CGFM holders! All current AGA Greater Columbus members that hold the CGFM credential are welcome. If you would like to learn more on getting your CGFM please feel free to reach out to Glenn Weimar for more information.



The AGA Greater Columbus Chapter is getting ramped up! We are planning our joint virtual Spring PDT with the Buckeye Chapter ASMC for April 26th & 28th. It will be two half day sessions like we did for the fall PDT. The theme is “Business Transformation through a rapidly Changing Environment”. Stay tuned for more information!

Elections will be coming up soon for our Chapter as well. If you're looking to get more involved or would like a stepping stone into a leadership position volunteer for one of our programs. Terms are coming up and the Chapter is currently looking for individuals to fill some Committee Chair positions. We are looking for someone to fill the following positions for our next term: Budget and Finance, Membership, Education, Chapter Historian, Accountability, and Certification. Please help the Chapter to grow by joining the CEC or recruiting new members.

AGA National is holding a Recruitment Challenge through April 30th 2022! By reaching out to colleagues and friends, sharing what AGA means to you and inviting them to join, you could receive awards and rewards! All recruiters receive an AGA Recruiter lapel pin and an AGA reusable face mask. Monthly Drawings: Each month, recruiters are entered into a drawing for a chance to win a cool tech product (i.e., wireless earbuds, noise-canceling head phones, Amazon Echo Dots, Bluetooth speakers, etc.) or a \$200 Amazon gift card — names and prizes are drawn randomly. The more members you recruit, the more chances you have to win! Grand Prize: All recruiters will be entered into the drawing for a chance to win a complimentary virtual registration to the 2022 Professional Development Training (PDT) event.

Connie Sombaty
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

Treasurer's Report – as of January 31, 2022

Checking Balance: \$10,247.40 (-\$1,108.89)

Savings Balance: \$1,059.64 (\$0.00)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,287.18 (+\$4.37)

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.

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 and can be used for your initial FM Certification! 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.

March 2022 CEC Meeting Minutes

Notes from the January Meeting held on 3/21/2022:

- Attendees: Connie Sombaty, Bob Palmieri, Catrina Davis Harris, Ben Thayer, Shane Nicklaus & Eric Gersper
- Discussion on committee chairs for Certification and Education. We are going to reach out to current members with the CGFM credential to see if any are interested in becoming a chair. Eric is looking through the current member list to make suggestions for the Education chair replacement.
- Discussion on Membership Recruitment Challenge-what incentives we can offer to entice new members.
- Still need two speakers for the 2nd day of the Spring PDT (April 28th).
- Set time & place for the CGFM appreciation lunch.
- Discussed the support of our chapter. Decided to wait and see how our Recruitment challenge goes to determine how we move forward.
- Discussed possibly choosing a different day/time for our monthly CEC meetings to gain more attendance. Also discussed possibility of using a Teams meeting vs bridge line.

Reminder – AGA Renewal Due March 31

Reminder to all members to renew for the 2022-2023 year to continue your great benefits of AGA. Please contact a CEC Member if you have any questions about renewal. Chapter dues are consistent with prior years. March 31st is the deadline.

Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

Apr 20 2 – 3:50 PM	CARES Act Group Webinar (FOS: Auditing)	2 CPE/CET
Apr 26 & Apr 28	Spring Chapter Professional Development Training *Track Chapter Website for Details on Registration*	CET Offered
May 11 2 – 3:50 PM	Fraud/Data Analytics Group Webinar (FOS: Auditing)	2 CPE/CET
June 8 2 – 3:50 PM	Leadership Group Webinar (FOS: Human Resources)	2 CPE/CET
July 17-20	AGA National Professional Development Training (Virtual/Anaheim, CA)	24 CPE/CET

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

President	Connie Sombaty
President-Elect	Leisha Hickman
Secretary	Linda Gover
Treasurer	Shane Nicklaus

Immediate Past-President	Cindy Shoe
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	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 2	-Vacant-
Historian	-Vacant-
Leadership Development Committee	-Vacant-
Membership 1	Cindy Shoe
Membership 2	-Vacant-
Programs 1	Bob Palmieri, CGFM
Programs 2	-Vacant-
Scholarships Committee	Ben Thayer

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