



# November 2019 Newsletter

## President's Message:

Greetings AGA Greater Columbus Chapter members! The month of November always reminds me of all I have to be thankful for— thankful for my family, friends, co-workers and my AGA “family”. On November 11th each year we pause to honor the many Veterans both living and deceased who fought for our freedom. Each Thanksgiving Day we count our blessings with family and friends.

On a light note, I'm thankful that most of the MANY paving and road improvement projects around the Columbus and the surrounding area are completed or have continued great progress. We all appreciate smooth, paved roads to travel on and we know the hard work involved, they get us to our destinations in comfort and safety. This month I'd ask you all to think about “Paving” the Way to Your Dream Job”. What will that entail? Finishing a degree? Earning an advanced degree? Earning a certification? Working with a mentor? There are so many ways we can “pave” our paths in our chosen careers. It's important to keep those short and long-term goals in mind and work towards them.



This month the AGA Greater Columbus Chapter offers you some “paving” material – there's the November Luncheon Meeting, with special guest Speaker Mr. Michael Stinziano, the Franklin County Auditor. We also host a webinar on November 20th from 2-3:50pm worth 2 CPEs, “Building a Culture of Ethical Excellence” offering 2 CPEs in Behavioral Ethics.

Thank you all my AGA Greater Columbus Chapter friends for your support of our chapter efforts! You all help “pave” the way to a successful chapter.

“If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one.” – Dolly Parton  
Sincerely,

Barb Bail  
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

## Treasurer's Report – as of October 31, 2019

Checking Balance: \$7,195.98 (↓\$1,208.87)

Savings Balance: \$1,058.34 (No Change)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,066.77 (↑\$13.13)

## 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. Jerri Ann Brown, Ms. Dawn Clarke, Ms. Diane Conroy, Ms. Elaine Forrest, Ms. Theresa Kemp, Ms. Cheryl Lapat, Ms. Christine Patton, and Ms. Joyce Perkins all joined in October 2019.

### We are Platinum – Again!

Greater Columbus AGA received word that our chapter was recognized as a Platinum Level (highest) for our activities and accomplishments as a chapter for 2018-19. Our Chapter received the award at the National PDT in July 2019 in New Orleans, LA.

### 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>



### Help us Fundraise

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.*

**Greater Columbus AGA Fall PDT –  
Oct. 25, 2019 Creekside Event Center**



Barb Bail, Chapter President & Velvet Liles, Anthem Singer, during National Anthem



Barb Bail, Chapter President - opening the AGA PDT



Speaker Alex Diaz, Defense Information Systems Agency



Speaker Wendy Morton Huddleston, AGA National President Elect



Speaker Robert Callahan, Defense Logistics Agency



Speaker David Bush, Defense Finance & Accounting Service



Greater Columbus Chapter President, Barb Bail, Greater Columbus Chapter President-Elect Cindy Shoe, and AGA National President Elect, Wendy Morton Huddleston

# October 2019 CEC Meeting Minutes

**October 21, 2019, 11:00 AM – 12:00PM**  
**DSCC Building 21**

In attendance: Kristen Hershberger, Barb Bail, Marc Willis, Bob Palmieri, Connie Sombaty, Carolyn Byers, Eric Gersper, Ben Thayer, Catrina Davis Harris, Liz Gibbs, Pat Jackson, Shaq Chambers

## **Presidential Updates:**

- **November Luncheon**
- **Final PDT Prep & “Assignments”**
  - **Barb waiting on remaining speaker bios, then will print**
  - **Folder stuffing “party” – Eric volunteered to lead, will let us know when**
- **Franklin Heights H.S. NJROTC Honor Guard were confirmed for the presentation of colors, CEC voted yes to give each student \$10 gift card in thanks for their time and efforts**
  
- **Holiday Party Date and Location – Pies and Pints, December 4th**
  
- **Social Events – Looking to do something this winter**
  
- **Amazon Smile Program – Matt working on, will include information at PDT**
  
- **Do we wish to share our chapter financials online? (i.e. audits results, annual budgets, and financing channels)**
  - There are various categories for transparency; Bronze, Silver, and Gold. We are presently listed as Bronze
  
- **National Leadership Award Nominations – now open, due by 11/30/19**  
**<https://www.agacgfm.org/Awards>**
  
- **Chapter Planning Calendar**
  - October 15 – Finalize Plans for November Luncheon Speaker
  - October 31 – Renewal of USPS P.O. Box
  - November 15 – Deadline to submit CRP suggestion to National Office
  - November 15 – Finalize Plans for December Holiday Social Event
  - December 1 – Begin Planning for Scholarships
  - December 10 – Chapter Anniversary
  - December 15 – Finalize Plans for January Luncheon Speaker
  - December 20 – Prepare annual list of active members recommended for PDT attendance

## **Committee Updates:**

- **Finance & Budget– Marc Willis/Shaq Chambers**
  - Still waiting on information from OSU regarding checks, should receive first 3 games check soon
  - October 26 – we have enough
  - November 9 – we have 7

November 23 – we have 4  
Received both sponsor checks

- **Chapter Historian – Lindsey Harris**
- **Programs – Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri**  
Finalizing plans with Creekside for PDT  
Working on food for November luncheon 11/19
- **Membership/Early Career – Matt Little**  
Matt has gained 5-6 new members recently
- **Certification – Ayisha King/Glenn Weimer**
- **Education – Eric Gersper/Connie Sombaty**  
Webinar Wednesday – Connie to facilitate  
Eric to confirm speaker with Matt Little
- **Community Service – Catrina Davis Harris**  
March 13th and 14th DeCA judging at Hyatt downtown  
January – Mid-Ohio Food Bank  
January – Blue Jeans Drive
- **Scholarships – Ben Thayer**
- **By Laws - Liz Gibbs**  
Still waiting on new bylaws
- **Accountability – Andy Higgins**  
1st quarter input completed, 2nd quarter due 12/31/19

## Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

SATURDAY NOV 9 12:00	Volunteer Event – OSU Football vs. Maryland Ohio Stadium	
TUESDAY NOV 19 11:30-1:00	Greater Columbus AGA November Luncheon Mr. Michael Stinziano, Franklin County Auditor DFAS-CO Building 21, Room C-122	1 CPE/CET
WEDNESDAY NOV 20 2:00-3:50	AGA Group Webinar Building a Culture of Ethical Excellence DFAS-CO Building 21, Room B-215	2 CPE/CET Behavioral Ethics
SATURDAY NOV 23 12:00	Volunteer Event – OSU Football vs. Penn State Ohio Stadium	
WEDNESDAY DEC 4 Time TBD	Annual AGA Holiday Social Event Pies & Pints Easton	
WEDNESDAY DEC 11 2:00-3:50	AGA Group Webinar Internal Controls DFAS-CO Building 21, Room B-215	2 CPE/CET – Auditing (Governmental)



**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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