



## July 2017 Newsletter

Members,

July was a great month for AGA. Several members, including myself, attended the **AGA National Professional Development Training (PDT)** in Boston, MA from July 10<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>. It was an exciting event, where we heard from AGA's National Leaders, listened to several great speakers, and got to network with other government financial managers (state and local) nation-wide. We even got to enjoy some Clam Chowder (okay, I'll take credit for that all on my own).



Most importantly, I was able to accept the Chapter Award for Greater Columbus, who was named a Gold Level Chapter for the 2016-2017 year. You can now see it on the wall in the AGA Room (B-317) at DSCC Building 21.

AGA National President Jim Arnette, Director of Local Government Audit for the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, introduced his new AGA theme for 2017-2018: **"Accountants and Accountability Professionals Working Together to Make Government Work Better"**. This is something we can all get behind!

Thanks to everyone who attended our Chapter Membership Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at the DSCC Red Pavilion. We presented certificates to around 20 individuals who had significantly contributed to the chapter in the most recent year.

Please stop by the AGA Booth at the Diversity & Inclusion Day at DSCC on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. More importantly, tell your non-member friends to stop by, as we will have an exciting promotion: **Anyone who stops by and joins AGA by Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, will have a chance to win a \$25 gift card to the restaurant of their choice.**

I hope everyone continues to enjoy summer! We're excited for all of our upcoming Fall Events with Greater Columbus AGA, and we hope you join us.

Sincerely,

Will Kays,  
President, Greater Columbus AGA

## AGA Boston PDT – July 2017

Reviews from two of our members who attended this year's event:

*The aspect I enjoyed to most was interacting with our AGA chapters across the states and hearing their successes and struggles within the chapter from member certification to financial endeavors. Some things I really liked were CGFM study groups (in the DC Chapter, if members passed the CGFM, the chapter paid their annual AGA membership fees). In terms of speakers, I really enjoyed the session, "Putting Financial Data to Use Beyond the Financial Report". During this session, information was presented on ways to improve information being released to "customers" and ensuring the information is clear, concise, and easy to follow. Also, they emphasized checking to ensure the information is up to date and relevant.*

**-Christina Hoffman, Greater Columbus AGA, Finance & Budget Director**

*The AGA PDT 2017 was full of great educational and informative sessions! What piqued my interest the most were the discussions I attended covering Robotics in Finance and the future implication of using robotic technology. In "The Future is Now: Robotics in Finance!", we learned that "bots" are already in use at NASA as Process Robotics being delivered through software that can be trained to undertake rules-based tasks such as opening emails and attachments. This included moving files and folders, making calculations, reading and writing to databases, among many other things. Process Robotics mimics the actions a human takes to complete computer-based tasks. Process Robotics can be applied to a range of Government Finance functions. I also found the session on Digital/Crypto Currencies and Distributed Ledger Technology to be fascinating!*

**-Barb Bail, Greater Columbus AGA, CGFM/Certification Co-Director**



**Pictured Above:**

Eric Gersper, Barb Bail, Cindy Shoe, and Will Kays at AGA National PDT (left).  
Will Kays accepting Gold Level Award for Greater Columbus Chapter (right).

## Other News & What We're Working On

### Treasurer's Report – as of 6/30/2017

Checking Balance: \$19,255.32 (↑ \$1,309.42)

Savings Balance: \$1,055.91 (↑ \$0.27)

Certificate of Deposit: \$5,154.07 (↑ \$2.41)

### New CGFM Co-Chair

Thanks to Bob Mako, who joined the CEC as CGFM/Certification Co-Chair with Barb Bail. Bob's been an AGA Member for the past five years, and received his CGFM in March 2015.

### Get Involved

We currently have CEC Openings in Education, Communications, Finance & Budget, and Community Service. We'd love to have you involved. Contact any chapter leaders if you have an interest!

### Full AGA Webinar Schedule Available

AGA National has published the full topic and date list for AGA Webinars for 2017-2018. Our chapter plans to purchase all 12 webinars. Visit

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars.aspx>

### Chapter Plans

The CEC approved and submitted our approved plans by the due date, July 1, 2017. Thanks for the CEC's help in getting this action completed timely.

### Help us Fundraise

Don't forget to renew your Kroger Plus Card with Community Rewards! Find Instructions on our website. Stay tuned for details on how to have a percentage of your purchase from Amazon donated via Amazon Smile.

### Are You Ready for Some Football?

Start studying your Fall Calendar. AGA will be staffing our Merchandise Booth at Ohio Stadium for 7 fall home football games. Look for a link to sign up soon!

*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.*

## In the News

### *As Citizens, shouldn't we all be more curious?*

As citizens and government financial managers, we should be curious about goings-on at all levels of government and how decisions are made, writes AGA National CEO Ann Ebberts as she reflects on PDT 2017.

<http://aga.informz.net/admin31/content/template.asp?sid=56149&ptid=2564&brandid=4890&uid=1066166243&mi=6782489&ps=56149>

### *Federal Agencies must modernize to be competitive and effective*

As the Trump administration continues to review federal spending and implements good-government policies in Washington, it should take into consideration America's outdated acquisition policies and procedures at the Pentagon and NASA, writes former U.S.

Representative Jim Sensenbrenner. <http://spacenews.com/op-ed-federal-agencies-must-modernize-to-be-competitive-and-effective/>

### *GAO report details sting operation that defrauded DoD surplus program for police*

The Government Accountability Office has issued a report describing a sting operation that revealed serious flaws in the Defense Logistics Agency's Law Enforcement Support Office program for surplus controlled equipment. <https://www.upi.com/Defense-News/2017/07/25/GAO-report-details-sting-operation-that-defrauded-DOD-surplus-program-for-police/8241501003711/>

### *Why I Serve the Public*

Meet fellow AGA Member Mary Lou Goins, Accounting Manager, State of Tennessee, and learn why she values serving in government.

<http://aga.informz.net/admin31/content/template.asp?sid=55835&ptid=2658&brandid=4890&uid=1066166243&mi=6725617&ps=55835>



Interested in obtaining the CGFM? It stands for Certified Government Financial Manager. It's recognized as a Certification tailored to Governmental Accounts across local, state, and federal governments.

If interested, we'd love for you to **take our survey** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q9LXWJB>

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## Looking Ahead – Calendar of Chapter Events

<b>AUG 2</b> 11:00 – 3:00	<b>AGA Booth at Diversity &amp; Inclusion Day</b> DSCC
<b>AUG 21</b> 11:00 – 12:00	<b>AGA CEC Meeting</b> DFAS Building 21 Fishbowl – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
<b>AUG 22</b> 2:00 – 3:00	<b>AGA Leader Webinar – Planning Meetings &amp; Events</b> Self Registration Only – See AGA National Website
<b>SEP 7</b> 11:30 – 1:00	<b>AGA September Brown-Bag Luncheon – Leadership (2 CPE) – Mr. William Pascol, DLA Land &amp; Maritime</b> DSCC Building 20, Buckeye Room Eventbrite Registration Available Soon
<b>SEP 9</b> 7:30	<b>Ohio State vs. Oklahoma</b> Greater Columbus AGA Fundraising – Ohio Stadium
<b>SEP 13</b> 2:00 – 3:50	<b>AGA Webinar – Communication/Leadership</b> DSCC Building 21, Room B-114 (Ohio Room)
<b>SEP 16</b> 4:30	<b>Ohio State vs. Army</b> Greater Columbus AGA Fundraising – Ohio Stadium
<b>SEP 18</b> 11:00 – 12:00	<b>AGA CEC Meeting</b> DFAS Building 21 Fishbowl – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
<b>SEP 23</b> TBD	<b>Ohio State vs. UNLV</b> Greater Columbus AGA Fundraising – Ohio Stadium
<b>SEP 26</b> 11:30 – 1:00	<b>Joint AGA-ASMC September Luncheon</b> DSCC Building 21 - TBD
<b>OCT 11</b> 2:00 – 3:50	<b>AGA Webinar – Internal Controls</b> DSCC Building 21, Room B-114 (Ohio Room)

**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	Rosa Moreno
Education 2	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 1	Christina Hoffman
Finance & Budget 2	-Vacant-
Historian	Jason Gentile
Membership 1	Ed Young
Membership 2	Bob Palmieri
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