

Accelerating, Growing and Advancing

“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Greetings AGA Greater Columbus Chapter members! It has been my honor to serve as your Chapter President for the 2021-2022 chapter year. Congratulations to the incoming Chapter Officers for the 2022-2023 chapter year. Please give them your full support as they fulfill these critical roles within our chapter. I would like to give a special thanks to the 2021- 2022 officers and Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Directors and Co-Directors, for all of their support, hard work, and dedication this past year.

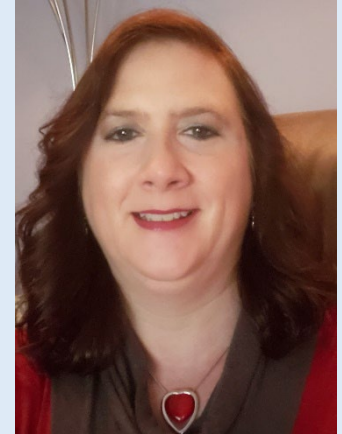
Hopefully, with the opening of the base and re-entry to the building, this year our chapter will be able to get together for some in-person activities. I am looking forward to seeing what great things our chapter can accomplish this year.

The Greater Columbus AGA Chapter awarded three \$500 Scholarships for continuing education, two High School Graduate and one Undergraduate. Congratulations to this year’s winners of the Scholarships - Anna Haines, Sydney Thom and Carline Sedor. This is a great way for the chapter to give back to the local community and develop future financial leaders in government! I would also like to congratulate our \$50 gift card Membership Challenge winner, Michelle Hostetler. She was picked randomly from the 14 new members that joined between March 1st and April 30th, 2022 during our Membership Recruitment Challenge. Michelle joined our Greater Columbus AGA Chapter on April 1st, 2022 for the first time. We welcome her and hope to meet all of her AGA Chapter expectations to create a long time member.

Again, it has been a pleasure serving as the Greater Columbus AGA Chapter president and I wish everyone the best for the future!

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts” – Winston Churchill

Connie Sombaty
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA



Treasurer's Report – as of April 30, 2022

Checking Balance: \$9,629.05 (- \$416.81)

Savings Balance: \$1,054.75 (+ \$0.03)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,308.50 (+ \$5.09)

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.

Reminder – AGA Renewals Grace Period Extended

Reminder to all members, if you missed the initial deadline, you can still 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. **June 30 is the final deadline.**

CEC Meeting Minutes

o DISCUSSION TOPIC	SPEAKER
<p>Presidential Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will record selection of winner for new member recruitment challenge <p>Chapter Planning Calendar</p> <p><u>May</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o May 17 – Deadline for certifying Chapter Officer Voting results to be certified o May 31 – 4th Quarter CRP deadline & notify RVP and SVPRS when complete o May 31 – Complete Annual By-Laws Review o May 31 – Renew the AGA Chapter Authority to certify CPE for the Ohio Accountancy Board o May 31 – Review/Submit Ohio Statutory Agent Registration/Fee to Ohio Sec. of State (Use Pres. Elect and/or member comfortable with remaining Statutory Agent) <p><u>June</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o June 1 – Final Deadline to submit Chapter Officers to National Office o June 15 – Complete Voting on By-Laws Changes, as necessary o June 30 – Annual Report of Accomplishments RVP, SVPRS, National Office, CEC and Members (Education, CGFM, Community Service, Membership, Community Service, Early Career) o June 30 – Update Chapter Brochure and Fact Sheet <p>President-Elect Update:</p> <p>Treasurer Update :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on updating new FY treasurer report 	<p>Ms. Connie Sombaty, President</p> <p>Ms. Leisha Hickman, President Elect</p> <p>Mr. Shane Nicklaus, Treasurer</p> <p>Ms. Linda Gover, Secretary</p>

Committee Updates:

Committee
Directors /Co-
Directors

- o Finance & Budget – Vacant
- o Chapter Historian – Vacant
- o Programs –Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri
- o Membership/Early Career –Cindy Shoe
- o Certification – Glenn Weimer
- o Education – Eric Gersper
 - Need to update recons for webinars and OPS payments
- o Community Service – Catrina Davis Harris
- o Scholarships – Ben Thayer
 - Officer Nominations were sent last week, nominees were given till COB May 17th to respond. Names will be sent NLT Wednesday May 18th.
 - Scholarship winners have been notified, names will be published on the website and award funds will be distributed in August.
- o By Laws - Liz Gibbs
- o Communications – Will Kays/Joe Scipione
 - Newsletter will be sent out post meeting updates and receipt of presidential input
 - Need to add new AGA graphics to both website and newsletter
 - Joe received check from Legends and will meet up to get it deposited
- o Accountability – Vacant
- o NCC Rep – Ben Thayer – term ends in June, nominating Will Kays
 - Final NGB meeting is Monday, May 23rd, will provide notes to CEC afterward

Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

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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