



August 2019 Newsletter

President's Message:

Greetings AGA Greater Columbus Chapter members! How can it be August already? Summer sure flies by fast. Last month's annual AGA National Professional Development Training (PDT), hosted in historic and **HOT** New Orleans, was a great success with the largest attendance ever, over 2,400! We're grateful that several of our Chapter's members were funded by their organizations and were able to attend and participate in 3 ½ days of informative plenary and selected break-out sessions and workshops. Over 100 in total to choose from and networking opportunities and CPEs galore! Congratulations to our Chapter for receiving the Platinum Level Chapter Recognition Award, the Education Award, and the Website Award! Good work everyone!



This month I'm asking the question "Do you Have the Right Accounting "Tools"?" I'm suggesting we ask ourselves that question and perhaps substitute "Accounting" with what fits your situation, maybe Finance, IT, Leadership, Audit. Since "The Road to Success is Always Under Construction", we need to maintain our skill set and add to our professional tool box in order to keep up with technology and overall process changes. Participation in AGA is a great facilitator, helping to ensure we have updated and useful information for peak performance.

Watch for announcements for the Greater Columbus Chapter's exciting fall events, including the September Joint Luncheon Meeting with the ASMC Buckeye Chapter, our one-day PDT on October 25th, and the start of a new "season" of educational webinars. Your active participation is most welcome and will help ensure you have the "right tools".

It's time to step up and volunteer for our Chapter's largest fundraiser – working the merchandise booth at the Ohio State home football games! The first game is August 31st, **please** consider volunteering for at least one game this season, we need your help! The funds earned help pay for our Webinars, luncheon speaker donations, and other Chapter expenses. But most of all, working the games is **FUN!**

"Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four hours sharpening the axe." Abraham Lincoln

Sincerely,

Barb Bail
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

Treasurer's Report – as of July 31, 2019

Checking Balance: \$13,068.26 (↑ \$556.98)

Savings Balance: \$1,058.07 (No Change)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,026.56 (↑ \$13.07)

What You Need To Know

Get Involved

Our Greater Columbus chapter currently has CEC Openings in multiple areas. 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 your resume. Contact any chapter leaders or greatercolumbusaga@gmail.com if you're interested.

New Members

Greater Columbus AGA would like to welcome our newest members. Mr. Christopher McKee joined in July 2019, and Mr. Matthew Evans and Mrs. Karen Ervin joined in early August 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.

Membership Renewals

Several members have become suspended because of delinquent dues. To renew for 2019-20, visit www.agacgfm.org/renew. Remember, you'll want to have renewed to get Luncheon Discounts, our FREE Membership Awards Cookout in July, or attend upcoming Webinars at no cost.

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>

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>

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.

Pictures – July Membership Appreciation Luncheon



Pictures – AGA National PDT – New Orleans, LA



AGA July 2019 CEC Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2019, 11:00 AM – 12:00PM
DSCC Building 21 – Room B-413

In attendance: Barb Bail, Connie Sombaty, Liz Gibbs, Glenn Weimar, Catrina Davis Harris, Kristen Hershberger, Bob Palmieri, Marc Willis, Ayisha King, Andy Higgins, Cindy Shoe, Eric Gersper

Presidential Updates:

- 2019-2020 CRP Goal – 19,501 points needed to be platinum next year
- Spam/scam emails being sent to CEC in President's name – be on the lookout!
- Member Appreciation Luncheon – 7/16, back up C141
- PDT 7/20-7/25/16
- Columbus or Ohio bumper sticker for PDT
- Purchase of \$50 gift card for PDT Charity Donation – Amazon
- August Luncheon – 8/27, C-122 Heather Murnane – Matt to follow-up (Maybe check with Whitehall mayor or Ms. Reed?)
- September Joint Luncheon – plan with ASMC (date, location, topic/speaker, food)
- October One-Day PDT – 10/25/19, NEED SPEAKERS, AGA National Speaker, Discussion with DFAS for Accounting Operations, etc. Training Funds
- Meeting with First Command – Sponsorship, 7/30 (Barb), to discuss what they will get in return for sponsorship
- Discuss Mini Conference Proposal – everyone in agreement, discussed potential for AGA to offset members costs at ASMC conference
- OSU Game Volunteers – ASMC needs help coordinating, but we have fears in doing so

Checking the July Chapter “To-Do” List:

- July 1 – CEC to Submit Membership Appreciation Certificates to President & Programs Chair (done, printed and signed)
- July 1 – Submit Meetings, Education, CGFM, Community Service, Membership, Early Career Plans to RVP, SVPRS, and National Office
- July 15 – Finalize Plans for August Luncheon Speaker (Heather Murnane being confirmed for 8/27)
- July 15 – Submit Request for AGA National Speaker for Fall Conference
- July 15 – Secure Date/Venue for Fall Conference (done, Creekside, 10/25/19)
- July 31 – Begin Recruitment for OSU Football Volunteers (Shaq, Marc and all)

Finance & Budget– Marc Willis/Shaq Chambers

- Received final Lids check \$711.27

Programs –Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri

- Membership appreciation luncheon tomorrow at Red Pavilion

Membership/Early Career –Matt Little

- Annual Membership Social Event planning

Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

TUESDAY AUG 27 11:30-1:00	Greater Columbus AGA Luncheon – Mr. Ryan Carlson, DFAS-CO Topic and Location TBD	1 CPE TBD
SATURDAY AUG 31	Volunteer Event – OSU Football vs. Florida Atlantic Ohio Stadium	
WEDNESDAY SEPT 4 1:00-2:00	AGA National Members Only Webinar Self-Registration at AGA National Website	1 CPE Personal Development
SATURDAY SEPT 7	Volunteer Event – OSU Football vs. Cincinnati Ohio Stadium	
WEDNESDAY SEPT 11 2:00-3:50	AGA National Webinar – Everyone Communicates, Few Connect Hosted by Greater Columbus AGA Room TBD	2 CPE Personal Development
SEPT TBD	Greater Columbus AGA/Buckeye Chapter ASMC – Joint Luncheon Topic and Location TBD	1 CPE TBD
SATURDAY SEPT 21	Volunteer Event – OSU Football vs. Miami OH Ohio Stadium	
SATURDAY OCT 5	Volunteer Event – OSU Football vs. Michigan St. Ohio Stadium	
WEDNESDAY OCT 23 2:00-3:50	AGA National Webinar – Topic TBD Hosted by Greater Columbus AGA Room TBD	2 CPE Governmental Auditing
FRIDAY OCT 25 8:00-4:30	Greater Columbus AGA Fall PDT Creekside Event Center	7 CPE TBD

**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 National Council of Chapters Representative	Matthew Little Ben Thayer
Accountability Outreach	Andy Higgins
By-Laws	Elizabeth Gibbs
Communications 1	Will Kays
Communications 2	Joe Scipione, CGFM
Community Service 1	Ben Thayer
Community Service 2	Catrina Davis-Harris
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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