



December 2019 Newsletter

President's Message:

December Theme: Preparing to Weather the “Storms”

Greetings AGA Greater Columbus Chapter members! December has arrived, along with all the excitement of the holidays and enjoyment of well-deserved relaxation time. As we look towards the new year rapidly approaching, let's resolve to “prepare to weather any ‘storms’” it may bring. With an optimistic attitude, look at any future career challenges you recognize and prepare to meet and overcome them.

Active participation in AGA offers several ways to prepare – there are multiple opportunities to join a committee, take on a leadership role as a committee director or chapter officer, further your education and certification, along with meeting and networking with new people ☺ I know I've said similar things in other messages, but I truly have witnessed the positive effect AGA has had on myself and many others.



The OSU home football games have come to a successful end, many thanks to all the volunteers that worked the LIDS merchandise stand, allowing our Chapter to earn a healthy contribution to our funds that go towards scholarships, webinar purchases, and other chapter operating expenses. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is right around the corner too – please watch for the announcements soon on how to participate in this worthy community service.

We celebrated the December holidays with an offsite event at Pies & Pints at Easton on December 4th – networking and camaraderie fun at its finest ☺

Be on the lookout for the announcements detailing upcoming webinars and luncheons in the New Year!

Happiest of Holidays to you and your families!

“There are some things you learn best in calm, and some in storm.” – Willa Cather

Sincerely,

Barb Bail
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

Treasurer's Report – as of November 30, 2019

Checking Balance: \$11,651.51 (↑ \$4,276.03)

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

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,080.35 (↑ \$13.58)

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.

New Members

Greater Columbus AGA would like to welcome our newest member: Ms. Maria DeAngelis - who joined in November 2019. We're glad you joined the chapter!

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, 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.

November 2019 CEC Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2019, 11:00 AM – 12:00PM
DSCC Building 21

In attendance: Barb Bail, Kristen Hershberger, Glenn Weimar, Connie Sombaty, Cindy Shoe, Bob Palmieri, Andy Higgins, Carolyn Lutz, Ayisha King, Eric Gersper, Ben Thayer, Matt Little, Liz Marsh

Presidential Updates:

- Barb is on the PDT 2020 Technical Committee (Contact Kia Lor at AGA National if you would like to be on this committee that helps suggest and select PDT session topics/speakers)
- **Chapter Planning Calendar**
 - November 15 – Deadline to submit CRP suggestion to National Office
 - November 15 – Finalize Plans for December Holiday Social Event (Matt made reservation at Pies & Pints for 12/04/19)
 - November 30 – Begin planning for VITA Community Service Event (Will)
 - November 30 – Ensure Scholarship Information is distributed (Ben) when do you need your committee?
 - December 10 – Chapter Anniversary
 - December 15 – Finalize Plans for January Luncheon Speaker
 - December 20 – Prepare annual list of active members recommended for PDT attendance
 - December 30 – 2nd Quarter CRP Deadline
 - January 15 – Secure Venue for Spring Conference (Working on that now for tentative date of 3/19/20)
 - January 15 – Finalize Plans for February Luncheon Speaker
 - January 31 – Secure Auditor for review of Fiscal Year Treasurer Report (Pat has contacted ODU already)
 - January 31 – Send message to Governor’s Office Requesting CGFM Month Proclamation
 - January 25 – Elect the new National Council of Chapters Representative

President-Elect Updates:

- Greater Columbus AGA and Buckeye Chapter ASMC are looking at Noah Event Venue in New Albany (off SR-161) hosting the Spring PDT.

Treasurer Updates:

- PO Box Renewal Date – new renewal date is 4/30/2020
- Need to order a new set of checks
- Need to buy a book of stamps
- ASMC asked to see SOPs

Committee Updates:

- **Finance & Budget– Marc Willis/Shaq Chambers**
Preparing for last OSU Home Game

- **Programs – Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri**
AGA Luncheon with Mr. Michael Stinziano/Franklin County Auditor; 23 attendees expected
- **Membership/Early Career – Matt Little**
Exploring membership drive in early 2020
- **Certification – Ayisha King/Glenn Weimer**
New CGFM Study guides were approved; Eric offered to buy and be reimbursed; Bob offered to help with study group sessions as needed.
- **Education – Eric Gersper/Connie Sombaty**
Webinar Wednesday, 11/20; Lead! 2020 will be held April 30 – May 2, 2020 in Dallas, TX.
Registration and travel info will be provided in December; March 2020 Joint AGA/ASMC PDT – tentative date 3/19/20 – Planning Committee – January timeframe (Cindy will share info she researched for location and food)
- **Community Service – Catrina Davis Harris**
VITA will tentatively be held Sat. Feb 8 – Sat. March 14th at Northland and West HS. Super Saturday will be Saturday, Feb. 1st at Downtown High School. I'll be getting together some information on training and get it out in the next couple weeks so people can earn their certifications in order to volunteer.
- **Scholarships – Ben Thayer**
More to come in January 2020
- **By Laws - Liz Gibbs**
New By-Laws Template – moved a number of by-laws to policy and procedures – would like to reach out to other chapters for input – will send out new copy soon
- **Accountability – Andy Higgins**
2nd quarter due 12/31/2019

Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

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| WEDNESDAY DEC 18 1:00 – 2:00 PM | AGA Members-Only Individual Webinar “Failing Forward” Register via AGA National Website | 1 CPE/CET – Personal Development |
| SATURDAY FEB 8 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Greater Columbus AGA Volunteer Opportunity Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Northland HS/West HS, Columbus OH | |
| SATURDAY FEB 15 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Greater Columbus AGA Volunteer Opportunity Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Northland HS/West HS, Columbus OH | |
| SATURDAY FEB 22 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Greater Columbus AGA Volunteer Opportunity Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Northland HS/West HS, Columbus OH | |
| SATURDAY FEB 29 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Greater Columbus AGA Volunteer Opportunity Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Northland HS/West HS, Columbus OH | |
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| SATURDAY MAR 7 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Greater Columbus AGA Volunteer Opportunity Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Northland HS/West HS, Columbus OH | |
| SATURDAY MAR 14 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Greater Columbus AGA Volunteer Opportunity Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Northland HS/West HS, Columbus OH | |
| WEDNESDAY MAR 4 2:00 – 3:50 PM | AGA Group Webinar Improper Payments DFAS-CO Building 21, Room B215 | 2 CPE/CET – Auditing |
| WEDNESDAY MAR 18 2:00 – 3:50 PM | AGA Group Webinar Cybersecurity DFAS-CO Building 21, Room B215 | 2 CPE/CET – Computer Science |
| THURSDAY MAR 19 8:00 – 4:30 PM | AGA Greater Columbus/Buckeye Chapter ASMC Joint Conference Noah’s Event Venue, New Albany, OH | 7 CPE/CET – Various Areas |

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

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| President | Barb Bail, CGFM |
| President-Elect | Cindy Shoe |
| Secretary | Kristen Hershberger |
| Treasurer | Pat Jackson |

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| 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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