



January 2022 Newsletter

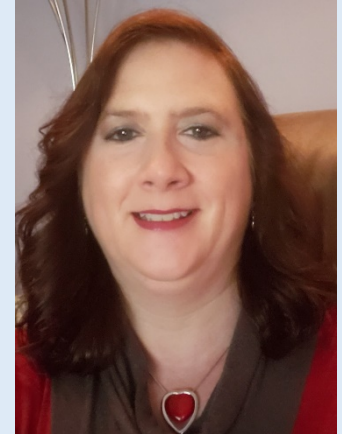
Happy New Year!

“And now let us welcome the New Year, full of things that never were.” – Rainer Maria Rilke.

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy New Year! Did you make any resolutions for the New Year?

I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome our newest members in the last year. Everyone please take a moment to reach out to them and welcome them to our Chapter.

Welcome: Rebecca S. Beck, Tosha M. Conley, John Crockett, Brian Gardner, Leisha A. Hickman, Rhonda L. Kline, Christopher S. Long, Brittany Maufort, Michele Porter, Dorema Rouse, Ioannis M. Tiliakos, Melanie Wernert, Darlene M. Wildes, and our newest member Pamela Natasha Pronty.



As the president of the AGA Greater Columbus Chapter, I welcome all of you and challenge you to spread the word about the benefits of becoming an AGA member.

Did you know AGA is holding a Recruitment Challenge? By reaching out to colleagues and friends, sharing what AGA means to you and inviting them to join, you could receive awards and rewards!

All recruiters receive an AGA Recruiter lapel pin and an AGA reusable face mask.

- Monthly Drawings: Each month, recruiters are entered into a drawing for a chance to win a cool tech product (i.e., wireless earbuds, noise-canceling head phones, Amazon Echo Dots, Bluetooth speakers, etc.) or a \$200 Amazon gift card — names and prizes are drawn randomly. The more members you recruit, the more chances you have to win!
- Grand Prize: All recruiters will be entered into the drawing for a chance to win a complimentary virtual registration to the 2022 Professional Development Training (PDT) event.
- Recruiter Recognition Awards
- Recruiter of the Year (one winner) — the member who recruits the highest number of new members during the campaign will be presented with this award and receive complimentary AGA national event registrations for one year (this includes NLT, PDT and Fraud)
- Top Recruiter (two winners) — the next two members who recruit the highest number of new members during the campaign will be presented with this award. Each will receive a complimentary AGA national training registration of their choice.

As members, YOU are the best advocates for AGA membership! Only you know how AGA membership has impacted you and your professional career and can easily convey it to others. Tell them what AGA means to you! By recruiting new members, you can help strengthen your Association and impact the future of your profession! In as little as 5 minutes — with a quick call, a Zoom chat, or an email, you can have a tremendous impact!

“The beginning is always today.” – Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

Connie Sombaty
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

Treasurer's Report – as of December 31, 2021

Checking Balance: \$11,356.29 (↑\$2,082.93)

Savings Balance: \$1,059.64 (↑\$0.09)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,287.18 (↑\$4.23)

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.

January 2022 CEC Meeting Minutes

Notes from the January Meeting held on 1/24/2022:

Meeting Minutes

AGA CEC Meeting

Date: January 24, 2022

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Bridge Line 614-701-4444; DSN 791-4444; 855-719-6909; Access Code: 426700#
Chair PIN; Log in, then press * then: 235689#

Attendees: - Connie Sombaty, Cindy Shoe, Ben Thayer, Catrina Davis-Harris, Shane Nicklaus

| o DISCUSSION TOPIC | SPEAKER |
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| <p>Presidential Updates:</p> <p>Chapter Planning Calendar</p> <p><u>January</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o January 31 – Secure Auditor for review of Fiscal Year Treasurer Report o January 31 – Send message to Governor’s Office Requesting CGFM Month Proclamation o January 25 – Elect the new National Council of Chapters Representative <p><u>February</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o February 14 – Solicit auditor for FY audit o February 14 – Finalize Plans for March AGA/ASMC Conference Speakers o February 14 – Renewal of Chapter Insurance Policy o February 20 – Establish the Chapter Nominating Committee, led by the President Elect o February 28 – Finalize Plans for March CGFM Luncheon <p>President-Elect Update:</p> <p>Treasurer Update :</p> | <p>Ms. Connie Sombaty, President Ms. Leisha Hickman, President Elect Mr. Shane Nicklaus, Treasurer Ms. Linda Gover, Secretary</p> |

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| <p>Committee Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Finance & Budget – Vacant o Chapter Historian – Vacant o Programs –Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri o Membership/Early Career –Cindy Shoe – renewals will be coming out soon o Certification – Glenn Weimer o Education – Eric Gersper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spring PDT-tentative timeframe in April-reach out to front office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning starts first week in Feb - Any events that need to be planned around? - Any volunteers to help plan? - Members Only Webinar on Communication – Wednesday o Community Service – Catrina Davis Harris – Thanks for donating adopt a family for Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VITA-actively recruiting volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preference to those with background/interest in taxes - Certification testing usually take a few hours - Virtual volunteering is available - See Will Kays with any questions o Scholarships – Ben Thayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confirm we still want to offer 3 scholarships of \$500 like last year o By Laws - Liz Gibbs o Communications – Will Kays/Joe Scipione <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newsletter will be sent out post meeting updates - Gmail mailing list has been updated with current membership listing o Accountability – Vacant o NCC Rep – Ben Thayer – term ends in June, nominating Will Kays] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nominations for next chapter NCC Rep - National update announcement at NLT in February 22 & 23 | <p>Committee Directors /Co- Directors</p> |
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Community Service News

VITA News

The Greater Columbus AGA encourages members who have a background in tax preparation to volunteer for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) for the 2021 Tax Season (February thru April). You must pass certification exams and virtual volunteering (as little or as much as you want) is available! If you have any questions, please reach out to Will Kays at william.y.kays.civ@mail.mil

Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

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| Jan 26 2 – 3:15 PM | Free Members-Only Webinar – How We Communicate (FOS: Personal Development) | 1.5 CPE/CET Register @ agacgfm.org |
| Mar 2 2 – 3:50 PM | Improper Payments Group Webinar (FOS: Auditing) | 2 CPE/CET |
| Mar 16 2 – 3:15 PM | Free Members-Only Webinar (FOS: Personal Development) | 1.5 CPE/CET Register @ agacgfm.org |
| Mar 23 2 – 3:50 PM | Cyber Security/ERM Group Webinar (FOS: Information Teechnology) | 2 CPE/CET |
| Apr 20 2 – 3:50 PM | CARES Act Group Webinar (FOS: Auditing) | 2 CPE/CET |
| May 11 2 – 3:50 PM | Fraud/Data Analytics Group Webinar (FOS: Auditing) | 2 CPE/CET |
| June 8 2 – 3:50 PM | Leadership Group Webinar (FOS: Human Resources) | 2 CPE/CET |

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

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| President | Connie Sombaty |
| President-Elect | Leisha Hickman |
| Secretary | Linda Gover |
| Treasurer | Shane Nicklaus |

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| 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 | Carolyn Lutz |
| Scholarships Committee | Ben Thayer |

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