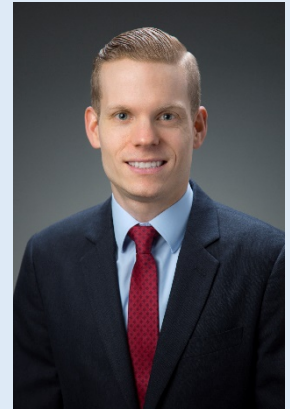




February 2018 Newsletter

Members,

I hope you've been enjoying your February! March has a lot in store for AGA, and I hope you're excited. First of all, it's CGFM Month! Please consider this certification when you think about professional development. All of our CGFMs will be enjoying a luncheon later in March. Stay tuned for further information. Also, AGA has been busy planning our upcoming March 27th, 2018 AGA/ASMC Professional Development Institute at Creekside Event Center in Gahanna. At this event, in a new venue, you'll have the opportunity to earn 7 CPE/CET in a variety of topics. We'll have great speakers such as Ms. Debra White Johnson from DFAS-CO DDSS, and Clarence Mingo from the Franklin County Auditor's Office. One presentation I'm looking forward to is the one on public speaking, which I think we could all benefit on. As members, you'll pay the cheapest rate, \$10.00, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, and as I mentioned, a great new venue. Come get a head start on your DoD FM Certification CET cycle, and enjoy the great networking benefits of taking part in our conference as well.



Last month, we had AGA Webinar on February 7th, on the topic of Understanding GASB's New Standards on Leases and Fiduciary Activities (thanks to those who attended, despite the snowy weather!). On February 21st, our Monthly Luncheon topic was Financial Reporting with Ms. Tammy Kicas from DFAS Columbus Departmental Reporting. Thank you to all that were able to make it and complete the session.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is continuing through March 17th at Northland and West High Schools in Columbus. We've helped prepare tax returns for over 80 individuals/families so far this year. If you're interested in the volunteering (it's not too late) and the requirements of being a greeter or tax preparer, visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/GreaterColumbus/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/VITA-Community-Service-Opportunity.aspx>. You can sign up to volunteer at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/tax-time-of-central-ohio-13565822654>. Please contact me at william.y.kays.civ@mail.mil if you have any questions

You officially have a month remaining to send in your renewal to AGA National. While they will send you a paper invoice, it's easiest to renew online at <http://www.agacgfm.org> and renew your AGA Membership for the 2018-2019 year. You definitely want to keep getting access to all of our CPE opportunities, leadership development positions, and more. Our website (<http://www.agacgfm.org/greatercolumbus>) and our e-mail updates have more information on all these topics. Check back frequently for new information and stay informed, so you receive full benefits from your AGA Membership.

Sincerely,

Will Kays
President, Greater Columbus AGA

Treasurer's Report – as of 1/31/2018

Checking Balance: \$23,436.31 (↑\$4,861.08)

Savings Balance: \$1,056.45 (No Change)

Certificate of Deposit: \$5,170.71 (↑\$2.41)

What You Need To Know

Get Involved

Our Greater Columbus chapter currently has CEC Openings in Education, Communications, Finance & Budget, and Community Service. 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 two newest members, Ms. Hayley May and Ms. Leslie Armstrong. We're excited to have you join the chapter!

Full AGA Webinar Schedule Available

AGA National has published the full topic and date list for AGA Webinars for 2017-2018. Our chapter has purchased all 12 webinars (6 remain!). Visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars.aspx>

Follow Us On Instagram

Social media savvy? Follow our chapter on Instagram under "agabuckeyes". We'll typically post pictures from chapter events.



Help us Fundraise

Don't forget to renew 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>

Chapter Member Centric Report

Please take a look at our chapter's Member-Centric Report! The report is intended to summarize our chapter's most recent fiscal year and give members access to our activities, finances, and strategic goals. <https://www.agacgfm.org/aga/chaptersites/GreaterColumbus/files/AGA%20CCR%202016-17.pdf>

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.

March is CGFM Month!

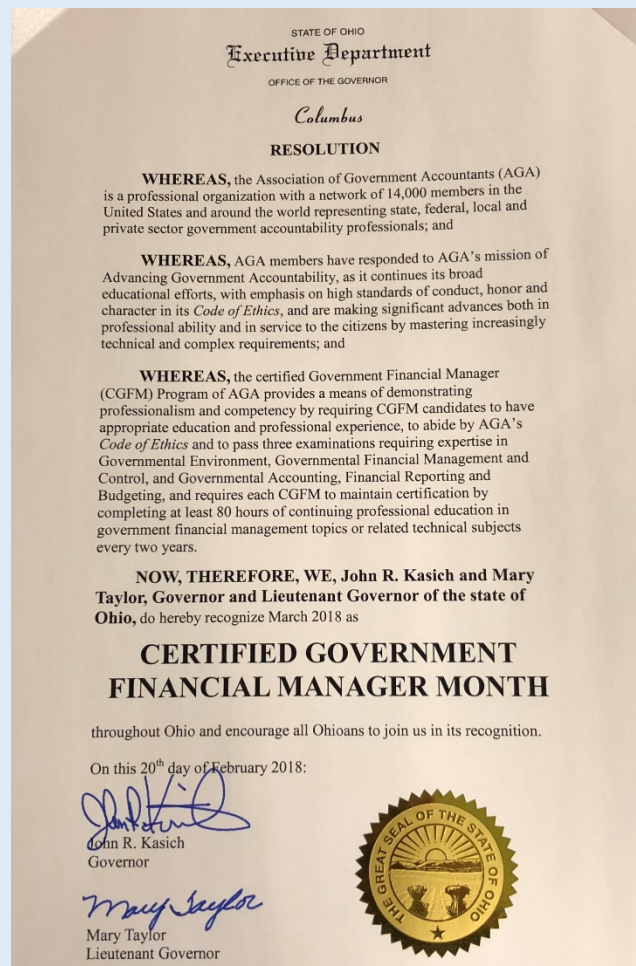
March means CGFM Month for AGA, and don't take our word for it -- Governor John Kasich and Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor have designated March 2018 as Certified Government Financial Manager Month throughout Ohio! Check out the official proclamation below.

What are the benefits of the CGFM Certification?

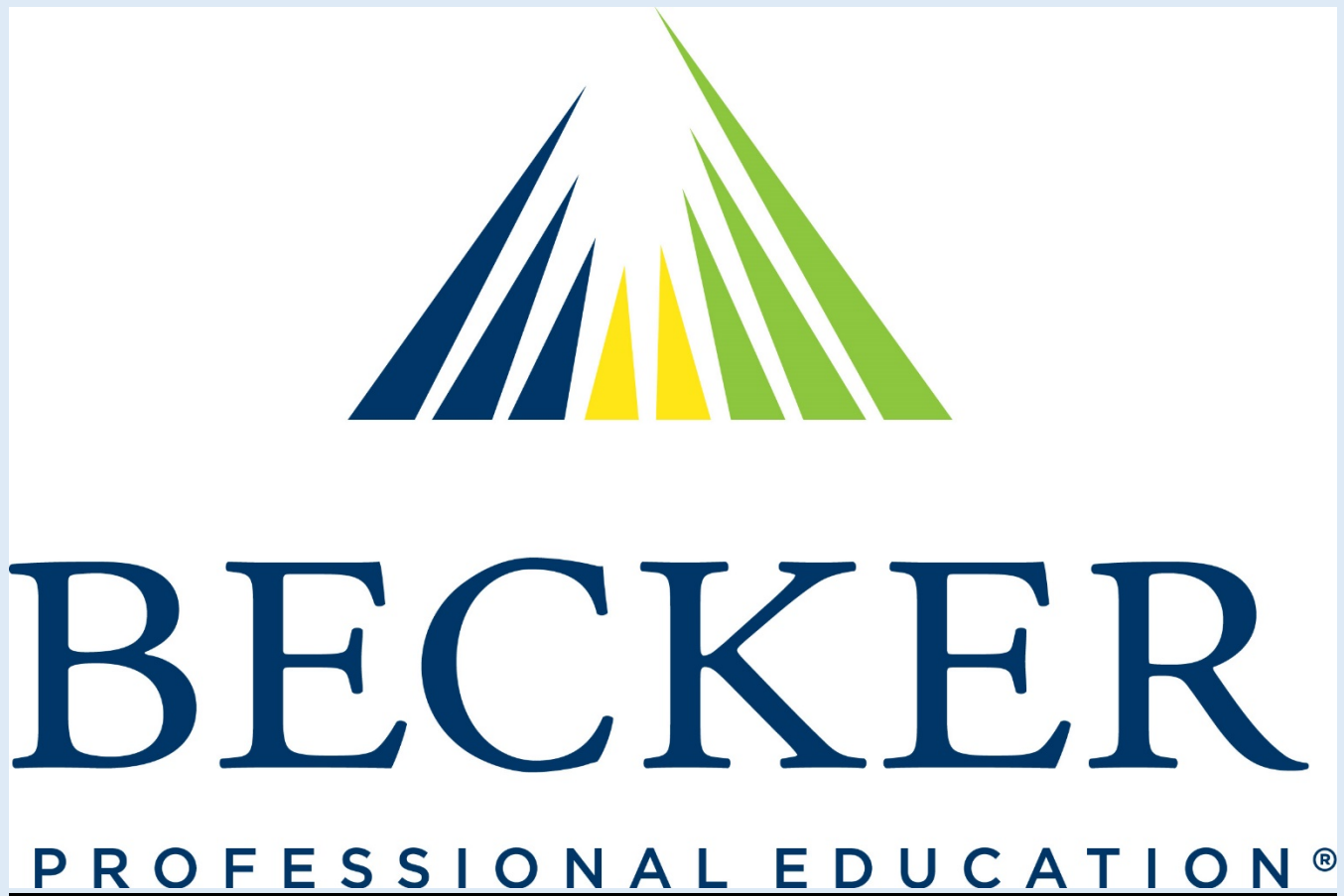
CGFM highlights your achievements, serves as a tangible indicator of your experience and knowledge and stays with you throughout your career. In addition, the CGFM may:

- enhance your marketability throughout all levels of government (local, state, and federal).
- provide networking opportunities with other government financial managers.
- support continued education to keep you informed of the latest developments and cutting edge technologies.
- provide increased employee value, both real and perceived.
- increase confidence on the job.

The Greater Columbus Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Chapter has study guides available for each of the three (3) sections which you can borrow in two (2) week increments or you can order your own study material online. For more information please contact either Bob Mako 701-3017 or Barb Bail 701-3445 or check out the AGA National website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification>



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AGA January CEC Meeting Notes

February 20, 2018

DSCC Building 21 – 2nd Floor Fishbowl Meeting Room

In attendance: Lindsay Harris, Pat Jackson, Matt Little, Will Kays, Ben Thayer, Cindy Shoe, Ayisha King, Eric Gersper, Marc Willis, Jason Gentile

President Updates (Will Kays)

- SLM Attendees: Matt Little & Lindsay Harris - alternate: Cindy Shoe
- Names Submitted to Front Office for 2018 Orlando PDT from our chapter
- Next month's meeting will include the CRP – Monday, March 19th

President-Elect Updates (Matt Little)

- Potential new CEC member Marc Willis introduced
 - Nominated for Finance & Budget Co-Chair
 - Has the ability to meet Co-Chair Responsibilities and is willing to support the OSU game fundraiser

- CEC voted and 10 members in attendance approved
- Investment Proposal Drafts
 - Moving funds from Credit Union CD/Savings to Goldman Sachs account at the maturity date of our current CD (March 2018), to take advantage of higher interest rate.
 - Treasurer will begin establishing the accounts
- Nominating Committee continuing meetings

Treasury Report (Eric Gersper):

- Presented January Treasurer's Report

Committee Updates:

- **Finance & Budget – Marc Willis**
 - No Update
- **Chapter Historian – Jason Gentile**
 - Reviewing Instagram page to ensure followers are professional colleagues/have positive images
- **Membership – Bob Palmieri/Ed Young**
 - Renewal Period Has Begun, members should renew by March 31st
 - 2 New Members this Month
- **Programs – Kristen Hershberger/Lindsay Harris**
 - Registration closes at 2 p.m. on 2-20 for February Luncheon
- **Certification – Barb Bail/Bob Mako**
 - Requested the CGFM Month Proclamation from the Governor's representative
 - Planning the CGFM Luncheon for late March
- **By-Laws – Elizabeth Gibbs**
 - No Update
- **Communications – Pat Jackson**
 - Working to send chapter e-mails via Outlook in place of G-mail, will update when more information is available
- **Education – Vacant**
 - Thanks to those who came to the Tax Reform Talk with Tabatha Tomlinson in January
 - IR will not be sharing the cost of webinars
 - Luncheon on Wednesday, 2/21 with Ms. Tammy Kicas from Departmental Reporting
 - Coordinating event dates with more organizations/using DFAS Event Calendar (Matt Little)
 - PDT Update – expectation is for all CEC members to attend, if at all possible. Encourage individuals in your work area to attend!
- **Community Service & Scholarships – Vacant**
 - VITA continues through March 17th. We have openings for Greeters and Tax Preparers (primarily at West HS). Further information is available on the Chapter Website.
 - Scholarship Information has been sent out – will be shared with AGA Membership & Site Support
- **Accountability Outreach – Cindy Shoe**
 - AGA National Newsletter and Website Awards are the obvious items to nominate the chapter for (receipt at the National PDT)
 - Cindy is checking on the criteria to see if we qualify for any additional awards

Looking Ahead – Calendar of Chapter Events

MAR 7 2:00 – 3:50	AGA Group Webinar - Infrastructure Financing With State and Local Government DSCC Building 21, Room A-119 (Erie Room)	2 CPE Finance
MAR 19 11:00 – 12:00	AGA CEC Meeting DSCC Building 21 Fishbowl – 2 nd Floor	
TBD	CGFM Month Luncheon	
MAR 27 8:00 – 4:30	Greater Columbus AGA/Buckeye Chapter ASMC Spring Professional Development Training Creekside Event Center	7 CPE Various
MAR 27 4:30 – 6:00	Greater Columbus AGA/Buckeye Chapter ASMC No-Host Social Creekside Local Cantina Restaurant	
MAR 28 2:00 – 3:50	AGA Group Webinar - Cybersecurity DSCC Building 21, Room A-119 (Erie Room)	2 CPE Finance
APR 11 2:00 – 3:50	AGA Group Webinar - Ethics DSCC Building 21, Room B-123 (Scioto Room)	2 CPE Behavioral Ethics
APR 16 11:00 – 12:00	AGA CEC Meeting DSCC Building 21 Fishbowl – 2 nd Floor	

**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	-Vacant-
Education 2	-Vacant-
Finance & Budget 1	Marc Willis
Finance & Budget 2	-Vacant-
Historian	Jason Gentile
Membership 1	Ed Young
Membership 2	Bob Palmieri
Programs 1	Lindsay Harris
Programs 2	Kristen Hershberger

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