



February 2020 Newsletter

President's Message:

February Theme: "Beware of Career 'Potholes'"

Greetings AGA Greater Columbus Chapter members! February already and we have an extra bonus day this leap year! Spring is right around the corner now. Having grown up on the East Coast, I enjoy all four seasons, but must confess that winter is not my favorite. "Shorter" days, less sunshine, potholes growing like weeds on our roads. Like the potholes we try to avoid on the roads, I've found that we should also "Beware of Career "Potholes" on our "Road to Success".

Sometimes potholes can't be avoided, but recognizing them and getting through them is a victory of sorts. In everyone's career path, challenges arise that can be frustrating or disappointing. If we get stuck in the potholes and ruts, personal and career growth is often stymied. But the feeling of satisfaction when we conquer those trials can be just the motivation needed to maintain a steady path forward.



AGA, specifically the Greater Columbus Chapter, has some exciting upcoming events. This month we start participating in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program at Northland and West High Schools, a well-appreciated community service. Please consider volunteering for 1 or more Saturdays; it's just a few hours where we can share our talents with others in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. Planning is well under way for the Spring 2020 Joint AGA/ASMC Professional Development Training. Registration information and the complete agenda will be coming soon. The AGA hosted webinars will be back starting in March, as well as Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Recognition Month.

"Potholes and bumps? Welcome to the world. Every road has them. They're there to be navigated, avoided, driven over, or through to the other side. Don't keep driving into the pothole." – Nora Roberts

Sincerely,

Barb Bail
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

Treasurer's Report – as of January 31, 2019

Checking Balance: \$15,053.47 (↑\$2,217.19)

Savings Balance: \$1,058.61 (No Change)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,107.13 (↑\$13.62)

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 members: Mr. Brenden Balestra, Mrs. Sandra Hegarty, Ms. Cassandra McDuff, Ms. Amy Wesley, who all joined in January 2020.

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! For more info, contact Ayisha King or 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.

Remembering Bob Osborne



This past December, our AGA Greater Columbus Chapter, lost a valued member and friend. Dr. Robert (Bob) Osborne passed away on December 23, 2019. Some of us remember Dr. Bob from his days working at DFAS and he is still remembered for his efforts in helping to develop DRRT/CCAS. Many of us knew him through his passion for teaching accounting. He taught and mentored thousands of students over the years (including hundreds of DFAS associates) at Columbus State Community College, Park University, Central Michigan University, Capital University, Ohio University, and Ohio Dominican University just to name a few.

Dr. Bob was a proud Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM), Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Certified Financial Manager (CFM), Certified Business Manager (CBM), Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP), and Accredited Tax Preparer (ATP) and earned and maintained several other professional accounting and auditing certifications and degrees including Doctor of Business Administration (DBA). He was a prime example of a “lifelong learner” and he would always say, with tongue in cheek, he needed more letters after his name. Dr. Bob was a valued member of AGA since 1995, and even after his retirement from DFAS, he continued to serve our AGA chapter by auditing our financial records for several years. He was among the first to have an accounting class participate in the AGA Case Challenges, with his ODU group winning the competition 2 years in a row! Dr. Bob also served in the U.S. Army and in the ASMC Buckeye Chapter in several capacities. He will long be remembered for his dedication to the Governmental Accounting field. Rest in Peace, Bob.

Chapter Scholarship Information Available

Know a high school or college student who could use some extra help on paying tuition?

The Greater Columbus AGA Chapter is offering three scholarships to individuals who successfully complete the required application and essay, obtain a professional reference and are currently graduating from high school or pursuing higher education (Undergraduate/Graduate) at a college within the state of Ohio or are an Ohio resident.

Deadline to register is Monday, April 13, 2020. For more details and to download the application, please visit: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Greater-Columbus-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/AGA-Scholarship-Information-Available.aspx>

January 2020 CEC Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2019, 11:00 AM – 12:00PM
DSCC Building 21

In attendance: Barb Bail, Kristen Hershberger, Ayisha King, Eric Gersper, Matt Little, Liz Marsh, Pat Jackson, Cindy Shoe, Joe Scipione, Will Kays

Presidential Updates:

- The Central Ohio Chapter has reached out to see if our chapter was interested in joining them at early career presentations at local universities (promoting AGA student membership), I replied yes. First presentation will be March 25th at OSU at 7:07 pm. POC Samantha Alberts
- The Cleveland Chapter checked out our chapter's website and inquired via email from their Treasurer about how we have such a large CEC and membership – they find telework an issue. They would like to do a joint event in the future, possibly VTC (looking into if we can use DFAS equipment)
- Any more CEC interested in being recommended to DFAS for going to the National PDT in July? (July 19-22, Grapevine/Dallas, TX) – let Cindy and I know ASAP.
- **Chapter Planning Calendar**
 - 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 (**Pending**)
 - January 15 – Finalize Plans for February Luncheon Speaker
 - January 31 – Secure Auditor for review of Fiscal Year Treasurer Report (**Pat Jackson already reached out to ODU POC**)
 - January 31 – Send message to Governor's Office Requesting CGFM Month Proclamation
 - January 25 – Elect the new National Council of Chapters Representative (**I AW the Chapter By-Laws**)
 - February 14 – Solicit auditor for FY audit
 - February 14 – Finalize Plans for March AGA/ASMC Conference Speakers
 - February 14 – Renewal of Chapter Insurance Policy
 - February 20 – Establish the Chapter Nominating Committee, led by the President Elect
 - February 28 – Finalize Plans for March CGFM Luncheon

President-Elect Updates:

- None

Treasurer Updates:

- Provided Monthly Report

Committee Updates:

- **Finance & Budget**
 - OSU Spring Game announced for 4/11; please consider volunteering.
 - Possible funding from the United Way
- **Programs**
 - H&R Block POC did not respond yet regarding luncheon speaker for January (Wednesday, 1/29/2020), so we are going with First Command
 - January food Jordan's Deli
- **Membership**
 - CGFM/Membership drive flyer drafted and under review
 - Drive planned to begin mid-January 2020
 - CRP updated, but missed Q2
 - Swag onsite, not much provided, let us know if you can think of any additional items to add at minimal cost
- **Certification**
 - Looking to do a drive or study group.
- **Education**
 - Education and Programs, along with President-Elect, requested to form AGA/ASMC Spring PDT Planning Committee, coordinating with ASMC's POC Terri Hilton. First meeting 1/14/20
 - Still working to get a tax speaker for February, reaching out to Matt Little for any other potential speakers
- **Community Service**
 - Communication has gone out via Will Kays for volunteering for the VITA Program, please consider this worthy community service opportunity
 - Working several other opportunities, more details/info to come
- **Scholarship Committee**
 - Please review application and provide feedback to Ben by 1/21/2020
 - Pat and Bob offered to assist in scoring scholarships
- **By-Laws**
 - Sending communication on By-Laws vote to Communications Chair
- **Accountability**
 - Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) – Directors, please review the CRP online screen for inputting points for your efforts, either input yourself or contact Andy Higgins for input.
 - Ben suggested look into DFAS Summer Interns preparing a CCR for DFAS, DLA, or DISA as a potential intern project
- **NCC Representative**
 - Lead Meeting in Dallas, TX April 30 – May 2, 2020 – Chapter reps will be NCC rep (Ben), President-Elect (Cindy, if available), and one other rep from recommended Membership or Education. Ben to reach out to find other chapter member.
 - Next meeting February 4, 2020

Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

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	
FEBRUARY LUNCHEON TBD	Stay tuned to your e-mail for details about our upcoming February Luncheon!	1 CPE/CET - TBD
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	
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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
DATE TBD	AGA Greater Columbus/Buckeye Chapter ASMC Joint Conference Venue TBD	7 CPE/CET – Various Areas
SUNDAY JULY 19 – WEDNESDAY JULY 22	AGA National Professional Development Training (PDT) Dallas, TX	25 CPE/CET

**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	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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