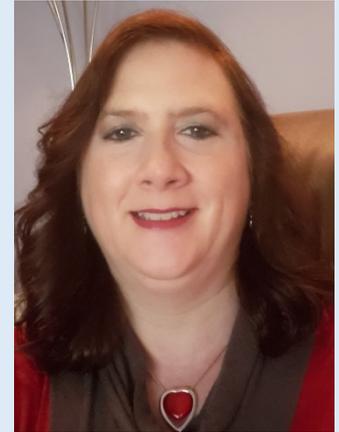


July 2021 Newsletter

July Theme: “Moving Forward”

Can you believe this year is halfway over already? It seems like these past 18 months have just flown by so fast. Soon the kids will be going back to school and some of us will start going back into the office. Finally, it feels like we truly are moving forward.

The National AGA PDT was held July 19th-21st, I hope you were able to attend. If you have never been to one, I highly recommend going next year. Not only does it cover up to 21 CPEs, there are tons of great speakers, knowledge and networking opportunities. The last two years it has been 100% virtual but they are hoping for an “in-person” PDT next year.



This year had some great sessions. One of my favorites included “What’s New from the Comptroller General” with Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General of the GAO. This session was very informative and Mr. Dodaro made it particularly interesting. Another favorite session was learning about “Digital Body Language” with Erica Dhawan. Erica wrote this book and it gives a lot of great information on how we can grow and improve our communications in the digital work environment. This will be a great read for any team struggling with their communications in the virtual setting. Also, if you get a chance, take a look at the Journal of Accountancy article: “GASB proposal addresses a variety of governmental accounting issues”, there are a lot of new updates that might be coming.

Want to be more involved in the Chapter? The Chapter is looking for individuals to fill some vacated CEC positions in Membership, Accountability, Chapter Historian and Budget and Finance. Please help the Chapter to grow by joining the CEC or recruiting new members.

I want to encourage you all to enjoy the rest of your summer! Take vacations, spend time with family, and get out of the house and away from your computer, if for even a short time, before summer fades away..

Connie Sombaty
Chapter President, Greater Columbus AGA

Treasurer's Report – as of June 30, 2021

Checking Balance: \$10,441.95 (↓ \$3,889.65)

Savings Balance: \$1,059.38 (↑ \$0.08)

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,261.40 (↑ \$4.36)

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 your 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.

Upcoming Membership & Volunteer Opportunities

Membership Drive!

Join us for the AGA Membership Drive on TACO TUESDAY August 24th at On The Border Easton 4175 Morse Crossing, Columbus, OH 43219. Each member is asked to invite a friend (or two) to enjoy food, fun and fellowship! We are also collecting canned goods for the Mid-Ohio Food Bank as part of FEDS FEED FAMILIES!

Blessing Box Book Drive

The Blessing Box Project will be adding a blessing box in Whitehall 1 block from the DSCC Broad Street entrance. AGA will be collecting Financial Literacy Books to donate to the Blessing Box. The books can be dropped off during our AGA Membership Drive on August 24th or can be mailed to:

Catrina Davis-Harris P.O. Box 713 Columbus, OH 43216

Here is a list of suggested books that will be donated:

- “I Want More Pizza” by Steve Burkholder
- “Rich Dad Poor Dad for Teens” by Robert T. Kiyosaki
- “The Money Challenge for Teens” by Art Rainer

POC: Catrina Davis-Harris (614) 701-2546

Support the Troops Opportunity

The Deployed Military Support Group is sending care packages for deployed troops. AGA Members can help in one of the following ways:

1. Two volunteers are needed to help pack on Thursday, August 19, 2021 on base in Building 21
2. Cash donations can be sent via Cash App \$DMSG21 (Memo: AGA for DMSG)
3. Donate items from the abbreviated list below:

Food Items

- Instant coffee and creamers (flavored ones)/Powdered Gatorade/Powdered hot chocolate/Kool-Aid (presweetened of course)/Crystal Light mixes
- Candy/Gum (anything that won't melt)
- Beef jerky
- Granola bars/ Little Debbie treats (rice crispy bars, brownies, etc.)
- Instant soup
- Nuts/Pringle Potato Chips (any size)

Practical Items

- Clorox wipes/Baby wipes (small packages)
- Eye Drops
- Chapstick

- Moisturizer lotions
- Contact lens cleaner
- Eye glasses wipes
- Disposable razors
- Sunscreen
- Ball caps – OSU is popular
- Cards to send home
- Ear plugs

POC: Vivian D. Martin
Deployed Family Support Group – Chairperson
614-701-3539

July 2021 CEC Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes

AGA CEC Meeting

Date: July 26, 2021

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, Cindy, Liz, Eric, Shane, Will, Ben, Catrina



o DISCUSSION TOPIC	SPEAKER
<p>Presidential Updates: -Director's Showcase/Extra Extravaganza slideshow- Please send updates/Suggestions to me by COB Tuesday 7/27/21. -Updates to slides 3, 5, 6 & 7</p> <p>-AGA email list has been "hacked" do not accept emails from me that do not come from civ@mail.mil address. Please visit this website for tips on phishing scams: https://aga.informz.net/informzdataservice/onlineversion/pub/bWFpbGluZ2luc3RhbmNlaWQ9ODY2MzM3Ng</p> <p><u>Chapter Planning Calendar</u></p> <p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o July 1 – CEC to Submit Membership Appreciation Certificates to President & Programs Chair o July 15 – Submit Meetings, Education, CGFM, Community Service, Membership, Early Career Plans to RVP, SVPRS, and National Office o July 15 – Finalize Plans for August Luncheon Speaker o July 19-21 National PDT o July 29 – Register as CPE Provider with Ohio State Board of Accountancy (Annual Renewal) o July 31 – (Odd Years Only) Submit Ohio Statutory Agent Registration/Fee to Ohio Sec. of State (Use Pres. Elect) o July 31 – Begin Recruitment for OSU Football Volunteers <p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o August 15 – Prepare IRS Tax Form 990 Filing (due August 15) o August 15 – Finalize Plans for September Luncheon Speaker (with ASMC) o August 31 – Annual Organizational Management Office (OMO) Professional Development Event o August 31 – Select/Pay Audio Conferences for upcoming Fiscal Year <p>President-Elect Update: -Still trying to find OSU booth contact</p> <p>Treasurer Update : -Send updated Treasurer's report -Outstanding check will be re-issued -Shane on leave August 13-21, please plan ahead for any financial transactions</p>	<p>Ms. Connie Sombaty, President Ms. Leisha Hickman, President Elect Mr. Shane Nicklaus, Treasurer Ms. Linda Gover, Secretary</p>

Committee Updates:

Committee
Directors /Co-
Directors

- o Finance & Budget – Vacant
- o Chapter Historian – Vacant
- o Programs –Carolyn Lutz/Bob Palmieri
- o Membership/Early Career –Cindy Shoe/Vacant
-Notification will be sent to try to have the suspended members rejoin
- o Certification – Glenn Weimer/Vacant
- o Education – Eric Gersper/Connie Sombaty
-DC Chapter co-sponsored webinars
-check with other chapters that may have collaborated with DC to see how it worked out (ie: costs, getting payments, people per event)
- o Community Service – Catrina Davis Harris
-New Blessing Box going in on Broad across from bldg 21 end of August/beg of Sept
-Looking for financial books/donations for middle/high school students
-8/19 Deployed Family Support collecting items for soldiers, also looking for nominations for recipients
-8/24 proposed meeting at Easton for Membership/can drive for Feds Feeds Families
- o Scholarships – Ben Thayer
- o By Laws - Liz Gibbs
- o Communications – Will Kays/Joe Scipione
- o Accountability – Cindy Shoe
-CCR due the end of September-submitting strategic plan
- o NCC Rep – Ben Thayer
-2021-2022 National President Gerry Boaz challenged all members to recruit 1 new member during the program year with the goal to double membership by July 2022 – piggy back on Membership Drive/Can Drive get together on 8/24
-Propose that our chapter collaborate with the Cincinnati Chapter to host a luncheon and possibly the fall PDT as well

Upcoming Calendar of Chapter Events

AUGUST 24	Membership Drive – On the Border Easton	
FALL 2021	Full Webinar Listing Coming Soon	2 CPE/CET

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

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

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	-Vacant-
Membership 2	-Vacant-
Programs 1	Bob Palmieri, CGFM
Programs 2	Carolyn Lutz
Scholarships Committee	Ben Thayer

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