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The Greater Columbus AGA –  
Advancing Government  
Accountability through  
education, certification,  
networking, and community  
service—all in the heart of Ohio.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*It's a great privilege being chapter President of the Greater Columbus AGA. I'm looking forward to a great year of further growing our chapter, and finding new ways to support you in your growth professionally and with AGA.*

*AGA has been a great way for me to be involved in a workplace community. Often, we get focused on our individual day-to-day work, but it's nice to be part of a larger financial management community to get further involved. I emphasize the word "financial management", because AGA is open to all types of employees—not just accountants! So whether you're an auditor, an accounting technician, a project manager, or someone who works with information technology, we all have a role in advancing government accountability.*

*Our chapter gives you so many chances to get involved. If you attend the chapter luncheons or networking events, that is great. But, take it a step further, and join a committee (e.g. Scholarship Committee), or participate in our Chapter Executive Committee. These are great items to put on a resume, but more importantly, great ways to support your growth within AGA.*

*Please reach out if you have any questions to any of our CEC Members. We're happy to discuss your growth within AGA.*

**-Matthew R. Little MBA**

**President, Greater Columbus AGA**

## ABOUT OUR CHAPTER

In mid 2004 it was decided that Columbus was in need of a federally-focused chapter of AGA, in order to complement the State & Local focused Central Ohio AGA Chapter.

A core group of seven individuals stepped forward to organize the chapter. Our chapter had its first monthly luncheon in October 2004. The chapter was officially chartered in December 2004. The first panel of elected Officers was installed in February 2005.

Since that time our chapter has grown significantly to approximately 100 members. Additionally, our chapter has won several national AGA awards, including being recognized several times as a gold or platinum-level chapter.



### **CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER DESIGNATION (CGFM)**

Our chapter supports all members who strive to obtain the CGFM Designation. It's a three-part examination, covering local, state, and federal governmental financial management. Specific topics include governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting.

Our chapter supports individuals by assisting with training materials. If you are employed by the federal government, the examination fees are often fully reimbursable. In addition, the CGFM designation is often considered when seeking out promotional opportunities within the Federal Government.

## CHAPTER EVENTS

### **EDUCATIONAL EVENTS**

The Greater Columbus AGA Chapter prides itself on our educational offerings. Each chapter year, we typically offer 7 to 8 luncheons at DFAS-Columbus (Bldg. 21), offering 1 CPE in a variety of topics. In addition, we provide chapter members 24 annual CPE via AGA Webinars, from September through June each year. Lastly, we offer two full-day (7 CPE) training events—each October and March. Watch for e-mails on Eventbrite Registration for these events.

### **SOCIAL/NETWORKING EVENTS**

Our chapter strives to hold several opportunities for our members to socialize and network — not only with other members of the chapter but also with members from the AGA Central Ohio Chapter. We hold an annual Membership Appreciation luncheon during the summer for our chapter to recognize those who make our chapter successful.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS**

Participation in community service is our opportunity to give a back to the communities in which we live and serve. Our chapter has historically made several opportunities available, including participation in the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, Financial Education Teaches Children Healthy Habits (FETCH) program, DECA, and others. Our chapter also provides two competitive \$1,000 scholarships to deserving college students on an annual basis.