

2019-2020 Member Centric Report

From The President:

Greetings AGA Greater Columbus Chapter members! It has been my honor to serve as your Chapter President for the 2019-2020 chapter year.

Congratulations to the incoming Chapter Officers for the 2020-2021 chapter year – President Cindy Shoe, President-Elect Connie Sombaty, Treasurer Pat Jackson, and Secretary Leisha Hickman. Please give them your full support as they fulfill these critical roles within our chapter. Special thanks to the 2019-2020 officers and Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Directors and Co-Directors, for all your support, hard work, and dedication. I look forward to seeing you all again soon at our next available function, when we get back to “normal” after the stay-at-home restrictions are lifted. May has traditionally been the month for the new Officers’ Induction Luncheon, we will have to be creative this year and plan to adapt to our current challenges.

Last year I opened with a President’s message based on the theme “The Road to Success is Always Under Construction”. Throughout the year, my monthly themes followed a pattern of encouraging self-development, participation, and being aware of obstructions in your “road”. This time last year, I asked the question “Do you Have Your Road Map?” Hopefully you are working on your short and long-term “maps” and goals for your career and personal development.

Congratulations to this year’s winners of the continuing education Scholarships! Volunteer members, their families and friends work at the Ohio State football games as a fundraiser which enables our chapter to fund these scholarships as well as covering other chapter operating expenses such as webinars, CGFM study guides, insurance, and our annual membership appreciation lunch.

Until our fulltime telework and stay-at-home restrictions end, we are not able to see each other at webinars, luncheons, and other AGA gatherings. Please join us for the online webinars which are in the announcements and we’re planning to try a virtual luncheon, including an educational topic/speaker. Stay tuned!

Please be safe and stay healthy! We look forward to seeing everyone at a future luncheon, webinar, and in the office.

“The road to success is not always straight and easy...there will be turns of defeat, potholes of depression, rocks and stones of personal problems in your way...believe it...when you finally scale the path and reach its end the smile on your face is one which you will never forget...” - Jeswin Maliyakal



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MISSION

AGA is a professional association advancing accountability, transparency and leadership by promoting education, certification, innovation and collaboration across all levels of government and to stakeholders.

2018-19 CHAPTER OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Bark Bail
PRESIDENT-ELECT: Cindy Show
SECRETARY: Kristin Hershberger
TREASURER: Pat Jackson

About the AGA Greater Columbus Chapter :

The Greater Columbus Chapter of the Association of Governmental Accountants was formed in 2004, after it was determined a chapter with a federal focus was needed to compliment the already robust Central Ohio Chapter, which focused on state and local government. The chapter has grown from 26 founding members to 155 members as of the end of fiscal year 2019-20. Our chapter prides itself in offering opportunities related to professional development, education, community service, and leadership development for our members. In addition, the Greater Columbus chapter has achieved platinum status with the AGA most every year since 2006, which demonstrates our commitment to carrying out AGA’s mission and vision.

Key Accomplishments



The Greater Columbus Chapter of AGA is proud of its many accomplishments throughout FY2019-20 related to community service, collaboration, strategic partnerships, leadership development, and social involvement.

2020 National Chapter Platinum Award

Chapter Recognition Program Awards

The Chapter Recognition Program is designed to support, encourage and promote AGA's mission and to provide flexible guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. Award levels are based on the number of credits earned during the year. Each chapter is listed with their 2019-2020 chapter president.

PLATINUM (19,501-25,000 credits)

Albuquerque Chapter Kory Hoggan	Guam Chapter Debbie CM Ngata
Atlanta Chapter Christine Rouse Owens, CIA, CGAP	Hawaii Chapter Shena Bocalbos
Baltimore Chapter Lori Lee	Idaho Centennial Chapter Christopher L. Floyd, CGFM
Baton Rouge Chapter Marella A. Houghton, CPA	Indianapolis Chapter John P. Campbell
Boston Chapter Craig C. Hall, MPA	Kansas City Chapter Mari A. Ruck
Central Indiana Chapter Stephen Tepner, CPA	Lincoln Chapter Ann Martinez
Central Kentucky Chapter Krista D. Jackson	Mid-Missouri Chapter Christina M. Freeman
Central Ohio Chapter Samantha JC Alberts	Mid-Ohio Valley WV Chapter Dana L. Morr, CGFM
Charleston WV Chapter Jamie L. Chambers, MS, CGFM, CIA, CGAP	Montgomery Chapter Latreska D. Williams
Chicago Chapter Franklin M. Moy, CGFM	Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter Freda D. Jackson, MBA, MSM, CGFM, CICA
Des Moines Chapter Kaylynn D. Short, CPA	Nashville Chapter Jennifer M. Garoutte, CGFM
East Tennessee Chapter Christopher M. Simons	New York Capital Chapter Jennifer B. Paperman
Greater Columbus Chapter Barbara Ann Bail, CGFM, CDFM-A, DFMC2	Northern Virginia Chapter Mike Fredrickson

Community Service & Scholarships

Greater Columbus AGA members have been integral parts of a variety of community service projects that have significantly impacted the Columbus area. The Chapter adopted two families through Adopt a Military Family for the Holidays 2019. In February 2020, chapter members partnered with the Central Ohio United Way in preparing more than 200 free tax returns for low-income individuals at two Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites within Franklin County, Ohio. Starting in March 2020, the Chapter donated to the Central Ohio Blessing Box Project to help with Pandemic Relief.

The Greater Columbus AGA awarded two \$500 Scholarships, One High School Graduate and one Undergraduate, in June and July 2020. This is a great way for the chapter to give back to the local community and develop future financial leaders in government!

Collaboration and Strategic Partnership

The Greater Columbus AGA Chapter has developed connections with the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) Buckeye Chapter in hosting luncheons, professional development training, and community service activities.

Leadership Development

Members are annually elected to the fifteen positions within the Greater Columbus Chapter. The chapter is continuously seeking new methods to attract and develop chapter leaders!

Social Involvement

The Greater Columbus Chapter prides itself on organizing opportunities for members to socialize in both professional and casual settings. In the past year, the chapter has organized two social events at local chapter events.

Educational Opportunities

Members of the AGA Greater Columbus chapter were provided with many educational and professional development opportunities throughout the year:

Luncheons

AGA Greater Columbus hosted five luncheons, providing members the opportunity to learn from engaging speakers on finance and accounting topics. The luncheons averaged 20 attendees and offered continuing education credits.

AGA Webinars

Chapter members were offered the opportunity to obtain 18 CPE by attending nine of AGA's informational webinars. Four of these webinars were extended virtually to members. This extended our reach to non-local members which would normally not be able to attend. AGA Webinars provide education on topics related to accounting, financial management, internal controls, ethics, and more.

Fall and Spring PDT

The Greater Columbus Chapter of AGA held our chapter Professional Development Training in October 2019. The training provided 7 CPE and over 90 individuals were in attendance.

Certifications

Chapter members have been successful in obtaining and maintaining professional certifications, including the CGFM, offered by AGA.



Chapter Financials: Revenue and Expenses by Fiscal Year

Revenue:	2019	2018	2017
Ohio State Revenue	\$8,638.66	\$7,122.04	\$5,186.63
PDT Revenue	\$7,141.71	\$7,278.81	\$6,441.36
Luncheon Revenue	\$800.00	\$634.15	\$575.70
Misc Revenue	\$1,503.18	\$1,481.77	\$3,277.50
Volunteer Collection	\$252.00	\$240.00	\$135.00
Interest Revenue	\$160.88	\$76.60	\$80.99
Total Revenue:	\$18,496.43	\$16,833.37	\$15,697.18

Expense:	2019	2018	2017
Reimbursements	\$1,835.00	\$1,563.40	\$1,025.00
Lunch/Socials	\$1,201.23	\$2,425.00	\$3,300.00
PDO/PDC	\$8,969.43	\$1,021.75	\$1,696.50
Audio Conferences	\$2,124.00	\$5,927.58	\$5,998.26
Scholarships/Special Donations	\$2,500.00	\$2,580.00	\$2,605.00
Misc-Reimbursements	\$487.35	\$510.00	\$1,515.26
Total Expense:	\$17,117.01	\$14,027.73	\$16,140.02

Strategic Goals and Challenges



Expand Membership

The Greater Columbus Chapter's most active members are professionals within the field of Finance, many of who have taken active roles within the chapter. Expanding our membership to financial professionals who are not necessarily accountants is an important goal for our chapter. Our challenge is to fully demonstrate the benefits and value of membership at a time of declining federal employment in our area. Therefore, emphasizing that expanding membership is a key future goal.

Expand Sources of Funding

Our chapter is interested in further developing opportunities to fundraise in order to continue funding a scholarship program for deserving individuals and fund further educational and developmental opportunities for members. Additionally, we are seeking additional sponsors from local and national organizations.

Promote the CGFM and Professional Certification

As of the end of Fiscal Year 2019-20, 24 AGA Greater Columbus Members hold the title of Certified Governmental Financial Manager. Our chapter continues to promote the designation as one that assists in enhancing governmental accountability and adds value for our members and their individual development.

Seek Opportunities for Collaboration

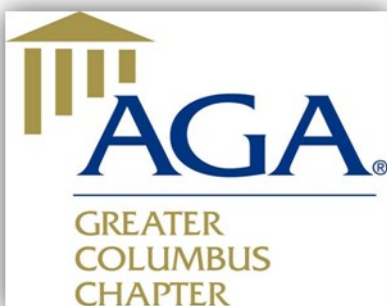
Continuing to develop our connection with other chapters through professional development opportunities is an important goal for the upcoming year. Collaborating with educational institutions such as Ohio Dominican University is important as well as it will provide opportunities for our members to promote our association with college students and promote the field of governmental accounting.

Improve Community Involvement

The Greater Columbus AGA Chapter supports many volunteer activities in the Central Ohio community, but finds it important to continue seeking out new opportunities to serve.

Better Connecting With Our Members

The chapter is currently in the process of improving our website, and is in the process of further developing our Monthly Newsletter and develop a social media presence. Keeping our members engaged is one of our highest priorities!



Your Feedback

We are excited to hear your feedback on our Member Centric Report. What did you like about it? Is there any additional information that you would like to see included next year? Please let us know by contacting Cindy Shoe at cynthia.a.shoe.civ@mail.mil or 614-701-2445. Your input is greatly valued!

