

## 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 chapter year. Congratulations to the incoming Chapter Officers for the 2021-2022 chapter year – President: Connie Sombaty, President-Elect: Leisha Hickman, Treasurer: Shane Nicklaus, and Secretary: Linda Gover. Please give them your full support as they fulfill these critical roles within our chapter. I would like to give a special thanks to the 2020-2021 officers and Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Directors and Co-Directors, for all of their support, hard work, and dedication this past year.

I would also like to congratulate this year's winners of the continuing education Scholarships, Noah Cottrell and Rachel Swick. The Greater Columbus AGA Chapter awards two \$500 Scholarships, One High School Graduate and one Undergraduate, each year. This is a great way for the chapter to give back to the local community and develop future financial leaders in government!

In June of 2020, my first President's message was based on the theme of "The New Normal". Throughout the year, my monthly themes followed a pattern of highlighting the challenging times we are living during the pandemic and tips for coping with the "New Normal". Please stay safe until our fulltime telework and stay-at-home restrictions end and we are able to see each other again at AGA gatherings. Until then, please join us for our online webinars.

"Today...we must cultivate the science of human relationships-the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together and work together in the same world at peace." ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt~



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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.*

### 2020-21 CHAPTER OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Cindy Shoe  
PRESIDENT-ELECT: Connie Sombaty  
SECRETARY: Leisha Hickman  
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 121 members as of the end of fiscal year 2020-21. 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 FY2020-21 related to community service, collaboration, strategic partnerships, leadership development, and social involvement.

## 2021 National Chapter Silver Award

PDT Chapter Awards	
<b>GOLD (3,000–4,399 points)</b>	
Central Arkansas Chapter Tyler Cain, CGFM	New Orleans Chapter Shawn Charles
Chattanooga Chapter Christopher Brown	Seattle Chapter Samuel Lord, CGFM
East Tennessee Chapter Astra Cope, CGFM	Shenandoah Valley Chapter Michael Townsend
Mid-Missouri Chapter Danielle Wood	South Dakota Chapter Sarah Wellner
New Mexico Chapter Elena Tercero, CGFM, CPA	
<b>SILVER (2,000–2,999 points)</b>	
Charleston (WV) Chapter Betsy Lynn Chapman, CGFM	Northern Virginia Chapter Marc Hebert
Des Moines Chapter Brendy Lanchade	Phoenix Chapter Jordan Dale, CGFM
<b>Greater Columbus Chapter Cynthia Shue</b>	West Michigan Chapter Joseph Verlin, CGFM, CPA
Lincoln Chapter Ann Martinez	

## Recognition of Excellence 2020

### AGA Citizen-Centric Reporting



### 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 2020. In February 2021, 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 2021, 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 2021. 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 two virtual luncheons providing members the opportunity to learn from engaging speakers on finance and accounting topics. Such as the Honorable Cheryl Brooks Sullivan, Franklin County Treasurer. Ms. Brooks Sullivan spoke on "The Impact of COVID-19 on County Treasury" The luncheons averaged 50 -100 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. All nine 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

<b>Revenue:</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Ohio State Revenue	\$8,638.66	\$8,638.66	\$7,122.04
PDT Revenue	\$10,043.20	\$7,141.71	\$7,278.81
Luncheon Revenue	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$634.15
Misc Revenue	\$1,717.76	\$1,503.18	\$1,481.77
Volunteer Collection	\$0.00	\$252.00	\$240.00
Interest Revenue	\$161.01	\$160.88	\$76.60
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$21,360.63</b>	<b>\$18,496.43</b>	<b>\$16,833.37</b>

<b>Expense:</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Reimbursements	\$2,432.69	\$1,835.00	\$1,563.40
Lunch/Socials	\$1,201.23	\$1,201.23	\$2,425.00
PDO/PDC	\$9,903.93	\$8,969.43	\$1,021.75
Audio Conferences	\$4,854.36	\$2,124.00	\$5,927.58
Scholarships/Special Donations	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,580.00
Misc-Reimbursements	\$181.35	\$487.35	\$510.00
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$20,573.56</b>	<b>\$17,117.01</b>	<b>\$14,027.73</b>

# 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***

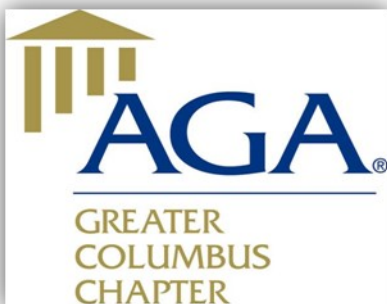
Continuing to develop our connection with other chapters through professional development opportunities is an important goal for the upcoming year. Collaborating with educational institutions such as Ohio Dominican University is important as well as it will provide opportunities for our members to promote 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](mailto:cynthia.a.shoe.civ@mail.mil) or 614-701-2445. Your input is greatly valued!

