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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AGA – Central Ohio Chapter Members:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Program year for the Central Ohio Chapter of AGA! I am honored to be serving as your chapter president this year. I want to thank our education committee for all their hard work in putting together another exciting schedule of educational sessions for this program year to offer our members. I hope that all members take advantage of these great opportunities for development.

I would like to personally welcome our new members. We have had 10 new members join our chapter since July and currently have 323 members. Our chapter's goals are to continue to provide relevant and quality education, foster professional development and certification, and support standards and research to advance government accountability to our members from both the public and private sectors. Our chapter also supports the AGA Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification, which is nationally recognized as one of the most respected certifications for those who work in Federal, State, or Local government.

On Monday October 21st and Tuesday October 22nd we will be hosting our 40th annual two-day Professional Development Training (PDT). We are excited to gather in-person again to provide 16 hours of CPE from nationally known speakers on current topics designed to educate and inform on both technical and social skills. There will be several breakout sessions that attendees can select from that interests them or is best suited to their profession. We'll also be hosting a happy hour after day one of the PDT for attendees at [Liberty Tavern](#) 2170 Polaris Pkwy, Columbus. The happy hour will include appetizers and drinks, we look forward to seeing you all there.

We look forward to making this program year a success just like we have in years past. The AGA Central Ohio Chapter received the platinum award for this past program year once again from AGA National and I would like to thank the great group of volunteers who are on the Executive and Education Committees. If you are interested in volunteering and would like to provide value to your fellow COAGA members and gain leadership experience while building professional relationships, please reach out and inquire about becoming a chair on the Executive or Education Committees! Please feel free to contact us at executive.coaga@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions for future training topics.



Visit our website, LinkedIn or Facebook page to keep up to date with your Central Ohio AGA Chapter.

Erin Hill

2024-2025 Central Ohio AGA President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Lucas Bogner
- Shawn Finneran
- Marty Lay
- Becky Chesla
- Lori Gischel
- Jeremy Newman
- Nikki DeCamp
- Meghan Jenkins
- Deana White

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES



5 Years

- Brian Fike
- Varley Hunter-Gastaldo
- Candace Pilkington
- Joel Speyer

10 Years

- Cynthia Caracci
- Jan Ellis
- Belinda Marcinko

15 Years

- Bradley Wilken

20 Years

- Amanda Cyrus

25+ Years

- Mark Daubenmier
- Marni Hall
- Winfred Johnson
- Nora Kish
- Jacqueline McKee
- Melanie Smith



Thank you for your dedicated membership!

CGFM NEWS

2024 CGFM Study Guides: The 2024 editions of all three CGFM Study Guides are now available for purchase! [Learn more](#)

CGFM Study Guides Update Webinar: AGA will host an informational webinar on the 2024 CGFM study guide updates for \$30 per person. If time allows, the instructor will also take general questions on all three courses. Take advantage of this great opportunity to explore content topics. Attendees may choose between two webinar dates. [Learn more](#)

CGFM Exam News: CGFM beta exams will be administered from Sept. 1 through Oct. 31, so it's a great time to test! Candidates who test during this period receive a \$30 discount on each exam, and they enjoy free access to the corresponding 2024 online edition of the CGFM study guide(s). [Learn more](#)

SOCIAL EVENTS

Networking Event with the Columbus Clippers– September 13, 2024

Central Ohio AGA enjoyed a fun night at Huntington Park to watch the Columbus Clippers (a Cleveland Guardians franchise) vs. the St Paul Saints (a Minnesota Twins franchise). Members received a ticket to the game, clippers cash to spend at the stadium, and a clippers koozie.



Please be on the lookout for other future social events planned such as the happy hour being held in conjunction with the AGA- Central Ohio Chapter annual PDT. Keep an eye out for more information! Any questions please send an email to Bryan Cottrill at (social.coaga@gmail.com).

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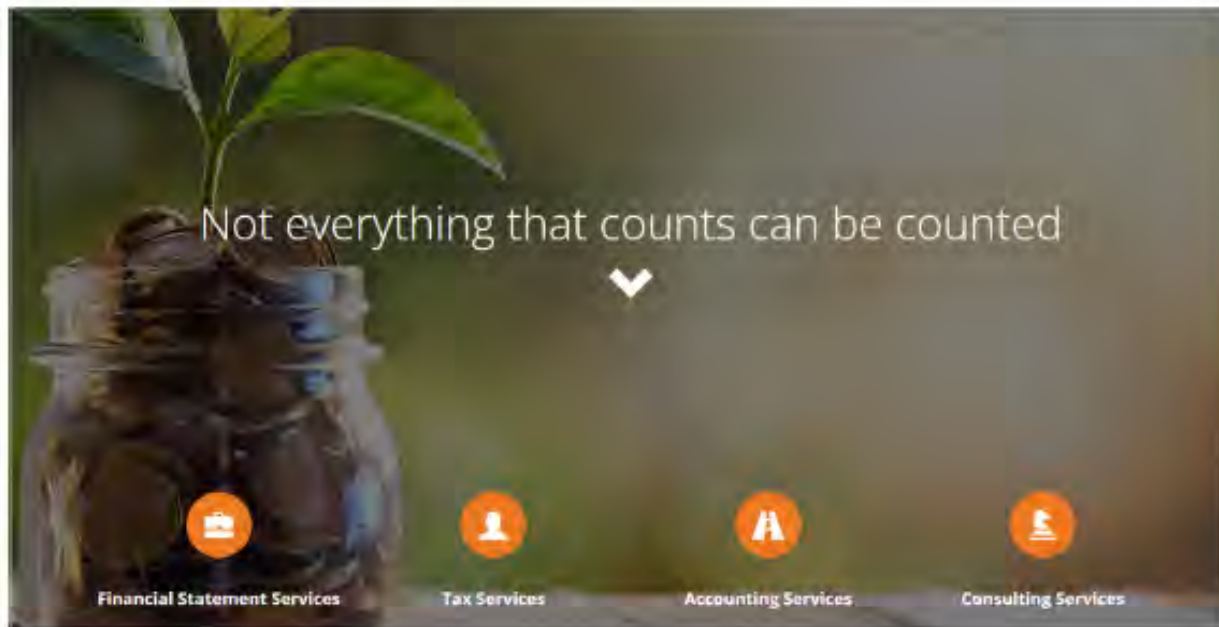


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2024 PDT– STILL TIME TO REGISTER

October 21st and 22nd , 2024

The AGA Central Ohio Chapter 40th Annual Professional Development Training Conference (PDT) is scheduled for October 21 and 22, 2024. If you haven't registered yet, there is still time before next week's conference. Information and brochure are available on our website. [AGA Central Ohio Chapter \(agacgfm.org\)](https://www.cognificent.org/agacgfm.org) or at <https://www.cognificent.org/pdt24/>

The conference will be NASBA certified and formal certificates issued by Cognificent Learning to all attendees.

The conference will be held at the Quest Conference Center 9200 Worthington Rd, Suite 400, Westerville, OH.

We will provide similar options, as in the past, for breakfast and lunch along with refreshments during breaks including a Street Taco Station on day one and Mediterranean Pasta Bar on day two for lunch and frosty treats, an assortment of ice cream truck novelties and frozen treats during an afternoon break. Also, everyone is invited to our Happy Hour event after Monday's sessions from 4:30-7:00, no additional charge at [Liberty Tavern](#) 2170 Polaris Pkwy, Columbus. This is a great opportunity to network with other attendees and relax after the first day of sessions.

Speakers and topics this year include:

- Bob Hinkle, AOS – Auditor of State Department Organization
- R. Kinney Poynter, NASACT Executive Director - Emerging Issues in Government Accounting and Auditing
- City of Columbus panel – Transforming Financial Reporting: Modernization, Transparency, and Future Insights
- Eric Russell – Closeout – What it is, what is required, and what to do when there's an "OOPS"? Also, Indirect Costs: Understanding indirect vs direct admin, eligibility, and how to monitor
- RedTree Investment Group – Navigating Investment Decisions in an Evolving Market
- Dr. Herb Asher, OSU Glenn College – The 2024 Elections: What's at Stake in Ohio and the Nation
- Mike Glynn - AICPA Updates
- Peter Warmka – AI: The Problem, the Solution, or Both? Also, Breach from Within: Insider Threat Detection and Response
- Stacie Massey – Ushering in a New Era: Understanding OMB's Uniform Guidance Remodel
- Erin Kelly & Robert Smith – Licking County: A Tale of Two States
- David Bean - GASB Update
- Sheri Valore & Marie Iszory, Rea & Assoc – The In's and Outs of 1099
- Teresa Hicks – Federal Update
- Tiffany Crosby – Generations and Talent Retention: Challenging our Assumptions
- Michael Bingham – GAO Standards Update: 2024 Yellow Book and Green Book Exposure Draft
- Steve Naughton & Travis Strong, Rea & Assoc – Cybersecurity in the Government Sector: Importance and Strategies
- Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber & Nicole Smith – Mt. Healthy CSD: The Road to Fiscal Emergency is Paved with Good Intentions
- Tim Shaw – AI for Business. Also, Leadership in Today's World
- Anne Duprey – Implicit Bias
- Dr. Toby Groves – Ethics PSR – The Science of Ethics, a 3 hour Ethics Training meeting the CPA licensure requirements

Mark your calendars now for next year's 2025 PDT to be held at Quest Conference Center on Tuesday and Wednesday October 21 & 22, 2025! We hope to see you at both this and next year's conferences!

NATIONAL AGA NEWS

National Community Service Fund

Through donations received from chapters and members, AGA raised over \$29,000 at PDT '24.

Half of the proceeds went to three charities — the American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, and Ronald McDonald House. The remainder went to the AGA National Community Service Fund, which supports National Community Service Scholarships for deserving individuals and lead to positive change.

Our chapter (Central Ohio AGA) contributed \$350 to this cause!

National AGA 2024 PDT

Richard Cunningham, Immediate Past President and Tiffany Ridenbaugh, National Council of Chapters Representative attended the National AGA 2024 PDT Conference held in Denver, Colorado in July.

Kevin O'Connor, Central Ohio Chapter Education Co-Chair was recognized as our Chapter's Volunteer of the Year.

Our Chapter was recognized with the Platinum Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Award. National AGA President, Frank E. Petersen, III presented the award to Richard Cunningham. Thanks to everyone in the Executive and Education Committees of Central Ohio AGA for making this platinum award possible again this year.



JOB POSTINGS

Please visit our Job Postings page at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Central-Ohio-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Job-Postings.aspx> to find out about potential openings in your area. Any Organizations wanting to have job openings posted on the COAGA website may email our webmaster Tony at tertuliani@live.com to add a position to the board.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE



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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

First Quarter 2025

AGA - Central Ohio Chapter

Statement of Activities

As of September 30, 2024 and 2023, and For The Periods Then Ended

	Program Year 2025	Program Year 2024
	July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024	July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023
Revenues and support		
Chapter dues	\$ 422	\$ 1,222
Registrations	300	55,441
Sponsorships	6,000	6,000
Interest	186	1
Other	8	-
Total revenue and support	6,916	62,664
Expenses:		
Program services:		
Professional development training	777	49,967
ByLaws and Sponsorships	-	-
Community service	-	-
Education and CPE	13	7
Social and networking	-	-
Communications	-	-
Membership	-	-
Golf	-	-
CGFM\Other	-	3
Scholarship and awards	-	-
	790	49,977
Support services:		
Management and general	6,146	3,743
Total expenses	6,936	53,720
Change in net assets	(20)	8,944
Net assets - June 30, 2024 and 2023	47,930	46,018
Net assets - September 30, 2024 and 2023	\$ 47,910	\$ 54,962



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