



Central Ohio
Chapter

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Central Ohio AGA Chapter Members:

Welcome to the 2025-2026 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. Since July, 7 new members have joined our chapter, bringing our current membership to 338. 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 Tuesday October 21st and Wednesday October 22nd we will be hosting our 41st annual two-day Professional Development Training (PDT). We are excited to gather in-person again to provide 16 CPE hours from nationally recognized speakers who will cover current topics designed to educate and inform on both technical and social skills. Attendees will have the opportunity to choose from several breakout sessions that align with their interests or are best suited to their profession. After day one of the PDT, you are invited to join us for a casual networking event at Giordano's, located at 2137 Polaris Pkwy, Columbus. It's the perfect opportunity to unwind, connect with peers, and continue the conversation in a more relaxed atmosphere. Happy hour will include appetizers and drinks. We look forward to seeing you there.

We are focused on another successful program year, continuing the momentum from previous years. The Central Ohio AGA Chapter once again received the platinum award for this past program year from National AGA, 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, providing value to your fellow COAGA members and gaining leadership experience while building professional relationships, please reach out to learn more about joining the Education Committee or becoming a chair on the Executive Committee! 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.



Kelly Berger-Davis
2025-2026 Central Ohio AGA President

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NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Annual Chapter PDT
- 2025 CCR Report
- Chapter Sponsors
- Sponsorship Update

Welcome New Members

- Kyle Clager
- Laurie Daugherty
- Ethan Kerzee
- Tim Meienburg
- Bethany Nelson
- Dustin Ward
- Lisa Wilkerson

Membership Milestones

5 Years

- James Barone
- Keith Faber
- Jordan Hayes

10 Years

- Alex Harwell
- Corey Wybensinger

15 Years

- Jeffrey Bires

20 Years

- Laura Armstrong
- Erin Brown

25+ Years

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

Thank you for your membership!



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THANK YOU!

CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORTING (CCR)

The purpose of AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) initiative is to help simplify communication between government and its citizens. AGA believes accurate government financial information should be provided to all citizens in a timely, simple and readily accessible format. Check out COAGA's past and current reports at:



<https://chapters.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Central-Ohio-Chapter/OurChapter/Citizen-Centric-Reporting.aspx.htmtext>





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THE 2025 PDT STILL TIME TO REGISTER

OCTOBER 21ST AND 22ND , 2025

The AGA Central Ohio Chapter 41st Annual Professional Development Training Conference (PDT) is scheduled for October 21 and 22, 2025. Thank you to those who have already registered and we hope you enjoy the conference this year. If you haven't registered yet, there is still time before the conference. Information and brochure are available at <https://www.cognificant.org/coaga-pdt-2025/>

The conference will be NASBA certified and formal certificates issued by Cognificant Learning to all attendees. New this year is an opportunity to get free professional headshots compliments of Cognificant Learning.

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 Fiesta Taco/Burrito Buffet 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 and assorted cookies and snacks during 2nd day afternoon break. Also, everyone is invited to our Happy Hour event after Tuesday's sessions from 4:30-7:00, no additional charge at Giordano's 2137 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:

- Mark Mitchell, National AGA President – Leaning into Leadership
- Dr. Jeremy Graves – Leading Across Generations – Building a Culture of Success
- Addie Natalie – Grant Writing 101
- Myra Bulls-Dale, Ohio Deferred Comp – Invest in Your Future and Approaching Retirement
- Tom Mitchell – Modernizing Compliance: Levering Automation to Strengthen Internal Controls
- Josh Winfrey, NASACT Executive Director – Emerging Issues in Governmental Finance and Auditing
- Richard Anderson – Cyber Threat Overview
- Eric Russell – The Why, the When, and the How Behind Monitoring Indirect Costs under Federal Awards
- Rea Advisory – Building Your Personal Brand
- Stacie Massey – Designing an Effective Subrecipient Monitoring Framework
- Michael Manspeaker – AICPA Updates
- Susan Willeke – The Ohio Ethics Law: Promoting Ethics, Protecting the Public
- David Bean – GASB Update and Considerations for Improving Your ACFR
- Carri Brown – Empowering Leaders for Planning: Professional Development, Networking & Mentorship
- Amanda Stidham – 2024 Revisions to the Uniform Guidance
- Ben Albrecht – First Amendment and Public Records Auditors
- Paul Wylie, 1992 Winter Olympic Medalist – Roadblocks to Performance and Being Your Best. Also, From “Pathetic to Podium” Lessons from 35 Days That Transformed My Career from Has-Been to Olympic Medalist
- Matt Klapheke & Marissa Gibson – Fraud Case Study on Columbus Zoo
- Dr. Toby Groves – Ethics PSR – Uncovering the Invisible You: Ethics, Self-Deception, and Radical Honesty (3-hour Ethics Training meeting CPA licensure requirements)

Mark your calendars now for next year's 2026 PDT to be held at Quest Conference Center on Tuesday and Wednesday October 20 & 21, 2026!! We hope to see you at both this and next year's conferences!!



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<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Central-Ohio-Chapter/OurChapter/FinancialReports.aspx>

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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