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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AGA – Central Ohio Chapter members,

As the year has come to an end, I would like to thank the chapter for the opportunity to serve as your chapter president for program year 2024-2025. For another year in a row our chapter received the Platinum Chapter Award from National AGA, the highest chapter honor. This achievement would not have been possible without all the volunteers on the education and executive committees who dedicated their time and effort to our chapter. I would like to personally thank all the committee members who helped make this another successful year. We truly have a great chapter here in Central Ohio and it is a testament to the wonderful volunteers and members we have.

This past quarter we held 3 monthly sessions with over 200 attendees combined. We also held a family zoo outing at the Columbus Zoo in June. This was a great outing full of networking and fun with over 80 members and their family from all over Ohio.

As we head into summer, our Education Committee is busy finalizing the plans for the 41<sup>st</sup> annual PDT Conference. This event will be held in person at the Quest Conference Center in Westerville, OH on October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. You can register and view the brochure for the conference here: <https://www.cognificent.org/coaga-pdt-2025/>. There will be a happy hour networking event held at Giordano's following the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the conference.

Finally, I would like to welcome our new Chapter President, Kelly M Berger-Davis, who was a past Chapter President and longtime secretary and member of the Executive Committee. I'm looking forward to seeing where she leads our great chapter this next program year.

As always, we want to encourage members to volunteer to be on the Executive Committee and Education Committee. These positions provide members with valuable leadership skills and networking opportunities. If you are interested, please reach out to chapter leadership at [executive.coaga@gmail.com](mailto:executive.coaga@gmail.com).

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



**Erin Hill, CGFM**

**2024-2025 Central Ohio AGA President**

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Amanda Davis
- Mark Mrofchak
- Trista Napper
- Linda Flickinger
- Merrilie Munsey
- Linda Shook

## MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

### 10 Years

- Nicholas Chisek
- Daniel Hill
- Todd Johnson
- Adam Lesch
- Christina Rossi

### 15 Years

- Andrew Geistfeld
- Christina Roberts

### 20 Years

- Scott Reeves

### 25+ Years

- Don Brown
- William De Silva
- Mark Ellerbrock
- Emily Hay
- Seji Kille
- Jerald O'Brien

### 25+ Years (cont.)

- Vance Pulley
- James Pyers
- Ronald Saunders
- William Severns
- Lisa Syx
- Rebekeh Wolcott

*Thank you for your dedicated membership!*



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# UPCOMING WEBINAR

## Efficient Ways to Enhance Payroll and AP Controls– August 19, 2025

**Registration:** [Registration Link](#)

This presentation will explore practical strategies for strengthening internal controls in payroll and accounts payable processes, tailored for government sector accountants and auditors. Tom Mitchell of Bonefish Systems LLC will share insights on leveraging technology to detect and prevent fraud, streamline operations, and ensure compliance. Real-world examples from school districts and municipalities will illustrate effective oversight, risk mitigating streamlined compliance and payment solutions for organizations of all sizes, emphasizing proactive risk management and operational efficiency and effectiveness.

**Presenter(s):**

Tom Mitchell is founder and president of Bonefish Systems. Mr. Mitchell has spent 26 years in the financial services sector holding numerous technology and business roles in large banks and insurance companies. In 2007, Tom started Bonefish Systems. After working for large corporations for close to two decades, Tom wanted to bring fraud prevention and detection technologies to smaller organizations that could not otherwise afford them. Bonefish Systems now serves hundreds of school districts and municipalities across Ohio.

Tom is a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. He earned his undergraduate degree at Kent State University in Computer Science and holds a Masters of Business Administration graduate degree from Case Western Reserve University, Weatherhead School of Management.

## 2025 COAGA SCHOLARSHIPS



The Central Ohio AGA is pleased to award five \$1,000 scholarships to support the following students during the 2025-2026 school year:

- Reagan Adkins – The Ohio State University
- Bryce Cromer – University of Cincinnati
- Adam Evans – The Ohio State University
- Hayden Hicks – Holy Family University
- Deanna Miller – Western Governors University

We wish you all the best of luck. Congratulations!

# SOCIAL EVENTS

## Columbus Zoo– June 28, 2025



The AGA hosted a social event on June 28th at the Columbus Zoo. Members and their families enjoyed a lunch and an animal encounter as part of the price for admission. Be on the lookout for similar events in the future!



## Golf Outing– New Albany Links- May 16, 2025

On May 16, 2025, Central Ohio AGA held their annual golf outing at New Albany Links Golf Course. We had multiple teams participate in a four person scramble.

The winners were Andrew Thom, Tim Stewart, Greg Woodruff and Michael Bridges pictured to the right.

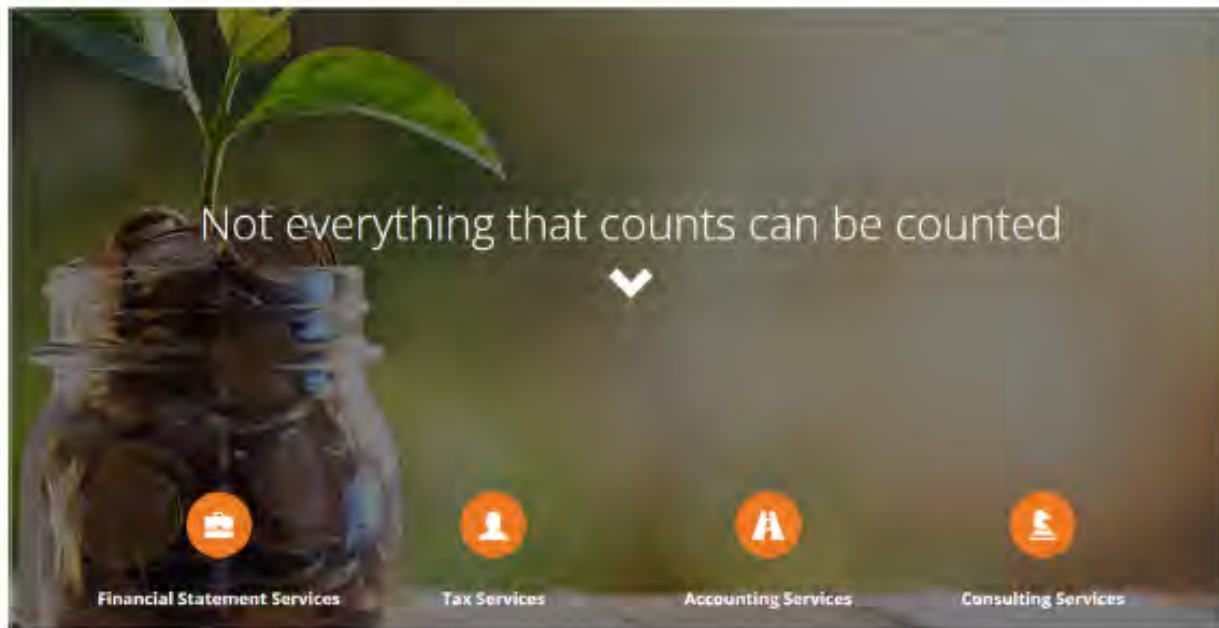






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# 2025 PDT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

October 21st and 22nd , 2025

Join us for two impactful days of training, networking, and professional growth at COAGA's most anticipated annual event!

Register & View Brochure: <https://www.cognificent.org/coaga-pdt-2025/>

Early bird discount ends August 31, 2025 – save your spot now!

Happy Hour Networking Event

October 21 at Giordano's, just 1 mile from the venue.

New hotel location this year!

A discounted hotel block is available at Hyatt Place Columbus Polaris, 2006 Polaris Pkwy. See page 4 of the brochure for the booking link.



## Why Attend?

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## Who Should Attend?

If your work involves any aspect of public financial oversight, this conference is designed for you. Attendees typically include:

- CPAs, auditors, and financial managers
- IT and cybersecurity professionals
- Budget and treasury staff
- CFOs, controllers, and program directors
- Fraud examiners and compliance leads



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Hope to see you there!



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## JOB POSTINGS

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Please visit our Job Postings page at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Central-Ohio-Chapter/OurChapter/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](mailto:tertuliani@live.com) to add a position to the board.





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