



Central Ohio
Chapter

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Central Ohio AGA Chapter Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas & New Year! We are looking forward to a great 2026.

The second quarter is always a busy time for our chapter. In October, we held our annual two-day Professional Development Training (PDT) conference at the Quest Conference Center. The conference brought in 173 attendees, who could earn up to 16 hours of CPE/CPIM credit. The PDT featured various speakers and breakout sessions that covered current topics designed to educate and inform on technical and social skills. I would like to thank the Education Chairs & the Education Committee for putting on another great event. For more detailed information about the conference please refer to the PDT article later in this newsletter. As we move into 2026, the next PDT will be held on October 20th and 21st at the Quest Conference Center, so save the date now so you are able to join us.

We recently launched our new website; please take some time to explore it at <https://central-ohio.agacgfm.org/>. The site includes the same information as before, just in a new layout.

In addition, we recently received the Recognition of Excellence for the submission of our annual Citizen-Centric Report (CCR). I would like to thank the Accountability Chair for all his hard work in preparing and submitting this report, which is available on our website.

Next quarter, we are looking forward to hosting a CGFM informational session following our monthly training on March 3rd. A National AGA representative will be joining us to provide details on what CGFM is, how to become certified, and the benefits of holding such a certification. Stay tuned for registration information.

I would also like to encourage members to volunteer to be on the Executive Committee or 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.

As always, 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
- Website Update

Welcome New Members

Joe Culler and Kristen Wheeler

Membership Milestones

5 Years

- David Rostorfer

10 Years

- George Kooser

15 Years

- Mary Frato
- Dawn Pertner

25+ Years

- Carri Brown
- Richard Cunningham
- Marlin Easterday

25+ Years cont.

- Nathan French
- Robert Hinkle
- Steven Julian
- Natalie Millhuff-Stang
- Amy Radebaugh
- Stacie Scholl
- Richard Sketel
- Jason Uhrig

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NEW COAGA WEBSITE

The AGA has recently revitalized the chapter website including the Central Ohio Chapter. Please visit our new website at <https://central-ohio.agacgfm.org/about/> to explore all of the chapter events and opportunities!

For any updates please contact our webmaster Tony at jatertuliani@ohioauditor.gov.

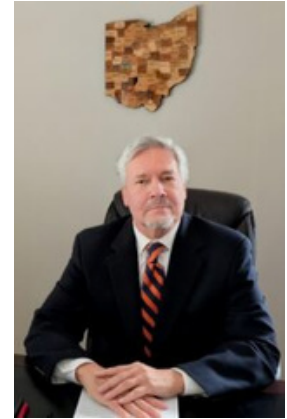
2025 EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP AWARD

The AGA – Central Ohio Chapter annually presents an award to a state or local government professional in Ohio who exemplifies and promotes excellence in government financial management, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management procedures.

The award recognizes the cumulative achievements of the professional who throughout his/her career has served as a role model for others and has consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.

Nominees need not be an active member of the AGA – Central Ohio Chapter. The award is presented at the annual Chapter AGA Professional Development Training each fall.

Please join us in congratulating the 2025 Award Recipient, Fred Kruse!



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. See full CCR reports at <https://central-ohio.agacgfm.org/resource/citizen-centric-reporting/>



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Mark your calendars for our annual golf outing at New Albany Links on Friday, May 15, 2026. More details, including registration information and sponsorship opportunities, will be shared soon. Stay tuned!





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2025 PDT RECAP

OCTOBER 21ST AND 22ND, 2025

2025 Professional Development Training Recap

October 21-22, 2025

AGA Central Ohio Chapter's 41st Annual Professional Development Training (PDT) Conference was a success! The PDT was held at the Quest Conference Center on October 21st and 22nd. The PDT offered 16 CPEs to the 173 attendees on a variety of topics including governmental accounting updates, auditing standards, grants management, leadership, ethics, cybersecurity, and fraud.

Attendees provided overwhelmingly positive feedback, with over 95% percent of survey respondents indicating that the PDT met or exceeded their expectations and over 90% of survey respondents indicating they would definitely recommend the PDT to others.

The feedback from attendees speaks for itself:

- "The speakers were interesting, well prepared and kept the training going without any lags in the presentations. I have absolutely no complaints. Nothing but compliments for a well-run and extremely strong group of presenters."
- "It was a really good experience, looking forward to next year."
- "Great interactions with all the people."
- "The Quest facility was great. Food was great. Sessions I attended were very good. Overall a good experience!"
- "Very well run event!"



We hosted a Happy Hour after the first day of the conference at Giordano's Pizza. The Happy Hour was well attended and provided an excellent opportunity for attendees to network while enjoying delicious food and drinks!

Putting on the annual PDT requires a lot of work. From finding a location to booking speakers to procuring attendee gifts, it takes hours of work behind-the-scenes to pull off a successful PDT. Thank you to the Education Committee members for putting in the work that made this event possible. I'd also like to thank Cognificent Learning, who helped with PDT planning throughout the year, and the volunteers who moderated the sessions during the PDT. We couldn't have done it without our fantastic volunteers!

The Education Committee can always use dedicated volunteers to assist with organizing this annual conference. If you're interested in volunteering, contact us at education.coaga@gmail.com to help us continue AGA Central Ohio Chapter's tradition of excellence in governmental training!

I'd also like to thank our sponsors: Clark Schaefer Hackett, BHM CPA Group, Julian & Grube, REA Business Advisors, and Balestra & Company. Your support allows AGA Central Ohio Chapter to offer events like the PDT at a competitive price.

Save the Date!

The Education Committee is already working hard to plan the 2026 PDT, which will be held October 20-21, 2026 at the Quest Conference Center. Mark your calendars and look for a notification when registration opens this summer. Hope to see you all there!





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<https://central-ohio.agacgfm.org/resource/financial-statements-2025/>

COAGA MEMBERS PRESENT TO NATIONAL AGA MEMBERSHIP

In January, two Central Ohio AGA members; Tiffany Ridenbaugh and Amanda Stidham, had the opportunity to serve as featured speakers for a National AGA webinar on Uniform Guidance and Grant Accounting. It was a great experience sharing insights with fellow government finance professionals — if you missed the session, you can catch the details here:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/webinar/uniform-guidance-and-grant-accounting/>.



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We're excited to continue engaging with the AGA community and look forward to more learning opportunities ahead!

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