



Central Ohio
Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Central Ohio AGA Chapter Members,

Hello Spring! I hope everyone has had a great start to 2026.

March was CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager) month. Governor DeWine issued a proclamation to dedicate March as CGFM month in Ohio. We celebrated with a CGFM session on March 3rd where a National AGA representative shared information regarding the CGFM, including what it is, how to become certified, the benefits of earning this designation, and a special promotion being offered by National AGA. The certification is relevant to our profession as government financial managers and provides an additional certification for CPA's to add, or a great option for those not looking to take the CPA path.

AGA's annual membership renewal deadline was March 31st. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so on the national website, <https://www.agacgfm.org/>, so you may continue enjoying all the benefits AGA has to offer.

Next quarter, we are looking forward to hosting our annual golf outing at New Albany Links on May 15th. The outing will once again be a four person scramble format, and the registration fee will include green fees, cart, lunch, and prizes. Please consider joining us for a fun relaxing day of golf and networking.

We have two final education sessions before the end of the program year, including:

- May 5, 2026 – Cybersecurity Update
- June 2, 2026 - Leadership

Each year our chapter awards scholarships to active members, or other selected candidates who are currently enrolled in full or part-time study in a college or universities accounting, business, finance, or computer science programs (or college acceptance pending). Children/grandchildren of an active AGA member who are currently enrolled in full or part-time study in a college or university with any major also qualify (or college acceptance pending). The deadline for our annual chapter scholarships was April 3rd, and the announcement of awards will be made by May 31st.

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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- Annual Chapter PDT
- Community Service Event
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Welcome New Members

- Lucy Akawa
- Jason Fogel
- Ian Gelal
- Joseph Luckhaupt
- Jacob Mickey
- Amy Savane
- Katherine Smith
- Emma Voss
- Tracy Williams

Membership Milestones

5 Years

- George Kaitsa
- Justin Sloan

10 Years

- Gene Berry
- Amy Hall
- Stacie Lee
- Fred Wendel

15 Years

- Angela Coe

20 Years

- Michelle Keller
- Sheila Thomas

20 Years

- Glenna Spohn-Plaisted
- Douglas Zimmerman

25+ Years cont.

- William Ault
- Michael Balestra
- Jennifer Carson
- Jared Cottrell
- Kristine Devine
- Glen Gram
- Shawn Hufsedler
- Christopher Schornack

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WEBINAR: HB 96: CYBERSECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

TCPE Program Presentation:

Program Knowledge Level: Overview
Instructional delivery methods: Webinar
Prerequisite: None
Advance Preparation: None required
Recommended CPE credit: 1.0
Field of Study: Information Technology

Description:

Ohio House Bill 96 establishes new cybersecurity requirements for all political subdivisions, including counties, townships, and municipal corporations. This session provides an overview of the law's key mandates — implementing a cybersecurity program aligned with NIST CSF or CIS Controls, conducting annual cybersecurity training, developing and testing incident response plans, restricting ransomware payments, and reporting incidents to state authorities. Attendees will leave with a practical understanding of what compliance looks like, how to get started, and what free state resources are available to support their organizations.

To register click [here](#).

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

It is that time of year again to sign up for the Central Ohio AGA 2026 Golf Outing. The outing will be held at New Albany Links Golf Course on Friday, May 15, 2026. The outing will once again be a four person scramble format. The registration fee will be \$65 for AGA members and \$90 for non-members. The Registration Fees will include green fees, cart, lunch, and prizes.

The Golf Outing will begin at 8:30 am. Following the round of golf, we will wrap up the outing with prizes and an awards ceremony around 1:30pm.

For anyone interested, please send a copy of the registration form to Bryan Cottrill at social.coaga@gmail.com in addition to paying on [Square](#) or to the address on the registration form here: [2026 AGA GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions to Bryan Cottrill (social.coaga@gmail.com).





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2026 PDT UPDATE

OCTOBER 20TH AND 21ST, 2026

Planning for the AGA Central Ohio Chapter's 42 nd Annual Professional Development Training (PDT) is well underway! The 2026 PDT will be held October 20-21, 2026 at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio.

We already have an outstanding lineup of speakers covering topics highly relevant to government financial professionals.

We are honored to welcome National AGA President-Elect Melinda DeCorte to kick off the PDT. With more than 25 years of auditing, accounting, and government financial management experience, she will provide valuable insight and perspective to attendees.

Back by popular demand, Dr. Jeremy Graves will open Day 2 with a dynamic session on Leading Across Generations, followed by two breakout sessions that explore the topic in greater depth. Dr. Graves will share insights into the values, priorities, beliefs, communication styles, and leadership approaches of each generation in today's workforce, along with practical strategies for leveraging these differences to strengthen collaboration.



Susan Willeke from the Ohio Ethics Commission will also return in 2026 to present a 3-hour session on Ohio Ethics Law. The session meets the Ohio Board of Accountancy requirements for General Professional Standards and Responsibilities (PSR) credit for existing CPAs renewing their licenses.

The 2026 PDT will also feature sessions on generative artificial intelligence, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) updates, emerging issues in governmental finance and auditing, and more.

Be on the lookout for registration

COAGA COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT



Central Ohio AGA completed our standalone community service event at Mid-Ohio Habitat for Humanity on Saturday April 4th. Please be on the lookout for future community service opportunities in collaboration with the Central Ohio chapter!



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the most recent financial statements please visit our website at: <https://central-ohio.agacgfm.org/resource/financial-statements-2025/>

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.

2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Central Ohio Chapter of the AGA (COAGA) will be awarding five scholarships to active members, or other selected candidates who are currently enrolled in full or part-time study in a college or universities accounting, business, finance, or computer science programs (or college acceptance pending). Children/grandchildren of an active AGA member who are currently enrolled in full or part-time study in a college or university with any major also qualify (or college acceptance pending).

Award Amounts: Five scholarships, up to \$1,000 each

Closing Date for Applications: April 3, 2026

Award Announcement: No later than May 31, 2026

For additional information and to apply, click [here](#).

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