



Central Ohio
Chapter

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Central Ohio AGA Chapter Members,

As the program year has come to an end, I would like to thank the chapter for the opportunity to serve as your chapter president for the 2025-2026 year. For another consecutive year 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.

Our chapter sure has been busy this past quarter! COAGA...

- held 3 monthly webinars on GASB 103, Cybersecurity, and Leadership.
- volunteered at the Mid-Ohio Habitat for Humanity ReStore.
- held our annual golf outing at New Albany Links Golf Club.
- awarded 5 scholarships to college students.

As we head into summer, our Education Committee is busy finalizing the plans for the 42nd annual Professional Development Training (PDT). This event will be held in person at the Quest Conference Center in Westerville, Ohio on October 20th and 21st, 2026. You can register and view the brochure for the conference here: <https://www.coaga-pdt.com/>. There will be a happy hour networking event following the first day of the conference.

I would also like to welcome our new Chapter President, Tony Tertuliani, who has served as our chapter Webmaster and Executive Committee member since October 2024. In addition, Tony was selected as Central Ohio AGA's 2025-2026 Volunteer of the Year! I'm looking forward to seeing where he leads our great chapter this next program year.

Please consider volunteering 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
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Welcome New Members

- Mason Dorrian
- Caitlin Evans
- John Garner
- Dennis Groce
- Alycia Hefner
- Jared Johnson
- April Kincaid
- Matthew Krummrey
- Lennon Taylor
- Thomas Wright

Membership Milestones

5 Years

- Joseph Pennington

20 Years

- Timothy Gordon
- Meghan Needham
- Mike Schmidt
- Carrie Waid
- Tara Weaver

25+ Years

- Don Brown
- Milliam De Silva
- Mark Ellerbrock
- Emily Hay

25+ Years cont.

- Seiji Kille
- Jonathan Lawless
- Jerald O'Brien
- Vance Pulley
- James Pyers
- Ronald Saunders
- William Severns
- Lisa Syx
- Rebekeh Wolcott

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EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT 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.

To nominate someone please complete the Excellence in Government Leadership Award Nomination Form located on the COAGA website at <https://central-ohio.agacgfm.org/chapter-resources/awards/> and submit to dave.shook01@gmail.com by Friday September 18, 2026.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

On May 15, 2026, 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 Bryce Balestra, Evan Balestra, Michael Mahlmeister, and Tyson McNight pictured below.





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2026 PDT UPDATE

OCTOBER 20TH AND 21ST, 2026

Registration is now open for the AGA Central Ohio Chapter's 42nd Annual Professional Development Training (PDT)!

Join government finance, accountability, and oversight professionals from across Ohio for the region's premier training event. Over two days, attendees will gain valuable insights from industry experts, explore emerging issues impacting the public sector, and connect with peers who share a commitment to excellence in government service.

Visit the [PDT website](#) for conference details, the full agenda, and registration information. Register by August 31st to take advantage of early bird pricing.

Why attend?

The 2026 PDT agenda features a diverse lineup of timely and practical sessions designed to help professionals stay informed in an ever-changing environment. Topics include fraud prevention and detection, generative AI and emerging technologies, cybersecurity, GASB updates, leadership and professional growth, and much more!

Attendees can earn up to 16 hours of continuing professional education (CPE), including a 3-hour Professional Standards and Responsibilities (PSR) session that satisfies the Ohio Accountancy Board's PSR requirement for licensed CPAs.

Who should attend?

This conference is designed for professionals responsible for public financial oversight and accountability, including:

- CPAs and auditors
- Financial managers and controllers
- CFOs and program directors
- Budget and treasury professionals
- IT and cybersecurity specialists
- Fraud examiners and compliance leaders

If your work touches public funds, compliance, reporting, or oversight, this event is built for you.

Speaker Highlight

We are thrilled to welcome Brian Blasko as our Day 1 keynote speaker. A nationally recognized speaker, Brian is known for his energetic, engaging presentations that leave audiences inspired and motivated to take action. Brian combines humor, storytelling, and practical strategies to help individuals achieve greater success both professionally and personally.





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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-2026/>

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 AGA is pleased to award five \$1,000 scholarships to support the following students during the 2026-2027 school year:

- Joseph Blair – Ohio University
- Caitlin Evans – Ohio University
- Malachi Loper – Ohio State University
- Michael Porter – Youngstown State University
- William Streby – Mount Vernon Nazarene University



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We wish you all the best of luck. Congratulations!



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