



Central Ohio
Chapter

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Central Ohio AGA Chapter Members:

Welcome to our 2026-2027 program year! I am honored to be serving as your chapter president this year. First and foremost, 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. This year we have welcomed 16 new members to our chapter, bringing our current membership to 343. Our chapter's goals are to provide relevant and quality education, to foster professional development and certification, and to support standards and research to advance government accountability for 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 20th and Wednesday, October 21st, we will be hosting our 42nd annual two-day Professional Development Training (PDT). We are excited to gather in-person again to provide up to 16 CPE hours from nationally recognized speakers who will cover current topics designed to educate and inform technical and social skills. Attendees will have the freedom to select from several breakout sessions that best align with their interests or professions. Tuesday evening, after day one of the PDT, we welcome you to join us for a casual networking event at Liberty Tavern, 2170 Polaris Parkway, Columbus from 4:15-7:00. It's the perfect opportunity to unwind and connect with your peers in a more relaxed atmosphere. Happy hour will include appetizers and drinks. We look forward to seeing you there.

We are focused on providing members with another successful program year, continuing the momentum from previous years. The Central Ohio AGA Chapter once again received the platinum award for this past 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 our Facebook page to keep up to date with your Central Ohio AGA Chapter.



Tony Tertuliani
2026-2027 Central Ohio AGA President

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Welcome New Members

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- Becky Chelsa
- Emily Cox
- Ryan Creager
- Susan Hannahs
- Daniele Kendall
- Edward Kompik
- Matthew Krummrey
- Jason Long
- Christopher Long
- Ami Mayne
- Julie Mott
- Walter Ross
- Zachary Sander
- Bradley Zura

Membership Milestones

5 Years

- Jessica Westler

10 Years

- Tanicca Jackson
- Carolyn Krenicky
- Alisa Obukhova
- Melissa Reed
- Tiffany Ridenbaugh

15 Years

- David Colangeli
- Zachary Curth

20+ Years

- Laura Armstrong
- Kelly Berger-Davis
- Erin Brown
- Marni Hall
- Winfred Johnson
- Nora Kish
- Brent Lewis
- Jacqueline McKee
- Edward Moore
- Brian Mosier
- Melanie Smith
- John Wolf

Thank you for your membership!

CENTRAL OHIO AGA - MOFC DRIVE

The Central Ohio AGA Chapter is sponsoring a donation drive to support the Mid-Ohio Food Collective (Mid-Ohio Foodbank) during this year's Professional Development Training (PDT). The chapter will match all donations received, doubling the impact of your contribution! Please consider supporting this great cause by scanning the QR code to donate.



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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 AGA's past and current reports at: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1r_bOuxov8TfKGe8GQrEXO08Gr4ZEkCN3?usp=sharing.



MOVING
GOVERNMENT
FORWARD

2026 PDT STILL TIME TO REGISTER

OCTOBER 20TH AND 21ST, 2026

There's still time to register 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.

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.

Happy Hour

After the first day of training, keep the conversation going at happy hour at Liberty Tavern on October 20! Join fellow PDT attendees for an evening of networking, food, and fun while connecting with colleagues and meeting other professionals from across Ohio. It's the perfect way to unwind after a full day of learning and discussion. Visit the PDT website for additional details.

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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<https://central-ohio.agacgfm.org/resource/financial-statements-2026/>

START 2027 WITH A CGFM EXAM ON US!

Central Ohio AGA members have an opportunity to take one CGFM examination between January 1 and February 28, 2027, and request reimbursement for the examination fee. Successful passage of the examination is required for reimbursement.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for this promotion, individuals must:

1. Be a current member of AGA and the Central Ohio Chapter. (all national and chapter dues are paid and up to date)
2. Be a current CGFM candidate and successfully pass a CGFM examination between January 1 and February 28, 2027.
3. Submit the required documentation, including: Documentation showing the date of the CGFM examination, Proof of payment of the CGFM examination fee and Proof of a passing score.

How to Request Reimbursement

Please email the required documentation to executive.coaga@gmail.com, attention Erin Hill, to request reimbursement by March 31, 2027.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the promotion or reimbursement process, please contact Erin Hill at the email address above.



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