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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Central Ohio AGA members:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a memorable holiday and was able to spend some quality time with family and friends!

We had a busy quarter, highlighted by our second virtual PDT, with over 120 attendees throughout the two-day conference. The Education Committee did a tremendous job making this event successful, with 16 total CPE offered. We were also able to gather after day one of the conference for a virtual happy hour with Zaftig Brewing, which everyone enjoyed. Thank you to our Education Committee and Social Chair for organizing these events!

We rounded off the quarter with two monthly CPE events, which included our annual three-hour ethics course, donated to Toys for Tots for the holidays, and supported a new CGFM with an exam reimbursement – Congratulations David!

Next quarter we are looking forward to hosting an informational session regarding the CGFM certification and we are also hoping to host a CGFM exam study session before our chapter year-end. Look for more info on CGFM news coming soon.

Additionally, believe it or not, we are already approaching membership renewal season, so don't forget to renew your membership so you can continue receiving all the benefits that an AGA membership entails. Make sure you tell your friends and colleagues too, there might just be some AGA swag in it for you if you recruit a new member!

If you have any ideas for social or community service events as we enter the second-half of our program year, please contact the executive committee at the address below.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join our committees, so if you are looking for leadership opportunities or just have a passion to get involved with other government leaders, please email me at executive.coaga@gmail.com and we'll find a position that suits you.

Thank you for being a COAGA member! I am looking forward to a great second half of our program year!



Tiffany Ridenbaugh
Central Ohio AGA President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Satya Yarramsetty
- Emily Barto
- Bernadette Moratt

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

5 Years

Donna Baxter
Joseph Newlin
Christopher Secore

10 Years

Jennifer Biedenbarn
Corey Fronk
Lisa Scharlott

15 Years

Bryan Cottrill
Carol McChesney
Linda McNicol
Wendy Mohr

25+ Years

Carri Brown
Bryan Buntig
Richard Cunningham
Marlin Easterday
Michelle Hill
Robert Hinkle
Deborah Liddil
Richard Sketel

Thank you for your dedicated membership.

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<https://www.linkedin.com/in/central-ohio-association-of-government-accountants-b76068190>



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GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES:

- Financial statement audits, reviews, and compilations
- Uniform guidance compliance audits
- GASB Implementation
- Cybersecurity and Risk Management
- Human Resources

SOCIAL EVENT

Virtual Happy Hour- October 26, 2021

The Central Ohio AGA invited members to a free virtual happy hour . The happy hour included a beer tasting guided by Zaftig Brewing. Thank you to Michael Ruehrmund (Sales Manager) who spoke to attendees through the tasting and provided them with information about the beers they are drinking and Zaftig as a brewery.

Attendees received a kit that included a 4 pack of Zaftig beer along with a 5oz taster glass and koozie. Please be on the lookout for future social events hosted by Central Ohio AGA and we hope to see you there!



COMMUNITY SERVICE



Please consider supporting the Central Ohio AGA at no cost to you by utilizing AmazonSmile. Please visit <http://smile.amazon.com/about> for more information on how to contribute! Our chapter is listed as Association of Government Accountants.



Central Ohio AGA is looking for ideas for socially distant community service events/ activities.

If you know of any please submit your ideas to executive.coaga@gmail.com .

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TOYS FOR TOTS & AGA

As part of our ongoing efforts to give back to the community, Central Ohio AGA has made a \$250.00 donation to Toys for Tots.



If you would like to consider giving to the cause or learning more about how Toys for Tots helps families directly in our community please visit the Toys for Tots website at: <https://columbus-oh.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/Default.aspx>

PDT IN THE TIME OF COVID— PT. 2

October 26 and 27, 2021

Central Ohio AGA managed to present a second successful virtual professional development training conference in 2021 despite the continuing effects of Covid. Thirteen excellent speakers, starting with Dr. Josef Raadschelders from OSU Glenn College and including representatives from national organizations the AICPA, GASB, and NASACT, as well as Ohio Auditor of State, Keith Faber, Stacie Massey from Office of Budget & Management, Susan Willeke from Ohio Ethics Commission, Ken Richards from Rea & Associates, Teresa Hicks from Auditor of State Center for Audit Excellence division, Matt Klapheke & Craig Morgan from Auditor of State Special Investigation Unit division, Scott Warrick and Dr. Toby Groves. This made for a complete and professional training session at a moderate cost for the approximately 125 attendees.

Members of the COAGA's Education Committee worked directly on the sessions, including co-chairs Richard Cunningham and Kevin O'Connor who served as moderators, accompanied by other members who helped monitor the sessions and ensured any questions from attendees were addressed or given to the presenter to answer. This allowed the sessions to run as smoothly as possible. Many thanks to Rich, Kevin, Mike Howard, Scott Reeves, Bryan Cottrill, Tiffany Ridenbaugh, and Emily Hay. Also, a big thank you to all of the members of the Education Committee who helped throughout the year organizing the event, obtaining speakers, preparing the brochure, and all the other little things that go into a well-organized conference.

At the end of the PDT, almost 80 attendees completed a survey. Some of the results:

68% of the participants attended to secure CPE credits while 28% attended either because of interest in subject material, personal enrichment, or to improve work capabilities.

78% of the attendees were from local and state government

91% judged the PDT to be a good value for the price (5% would have paid more!)

100% felt the PDT met or exceeded their expectations

91% definitely and 9% might recommend the PDT to others.

35% of this year's virtual attendees indicated a preference for live meetings, 44% prefer virtual, 21% had no preference

Many of the attendees also made comments including the following:

- The COAGA does an excellent job on the annual training. I have been attending these training sessions for several years. This was the last time for attending the training since I will be retiring in April 2022. I have enjoyed all of the speakers and I have learned from each of them throughout the years. Keep up the great work you all do in putting together the annual training.
- Really enjoyed the virtual training. The sessions went very smooth with very few glitches. I attended an Ohio GFOA conference last month that was both virtual and live. Would love to see you implement this concept if you return to live seminars. Again outstanding job!!
- COAGA's PDT is one of the best, maybe THE best, CPE value. All volunteer-driven this year, all who planned, helped, and spoke (most for free) are to be commended.

The biggest thank you goes out to all who attended and we hope you all return for our next exciting informative conference.

Save the dates of October 17 and 18, 2022 for next year's PDT. Current plans are to be in person at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus. We are currently investigating if it may be cost effective to present a hybrid event of both in person and virtual. We should know more in late spring, early summer what options COVID will allow. We will keep you updated as we know more but hoping everyone can attend next year no matter the format.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Second Quarter 2022

Central Ohio Association of Government Accountants
Statement of Activities
 As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and For The Periods Then Ended

	<u>Program Year 2022</u>	<u>Program Year 2021</u>
	July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021	July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020
Revenues and support		
Chapter dues	\$ 291	\$ 284
Registrations	33,863	32,443
Sponsorships	6,000	5,000
Interest	2	5
Other	5	-
	<u>40,161</u>	<u>37,732</u>
Total revenue and support		
Expenses:		
Program services:		
Professional development training	5,993	19,451
ByLaws and Sponsorships	-	-
Community service	-	-
Education and CPE	3,032	375
Social and networking	338	3,414
CGFM/Other	125	-
Scholarship and awards	-	-
	<u>9,488</u>	<u>23,240</u>
Support services:		
Management and general	3,286	2,232
	<u>12,774</u>	<u>25,472</u>
Total expenses		
Change in net assets	27,387	12,260
Net assets - June 30, 2021 and 2020	<u>49,588</u>	<u>39,580</u>
Net assets - December 31, 2021 and 2020	<u>\$ 76,975</u>	<u>\$ 51,840</u>

AGA OPPORTUNITIES



Have a college student, or know one? Central Ohio AGA's 2022 scholarship application will be available by the end of January on our [scholarships & awards page](#). Applications must be submitted by early April, with awards made by the end of May.



Interested in being a chapter sponsor? Visit our website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Central-Ohio-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Chapter-Sponsors.aspx> for more information.



Did you know as a member of the Central Ohio AGA you also have access to all of the National AGA resources and training events? Learn about everything AGA can offer you by checking out National's website or asking one of the Executive Committee members. See <https://www.agacgfm.org/home.aspx> for more information.



Interested in becoming a mentor to a young professional as part of the AGA mentoring program? As a mentor you can share their knowledge and expertise to help develop future leaders of our profession! For those interested in becoming either a mentor or a mentee please visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Mentoring-Program.aspx>.

CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORTING

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 CO-AGA's past and current reports at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Central-Ohio-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Citizen-Centric-Reporting.aspx>



CGFM “TOGO” PROMOTION - TAKE ONE, GET ONE!

Take any CGFM exam this fall and receive a voucher for a free CGFM exam.

Here’s how it works:

1. Take one of your CGFM examinations between **September 1 and November 30, 2021**.
2. **Request** a voucher code for your next CGFM examination by emailing agacgfm@agacgfm.org as soon as you take your exam, and no later than **December 6, 2021**.
3. **Receive** one voucher code via email.
4. Schedule and take your next CGFM exam using the voucher code as payment by **February 28, 2022**.

Terms and Conditions:

- Taking a CGFM exam prior to September 1, 2021 will **not** qualify for this promotion.
- We recommend requesting your voucher code as soon as you take the exam during the September-November timeframe.
- Voucher codes will **only** be issued to current CGFM candidates who took a CGFM examination between September 1 and November 30, 2021, and who still have to pass at least one CGFM examination. Voucher codes will only be distributed to those who request them.
- Voucher codes will be distributed on specific dates only: 9/15, 9/30, 10/15, 11/1, 11/15, 12/2 and 12/15. Vouchers will be sent to individuals who have met the above requirements and request the voucher **at least three days** prior to the distribution date.
- Each candidate may only receive **one** voucher code and they are non-transferable.
- All voucher codes will expire on **February 28, 2022** — all exams paid with these vouchers will need to be taken by that date. The expiration date will **not** be extended for any reason.
- Testing appointments may fill up — candidates are encouraged to request their voucher code and schedule their appointment as soon as possible.

Any questions regarding this promotion should be directed to AGA’s Office of Professional Certification at agacgfm@agacgfm.org or 703.684.6931.

Additionally, COAGA members can be reimbursed for the final part of the CGFM exam. This means that successful candidates can get two of the three CGFM exams for free! For more details on this promotion contact executive.coaga@gmail.com.



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