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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Central Ohio AGA Members,

As we move into a hopeful new year in 2021, we take a moment to reflect on the year that was 2020. This past year brought us all the changes associated with a pandemic. We are all now very used to virtual meetings and working remotely. We missed out on social events like happy hours, baseball games, paint nights and new opportunities. We were limited with community service events due to the safety of members in the community. I think I can speak for all of us when I say face to face interaction was sorely missed as we rang in the new year.

In October 2020, we held our very first virtual PDT. We had 138 attendees which was significantly less than the 200+ we normally have annually in person. However, the conference was still held with break out sessions and offered members 16 CPE credits over the 2 days. This feat by our Education Committee was simply amazing.

As we move into 2021, we are planning the PDT for October 2021. We are trying to determine the best platform to offer the event whether that be virtual or in person. Our monthly events will stay virtual for the time being until restrictions for large groups are lifted. We will look into social and community service events that will allow our members to network once again in person but perhaps being administered in a different way. We want to encourage members to reach out to members on the Executive and Education Committees with any ideas you may have for education, social or community service events.

We also want to encourage members to volunteer to be on the Executive Board as well as the Education Committee. These positions provide members invaluable leadership and networking opportunities. They provide your employer with an employee who is engaged in the profession and looking for ways to grow professionally.

We look forward to possibly returning to a little normal this year. Please feel to reach out to me should you have any questions or ideas at bcottrill@wscloud.org.



Stay safe and healthy,

Bryan Cottrill

2020-2021 Central Ohio AGA President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- James Wright
- Karen Keeran
- Rosa Ocheltree
- David Rostorfer
- Justin Sloan



MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES



5 Years

Amanda Jackson
George Kooser

10 Years

Mary Frato
Katherine Hemleben
Juliette Lonsert
Dawn Pertner

15 Years

Patrick Brobeck
Mark Later
Moratt Bernadette

25 Years

Jason Uhrig

Thank you for your dedicated
membership.

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*Bill Kennedy, CPA
Principal
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COMMUNITY EVENTS



Central Ohio AGA is looking for ideas for socially distant community service events/activities. If you know of any please submit your ideas to Ryan Reichley at Ryan.Reichley@reacpa.com.

Find us on Facebook and LinkedIn:

<https://www.facebook.com/centralohioaga>

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

2021



Keep an eye out in January on the COAGA website and in your email for news on submitting applications for the upcoming COAGA 2020 Scholarships.

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& | **& Grube**

CGFM OFFER

If you are interested in becoming a CGFM, the COAGA wants to help you!

COAGA members can now take two (2) Certified Governmental Financial Manager (CGFM) examinations for free (passage of test required for reimbursement) and gain usage of the study guides for all 3 parts. Enroll in the CGFM program in March and save up to \$565!

To qualify for this promotion, an individual must:

Be a current member of AGA, and

Complete the CGFM application requirements between 07/01/2020 and 05/15/2021 (Note: this includes submitting the online CGFM application form, paying the \$70 application fee and submitting the required official college transcript to the AGA Office of Professional Certification.

COAGA library of CGFM Study Guides for all 3 parts:

The value of the 3 study guides for all three parts of the exam amount to \$315.00. We will provide you with use of the study guide from our library. We just expect you to return in good condition as soon as you are complete with your studying for the part of the test.

COAGA Reimbursement for the 2 of the 3 tests:

Individuals who have met the above criteria and are enrolled in the CGFM program will be reimbursed for up to two parts by COAGA (\$125 each part for a total of \$250). Members will email their proof of application fee (PDF at end of payment process) along with proof of passing score to Bryan Cottrill at bcottrill@wscloud.org. **The testing appointment must be scheduled and the exam must be taken by May 15, 2021.**



CLARK SCHAEFER HACKETT
CPAS & ADVISORS

PDT IN THE TIME OF COVID

October 26 and 27, 2020

Ok, Hollywood probably will not make a movie of the PDT [ala *“Love in the Time of Cholera”*], but Central Ohio AGA managed to present a successful event in 2020 despite the ravages of the pandemic. Fourteen excellent speakers, starting with Ohio’s own Auditor of State Keith Faber and including representatives from national organizations the AICPA, GASB, and NASACT, as well as the Auditor of State’s office, Cherry Bekaert, Volcker Alliance, Plante Moran, Capital Edge Consulting, with the ever-popular Dawn Hayes and Scott Warrick, and Dr. Toby Groves reprising his accountancy- board- approved “Ethics” course. This made for a complete and professional training session at a moderate cost for the approximately 130 attendees.

Members of the COAGA’s Education Committee, worked directly on the sessions, included co-chairs Scott Reeves and Mike Howard who served as moderators, accompanied by silent partners that actively monitored every minute of each session, and were prepared to step in if necessary. This allowed the sessions to run as smoothly as possible. Many thanks to Scott, Mike, Bryan Cottrill, Emily Hay, Rich Cunningham, Tiffany Ridenbaugh, and our consultant from Accent on Management, Lisa Kirr.

At the end of the PDT, more than 90 attendees completed a survey. Some of the results:

- The highest rated session, 100% “excellent” or “good”, the top 2 choices, was “Navigating Federal Grants During COVID-19”. Twelve of the sessions were rated above or near 90%.
- 87% of the participants attended to secure CPE credits
- 83% of the attendees were from local and state government
- 88% judged the PDT to be a good value for the price [7% would have paid more!]
- 99% felt the PDT met or exceeded their expectations
- 100% “might” [12%] or “definitely” [88%] would recommend the PDT to others
- Still, almost half [48%] of this year’s virtual attendees indicated a preference for live meetings; 25% prefer virtual; the rest did not have preference either way

Many of the attendees also made comments. An excerpt:

- Scott and Mike an awesome job moderating! I thought everything went very smoothly and transitioned well, the CPE surveys were simple, and I think it was a good number of times to have to exit/re-enter on the webinar software. Great job!!
- I really enjoyed this year online and felt I got more out of it. I was more comfortable and love having space.
- Thank you so much for offering the PDT virtually this year. While it was weird not being all together in person with everyone, I thought the virtual PDT was well-planned and went very smoothly!!! The GoTo Webinar platform worked great. Thank you again!!!
- Kudos to AGA for all the hard work in making this conference a success once again! I realize it took much more work this year, but was definitely appreciated! Thank you!
- Well done this year. Went better than I thought it would given the circumstances. Your handling of the technical was top notch and loved the links being resent before the start of the next class. Very helpful! Really great topics. Kudos to you all.
- Good job to the education committee on the virtual sessions. Really impressed with how seamless the transitions were from speakers to committee for polls/videos, etc. Think this was the smoothest yet of all virtual conferences/training sessions I've taken over the past 7 months!

Save the dates of October 26 and 27, 2021 for next year’s PDT. If COVID allows it, we will decide sometime next summer if we can return to an in-person PDT. In the meantime, the Education Committee can always use dedicated volunteers. Contact us at

education.coaga@gmail.com to help us continue COAGA’s tradition of excellence in governmental training!

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Second Quarter 2021

Central Ohio Association of Government Accountants
Statement of Activities
Period Ended December 31, 2020 and Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Program Year 2021	Program Year 2020
	July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020	July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020
Revenues and support		
Chapter dues	\$ 284	\$ 1,927
Registrations	32,442	72,643
Sponsorships	5,000	5,500
Interest	5	15
Other	-	25
Total revenue and support	37,731	80,110
Expenses:		
Program services:		
Professional development training	19,451	67,516
Community service	-	2,714
Education and CPE	375	2,420
Social and networking	3,414	-
Scholarship and awards	-	5,000
	23,240	77,650
Support services:		
Management and general	2,232	4,458
Total expenses	25,472	82,108
Change in net assets	12,259	(1,998)
Net assets - beginning of year	41,189	43,187
Net assets - end of period/year	\$ 53,448	\$ 41,189

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



NATIONAL AGA

Do you enjoy what the Central Ohio AGA has to offer? 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.agacgm.org/home.aspx> and page 9 below.



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