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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2020-2021 Program Year for the Central Ohio Chapter of AGA! I am honored to be serving as your chapter president this year. Our chapter is moving in an exciting direction with our first virtual PDT coming up on October 26th and 27th. I want to spotlight the work of our Education Directors Scott Reeves and Mike Howard along with the Education Committee. The amount of work they have volunteered to ensure our members are offered CPE during these different times is nothing short of amazing. The move to virtual will also allow us to offer CPE in future years remotely to members along with hopefully returning to in person training once we are able. I think we can all agree that in person CPE offers so much more in terms of networking.

We cannot wait for our members and nonmembers to attend our 36th annual two-day Professional Development Training (PDT) on Monday, October 26th & Tuesday, October 27st virtually. We have a wide array of speakers from around the country presenting on both technical and soft skills. We were able to offer breakout sessions and an Ethics class that qualifies for CPA license holders. We know budgets are a little tighter during the pandemic, but we will ensure your employer will appreciate what we will offer to our attendees. For additional information and to register please visit our website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Central-Ohio-Chapter/Training-Events/PDT.aspx>.

The pandemic is also creating a new challenge for our chapter to offer social and community service events. We were used to offering great events like happy hours, Clippers games, tailgates, 5k events, working at the McDonald house and working in the soup kitchen. We are currently brainstorming to offer social events virtually and also find any community service events that we can provide service safely and effectively. If you have experienced any events or have any ideas on events we can hold, please contact our Social and Community Service Directors.

We look forward to making the 2020-2021 a success just like we have in years past by making our Chapter a Platinum level chapter according to National AGA standards. We have a great group of volunteers who agree with the mission to continue to offer top of line education and events. Our Chapter is consistently contacted by National AGA for insight on events we hold to provide examples to other Chapters in the United States and beyond. This is a testament of the volunteers we have on the Executive and Education Committees. If you would like to help provide value to your fellow COAGA members and gain leadership experience while building professional relationships you should inquire about becoming a chair on the Executive Committee! Please feel free to contact us at executive.coaga@gmail.com. Do not hesitate to ask any questions as we welcome new insight on the committee to make us stronger and move us forward into the future.



Keep up to date with what's going on with Central Ohio AGA via our website, LinkedIn, or Facebook.

Take Care and Be Safe!

Bryan Cottrill
2020-2021 Central Ohio AGA President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- James Barone
- Ryan Dietrich
- Keith Faber
- Jordan Hayes

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

10 Years

Jeffrey Bires
Joel Donchess
Kristal Foster
Jamie Keipper

20 Years

Kelly Berger Davis

Thank you for your dedicated membership.

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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.

PAST SOCIAL EVENT

COAGA Golf Outing— 11 Teams participated at the Links Golf Course on September 4, 2020.



EDUCATION EVENT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING – October 26-27, 2020

It's almost time once again for The Central Ohio Association of Government Accountants' 36th Annual – and 1st Virtual - Professional Development Training. The PDT is scheduled for October 26 and 27 at... wherever you have online access!

Despite the COVID situation causing us to move online, the PDT will still offer an excellent array of top-notch speakers and subjects at an unbelievably economic price. This year, the price has dropped more than 50%. There's still time to register, even now at this late date.

The Honorable Keith Faber, Ohio's Auditor of State, has agreed to kick off the conference, followed by representatives from many professional organizations, including, the always-popular Mike Glynn returning from the AICPA, a senior project manager from the GASB, Dr. Toby Groves reprising his accountancy- board - approved "Ethics" course, and Kinney Poynter from NASACT. Some sessions reflect the ever-more omnipresent inroads of technology – including a very entertaining session discussing robots and artificial intelligence- and robotics processes (Plante Moran). Other topics include The COVID Crisis Economy (Volcker Alliance), fraud audits, federal and state procurement standards (Capital Edge Consulting), and "soft" subjects such as post-George Floyd harassment and civility, and unconscious bias.

COAGA's Education Committee, led by dedicated and seemingly-tireless chair Scott Reeves, has been hard at work learning the meeting software system *GoToWebinar*. We have had one complete session already, on August 27, with the speaker operating from his front porch and about 60 virtual attendees that was well-received, and we continue to reach out to all of our PDT speakers to make sure we can deliver a quality virtual presentation meeting your continuing education requirements!

Our chapter serves state, local, and special district governments, as well as their private sector partners throughout Ohio. Reasons to attend this 2-day conference:

- Earn cost effective CPE hours – obtain up to 16 CPE's
- Several hours of CPIM approved sessions
- Learn from nationally recognized industry leaders from the GASB, NASACT, and AICPA.
- The required "Ethics" training will be offered
- Stay up-to-date on industry changes and issues that affect your career

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

First Quarter 2020

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

	Program Year 2021	Program Year 2020
	<u>July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020</u>	<u>July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020</u>
Revenues and support		
Chapter dues	\$ 183	\$ 1,927
Grants	-	-
Registrations	2,235	72,643
Sponsorships	5,000	5,500
Interest	3	15
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>25</u>
Total revenue and support	<u>7,421</u>	<u>80,110</u>
Expenses:		
Program services:		
Professional development training	3,482	67,516
Community service	-	2,714
Education and CPE	364	2,420
Social and networking	3,414	-
Scholarship and awards	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>7,260</u>	<u>77,650</u>
Support services:		
Management and general	<u>1,500</u>	<u>4,458</u>
Total expenses	<u>8,760</u>	<u>82,108</u>
Change in net assets	(1,339)	(1,998)
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>41,189</u>	<u>43,187</u>
Net assets - end of period/year	<u>\$ 39,850</u>	<u>\$ 41,189</u>

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.**



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