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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AGA – Central Ohio Chapter members,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holidays. We are looking forward to a great 2025.

The second quarter is always a busy time for our chapter. In October, we held our annual two-day Professional Development Training (PDT) conference at the Quest Center. The conference brought in 195 attendees, where attendees could earn up to 15 hours of CPE/CPIM credit. The PDT featured various speakers and held breakout sessions that covered current topics designed to educate and inform on technical and social skills. I would like to thank the Education Committee for putting on another great event. For more detailed information about the conference please refer to the PDT article later in this newsletter. As we move into 2025, we are currently planning for the upcoming PDT to be held on October 21st and 22nd at the Quest Center, stay tuned for more information.

We recently received the Recognition of Excellence for the submission of our annual Citizen-Centric Report (CCR). I would like to thank Isaac Ulery (Accountability Chair) for all his hard work in preparing and submitting this report. The latest report is available on our website, [Central Ohio 2024 CCR](#).

Next quarter, we are looking forward to hosting a CGFM informational session on March 11th following the monthly session. A National AGA representative will be joining our chapter to provide details on what CGFM is, how to become certified and the benefits of holding such a certification. You can register for this event and all our future monthly sessions on our website.

We also want to encourage members to volunteer to be on the Executive Committee and 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.

Visit our website, LinkedIn or Facebook page to keep up to date with your Central Ohio AGA Chapter.



Erin Hill, CGFM

2024-2025 Central Ohio AGA President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Brett Burns
- Kevin Graves
- Thomas Uber
- Victoria Congrove
- Donnisha Johnson
- Sally Williams
- Lindsey Gorning
- Kimberly Smith

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES



5 Years

- Ozge Ucan

20 Years

- Amanda Cyrus

25+ Years

- Amy Radebaugh

- Natalie Millhuff-Stang

- Kevin Patton

- Steven Julian

- Nathan French

- Stacie Scholl

- Robert Hinkle

- Richard Sketel

- Carri Brown

- Jason Uhrig

- Bryan Bunting

- Richard Cunningham

- Marlin Easterday



Thank you for your dedicated membership!

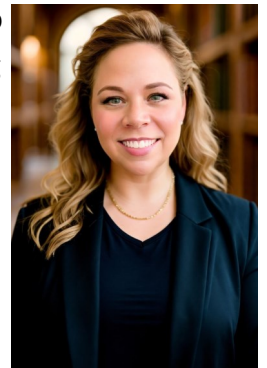
Please visit our Job Postings page at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Central-Ohio-Chapter/OurChapter/JobPostings.aspx>

2024 EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP

The COAGA annually presents an award to a state or local government professional 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.

Congratulations to our 2024 award recipient, Dr. Carri Brown



CGFM NEWS

2024 CGFM Study Guides: The 2024 editions of all three CGFM Study Guides are now available for purchase! [Learn more](#)

CGFM Exam News: To ensure the CGFM examinations' content continues to reflect the current government financial

management field, AGA periodically conducts a Job Analysis Study of the role of government financial manager. The latest Job Analysis Study was conducted in 2023 and, as a result, the CGFM examinations were updated to follow content outlines, starting on September 1, 2024. Starting on January 1, 2025, the updated CGFM examinations will resume (with immediate score reporting). [Learn more](#)

CGFM Information Session - March 2025: We encourage anyone interested in pursuing this certification to join our chapter for a CGFM Info Session immediately following the March 11th monthly education event, from approximately 3:30-4:00. A National AGA Representative will share information regarding the CGFM, including what it is and how to become certified. [Learn more](#)



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

UPCOMING WEBINAR

Bond Disclosure - What is it and why is it necessary? February, 4, 2025

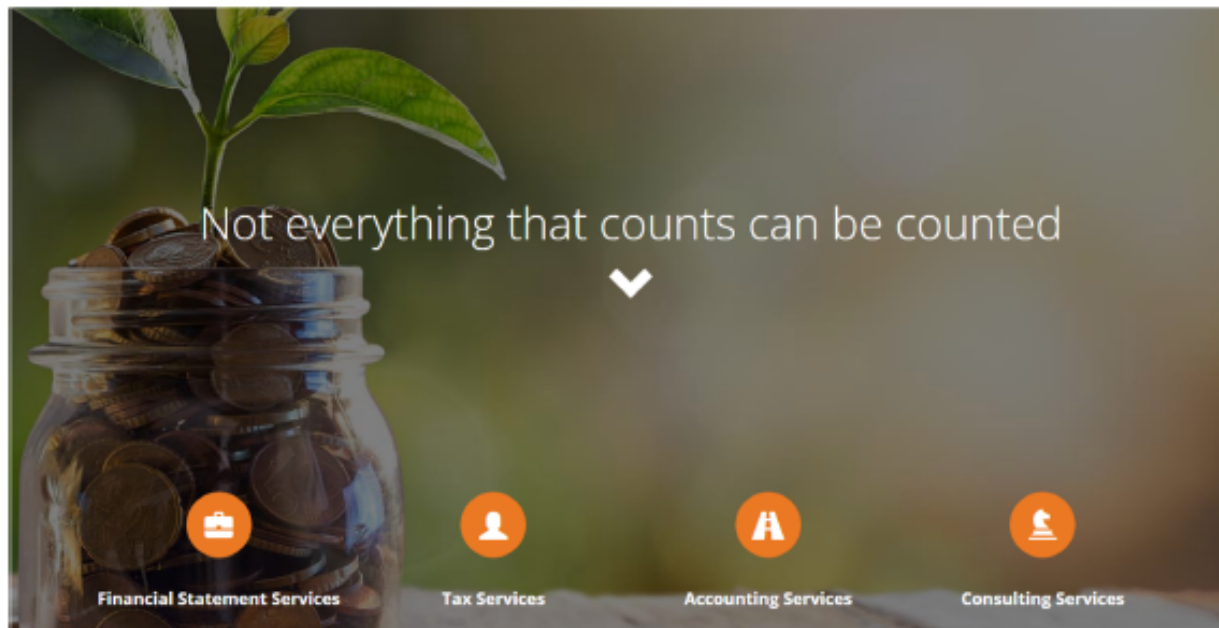
This presentation will cover the various aspects of primary disclosure including the information that is typically included as well as risks to consider in the disclosure. The presentation will also discuss continuing disclosure obligations which arise after the issuance of notes or bonds. Applicable securities laws will also be covered. [Learn more](#)

Presenters: Allison M. Binkley, Partner at Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP and Ryan K. Callender, Partner at Squire Patton Boggs



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RECAP OF 2024 PDT

October 21st and 22nd , 2024

Our AGA Central Ohio Chapter 40th annual professional development training (PDT) conference was held on October 21st and 22nd, 2024 at the Quest Conference Center. We had 195 registered for the conference, almost 30 more than last year. We provided a wide variety of topics for the conference, featuring 25 different presenters and 25 general and break-out sessions. Highlights included sessions on emerging issues in government accounting, cybersecurity, and the impact of AI, among others. We had a Happy Hour after the first day at Liberty Tavern, sponsored by Cognificant Learning, for an opportunity to network with your peers in addition to the time at the conference.

Many thanks to our Education Committee members and Cognificant Learning who assisted with planning the conference throughout the year and all who volunteered as monitors for sessions and provided other assistance during the conference. Also, a big thank you to our sponsors: Clark Schaeffer Hackett, Rea & Associates, and Julian & Grube for their continued support and new sponsor BHM CPA Group, Inc.

Congratulations to Dr. Carri L. Brown, Fairfield County Auditor, who received our Excellence in Government Leadership Award.

Survey responses were very positive. Most sessions were highly rated. Some of the results include:

- 83% rated the conference as better than average or among the best compared to other conferences
- 98% felt the PDT met or exceeded their expectations
- 93% definitely would recommend the PDT to others

Michael Bingham from the U.S. Government Accountability Office commented, "Thank you for inviting me to participate in this year's COAGA PDT. It was a wonderfully run conference, and I found the sessions to be quite informative, even more so than some national conferences I've attended."

Some comments from attendees included:

- It was a good conference - I always learn a lot and appreciate the networking opportunity
- It was a great learning experience
- All in all, I feel like it was a very successful 2024 PDT!!!! Cognificant Learning did an AMAZING job, a nice variety of speakers & topics, Quest Center did an amazing job, the food was very good, Happy Hour/Networking was well-attended and I am always appreciative of having that as an option.
- Nicely done! Thank you to everyone that made this event happen



Our Education Committee is already busy planning the 2025 PDT Conference which will be held at the Quest Conference Center on Tuesday and Wednesday October 21-22, 2025. Mark your calendars now and look for registration to open this summer. Please email us any suggestions you have. Additionally, The COAGA Education Committee can always use dedicated volunteers to assist with organizing these conferences. Contact us at education.coaga@gmail.com to help us continue COAGA's tradition of excellence in governmental training!



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2025 COAGA SCHOLARSHIP

The Central Ohio Chapter of the AGA (COAGA) will be awarding five scholarships to active members, or other selected candidates who are currently enrolled in full or part-time study in a college or universities accounting, business, finance, or computer science programs (or college acceptance pending). Children/grandchildren of an active AGA member who are currently enrolled in full or part-time study in a college or university with any major also qualify (or college acceptance pending).

Award Amounts: Five scholarships, up to \$1,000 each

Closing Date for Applications: April 4, 2025

Award Announcement: No later than May 31, 2025

For additional information and to apply, click [here](#).

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Second Quarter 2025

AGA - Central Ohio Chapter

Statement of Activities

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and For The Periods Then Ended

	Program Year 2025	Program Year 2024
	July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024	July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023
Revenues and support		
Chapter dues	\$ 542	\$ 1,616
Registrations	69,470	54,841
Sponsorships	10,000	6,000
Interest	408	2
Other	8	100
Total revenue and support	80,428	62,559
Expenses:		
Program services:		
Professional development training	57,171	50,044
ByLaws and Sponsorships	-	-
Community service	100	300
Education and CPE	14	11
Social and networking	1,443	-
Communications	-	-
Membership	-	-
Golf	-	-
CGFM\Other	-	3
Scholarship and awards	-	(1,000)
	58,728	49,358
Support services:		
Management and general	6,596	4,143
Total expenses	65,324	53,501
Change in net assets	15,104	9,058
Net assets - June 30, 2024 and 2023	47,930	46,018
Net assets - December 31, 2024 and 2023	\$ 63,034	\$ 55,076



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