

AGA Central Ohio Chapter

Citizen-Centric Report 2022-2023

AGA – Advancing Government Accountability

Founded in 1950, AGA is *the* association that connects and empowers financial related professionals who support government, from financial management to IT, human resources, cybersecurity and more, to advance good government initiatives, grow their expertise and accelerate their careers. AGA is made up of more than 11,000 members, including senior executives, mid-level managers, entry-level employees, elected officials and students. The members work in government financial management disciplines, including accounting, auditing, budgeting, financial reporting, performance reporting, grants management, contract management and information systems.

Our Chapter



Chapter President,
Derek Farwick

The Central Ohio Chapter of AGA (COAGA) received its charter in 1970. We are part of the Great-Lakes Region along with 7 other chapters – including the nearby Greater Columbus Chapter. Where the Greater Columbus Chapter has healthy membership with a federal focus, our members are primarily state employees. We pride ourselves in providing our members with a wide variety of educational resources as well as plethora of social and community activities. With a heavy emphasis on continuing professional education (CPE) we look provide our members with over 30 hours of trainings/webinars every year – some of which are free to members!

2023 Members At A Glance			
Total Members	CGFMs	Young Professional	CPAs
314	56	6	80

What We Do

COAGA values coincide with the National Association's Core Values – Service, Accountability, Integrity, and Leadership. To foster these values, we actively promote the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification. In addition to providing numerous CPE events, we also provide an array of social events and community service opportunities.

2023 Member Employers			
CITY	COUNTY	PRIVATE	STATE
43	45	38	129

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Mission

AGA is a professional association advancing accountability, transparency, and leadership by promoting education, certification, innovation, and collaboration across all levels of government and to stakeholders.

Vision

AGA endeavors to be the premier association for advancing government accountability.

Values

Service, Accountability, Integrity, and Leadership

Chapter Leaders

President: Derek Farwick

President-Elect: Richard L. Cunningham, Jr.

Immediate Past-President:
Tiffany Ridenbaugh



Significant Accomplishments

- First hybrid PDT event with virtual and live options available to attendees
- Awarded five scholarships

Financial Overview

- For more detailed information on our chapter's financials, please visit:
<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Central-Ohio-Chapter/OurChapter/FinancialReports.aspx>

Strategic Goals

- Provide members with quality programs, products, and services
- Be actively involved in community service
- Provide opportunities for members to serve the chapter and gain leadership experience
- Actively engage with college-aged students in an effort to boost our young professional membership
- Promote AGA's CGFM program

Education

- Each fall, the COAGA presents the annual PDT Professional Development Training (PDT) which offers an excellent slate of speakers and a wide range of break-out sessions. Last year, our chapter provided 16 CPE hours to approximately 150 attendees in our first-ever hybrid event. We had 16 different speakers and a total of 22 sessions. Some of the notable speakers included Michael Glynn of the AICPA, Lisa Parker from GASB, and National AGA speaker Melinda DeCorte.
- The Chapter offers CPE sessions throughout the year. Each session ranges from one to eight hours and are often free to members registering in advance.

National Recognition

- During this year's National AGA PDT, Central Ohio Chapter member Emily Hay was recognized as our Chapter's Volunteer of the Year.
- Central Ohio AGA members Samantha Alberts and Tiffany Ridenbaugh participated in panel presentations at the National AGA PDT Conference.

Giving Back to the Community

- In 2023, the Central Ohio AGA awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to high school students entering college with an emphasis in accounting.
- In 2023 the Central Ohio AGA made a donation of \$470 to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. Member donations totaled \$235 and the chapter made a matching contribution.

Social Events

- Throughout the year, our Chapter holds a number of social events for members and their families. In 2023 we hosted a Golf Outing at the New Albany Links. Additionally, we hosted a networking event where we invited members and guests for an evening at the baseball diamond to watch our local baseball team, the Columbus Clippers.



Our Finances

Revenues & Expenses

Revenues

	2023	2022
Chapter Dues	305	1,642
Registrations	55,118	37,182
Sponsorships	6,369	6,449
Interest	4	5
Other	370	531
Total Revenues	62,166	45,809

Expenses

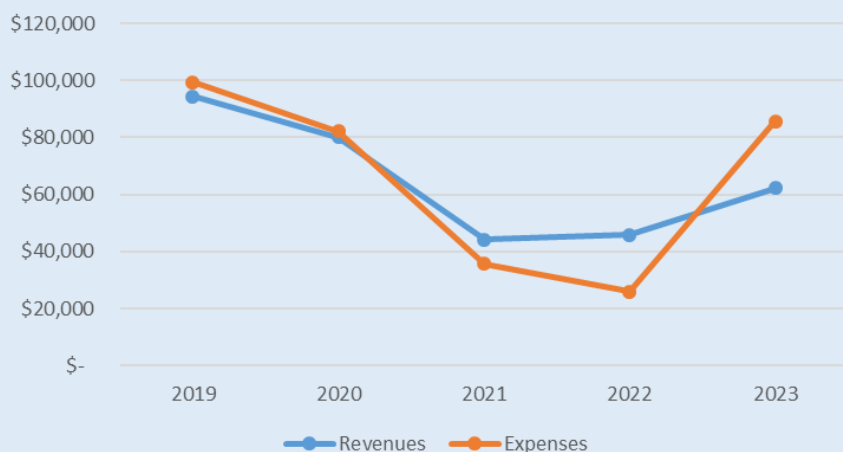
	2023	2022
Professional Development Training	59,862	5,993
CGFM and Professional Certification	2,700	125
Community Service	480	668
Education and CPE	1,337	3,079
Social and Networking	7,923	5,571
Communications	396	
Scholarships and Awards	5,000	6,000
Management and General	7,973	4,438
Total Expenses	85,671	25,874

Our main revenue source is our annual Professional Development Training (PDT). Profits from this event are used to fund continuing education, charitable donations, community service events, and scholarships. 2023 was our first year hosting this training as a hybrid event. We do not intend to keep it a hybrid event as it is cost prohibitive but we will monitor the feedback from our members to see if it is an option we may want to offer in future years.

Our chapter had a net assets of \$69,523 in 2022. As of June 30, 2023 net assets for the COAGA sit at \$46,018. We anticipate similar expenses in the coming years as we transition back into providing an in-person PDT. Some expenses from the 2022 fiscal year were carried into 2023. We will continue to investigate alternative options to provide educational experiences in convenient locations at an affordable price to our members.

For the second year in a row, we saw an increase in our annual revenues. This was due to increased attendance in our annual PDT. We hope that our members value the training and we continue to increase attendance. Moving forward, we will need to monitor expenses related to the PDT as our expenses outweighed our revenues in 2023.

Revenue & Expense Trends in the Past 5 Years



Chapter Goals

Increasing Membership and Retention

- In the 2023 fiscal year, we saw membership decrease by 7 members. We are optimistic membership will increase due to the successful PDT as well as growing social events. Retaining members is a difficult task given the multitude of professional organizations available to the workforce. We believe that by continuing to provide excellent educational opportunities and numerous networking and social events, we will attract a larger membership in the coming years.



Growing the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Program

- As interest in obtaining professional certifications is increasing throughout the financial industry, the CGFM program offers professionals a financial management certification specifically designed to provide superior financial support to government entities. We offer many incentives for our members to become a CGFM, including reimbursements for test and access to study guides.

We want to hear from you!

- For more information regarding our organization, please visit our website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Central-Ohio-Chapter/Home.aspx>. Here you will be able to find our quarterly newsletters as well as a listing of our current Executive Committee members and their contact information.