

**ASSOCIATION OF
CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINERS
CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER
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NEWSLETTER**





Central Ohio Chapter of the C.F.E. DECEMBER, 2007

“To improve fraud detection and deterrence through the education and interaction of our members and to aid community efforts to detect and prevent fraud”

FROM THE EDITOR

Didn't we just HAVE a Christmas? I mean seriously! I could've sworn I just got done paying off last year's bar tab ... I mean, Christmas bills (See? It pays to be my friend!) and BAM! It's here again! Well, as the old saying goes, time flies when you're having fun ... or in a self induced coma. (See note above on bar tab!) JUST KIDDING! By the way, if you're torn on what to get ME for Christmas, go with the more expensive item!

With the passing of Christmas comes yet ANOTHER tradition ... No, I'm not talking about New Year's Eve – the time honored tradition when it's OK to start celebrating early (See note above on bar tab!) and by the end of the night, end up with less clothes on than Baby New Year ... in a tree (though that IS a good one!) JUST KIDDING ... I'm talking about the Ohio State Buckeyes playing in the BCS Championship football game! I think, us here in Buckeyeland, are getting a little spoiled with our football team. I think they should change the B in BCS to mean Buckeye (See? I told you we were spoiled!) I wonder what the absenteeism rate is going to be at work on the following Tuesday after the game? (See note above on bar tab!) I think I can hear a small cough coming on now! JUST KIDDING!

Don't miss December 19th's Christmas extravaganza and luncheon at the River Club. Where else can you get out of work for an hour, eat some good food, see the latest Christmas sweater fashions and find me under the mistle-toe! JUST KIDDING!!

Happy Holidays ... Merry Christmas ... Happy Chanukkah ... Happy Kwanzaa ... Feliz Navidad ... Mele Kalikimaka ... No matter how you say it, it kind of ALL means the same!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month's meeting will be our holiday party and our last chance to meet before we ring in the new year. We are limiting this meeting to members only as we do not have a speaker. The Board will also be making the big announcement for the Class of 2008.

Congratulations go out to Dave Welch and Bob Caldwell who have recently passed their CFE Exams!! Way to go guys.

Please contact Adam if you have any ideas for a community project focused on detecting and deterring fraud. The chapter in the past has assisted local law enforcement agencies with purchasing equipment that they could not fit into their budget. We are looking for new ideas, so don't be afraid to speak up.

If you are a member of National, remember to vote for the 2008-2009 Board of Regents. There are three open positions and many great candidates. Be sure to logon to <http://www.acfe.com/login.asp?Redirect=http://www.acfe.com/regents-election-2007.asp> to read the candidates bios. You have until December 31, 2007 to place your vote.

The deadline for confirming your CPE compliance with National for 2007 is January 31, 2008. You can confirm your CPE compliance by visiting www.ACFE.com and selecting "My Account" from the menu and then select CPE compliance.

See you on Wednesday, December 19 at the River Club and don't forget to dress festive for the holiday giveaway.

Chrissie



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**NOVEMBER 14, 2007
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Chrissie Powers. Others in attendance were Danny Case, Henry Smith, Mike Day, Melissa Smart and Training Officer Adam Featherling.

The following agenda items were discussed at the meeting:

- The September 2007 Board Meeting Minutes were accepted.
- The treasurer report was given by Melissa Smart and accepted by the Board. The chapter had a cash balance

of \$25,202.72. There are currently 102 chapter members. No one has yet been obtained to perform the audit of the Chapter's Financial Statements for the 2007 fiscal year end. A motion was made and accepted by the Board to apply any memberships fees received from now through year-end 2007 to the applicant's 2008 membership.

- Adam Featherling reported that based upon feedback he has received, three of the 2007 scholarship recipients have or will be completing their CFE review material. He has received inquiries from six individuals who have expressed interest on the program for 2008.
- Adam reported to the Board that he has received a request of two GPS units from the Westerville Police Department for the chapter's Community Project. Adam stated that he is trying to obtain more information concerning this request and will report to the Board once it has been obtained.
- An update on the Emerging Trends conference was provided to the Board. There has been one meeting of the committee. The main focus at this time is contacting potential speakers. The conference will be at the Convention Center (Hyatt) downtown Columbus on May 13-14, 2008.
- An update on the OIA/CFE February training conference was provided to the Board. Representatives of the OIA have been contacted and a planning meeting scheduled for November 26, 2007.
- Chrissie updated the Board concerning her contacts with other organization for possible joint meetings. RIMS has indicated that they will not be able to have a joint meeting this year. The IIA program committee and Chrissie are still discussing a potential joint luncheon.
- The Board was informed that Professor Dave Welch of Franklin University has offered the use of their computer class to update/modify the Chapter's website. A motion was made and approved by the Board to proceed with this activity.

- The Board was informed that a request for a fraud speaker had been received from the Ohio Township Association for their conference on February 1, 2008. Mike Day indicated that he could potentially make a presentation.
- A motion was made and approved by the Board in the amount of \$600 for the purchase of Christmas gifts for the December luncheon. A motion was also approved to limit the attendance at the December meeting to members only.
- Chrissie distributed to the Board, for their review, copies of the Chapter Bylaws which had been updated by National.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.



**DECEMBER 19th
LUNCHEON SPEAKER
ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

It's the Holiday season – and what better way to celebrate the season than with your family! Well, a better SECOND choice would be with your pseudo-family of fellow CFE'ers!

Once again, it's time for our now infamous (which is BETTER than famous) holiday luncheon!

In order to attend this year's gala, you MUST be a registered member of the local Central Ohio CFE! See? Membership has its privileges!!!

So, break out that gawdy sweater you got for Christmas last year, don your gay apparel and bask in the warmth of a good meal and a little something 'extra' to help you start your holiday off right (and maybe get a jump on your re-gifting!)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Get out your Franklin Planner, update your Outlook calendar or write these following dates

on the back of your hand because, on the third Wednesday of the selected months, we've got a date at the River Club for the Central Ohio CFE luncheons ... don't be late and I promise to have you home by midnight!!

- December 19, 2007
 - January 16, 2008 – **NO MEETING**
 - February 20, 2008 – Joint Training with OIA
 - March 19, 2008 – **NO MEETING**
 - April 16, 2008
 - May 13-14, 2008 – Emerging Trends Conference
 - June 18, 2008
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Intelligence Analyst – New Cutting Edge Career

Notre Dame College's offers cutting edge programs in **Intelligence Analysis for Homeland Security** and **Certificate in Competitive (Business) Intelligence**.

The new **Certificate in Competitive Business Intelligence** is another program aimed at assisting businesses in the new worldwide economy. Knowledge management is key in the global marketplace for business success. This program adds a credential to your degree in marketing, sales, business, finance or a related field. Taught by active, local business intelligence analysts, this program can give you're the cutting edge to career development and advancement.

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connections. Taught by active federal and state intelligence analysts, this six course certificate program provides the practical skills required in the intelligence analysis field with various organizations.

Both programs offer the option for college credit or continuing professional education to meet professional certification or recertification. For more information, email jpetrunak@ndc.edu or call 216-373-5286 or visit our web site www.notredamecolleg.edu/professiona_development Fall & Winter cohorts are now being formed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Once again, your Central Ohio CFE Chapter is soliciting ideas and requests for our annual Community Service Project! This is where we try to help out any Police Department/Community Service Project with an offer they can't refuse: MONEY!!!

Please inform a Board Member!
Remember, we're here to HELP!!!

CFE \$pon\$or\$hip\$

We are looking to assist five CFE candidates towards obtaining their CFE certification for the Class of 2008. Anyone interested should contact Adam Featherling (403-0591) so the Board can vote on candidates by the December meeting!



Meeting



Announcement

Institute of Internal Auditors

On Tuesday, January 8th, at the Confluence Park, from 11:30 to 1:00, all COCFE members are invited to join the Institute of Internal Auditors for their January meeting.

The topic is Interviewing Techniques for Auditors (or anyone else for that matter).

The presenter is Randy Walker, well-known interview and polygraph expert, retired from the Columbus Police Department in 2007.

Cost is \$20. Participants can register at the IIA website by visiting http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/view.event_detail/cid/38/event_id/10863.

...CONGRATULATIONS ...



Bob Caldwell and Dave Welch
Bob and Dave recently passed their CFE exam!
Welcome to the Family!



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (2008 Calendar Year)
ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINERS
CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name _____ Nickname: _____

Professional Certifications: _____

Job Title: _____

Employer: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: Office: _____ Residence: _____

Street: _____ Email Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code +4: _____

Telephone: Office () _____ Home () _____ Cell () _____

Please include me in any directory that is made available only to other members ___ Yes ___ No

Central Ohio Chapter Membership Dues and Stipulations

Please Indicate Membership Level

___ **Certified Member \$20.00** A Certified Member is a CFE and **current** member in good standing with the **National Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)**.

ACFE Member ID# _____

** A Certified Member is eligible to vote, hold offices in the Chapter, and serve on Chapter committees.

___ **Associate Member \$25.00** An Associate is an Associate **current** member in good standing with the **National ACFE**.

ACFE Member ID# _____

** An Associate Member is eligible to vote, serve on Chapter committees and hold offices in the Chapter, other than President, Vice President and Training Director.

___ **Affiliate Member \$30.00** An Affiliate member is not a current member of the National ACFE and may not claim affiliation with ACFE.

** An Affiliate member may attend Chapter meetings and serve on Chapter committees.

An Affiliate member is eligible to participate in Chapter training programs.

(Note: Student affiliate status is available to full time students for \$10).

ANNUAL DUES ARE PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2008

Mail this application, your check (payable to Central Ohio Chapter ACFE) and your business card to:

Central Ohio Chapter-ACFE,

P.O. Box 15312

Columbus, OH 43215

This is a Membership Renewal _____ New Membership Application _____

If new member, I was referred by: _____

Annual Dues for the Central Ohio Chapter do not include annual dues for National ACFE. Affiliate members are encouraged to seek membership with ACFE. Call (800) 245-3321 in Austin, Texas for membership information.

Signature _____

Date _____

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! In case you've forgotten, the Columbus Chapter CFE will be holding their next Luncheon December 19, 2007 at the **RIVER CLUB (CONFLUENCE PARK)**. As is always the case, the food will be great and the speaker will be superb! However, reservations are required.

PRICES: \$12.00 Member/ \$14.00 Non-Member
RSVP: Melissa Smart
(614)248-8909

E-Mail: melissa.b.smart@jpmchase.com

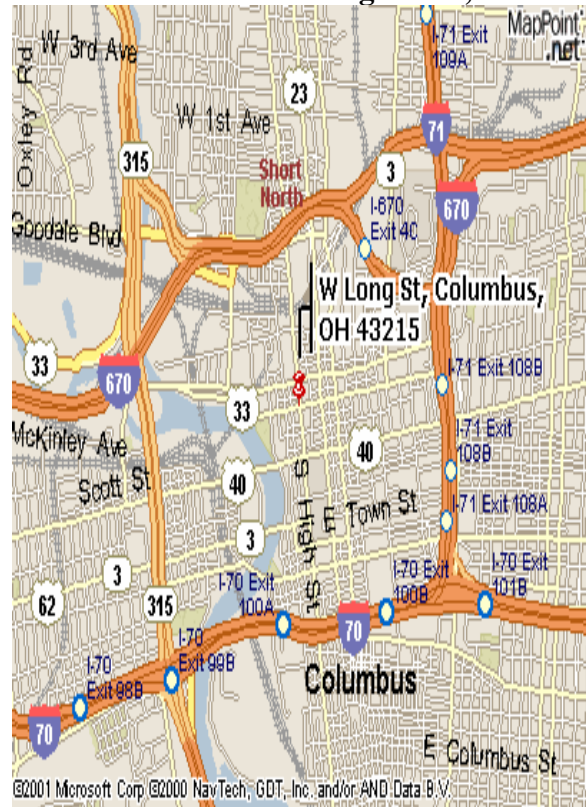
AGENDA: 11:15am Registration
11:30am Lunch
12:00n Speaker

POLICY: The deadline for reservations/cancellations is Monday, December 17, 12:00 noon.

NOTE: ALL RESERVATIONS MADE AND NOT CANCELED BY THE DEADLINE MUST BE PAID FOR.

BONUS: ONE LUNCHEON = ONE HOUR CPE
Check out the National CFE Website:
WWW.ACFE.COM

River Club - 679 W. Long Street, Cols



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