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“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

THE END IS NEAR! Well, kind of! This will be your last newsletter while we all take our summer break! Don't panic! We'll be back in September, harassing your email in-box with more fact-filled information! If you get lonely, go out to our website and re-read the previous newsletters! (By the way, if you DO do that, you've got WAY too much time on your hands!)

As always, our newsletter comes in the handy 'bird cage' size, perfect for your parrot or cockatiel to read while ... well ... in the reading room, sort of speak! To quell any rumors that are 'floating around', there will be no aquarium edition – c'mon, we're on a tight budget here!!

I'd like to thank a few people who have made this past year possible! First, Heinz – I don't think he's going to miss me hassling him every month – and it only took me two years for him to submit his Message without me asking!! You can relax now Heinz – you've performed a job well done!

Also, the retired, Alan Bonham; it's going to be strange going to next year's luncheons/conferences and not seeing his smiling (like a cat) face. Semper Fi, Alan, in all you do in your 'next' life!

Don't forget it's "Election Luncheon" month! Forget the state-wide primaries! This is the Real Deal! Good Luck to ALL of the candidates!

Also, remember the 'Emerging Trends in Fraud' conference on May 23 – 24!

OK! Have a good summer – maybe I'll run into on a golf course! Trust me – it'll be in YOUR fairway!!!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is hard to believe but another two years have come and gone and this is my last President's letter. I have appreciated the opportunity of serving as your President and look forward to my new role with the Chapter. Thank you all.

I hope everyone can make the meeting on the 17th to elect your new officers and Board members. The floor will be opened to nominations before the voting and you will have a brief opportunity to pitch your candidacy.

The Emerging Trends Conference is a short three weeks away and registrations are coming in briskly. There is limited seating, get your registration in quickly if you plan on attending.

A correction, the Special Investigations Unit seminar by National will be held next week on the 11th and 12th.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank three special people who have been of great counsel and assistance to me over the past two years. First Alan Bonham who retired last week and has already attended his last Chapter meeting. Secondly, (and this is not in order of importance), Cliff Davis who also retired last week but has not taken off to warmer climes and will be at our May meeting but will be leaving the Board with the expiration of his current term as Past President (my new job). And finally, Bob Lidman who is also leaving the Chapter Board. All three have served as President of this Chapter, as Board members and on the Emerging Trends committee for a number of years. We have a tremendous hole to fill losing these three leaders. They will sorely be missed. We do have great examples to follow.

This year's election will certainly represent a changing of the guard and an opportunity for new leadership to emerge and guide us forward in the future.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 17th and then regaining my spot at the back of the room.

Heinz

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2005-2006 CHAPTER YEAR**

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who filled in for Chrissie when she was on maternity leave.

Training Director's Report was briefly discussed by the Board. This year's class is currently full and the Board is anxiously awaiting new "certified" members. Additionally, we have 3 individuals who are interested in seeking assistance in obtaining their CFE designation for next year.

A ballot has been selected for the following positions: President (Chrissie Powers), Treasurer (Norman Hofmann and Melissa Smart), and 2 Board Members (Mike Day, Adam Featherling, and Henry Smith). Any other members interested in running for an office need to contact Bob Lidman or Cliff Davis.

A Spring Seminar Update was delivered by Alan Bonham. Final preparations are underway for the conference. The last conference planning meeting will be held on Friday, April 28.

ACFE's Seminar scheduled to be held in Columbus on May 13th & 14th at the Hyatt Regency has been postponed. Nationals are planning on rescheduling the seminar in September or October.

Aric Bizzarri was nominated by Chrissie Powers to be the Central Ohio Chapter Representative at the ACFE National Convention in Las Vegas this July.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.



**APRIL 19, 2006
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Heinz Ickert. Others in attendance were Alan Bonham, Aric Bizzarri, Danny Case, Cliff Davis, Bob Lidman, and Chrissie Powers.

The following agenda items were discussed at the meeting:

The March 2006 Board Meeting Minutes were accepted.

Treasurers Report was delivered by Chrissie Powers and accepted by the board. A special thanks goes out to Annie Yoder



**MAY 17TH
LUNCHEON SPEAKER
PATRICIA ELLINGTON
SPECIAL AGENT
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE**

Patricia Ellington is a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service, Columbus Resident Office. Prior to this position she has served as an investigator for the Lawrence County, Ohio Prosecutors Office and as a Deputy for the Lawrence County, Ohio Sheriff's Department. Agent Ellington is a graduate of Shawnee State University, Summa Cum Laude 1995. Her investigations with the US Secret Service include bank fraud, identity theft, counterfeit currency, and a variety of financial fraud investigations.

Patricia will be speaking on cross jurisdictional issues regarding identity theft.

2 – 4 – 1 Luncheon

Happy Hour? Well, I guess you can say that! Your Chapter is sponsoring a "2-4-1" luncheon. If you bring a guest to any of the luncheons, you and your guest will be charged half price. Here's how it works: bring one guest to a luncheon and you both get half off; bring a different guest to the very next luncheon, get another half off.



We're busy slashing prices over here, so take advantage of it! (Dealer, License and Prep charges included)

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 every month, 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!!

- May 17, 2006
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**MAY 17TH ELECTION
CANDIDATES**



**PRESIDENT
(vote for one)**

Chrissie A. Powers, CFE, CPA, CVA

I am currently employed as a Manager at Rea and Associates, Inc. where I specialize in litigation support with extensive involvement in the detection, deterrence and investigation of fraudulent activity.

I have been a Committee member for the 2006, 2005, 2004, and 2003 Emerging Trends Conference and I have held the positions of Treasurer and Board Member at Large for the Central Ohio Chapter of CFEs'.

I am a member of the AICPA, OSCPA's, ACFE, Central Ohio Chapter of CFEs', International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts, High Tech Crime Consortium, Law Enforcement Analysts, Ohio Women's Bar Association, Ohio Investigators Association, etc.

I've been a volunteer speaker for the Central Ohio Chapter of CFEs' speakers' bureau, Columbus State's auditing class and Eastland Career Center's accounting class, a volunteer for the 2004, 2003, and 2002 Accounting for Kids Day and a volunteer Accounting/Tax Advisor to the nonprofit group – Companion Animal Connection.

**TREASURER
(vote for one)**

Melissa Smart, CFE

I received a BA in Criminology from The Ohio State University in 1996. While completing my degree, I served as an intern and then was hired as a Criminal Investigator for the State of Ohio (BWC) and was employed there until 1998. In November 1998 I joined Bank One, which has recently become JP Morgan Chase Bank, where I am a Vice President and a Senior Investigator. I became a CFE in 2004 with the help and support of our local Chapter, and am currently pursuing the designation of Certified Forensic Interviewer through Wicklander-Zulawski & Associates. I look forward to opportunities to be an active and productive member of the organization.

**Norman A. Hofmann, CPA, CISA,
CFE, CGFM**

Mr. Hofmann has been an active member of the Central Ohio Chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners for 10 years. He is currently serving as the Deputy Chief Auditor of the Health Care and Contracts Audit Section of the Fraud and Investigative Audit Group of the Ohio Auditor of State. Mr. Hofmann has been with the Ohio Auditor of State for 10 ½ years. Prior to that he was a senior analyst with the United States General Accounting Office for 17 years; and an auditor with the Comptroller's Office of the City of Philadelphia, PA. Mr. Hofmann has served in numerous capacities with other professional organizations and is a past president of both the Greater Cincinnati and the Central Ohio Chapters of the Information Systems Audit and Control

Association. Mr. Hofmann is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Information Systems Auditor, a Certified Fraud Examiner, and a Certified Government Financial Manager. Mr. Hofmann also received a Master's of Business Administration from Miami University.

**BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE
(vote for two)**

Michael E. Day, CGAP

I have an Associate of Applied Science in Accounting and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio and a Masters of Business Administration from Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky. In addition, I am a Certified Government Auditing Professional (CGAP). I am currently a Senior Audit Manager with the Auditor of State of Ohio's office, Performance Audit Section, starting with the office in 1998. Previously, I was the Director of Community Development for the City of Portsmouth and spent seven years as an accountant for Shawnee State University. Prior to Shawnee State University, I was a Fire Fighter with the City of Portsmouth for nine years and served as Treasurer of the Southern Ohio Fire and Arson Investigators Association for approximately six years. I have been an adjunct faculty member at Shawnee State University and the University of Findlay. I am currently an adjunct faculty member at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio. My volunteer experience includes the American Red Cross and the Central Ohio Amateur Radio Emergency Services.

Henry C. Smith, III

Henry C. Smith, III, is an Associate Professor of Accountancy in the Department of Business, Accounting, and Economics at Otterbein College. He possesses a Ph.D. in Accounting and is a Certified Management Accountant and a Certified Controls Specialist. He teaches at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in the areas of management accounting, cost accounting, management control systems, and fraud examination. At Texas A&M International University, where he taught prior to joining the Otterbein College faculty, and at Otterbein College, he developed fraud examination courses as electives in the MBA programs. Emphasis is on the prevention, detection, and investigation of corporate fraud, by parties both within and outside the corporation.

Prior to entering academia, Henry served for 22 years in the U.S. Army in Special Forces and Special Operations assignments, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. In addition to teaching, he and his wife own and operate The Rafter H-Bar-S Farms specializing in breeding and raising championship quality performance Quarter Horses.

Adam Featherling, CFE

My name is Adam Featherling and I currently head the Special Investigations Unit at Safe Auto Insurance. I have been a CFE and member of the local chapter for over 2 years and would like to help the local chapter more by putting additional effort on recruitment

I left law enforcement (OSP and Sunbury PD) seven years ago and began a career in the insurance industry. Prior to my current position, I work in the Internal Investigations Unit

for Nationwide Insurance. I have also maintained my commission as a Reserve Deputy with the Licking County Sheriff's Office for the past 6 years.

My educational background includes;

- Bachelors in Business
- Associate of Science in Law Enforcement
- Certified Master Criminal Investigator (with the Ohio Peace Officers Training Counsel)
- Associates in Claims (AIC)
- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
- Senior Claims Law Associate (SCLA)

I believe that my background of both law enforcement and insurance along with my vast network of insurance fraud professionals, would make me a great Board Member at Large.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**6th Annual
Emerging Trends in Fraud Investigation
and Prevention**

**May 23-24, 2006
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FREE LUNCH!!

The Winner is ...

Henry Smith

Congrats Henry ...Well, kind of! IF Henry would've been present at the luncheon, he would be wallowing in the fact that he won a coupon for a Free Lunch!

Remember – you MUST be present to win!!!

SPECIAL THANKS

A special 'THANKS' to the following CFE Members who have given their time and efforts to make the Central Ohio CFE Chapter what it is today! We wish them well, as they 'ride off into the sunset'!

Bob Lidman

Brd Member (2000, 2001)
President (2002, 2003)
Past Pres (2004, 2005)
Brd Member (2006)

Cliff Davis

Vice Pres (2002, 2003)
President (2004, 2005)
Past Pres (2005, 2006)

Alan Bonham

Brd Member (1998)
Secretary (1999)
President (2000, 2001)
Past Pres (2002, 2003)
Vice Pres (2004, 2005)
Brd. Member (2006)

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Rea & Associates, Inc. is seeking an experienced CFE/CPA for immediate employment. Competitive salary and benefits.

Send resume and salary history, in confidence, to Heinz Ickert at heinz.ickert@reacpa.com.



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! In case you've forgotten, the Columbus Chapter CFE will be holding their next Luncheon May 17, 2006 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: Chrissie Powers
(614)464-3343

E-Mail: chrissie.powers@reacpa.com

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

POLICY: The deadline for reservations/cancellations is Monday, May 15, 12:00 noon.

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

BONUS: ONE LUNCHEON = ONE HOUR CPE

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