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CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINERS
CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER
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NEWSLETTER**





Central Ohio Chapter of the C.F.E.

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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

It's November! Someone PLEASE tell me where October went! This is a BIG month with LOTS going on! We've got elections! With all of the election commercials, do you REALLY want to vote for anyone? If we're to believe these commercials, who's NOT corrupt (who knows, they MIGHT have a point!)

We've got Veteran's Day too. Feel free to hug a soldier – you MAY get punched or get a date – I won't ask or tell!

We've got Thanksgiving – a most dreaded day, in turkey circles! You know the drill – eat lots, listen to your parents fight over who REALLY burned the biscuits, get a good jump on the comfy couch, watch football and try not to snore! At least you know what you're having for lunch the next couple of days too!

We've got our monthly CFE luncheon on the 15th at the River Club! Don't forget we'll be joined by RIMS! I wonder if they're going to serve some sort of turkey dish? That would be cruel – not only to US (because we'll be eating turkey in a week) but also for the turkey! He's got enough to be afraid of! C'mon! Let him live a few more days!!

And last, but certainly not least, is the most sacred day of all – November 18! What is THAT date you ask? It's probably the only day in Columbus where you could probably run around your neighborhood naked and no one will see you because everyone will be gathered around a TV watching THE #1 Ohio State Buckeyes take on the #2 Michigan 'somethings' (Their name escapes me!) Not only is this the biggest game of the season for both of these teams, but this year it holds major importance, with the National Championship in the balance! My advice – hide your couches and stay off campus! OH! ...and don't forget to wave and say 'Hi' to me while I'm running around your neighborhood! ☺ Go Bucks!! My name is Mike Toth and I approve this article!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a great turnout for our October meeting with speaker Barry Webne. The November meeting is shaping up to be even more exciting. The Central Ohio Chapter of the Risk Insurance Management Society (RIMS) will be joining us along with this month's speaker Nick Bogdan. Nick is the SIU Major Case Director for Nationwide insurance and he will be presenting on insurance fraud. This is going to be a meeting that you don't want to miss!

We are still looking for five CFE candidates to assist towards obtaining their CFE certification for the Class of 2007. Anyone interested should contact Adam Featherling by November 14.

Please contact a Board Member 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 2007-2008 Board of Regents. There are two open positions and six candidates. Be sure to logon to <http://www.acfe.com/regents-election-2006.asp> to read the candidates bios. You have until December 31, 2006 to place your vote.

I will see you at our next meeting Wednesday, November 15 at the River Club at 11:30. Don't forget to speak up and share those great ideas!

Chrissie



Rather fail with honor than succeed by fraud. - Sophocles

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**OCTOBER 18, 2006
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Chrissie Powers. Others in attendance were Danny Case, Heinz Ickert, Mike Day and Adam Featherling.

The following agenda items were discussed at the meeting:

The September 2006 Board Meeting Minutes were accepted with the following correction: The cost of the February Training Conference with OIA is FREE to all members of CFE and

OIA. The training is open to everyone but non-members will be charged \$50.00.

The Treasurer's report was delivered by Chrissie Powers and accepted by the Board for September 2006. Currently, the balance in the checking account was \$7,739.77 and \$13,553.08 in the money market account. The Board approved payment of the \$225 invoice from National for the Chapter's insurance. The Chapter's financial statement audit being performed by Marleen Schiefer should be completed by the November meeting. Currently, the Central Ohio Chapter has 73 active members.

Adam Featherling delivered the Training Director's report. He stated that three individuals had not responded to his monthly emails for updates on their progress. There have been three members express interest in scholarship assistance for 2007. Any member seeking assistance for the 2007 calendar year needs to contact Adam or one of the Board members by November 14, 2006 so the Board can vote on candidates at the November meeting.

The Board is currently accepting requests from organizations for the Chapter's Community Service Project. Any interested organization needs to submit their request to a Board member.

A February Training Update (with OIA) was delivered to the Board by Danny Case. Letters will be sent in the near future to the five speakers confirming their time slot and details concerning the submitting of their presentation. Sponsors have been secured to cover some of the costs of the refreshments for the breaks. Additional sponsors are needed. Promotion of the conference will begin later this year.

Chrissie Powers indicated that four members had expressed interest in the Membership Welcoming Committee. A number of ideas had been discussed including collecting business cards from guests and a welcome packet for new members.

New business considered by the Board:

1. The Board had a discussion concerning if the prices currently being charged for the monthly luncheons needed to be increased. The Board voted to make no changes in the luncheon prices even though in most instances, the prices do not fully cover the costs charged by the River Club.
2. The Board decided that new members who join the chapter in November and December would have their dues payment applied to 2007.
3. The Board discussed incentives for members who obtain new members to the chapter. Heinz Ickert volunteered to review the CFE catalog for new gifts for the monthly speakers.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.



**NOVEMBER 15TH
LUNCHEON SPEAKER
NICK BOGDAN, SIU DIRECTOR
NATIONWIDE INSURANCE**

Nick Bogdan has been an insurance investigator since 1992. He currently is an SIU Director for Nationwide Insurance overseeing the Major Case and Complex Investigation initiatives. Nick has Ohio law enforcement experience as a Brunswick City police officer and worked narcotics with the Medway Drug Enforcement Agency. Nick holds a BA in Business Management from Malone College and an MBA from the Case Western Reserve University, Weatherhead School of Business. He holds a CIFI designation and is a Certified Fraud Examiners associate member. In 2003, Nick won the prestigious IASIU Investigator of the Year award.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE
PROJECT**

Once again, your Central Ohio CFE Chapter is and annual Service where we try



soliciting ideas requests for our Community Project! This is 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!!!**



If you have an idea or a particular topic you'd like presented at an upcoming luncheon, contact a Board Member and put them to work!

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!!

- November 15, 2006 (Joint meeting with RIMS)
 - December 20, 2006
 - January 17, 2007
 - February 9, 2007 (3rd Annual Investigator & Fraud Examiner Training Conference)
 - March 21, 2007
 - April 18, 2007
 - May 21-22, 2007 (Emerging Trends in Fraud Conference – Hilton in Easton)
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**YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER DUES
ARE COMING UP! SO, START
COLLECTING YOUR ALUMINUM
CANS AND COPPER WIRE!
REMEMBER, THERE'S NO SUCH
THING AS A FREE
NEWSLETTER!!**

(SEE PAGE 5 FOR APPLICATION)

**And Now, A Message from
Our Membership
Committee ...**

Our local CFE chapter is currently conducting a membership drive for both the local CFE chapter and the national chapter. Take a look around your organization and recognize who would benefit and professionally appreciate becoming a member. Then invite them to the next local luncheon on November 15th, 2006. If your guest becomes a member at the luncheon you will receive a token of appreciation for assisting in the growth of our chapter. Because it is first come, first serve, the early birds are entitled to the best incentives. Come early! Jim McClary will be accepting applications before the luncheon. Also, new memberships will be active through 2007.

We encourage new candidates to visit the National ACFE website at www.acfe.com. The application process is outlined and is very user friendly. We look forward to seeing new faces the 15th!

SAVE THESE DATES!

November 15, 2006

Joint Meeting between the Central Ohio
CFE and RIMS (Risk Insurance
Management Society)

December 4 – 6, 2006

The Central Ohio AGA Regional
Professional Development Conference

February 9, 2007

3rd Annual Investigator and Fraud
Examiner Training Conference with OIA
(this takes the place of the February CFE
luncheon – **FREE** to all CFE & OIA
members)

The committee continues to meet on a monthly basis to plan the 3rd Annual Investigator & Fraud Examiner Training Conference, jointly sponsored by the OIA and CFE-Columbus Chapter. Danny Case, who is a member of the CFE, is co-chairing the planning committee for this event, along with Gregg Thornton. The conference will be held on Friday, February 9, 2007, at the ODOT Auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This year the conference will continue to focus on topics dealing with fraud prevention.

In order to capitalize on current events, a topic dealing with Homeland Security and Work Place Violence will be included. Each presentation will last 75 minutes, with time for Q/A. The conference will be free for OIA/CFE members. Nonmembers will be required to pay a fee, yet to be determined. The conference format will be similar to last year, with ample time for breaks, networking, and lunch.

May 21 - 22, 2007

2007 Emerging Trends in Fraud
Conference at the Easton Hilton



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (2007 Calendar Year)
ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINERS
CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER**

The information you provide in this section may be printed in the Central Ohio Chapter Member Directory

Name _____ Nickname: _____
Professional Certifications: _____
Job Title: _____
Employer: _____
Preferred Mailing Address: Office: _____ Residence: _____
Street: _____ Email Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code +4: _____
Telephone: Office () _____ Home () _____ Other () _____

Central Ohio Chapter Membership Dues and Stipulations

- Certified Member \$20.00** A Certified Member is a CFE and member in good standing with the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE).
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 member in good standing with the ACFE.
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 member of 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, 2007
PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER-ACFE**

Mail this application, your check, 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: _____

I am joining the Central Ohio Chapter of ACFE as a: CFE _____ ACFE Associate Member _____ Chapter Affiliate _____
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 November 15, 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: Melissa Smart
(614)248-8909

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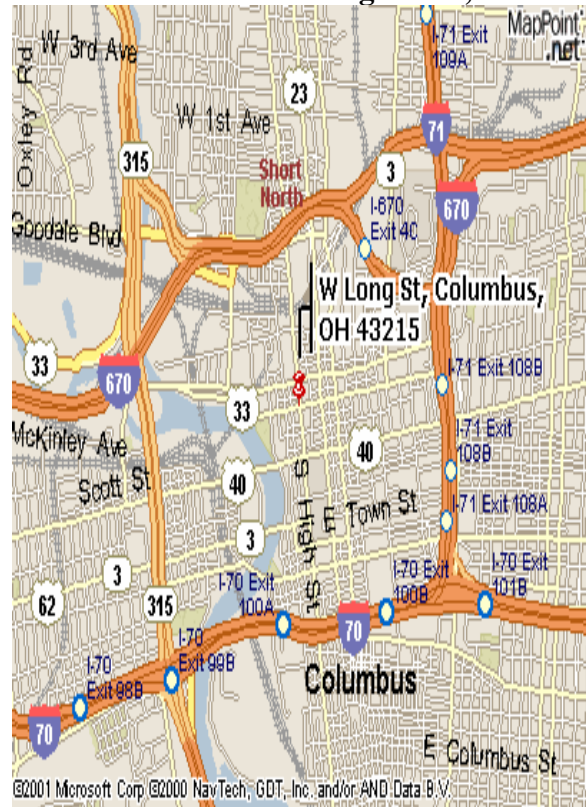
AGENDA: 11:15am Registration
11:30am Lunch
12:00n Speaker

POLICY: The deadline for reservations/cancellations is Monday, November 13, 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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