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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

So, are you keeping your fingers crossed for the Buckeyes? If you are, that’s the LEAST superstitious thing that some of my fellow Buckeye fans do! I mean, and I’m NOT kidding here, I think I know some of THE most ritualistic, fervent fans! Don’t get me wrong; they’re not kooks or crazy people, but after I give some examples, you may question MY sanity!!

One of my friends, who has season tickets to the home games, must take the same route to the tailgate – even though it’s a much slower, bumper to bumper, ‘weave thru traffic’ way to go! This same fan MUST have a giant OSU cookie at EVERY game and if we’re sitting around watching the Bucks on TV and things start going awry, she makes EVERYONE get back to where they were sitting or make them return to what they were doing so the Bucks will ‘get back on track’! Another friend of mine, who happens to run the above mentioned tailgate, must set up the tailgate at exactly 8:00am before each game (no matter what time the game starts) and must be in his seat exactly 30 minutes before every game, buys a program, folds it a certain way, and sits on it ... did I mention, he NEVER reads it? Did I mention (are you sitting down?) he performs script Ohio in his living room, in his underwear, every game day morning at EXACTLY 7:11am?

These are but a few ‘idiosyncrasies’ that a couple of my friends perform (and this column will allow), but I wouldn’t change what or how they do it for the world ... I mean, until we lose! I look at this way – so far, it’s working (Luckily I didn’t mention MY ritual of wearing the same pair of my ‘lucky unmentionables’ for every game – Yep! Lucky I didn’t mention that!

See you at the October 18 luncheon! .. and I was kidding about MY ritual ... or WAS I?

Go Bucks!

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



I was so pleased to see all of the familiar faces at our first meeting of the year. I have had many volunteers for the membership committee and the chapter historian positions so we will have these groups up and running very soon.

I have had many questions on how the chapter’s assistance program, designed to assist members obtain their CFE credential, works. I would like to take this opportunity to explain and clarify the assistance program. The chapter has historically had five slots available for financial assistance in becoming a CFE each calendar year. Anyone interested in receiving sponsorship from the chapter must contact the training director and/or a board member. The candidate must be a member of the local chapter for at least one year and must be a member in good standing with the local chapter when receiving the financial assistance. The board then votes on the individuals to fill the five spots. Once the board votes on the candidates, the candidate’s must sign a contract agreeing to complete the prep course and exam by December 31. These five names are submitted to National and you will receive another 25% off the purchase price of the CFE prep course. What a deal!

The candidates must report their progress on a monthly basis to the training director. The training director then reports the progress of the entire class to the board at each board meeting. The financial assistance consists of \$200 reimbursement when the CFE prep course is ordered and \$300 once they have passed the exam. This assistance is not to exceed the candidate’s out of pocket expenses. In addition, this assistance will not be paid retroactively to anyone who has passed the exam and then approaches the chapter for assistance.

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.

The Central Ohio Chapter of the Risk Insurance Management Society (RIMS) will be joining us for our November meeting. This should provide to be an excellent networking opportunity for all of our members. Nick Bogdan, SIU Major Case Director

for Nationwide insurance, will be presenting on insurance fraud at the meeting.

I will see you at our next meeting Wednesday, October 18 at the River Club at 11:30. Don't forget to bring your great ideas to share with the Chapter.

Chrissie

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**SEPTEMBER 20, 2006
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

The following agenda items were discussed at the meeting:

The August 2006 Board Meeting Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's report was delivered by Melissa Smart and accepted by the Board for July and August 2006 (check book balance as of the end of each month were \$21,025.35 and \$21,441.40 respectively). The Board also approved for the purchasing of Quick Books and the invoice for our website (Homestead) to be paid. Additionally, Melissa informed the Board that she had set up a money market checking account with Huntington Bank and transferred \$13,475.00 to the account. It was also noted that Marleen Schiefer should have the Chapter's financial statement audit completed by the October meeting. Currently the Central Ohio Chapter has 71 active members.

Adam Featherling delivered the Training Director's report. The Board accepted a revised edition to the document outlining the training director's duties to note that assistance will not be paid retroactively. The Board voted to deny the request for the reimbursement of exam fees for one of the members as the slots for the 2006 class were full but suggested that they apply and sit for the exam during 2007. Any candidate seeking scholarship assistance for the 2007 year (1-1-07 to 12-31-07) 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.

A Spring Seminar Update was delivered to the Board by Chrissie. The 2007 Emerging Trends Conference dates have been scheduled for the Easton Hilton on May 21 and 22, 2007. Lynda Buel is currently working on obtaining funding/sponsorship for the 2007 conference and the Board has decided to table any talk of required donations for sponsorship until the November meeting. Lynda and committee members are looking into the possibility of obtaining a grant from the Department of Criminal Justice and also obtaining price quotes or price quotes or entities who are willing to assist in the printing of conference materials (save the date postcards, books, etc).

The Board is currently accepting applications for individuals seeking assistance for the

Chapter's Community Service Project. Any interested organization needs to submit their request to a Board Member.

The Board discussed creating the following two positions (a) Chapter Historian and (b) Membership Welcoming Committee. Anyone interested should contact a Board Member.

A February Training Update (with OIA) was delivered to the Board by Danny. The cost of the training will be \$50.00 and open to everyone. Speakers for the conference are (1) Rick Colliver, Scott's Miracle Gro "Violence in Workplace – What an Investigator Should Know"; (2) Fred Goldstein, Ohio Department of Public Safety – Ohio Homeland Security; "How Investigators Can Identify Issues Affecting Ohio's Homeland Security"; (3) David Kessler, Ohio Attorney General's Office "How Con-artists Operate and Victimize"; (4) Ron O'Brien, Franklin County Prosecutor (Dave Buchman, Lora Baker) "Referring Cases For Prosecution – Misdemeanors and Felonies"; (5) Bridgette Sollie, Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation "Crimes Gone Wild – Impact of Computers & the Internet In Your Investigations"

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.




**OCTOBER 18TH
LUNCHEON SPEAKER
BARRY WEBNE**

Barry Webne lives in Toledo, Ohio, with his wife and four daughters. He graduated from the University of Toledo in December 1987, with a Masters' Degree in Business Administration, centered in Accounting. Since that time, he has worked with several companies in various accounting and management positions. In 1995, he was charged with Bank Fraud for embezzling more than \$1 million from his employer. To

complete his 30-month federal prison sentence, he was referred to the Federal Bureau of Prison's 6-month "boot camp" program at the Intensive Confinement Center (ICC) in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Since his release from the ICC, he has been an Accountant and a General Manager for a local security company. Most recently he has been a consultant and trainer in the areas of white-collar crime and internal fraud, while also working on the completion of an autobiography detailing his life.

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!!!**

If you have a particular presented  **an idea or a topic you'd like 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!!

- October 18, 2006
- November 22, 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)



**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!!**

(DETAILS WILL BE FORTH COMING!)

SAVE THESE DATES!

November 22, 2006

Joint Meeting between the Central Ohio
CFE and RIMS

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)

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

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! In case you've forgotten, the Columbus Chapter CFE will be holding their next Luncheon October 18, 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
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AGENDA: 11:15am Registration
11:30am Lunch
12:00n Speaker

POLICY: The deadline for reservations/cancellations is Monday, October 16, 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

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