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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

Where'd the Summer go? I guess time DOES fly when you're having fun ... that explains why the weekends are but a blink of the eye ... but a whole Summer??

Well, with the coming of fall also brings us to bigger and better things; it's not the changing of the color of the leaves or the hint of cold in the air or seeing how dark it is in the morning when you wake up early! It's FOOTBALL!! It's time for me to get reacquainted with my couch, see if my dog remembers how to grab me a cold one (and everyone thought I was wasting my time taking her to that 'fetch' school this summer), explore the world of new fangled snacks and get ready to high five my buddies when things go right and fire the coach when things go wrong!!! Oh yes ... FOOTBALL!

OK – not only does the Fall bring us football, it also brings us to our first luncheon of the year! We're still at the same place, still on the third Wednesday of the month, still the same price but with some new faces. Congrats to Chrissie, Melissa, Henry and Mike on the election and welcome aboard. They've already been hard at work with two, count them, two Board meetings under their belt!

Hope to see you at the September 20th meeting. Don't forget to email Melissa Smart (not Chrissie – she's the new Commander in Chief) at melisa.b.smart@jpmchase.com or call her at 248-8909 to make your reservations.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope everyone enjoyed their summer vacations and are ready to get involved with the Columbus Chapter this year. As we kick off the year, I am looking for volunteers who would like to work on the Membership Committee, serve as the Chapter Historian, or assist the Chapter in the other areas. If you are interested, please let me know.

Your Board has already met and begun planning for the new program year. Our first meeting will be September 20 at our usual hangout, The River Club. Danny Case will be running the meeting as I have been subpoenaed to court. I will see everyone in October.

We will be looking for five CFE candidates to assist towards obtaining their CFE certification. Anyone interested should contact Adam Featherling. We are also looking for those CFE's who would be interested in mentoring the new CFE candidates. Please let Adam or me know.

I would also like to remind you to visit the ACFE website at www.acfe.com and update your user profile as they have upgraded the member record management system. I have already updated my profile and am excited about the new benefits.

Once again we will look to assist one or more of the local law enforcement agencies with a project that they have been unable to fit into their budget. We have normally provided a piece of equipment to assist in their investigations and expend approximately \$1,000 per project but have gone as high as \$2,000. Contact your local law enforcement agency and see if we can be of assistance to them.

I would like to send congratulations out to Kassie Dyer and Melissa Butsko, who both recently passed the CFE exam and to Heinz Ickert who has been selected as a contributing author in Joe Well's book *Case Studies in Fraud*.

I am looking forward to the new year and a great educational program and the ability to network with and get to know more Chapter members. Let's make this an excellent year!

Chrissie

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**MAY 17, 2006
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

The following agenda items were discussed at the meeting:

- The April 2006 Board Meeting Minutes were accepted.
- Treasurers Report was delivered by Chrissie Powers and accepted by the Board. A motion was made that the newly elected treasurer investigate the feasibility of opening an interest bearing account (i.e. a money market checking account) and report

back to the Board. Currently, the Chapter has 58 members on the roster for 2006.

- Training Director's Report was briefly discussed by the Board. Congratulations to Kassie Dyer who passed her CFE exam. The Board has agreed to reimburse Kassie for the out-of-pocket expense she incurred through her certification process as her employer purchased the software she used.
- Bob Lidman and Cliff Davis provided the Board with a copy of the ballot that will be used in today's Chapter elections. The following positions were listed: President (Chrissie Powers), Treasurer (Norman Hofmann and Melissa Smart), and 2 Board Members with the top vote getter being a 2 year term and the 2nd highest being a 1 year term to replace the retired Alan Bonham (Mike Day, Adam Featherling, and Henry Smith).
- A Spring Seminar Update was delivered by to the Board. Final preparations are underway for the conference. Currently, 520 participants are registered. Additional spots are available if anyone is still interested in attending. Additionally, the Board will be having dinner with Jeff Kubisyn from Nationals on Tuesday evening. Linda Buel has been nominated and graciously accepted to chair next years Emerging Trends Conference.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
- Congratulations to the newly elected board members of the Central Ohio CFE Chapter:
 - President: Chrissie Powers
 - Treasurer: Melissa Smart
 - Board Member at Large: Henry Smith (2 year term) and Mike Day (1 year term)
- Additionally, Henry Smith was selected to receive the Free Lunch at the next meeting – but unfortunately was not present to win.

The newly elected officers' terms officially begin July 1, 2006 as we begin our new fiscal year. The new President will be holding a board meeting in August. Look for an upcoming date to follow.



**AUGUST 11, 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:

Chrissie Powers welcomed the new board members and new training director.

The May 17, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's report was delivered by Chrissie Powers and Melissa Smart and accepted by the Board (check book balance as of June 30, 2006 is \$21,802.94). Additionally, the Board approved Melissa to set up a money market checking account with Huntington Bank. Melissa will have the July and August reports ready for the Board during the September meeting. Also, Melissa will contact Marleen Schiefer to inquire about the possibility of her auditing our financial statements.

Adam Featherling delivered the Training Director's report and agreed to provide the Board with an update of where each of the scholarship candidates stood in their quest to become a certified member. Additionally, the Board accepted a document outlining the training director's duties. Furthermore, it was decided that the Central Ohio Chapter will not provide scholarship assistance to any candidate retroactively. Any candidate seeking scholarship assistance for the 2007 year needs to contact Adam or one of the Board members. Please note that the 5 scholarship spots are on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The Board has agreed to sign a contract with the River Club through December 2006 (luncheons will continue to be held the 3rd Wednesday of

the month). Additionally, the Board has decided to discontinue the "2-for-1" and "Free Lunch" program.

The Attendance Policy, according to the Handbook and Guideline for Local Chapters, was called to the attention of the Board as it states:

Officers are required to attend at least fifty (50) percent of all Chapter meetings. Any officer who has failed to attend the required number of meetings may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The following Board members are responsible for arranging speakers for the following luncheons:

September – Aric

October – Chrissie

November – Danny

December – Melissa

January – Heinz

February – OIA joint meeting (no speaker needed)

March – Mike

April – Henry

May – Adam

A Spring Seminar Update was delivered to the Board. Evaluations from the 2006 conference were shared with the Board. 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.

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.

The Board decided to solicit feedback from Members at the September luncheon regarding

the creation of a member directory for Central Ohio CFE's and if anyone would object to the Chapter releasing their contact information for other training opportunities.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.



**SEPTEMBER 20TH
LUNCHEON SPEAKER
JACK O'DONNELL
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF SECURITY, OHIO LOTTERY**

Jack O'Donnell has been the Ohio Lottery Commission's Deputy Director of Security since May 2002. He oversees a staff responsible for securing the safety and security of the agency's employees, game products and drawings. The Office of Security investigates stolen ticket incidents, initiates background checks for employees, vendors and retailers, and provides general security needs to protect the safety and reputation of the agency. A 25-year law enforcement veteran, he comes to the Lottery from the City of Beachwood, where he was Commander of Investigations.

Mr. O'Donnell is a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership College and is a certified Law Enforcement Executive, one of 110 in the State of Ohio.

Mr. O'Donnell will detail the various procedures in place to secure both the drawing process for on-line games as well as manufacturing, distributing and validating instant tickets.

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!!

- September 20, 2006
 - October 18, 2006
 - November 22, 2006
 - December 20, 2006
 - January 17, 2007
 - February 21, 2007
 - March 21, 2007
 - April 18, 2007
 - May 16, 2007
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MAY 17TH ELECTION RESULTS



**PRESIDENT
CHRISSIE POWERS**

**TREASURER
MELISSA SMART**

**BOARD MEMBER
HENRY SMITH (2 YEAR TERM)
MIKE DAY (1 YEAR TERM)**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE WINNERS AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR NAMES FOR CONSIDERATION!

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!!!

Please Note: The Free Lunch feature will no longer be continued – I guess there IS no such thing as a free lunch!

Congratulations to our newest members of the CFE family!



KASSIE DYER
MELISSA BUTSKO

SAVE THESE DATES!

The Central Ohio AGA Regional Professional Development Conference is scheduled for

December 4 – 6, 2006

24 hours of Professional Development Training, including:

3 hours of Ethics CPE presented by Mr. Steve Martin (Satisfies Accountancy Board Requirement for CPAs)

8 hour workshop on principles of Governmental Accounting, Financial

Reporting and Budgeting (CGFM Test #2 Review)

4 separate tracks:

Audit; Financial Mngmt & Accounting; Federal; Investment Mngmt

FASAB Update

GASB Update

Yellow Book Update

CPIM Credit

The conference will be located at the Columbus Athenaeum
32 N. Fourth Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Continue to visit www.coaga.org for the latest conference details.

Not an AGA member?

Join AGA to take advantage of conference discounts and other **FREE** CPE opportunities!

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If you haven't noticed, there's been a change in the 'line up'. Due to a busy work schedule, Fritz Wiedner recently stepped down as the Training Officer; however, not to miss a beat, we'd like to welcome Adam Featherling as our New Training Officer. Thanks Fritz and Good Luck Adam!!!

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! In case you've forgotten, the Columbus Chapter CFE will be holding their next Luncheon September 20, 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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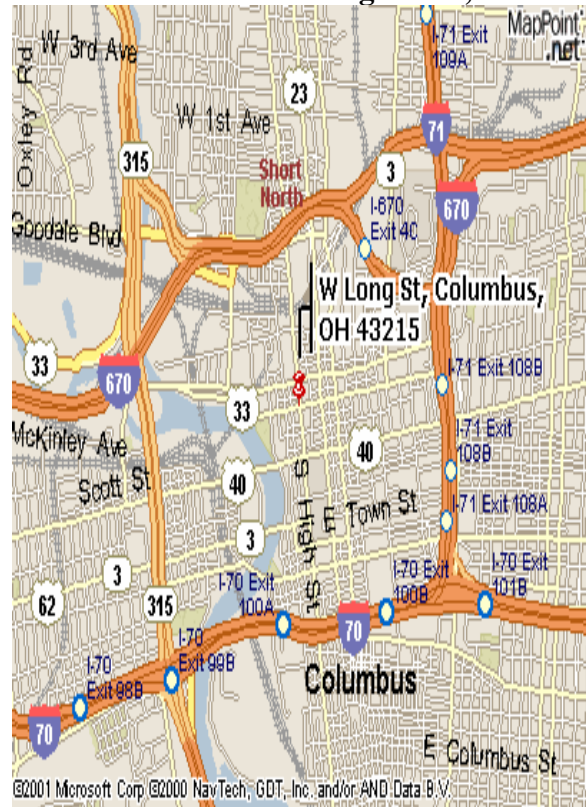
AGENDA: 11:15am Registration
11:30am Lunch
12:00n Speaker

POLICY: The deadline for reservations/cancellations is Monday, September 18, 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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