

# OHIO GFOA E-NEWS UPDATE

**Government Finance Officers Association**

## President's Message

**Bethany Staats, Director of Finance, City of New Albany**



Dear Ohio GFOA Members,

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the year! Summer brings a time to slow down for many of our peers and us, to take time to spend with family out in the sun or just time away, but it seems more and more, there is never really a “down time” in our field. There are always projects to complete, reporting to finish, processes to improve and new tasks to take on. There are many who find it hard to take time away, even when those around us are able to take that time. I encourage you - take the time! Do what you can to get your team at a place where they can still operate while you’re away and communicate

to those you need to, in order to set expectations, and take the time to recharge and spend with your family and those most important to you. Before we know it, we will be right back into our seasons of heavy workload, budgeting, reporting, special projects, etc., along with keeping up with the “day-to-day.” I am saying this to myself as much as I encourage you all - take the time! [Read more...](#)



**37th Annual Conference & Membership Meeting  
September 25-27, 2024 – Cincinnati, OH**

Join us for a dynamic and insightful event where finance professionals from across the state will converge to share knowledge, network, and elevate their expertise. Be prepared for engaging sessions, thought-provoking discussions, and valuable connections that will empower you in your role. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a community dedicated to excellence in government finance. [Click here](#) for details and registration.

## An Update from Ohio Auditor Keith Faber

Most of the elected officials and public employees I meet around the state take their responsibilities seriously and work hard in service to their communities.



There are a few, however, who think they can lie, cheat, and steal from the public coffers without consequence. They're wrong. [Read more...](#)

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## Understanding Cyber Risks: ACH Fraud, Payment Redirects, and Business Email Compromise Schemes

By: Steve Naughton, Rea & Associates Information Services



Small and mid-sized businesses (SMBs) face a growing array of cyber threats in today's world. Among the most prevalent and damaging are Automated Clearing House (ACH) fraud, payment redirects, and business email compromise (BEC) schemes. These cyber risks can lead to significant financial losses, reputational damage, and operational disruptions. Understanding these threats and implementing effective protective measures is

crucial for SMBs to safeguard their assets and maintain trust with their customers and partners. [Read more...](#)

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## An Update from Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague



While it's hard to believe we're quickly approaching the midway point of 2024, you can rest assured that the Treasurer's office hasn't simply been marking time in recent months. More than ever before, we remain

committed to supporting our local governments and working to improve the lives of residents across the Buckeye State. [Read more...](#)



## Reserve Your Place Now

Ohio GFOA's Advanced Governmental Accounting Seminar is designed for individuals with at least three years' experience in governmental accounting or those who have participated in Ohio GFOA's Intermediate Governmental Accounting Seminars. Join us August 7-8, 2024 at the Niagara Event Center in Put-in-Bay, Ohio. [Click here](#) for

details and registration.



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## Empowering Futures: Unlock Your Potential with Our Scholarships

Ohio GFOA's scholarship opportunities support education and professional growth by easing financial burdens. To learn more about each scholarship and apply, [click here](#).



## Orlando Reception

Thank you to everyone who attended Ohio GFOA's Welcome Reception in Orlando, sponsored by Equitable. It was a wonderful event, and we look forward to seeing you next year in Washington, D.C.

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## Celebrate Excellence with Us

This is your opportunity to honor and celebrate exceptional individuals whose dedication, innovation, and contributions have made a significant impact. Join us in the pursuit of recognizing excellence! [Click here](#) for details and submissions.

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## Introducing a New *MyCPIM* Portal

On August 1, the Center for Public Investment Management (CPIM) program will introduce a new *MyCPIM* portal.

Upon its launch, the new learning management system will be your central location for tasks, such as tracking credit hours; completing online courses; registering for CPIM events; and much more. [Read more...](#)

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## Welcome to Our Newest Members

Ohio GFOA warmly welcomes our newest members. We appreciate your decision to join us and are confident that your membership will bring valuable benefits.

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## Ohio GFOA LinkedIn Community

Connect with fellow finance professionals, share insights, and stay updated on the latest industry trends and best practice by joining Ohio GFOA's LinkedIn page. Let's learn, grow and make a positive impact together. [Connect Now!](#)

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## Wishing You a Sparkling 4th of July

The 4th of July is a time to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy and to celebrate with family and friends. Whether you're planning a BBQ, watching fireworks, or simply relaxing, we hope your day is filled with joy and patriotism.

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***"Shared Knowledge for Effective Government"***

By promoting the exchange of information among finance officers of all local governments, Ohio GFOA works to meet the challenges of the ever-evolving profession of government finance and fosters increase cooperation among governments and private financial institutions.

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