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AGA Mid-Ohio Valley WV Chapter

2025-2026 CEC

President – Michael Caplinger Vice President – Ann Thayer Secretary – Alyssa Chevalier Treasurer – Robbie Matheny Parliamentarian – Michelle Yanok

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Communications – James Kelley
Education/CGFM – Rita Ledbetter
Membership – Josh Hudkins
Community Service – Taylor Caplinger
Accountability – Ann Thayer
Early Career/Emerging Leaders –
National Council of Chapters
Representative – Tammie Johnson

Upcoming AGA Webinars

September 17th – Communications
October 22nd – Uniform Guidance &
Grant Accounting
November 19th – Ethics
December 10th – Internal Control
January 14th – AI
February 4th – GASB Update
March 4th – Cyber Security
March 25th – Process Intelligence
April 8th – Ethics
April 22nd – Data Analytics/Fraud
May 6th – Risk Management
May 27th - Leadership



Letter from the President



Dear MOV Chapter Family,

I am honored – and genuinely excited – to step into the role of President for our AGA MOV Chapter for Program Year 2025-2026. Thank you for placing your trust in me. It's a privilege to serve a chapter rooted in integrity, collaboration, and shared commitment to excellence in government accountability. As someone who's grown professionally and personally through this chapter, I know

firsthand the value of our network. Whether it's a lively discussion at a luncheon, a breakthrough moment during a training session, or simply the camaraderie we share across agencies, this chapter has always felt like more than just a professional group – its community. This year I'm committed to:

- **Creating meaningful connections** across our region from Parkersburg to Charleston and beyond.
- **Bringing fresh energy to our events**, with engaging speakers, hands-on workshops, and new ways to learn.
- **Championing mentorship and inclusion**, so every member feels seen, supported and empowered to grow.

Community Service Events

Latrobe Street Mission Items for Needy Teens River City Runners & Walkers Toys for Tots



Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Award

The MOV AGA obtained the Platinum Chapter ACE Award in July for obtaining the highest level of participation in the chapter's dedication to promoting and accomplishing AGA's goals.





Rita LedbetterNomination for Volunteer of the Year

In her outgoing enthusiasm in supporting our program as her contributions to the chapter have been an invaluable and extraordinary asset to the MOV AGA community. We congratulate her on her tireless efforts and exceptional leadership with the Volunteer of the Year Award!

I also want to hear from you. What inspires you? What challenges are you facing? What would make this chapter even more impactful for you? My inbox is always open. Let's make PY 25 – 26 a year of bold ideas, deeper relationships, and continued excellence. I'm proud to lead alongside such passionate professionals – and I can't wait to see what we'll accomplish together.

Michael Caplinger Mid Ohio Valley 2025-2026 Chapter President



AGA members operating the water stop on Rayon Drive.

AGA members of the MOV Chapter operated the water stop during the Parkersburg News and Sentinel Half Marathon on Saturday August 16th to aid in providing participants with accommodations in maintaining their hydration as they passed by. We reassured motivation as the participants of the race passed the water stop.



Michelle Yanok, CGFM
National Treasurer Award and
National President Award Recipient



Each year, the President of AGA recognizes individuals who have shown exceptional service to the association and profession. In her exemplary leadership as AGA National Treasurer, she played a key role in her commitment to accountability and integrity to the President of AGA National. She excelled in financial reporting, budgeting, accountability, and leading the National Governing Board (NBG). We congratulate her on the dedication and efforts she put forth as serving as the National Treasurer for AGA!