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DANNY CASE CFE EXAM SCHOLARSHIPS

We are excited to announce that our chapter is offering two CFE exam scholarships for non-certified members! Recipients will be announced at the *20th Annual Emerging Trends in Fraud Investigation & Prevention Conference* in May.

These scholarships have been named after Danny Case, a long-time Central Ohio ACFE Chapter member and board member. Check out the Member Spotlight on page 2 of this newsletter to learn more about Danny!

Scholarship recipients will be selected by our Board of Directors from applications received by the application deadline. There is an expectation that the recipients pass the CFE exam within one-year of receiving the study materials and recipients must have already obtained a four-year college degree or possess comparable professional experience to qualify for CFE certification.

Where to find more details and apply:

Find more details and apply on our chapter website under the Membership tab.

Application deadline: April 9, 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We look forward to seeing everyone virtually for the return of the *Emerging Trends in Fraud Investigation & Prevention Conference*! We will be having both keynote and breakout selection sessions as you are all accustomed to. We also have many nationally recognized speakers lined up to help ensure you receive the same high level of training quality. There will be a conference mobile app to help ensure you can still network with other anti-fraud professionals. The virtual format, without food & physical venue costs, has also allowed us to offer a reduced by more than 50% rate - \$195 for private sector & \$145 for government!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 23, 2021: *Human Trafficking*, FREE 1 CPE webinar, presented by Ian Mitchell and Heather Fischer of The Knoble; Register [here](#)

May 17 - 18, 2021: *20th Annual Emerging Trends in Fraud Investigation & Prevention Conference*; Virtual

June 2021: TBD; webinar to be announced later

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New Chapter Members

December

- Phil Hinkley
- Laura Howell
- Anthony LaNasa

January

- Alfredo Avendano
- Arlen Dolly
- Martin Noe

New CFEs

December

- Matthew Freel
- Phil Hinkley
- Jon Krug
- Mary Matusz
- Bethany Nininger

January

- Shelby Arthur
- Lauren Little

It's never too late to join our chapter and get all the great benefits of being member! Sign up today!

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Members: Also, join our LinkedIn group: [linkedin.com/groups/90120](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/90120)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Danny Case, CPA, CFE

American Electric Power

Audit Project Manager



Q. How long have you been a CFE/Member of the Central Ohio ACFE Chapter?

A: I have been a CFE since January 1993. I moved to Columbus in 1998 from Indiana and joined the Central Ohio ACFE Chapter that same year. I have been an officer and on the chapter's Board of Directors for most of the time I have been a chapter member.

Q. Tell us about your current role and how long you have been in your current role?

A: I have worked in the Audit Department at American Electric Power (AEP) for almost 43 years.

July 1978 – July 1998: I was assigned to an audit crew which audited the offices of two subsidiaries in Indiana and Michigan which required extensive overnight travel. I became the Supervisor of the audit crew in my third year with the Company. Audits were of customer billing, relations, etc and included surprise audits of cashiers and petty cash funds along with investigations of missing funds and employees when deemed appropriate. My second audit of an office involved a cashier who had taken approximately 100 customer payments out of her cash drawer. This resulted in the customers not being credited with their payments resulting in delinquent balances.

July 1998 - Present: Since moving to Columbus, my traveling has been substantially reduced. I was involved in a conversion of AEP's legacy billing system to a "new" billing system in 1995 – 1999. I still perform some audits related to customer billing and activities but also work on audits covering a much broader scope. I am the lead auditor for AEP's SOX testing and compliance for three areas: Expenditures, Inventory Management, and Payroll/HR which includes pensions and other benefits. I accumulate information from AEP's operations in its 11 states concerning employee fraud for reporting to the Audit Committee and SOX reporting. I am the lead auditor related to AEP's annual Fraud Risk Assessment activities. I also perform reviews for the legal department related to Executive expense accounts, Board of Director expenses, and usage of company aircraft for any related reporting in the proxy statement.

Q. What do you like best about being an ACFE Chapter Member?

A: The opportunity to meet other professionals that I would not ordinarily have met along with the training opportunities provided by the chapter.

Q. Looking back at your success throughout your career, what is the best piece of advice you can share with others?

A: Trust your instincts. I always told new crew members when they were reviewing records, they needed to follow the audit program but the best audit findings they may have will come from looking at related areas not specified in the formal audit steps.

Q. What accomplishments are you most proud of?

A: Over my career I have had interactions with hundreds of people throughout AEP. Having an auditor show up in your office or calling you when you were not expecting it makes most people nervous. However, I have had numerous people indicate they enjoyed the experience once they realized I was not there to "get them". I had a former crew member and good friend tell me once that he really appreciated me "teaching him how to treat other people" when he was a new inexperienced auditor. That comment has always stayed with me and makes me feel like I have made a difference.

Q. What do you like to do for fun, including family time and hobbies?

A: Read mysteries, walk, go fishing which I have not had the time to do for a long time. Lately, I have been thinking about and doing a little research on stain glass which could be a future hobby when/after I retire.

Are you interested in being our next featured member? Email Melissa Butsko at Butskomel@outlook.com for more information!