

Annual IPA Conference

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Course Descriptions

Information subject to change

QA Update/Roundtable

Presenter: Eric Kline, Jill Butler, and JC Verardi, Ohio Auditor of State

Description: This session will discuss common issues identified in the reviews of reports and working papers and a brief summary of upcoming significant changes.

How to Audit a SEFA

Presenter: Amanda Stidham, Ohio Auditor of State

Description: This session will provide practical guidance on auditing the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA). Participants will learn key audit considerations, review common errors and deficiencies identified during audits, and explore resources and tools available to support effective SEFA testing and reporting.

DEW School Funding Update

Presenter: Aaron Rausch and Elena Sanders, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

Description: This session will review the budget and policy changes included in HB96, the state operating budget for FY26-FY27, and discuss implementation.

Cybersecurity and ORC 9.64

Presenter: Mark Bell, State of Ohio Adjutant General's Department

Description: Brief overview of HB 96 and its requirements for local governments, and a review of the state of Ohio cyber programs and resources available to assist local governments.

GASB Update

Presenters: Tracie McCreary, Ohio Auditor of State

Description: Description coming soon!

Carnivore – Herbivore – Greedivore: Columbus Zoo Case Study

Presenter: Marissa Marzick and Matthew Klapheke, Ohio Auditor of State

Description: A criminal enterprise hijacked the purse strings of the Columbus Zoo. We will examine multiple areas of fraud committed by Zoo Executives and how, working in concert, they covered up their fraud for nearly a decade. We will discuss how this massive fraud, motivated by greed, resulted in four men winding up behind bars and one on supervised probation.

Training Agenda

Start Time	End Time	Topic	Speaker
8:00 AM	8:15 AM	Opening Remarks	Auditor Faber and Training, AOS
8:15 AM	9:15 AM	QA Update & Roundtable	Eric Kline, Jill Butler, and JC Verardi, AOS
9:15 AM	9:20 AM	<i>Break</i>	<i>No speaker</i>
9:20 AM	10:20 AM	How to Audit a SEFA	Amanda Stidham, AOS
10:20 AM	10:25 AM	<i>Break</i>	<i>No speaker</i>
10:25 AM	11:25 AM	DEW School Funding Update	Aaron Rausch and Elena Sanders, DEW
11:25 AM	11:55 AM	<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>No speaker</i>
11:55 AM	12:55 PM	Cyber Security & ORC 9.64	Mark Bell, State of Ohio Adjutant General's Department
12:55 PM	1:00 PM	<i>Break</i>	<i>No speaker</i>
1:00 PM	1:30 PM	GASB Update	Tracie McCreary, AOS
1:30 PM	1:35 PM	<i>Break</i>	<i>No speaker</i>
1:35 PM	4:05 PM	Carnivore – Herbivore – Greedivore: Columbus Zoo	Matt Klapheke and Marissa Marzick, AOS
4:05 PM	4:10 PM	Closing Remarks	AOS Training Department