



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC TREASURERS Hot Topic Seminar – April 25, 2025

This Hot Topic Seminar is packed with information to assist public finance officers in the performance of their duties. We are planning a full day of training and updates. Please join us for the presentations listed below. 4.75 CPIM, 2.375 CPFA, 5.7 CPE, 4.75 FIA are pending approval.

OAPT Partner:

Scott Weisend, Director of Sales & Operations, Sedgwick

Agenda:

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast & Registration

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Geauga County EMA -Roger Peterson: Getting to know the Emergency management Agency in your County.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

OAPT Group Programs Update/Ohio BWC Safety Update – Scott Weisend, Craig Lanken: Important safety tips for Public Employers including PERP as well as Workers' compensation options for the 2026 policy year.

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 p.m.

Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Police and Fire Pension – John Gresh: An overview of the monthly pension reporting and payments. An update on the upcoming changes with pay code/UAN requirements.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Legislative Update - Kent Scarrett: Information related to legislative action being taken by the Ohio General Assembly impacting Ohio's municipalities including issues related to revenue generation and local control matters.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Public Employees Retirement System – Karen Cacciatore: Where does my money go? When do I qualify for benefits? Plus updates and changes at retirement.

Location: *Change of Location*

Deer Ridge Golf Club
900 Comfort Plaza Drive
Bellville, Ohio 44813

Here is a link to the venue's website: <https://deerridgegc.com/>

Cost: \$60 for members, \$80 for non-members

Continental Breakfast, Buffet Lunch Included

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Speaker Biographies

Roger Peterson has been with Geauga County for over 10 years, and he currently serves as Director of Emergency Services. Prior to Geauga County, he served as Fire Chief, then worked with Emergency Planning Safety and Environmental Health. He is currently a volunteer Firefighter/Paramedic and a Township Trustee in Bloomfield Township, Trumbull County.

Scott Weisend has over 38 years' experience in the field of Ohio and National workers' compensation, including claims management, hearing representation, account management, sales and multiple areas of leadership. Scott has been with Sedgwick for over 13 years in sales and sales leadership.

Craig Lanken has been in the environmental health and safety field for over 24 years. He has a degree in Environmental Resource Management and minor in forest science from Penn State University. Now, as Senior Manager of Risk Control Operations for Sedgwick, he manages the workload and oversees the work product of a team of safety professionals located in six states, while maintaining his own book of business with clientele in the mid-west, southeast and west coast.

John Gresh has been employed with OP-F for 14 years, all of which have been in the Finance department. Prior to that he worked with the Ohio Legislative Service Commission. His OP-F experience began predominantly dealing with incoming pension contributions and payments. He served for several years auditing the monthly member wage reports working hand in hand with payroll clerks and fiscal officers reconciling the monthly retirement deductions and maintaining balanced accounts. In the Employer Education role, he works daily with finance officers and their personnel in determining pensionable salary, submitting OP-F forms, formatting and uploading payroll software files, arbitration settlements, tax deferred pickup plans and overall expertise providing both in-person and virtual training sessions. John has a bachelor's degree from Franklin University in Business.

Kent Scarrett is a graduate of The Ohio State University. Kent began his legislative career at the Ohio Statehouse in 1990 as a Page in the Ohio Senate, later becoming Constituent Aide and then Legislative Aide first for state Senator Steven O. Williams, then for Majority Whip Senator Nancy Chiles-Dix. Kent left the Ohio Senate in 1996 to serve as a Legislative Liaison for Governor Voinovich before joining the OML in 1997. Before being appointed Executive Director in March 2016, Kent served as the League's Director of Communication for six years. Kent focuses on advocating on behalf of the League's 720 members on all issues related to municipal government and policy impactful to local governments. Kent previously served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the National League of Cities, is a current member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) Board of Directors and is President of the Ohio Municipal League Service Corporation

Karen Cacciatore is a Senior Educator. She joined OPERS in June 1993 and has primarily worked in the benefits department providing various types of education to OPERS members. Karen has a B.A. degree in elementary education from Ohio Christian University. She has attended OSU for continuing education and has her CRC (Certified Retirement Counselor) designation.