

2023 OTA Winter Conference Course Description Quick Guide

Course Name	Course Description
H.B. 140 and Campaign Guidance Update Paul Rutter, Of Counsel, Bricker & Eckler	This session will outline township levy law, emphasizing the changes mandated by HB 140 (first effective for the May 2023 election). We will also discuss updates to campaign guidance.
Creating a Cybersecurity Response Plan	A cybersecurity plan specifies the security policies, procedures, and controls required to protect an organization against threats and risks, internal and external. The session will cover why it is important to include a cybersecurity response plan in your disaster recovery plan.
Public Infrastructure Funding: Case Studies	This session will highlight strategies used to fund public infrastructure improvement projects in Ohio townships. The session will include a brief overview of Ohio funding agencies and strategies to combine and maximize grants, low-interest loans, and local funding.
Alternative Funding for Roads	The motor fuel tax represents the largest funding source for transportation projects in Ohio. However, as vehicles become more fuel-efficient and electric vehicles more prevalent, drivers are purchasing less fuel, resulting in less revenue that Ohio can use to maintain and repair the state's transportation infrastructure. With construction costs increasing and fuel consumption decreasing, a new way to fund road and bridge maintenance needs to be found. This presentation will provide an overview and update on the Ohio Department of Transportation's Revenue Alternatives Study to evaluate various alternative revenue mechanisms to replace the fuel tax and stabilize transportation revenues well into the future.
How to Prepare for an Audit Teresa Hicks, Quality Assurance and Technical Specialist, Center for Audit Excellence Division, Ohio Auditor of State's Office	This session will provide information on preparing for an audit.
Strategies for Community Development & Re-development	This session will discuss the issues surrounding community development and redevelopment, including strategies that townships can pursue on their own and with partners. It will also include discussions of applicable state programs.
Where the Trustee Responsibility Ends and the Fiscal Officer Begins Julie Donnan, Attorney, Brosius, Johnson & Griggs	This course will present and review the Ohio Revised Code statutory duties and authorities of the township trustees, individually and as a board, as well as the fiscal officer, in the performance of their elected offices. The discharge of the duties will be presented in the context of mandated, prohibited, and permissive actions of the elected officials, as well as the differences in the duties and authority of the trustees and fiscal officer as independently elected officeholders and how the trustees and fiscal officer work together to properly run the township.
How to Prepare for a Single Audit Teresa Hicks, Quality Assurance and Technical Specialist, Center for Audit Excellence Division, Ohio Auditor of State's Office	This session will provide information on preparing for a Single Audit.
Alternative Funding for Roads-1	The motor fuel tax represents the largest funding source for transportation projects in Ohio. However, as vehicles become more fuel-efficient and electric vehicles more prevalent, drivers are purchasing less fuel, resulting in less revenue that Ohio can use to maintain and repair the state's transportation infrastructure. With construction costs increasing and fuel consumption decreasing, a new way to fund road and bridge maintenance needs to be found. This presentation will provide an overview and update on the Ohio Department of Transportation's Revenue Alternatives Study to evaluate various alternative revenue mechanisms to replace the fuel tax and stabilize transportation revenues well into the future.

Outlook on Investments: How to Take Advantage of this Interest Rate Environment Joe Violand, Portfolio Manager, RedTree Investment Group	<p>In this session, participants will hear an update on the economic and interest rate environment. Additionally, participants will learn about ways to take advantage of the elevated interest rates we see in today's markets.</p>
Ohio Budgetary Law Anna Mary Thomas, Project Manager, Auditor of State's Local Government Services Section.	<p>The budgetary process affects all functions in a local government. This session will provide an overview of the process from start to finish, including amending the budget during the year, limitations imposed, and the role of the county budget commission.</p>
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Establishing Funds for Capital Funds, Reserve Balance Funds and Accumulated Benefits	<p>TBD</p>
Reconciliations and Proof of Cash-1	<p>Identify and compile differences between book and bank activity by month in order to populate final adjustments needed to reconcile the books to the bank.</p>
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