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Good day, Fellow Pension Fund Auditors!

I am very excited to announce that our [Spring 2026 Professional Development Conference](#) will be held in person **from April 27-30, 2026**, in Columbus, Ohio. The conference hotel, [Courtyard by Marriott – Columbus OSU](#), is located near downtown Columbus.

The Spring 2026 conference will bring great insights from retirement system experts and networking opportunities. The conference assembles experts to share best practices and discuss audit programs and techniques unique to our environment. Some conference topics include IT Security, Strategic Planning, Fraud Case Study, Ethics, CoPilot/AI Investment Auditing, IIA Topical Requirements, the ever-popular roll call of the states, and one panel discussion from the Best Practices Committee. The conference registration fee is **\$550 per attendee for 18.2 hours of CPE**. We monitor our conference costs closely and want to provide you with an economical conference. The Conference Brochure will provide more information about the guest room rate and hotel registration, conference registration, session descriptions, meals, attire, guests, and more.

- **Conference registrations are due no later than March 30, 2026. The conference brochure will go out mid-February 2026.**
- [Hotel registrations](#) are due no later than April 6, 2026. Hotel registrations are open.

If you need additional information about the upcoming conference or how to get more involved, contact Nicki Russell at [nickir@mosers.org](mailto:nickir@mosers.org). Questions related to the conference registration or the APPFA website should be directed to Matt Priestas at [webmaster@appfa.org](mailto:webmaster@appfa.org).

Sincerely,

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