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2004 Spring Conference Held May 5, 2004



"2005 ~ Tightening the Belt"

Despite tight budgets and travel restrictions the 2004 Spring Conference was attended by over 200 finance professionals. With dynamic speakers such as Don Schunk with USC and Mike Daniels from the Employment Security Commission kicking things off, the day was full of opportunities to learn and network. As the theme suggested, the conference was packed full of information on ever tightening budgets and working within those confines. We extend a gracious thank-you to all of our speakers for presenting interesting and thought provoking topics.

We would also like to recognize our vendors who attended the conference and continue to support our organization. This year they were:

Nicki Wilson
General Services Division

Mike Gallagher
Ross Sinclair & Associates

Ken Burkel
Steve Mann
Luellen Burke
Utilities Reduction Specialties, Inc.

This year's conference was chaired by two members of GFOASC and they worked together diligently with a small committee to put this program together. Please join us in thanking our co-chairs this year; Maisy Babbitt with Vocational Rehabilitation and Scott Ludlam, with the SC Arts Commission. Other committee members were Ann Epting, Christal Bazen and Jo Parrott. Thanks for a job well done! Our registration volunteers were Jennifer Broughton and Cassandra Phibbs.

Thanks again to all who had a part in making this year's spring conference a success and especially to you, our members, who attended and continue to support the association.



*Celebrating 20 Years
Of Excellence in
Government Finance*

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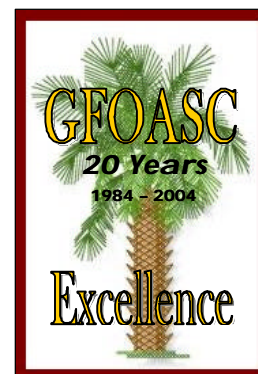
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Plans Underway for 2004 Fall Conference ***"1984~2004—20 Years of Excellence"***

Renee Moore, Conference Chair, and her committee have the conference planning well underway and with a twenty year anniversary to celebrate, this one promises to be one you don't want to miss. This conference will offer a whopping 16 CPE's and will include such topics as: Local Financing Options, Taxing Issues, Economic Development in SC, Electronic Signatures, and Automating ACH Deposits. More information on speakers

and topics are on the web site at www.gfoasc.com. The conference will again be held at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center and Radisson Hotel and the dates are October 17- 20, 2004. Make plans to be there.

Registration forms, as well as a hotel reservation link are located on our web site at www.gfoasc.com. Visit often as we will continue to update the conference information as it becomes available.



From Our President ~ Patricia Ann Epting

This is a very special year for GFOASC, we are celebrating our 20th anniversary! Our organization was founded in 1984 and has continued to grow and expand with a diverse membership that is second to none.

The Spring and Fall Conference committees are working hard to present conferences worthy of our anniversary. Having attended some of the planning meetings, I can tell you they have succeeded! The Spring Conference was held May 5, 2004 at the Sheraton Conference Center and the Fall Conference will be at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, October 17-20, 2004. You can visit our web site at www.gfoasc.com for information on the fall conference, CPE classes and other important association information.

We are trying to go to a paperless newsletter so if we can email you association information, that would help. Please update your information and let us know the best way to contact you.

This association is yours and we want you to be informed in the operation of it. Please contact the Board members or me if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to help you.

It has been said many times but bears repeating -- This is YOUR organization GET INVOLVED! I look forward to seeing you at fall conference!

Certification News

The Certification Committee is preparing for their first meeting to cover recertification and approving new CGFO's for the year. If you have not turned in your report for 2003 and would still like to report, please contact us for instruction on how to do so.

We are working on additions to our web site that would include the number of CPE credits earned and reported for CGFO's. This would be viewable only by the individual and would be in a secure part of the member database accessible by password. If there are other additions you would like to see or suggestions you would like to make, please do let us know. We are working to make information more easily accessible and convenient for you.

If you are interested in the certification program there is a wealth of information on our

web site at www.gfoasc.com under the certification link. If you do not see an answer to your questions or need something further please contact us. You can reach us by phone at (803)951-7371, fax at (803)359-4892, or email at lslee@sc.rr.com. New brochures for the core courses should be available from USC Institute for Public Service and Policy Research Center for Governmental Services some time in late August.

The Katherine Zook Scholarship, provided in partnership with USC & GFOASC, pays the full cost of the program for one individual each year. An application and more information on this scholarship can also be obtained on the web site.



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- *A new Core Course Schedule should be available from USC in late August. Watch the web site for more details under the Certification link!*

● *Legal & Ethics CPE ~ 7/29*

There is still time to register for this class! More information is available on the web site at www.gfoasc.com under the CPE link. Registrations can be faxed in to hold your spot. Let us know if you have questions or need more information.



Mark Your Calendars!
Legal & Ethics CPE ~ July 29, 2004
Next Luncheon ~ August 18, 2004
Fall Conference ~ October 17-20
GAAP Video Satellite Conference ~ November 4, 2004

Visit the GFOASC New Web Site and Database

GFOASC has a brand new web site and address and if you haven't visited there yet you are missing out on a valuable tool for South Carolina Government Finance Officers! The new address is www.gfoasc.com—pretty easy to remember! Along with a more simplified format we now have a link to Memberclicks at the bottom of the home page and this allows you to log into the database and make changes to your personal information, post questions, view the calendar and more. You should have received a post card with your member number on it. The ID for all members is gfoasc. We want to know what information you would like to have added to the site—

this is your site and we want to make it the best it can be. Please email any suggestions you might have to lslee@sc.rr.com or fax to (803)359-4892. Also, please do let us know if you experience any problems with the site! We look forward to hearing from you and remember the site is changing and evolving so visit often!!

*Help us make
Communication &
Networking our priority
for 2004!*

