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As your State Representative for the past two years, I want to thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to be your representative with the National GFOA. This position afforded me the opportunity to meet and to learn from other finance professionals, as well as to make some great friendships all over the US and Canada. Of course, at any opportunity, I never hesitated expressing my genuine pride in the GFOASC organization and the proactive stance it has always taken in promoting government finance professionalism.

Scott Ludlam will be your new State Representative beginning January 1, 2005, and will certainly be a promoter of this organization and South Carolina and a ready asset for any questions or information that you may need from National GFOA. Thank you again, friends, for allowing me to represent you.....Deborah S. Nye, CGFO (P.S. Scott.....you'll need to change the logo!)

2005 Dates To Remember

February 16, 2005 ~ Luncheon Meeting (\$10 ~ Checks Welcome)
Hilltop Restaurant ~ Watch the Web for Speaker Info

Spring Conference ~ First Week of May - Date TBA

Fall Conference - October 16-19, 2005

Certification Update

CPE reports for CGFO's are due on February 28, 2005. Copies are available online at www.gfoasc.com under the certification link. The guidelines have been updated with all new information and are available there also.

We will be adding information on your 2005 reports to your data record as they are received. Login in with your password!

GFOASC News

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2004 Fall Conference

The 2004 Fall Conference, "Celebrating Excellence in Government Finance" was held October 17-20, 2004 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center and Radisson Hotel. The focus of the conference was the twentieth anniversary of the Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina. With over 250 finance officers in attendance as well as speakers and vendors, the conference grew to close to 300 finance professionals!

The conference kicked off with informative sessions on Sunday afternoon including a Lottery Commission Update and the Cooper River Bridge project update. Sunday evening brought a gathering to welcome participants and get the networking started.

Monday began with a welcome from Liz Gilland, Horry County Council Chair as well as the Honorable Bobby Harrell, Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee and the Honorable Dan Cooper, State Representative with a Legislative and Budget Issues session.

The conference was well attended by over 250 government finance professionals from state, city, local government and higher education entities as well as over 50 vendors. Our evaluations were overall very positive and gave us some valuable feedback which we will incorporate into our planning this year.

Tim O'Dell and his 2005 fall conference committee will begin planning soon. Let us know if you have any ideas!

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Winter 2004/05





*From Our
2004 President,
Patricia Ann Epting*

This has been a very special year for GFOASC, we celebrated our 20th anniversary! It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your president for 2004. I thank you for the honor and help all of you have given me, maybe by an encouraging word or sound advice or just listening to my ideas and helping to sort the good ones out.

The Fall Conference was a great success I will look for all of you at Myrtle Beach Convention Center in 2005 and 2006. I owe a special thanks to the Board that has served with me and the many committee members and chairs that made my job so easy.

Renee Moore takes over as President January 1, 2005 and will do an excellent job. Please show her the same wonderful consideration you have shown me and please do help in any way she asks. We are a volunteer organization and need everyone to get involved and stay involved!

Tim O'Dell is the President Elect and will plan the Fall Conference in 2005. Assist Tim in anyway he needs. You can visit our web site at www.state.sc.us/gfoa for information on the conferences, 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 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 the conferences, luncheons and other GFOASC events! Again, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE HONOR OF HAVING BEEN YOUR PRESIDENT FOR 2004!

Ann

State Rep Report ~ Deborah Nye, CGFO
2003/2004 State Representative to GFOA National

Applications for the Awards for Excellence in Government Finance are due January 31, 2005.

The GFOA's Awards for Excellence in Government Finance recognize contributions to the practice of government finance that exemplify outstanding financial management. The awards stress practical, documented work that offers leadership to the profession and promotes improved public finance. Entries may be submitted for consideration in any of eight categories.

Eight criteria are examined when considering an application for the award: local significance and value, technical significance, transferability, documentation, the cost/benefit analysis, efficiency, originality, and durability. Membership in the GFOA is not required to apply for an award; however, nonmembers and students must be sponsored by an active GFOA member. To request information about the Awards for Excellence program, send an e-mail to: AwardsforExcellence@gfoa.org.

South Carolina's Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority received the 2004 Award for Excellence in the Management and Service Delivery Category. Congratulations, you make us proud. Subcategory: Communications and Reporting

"The Freshwater Freddie Ultimate Water Guide for Kids" Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority
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We should also acknowledge the service and involvement of our South Carolina finance professionals who have been appointed to serve on National GFOA standing committees.

Committee on Government Budgeting & Fiscal Policy The Chair of this 25 member committee is Stephen Bedard, the Chief Finance Officer for the City of Charleston. Also serving on this committee is David Veahun, the Finance Director for the City of Rock Hill.

Committee on Accounting, Auditing, and Finance Committee members include Dennis R. Locke, Finance and Administrative Service Director for the City of Spartanburg; and Charles Tegan, the Comptroller for Clemson University.

Committee on Cash Management Archie Kelly, Senior Vice-President for the Bank of America in Columbia, serves as an advisor on this committee. *You should note that there is a list on the web of the committee advisors, their phone numbers, and their individual expertise for any help you may have in the cash management area.*

National GFOA has just opened registration for the 99th annual conference to be held June 26-29, 2005, in San Antonio, Texas. Registrations made prior to January 28, 2005, will receive the early registration of \$310. Please check out www.gfoa.org/conference/2005/ for all the latest information.

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