



# GFOASC

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### 2008 GFOASC SPRING CONFERENCE *STACEY HAMM, CGFO ~ CHAIR*

The Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina Spring Conference will be held on Monday, May 5, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Columbia.

We are planning what we hope will be an informative and interesting day. Please join us for a great day with sessions addressing: current legislation, state issues, local government issues

and higher education issues. We have confirmed Cathy Hazelwood from the SC Ethics Commission as one of our speakers. Also, Wachovia and Bank of America will be speaking on state and local topics.

Look for our brochure with registration inside the newsletter or on our website [www.gfoasc.com](http://www.gfoasc.com). Hope to see you there!



#### "WORKING IN CHALLENGING TIMES"

*Credit card payments  
will be accepted for  
conference registrations  
through the  
GFOASC Web Site!*

*Providing up-to-date  
information and news  
affecting the govern-  
ment finance officer  
profession in  
South Carolina.*

#### **Dates to Remember:**

*Spring Conference  
05/08*

*Fall Conference  
10/12-15*

*GFOA National  
June 13-18, 2008*

### Membership Committee Update

*Terry L. Booth, CGFO, CPA ~ Chair*

The Membership Committee has been established for 2008. I appreciate the following individuals who have agreed to serve with me on this committee:

Denise Altman—Orangeburg  
County

John Marcucci—DHEC  
Gloria Moore—Oconee  
School District

Donna Sullivan (Board Liaison)  
—Florence County School  
District #3

Sara Sullivan—Richland  
County Public Library

Pat Woodruff—Vocational  
Rehabilitation

You can find total membership numbers broken down by category in the Winter 07/08 newsletter (visit the Newsletters link on our website at [www.gfoasc.com](http://www.gfoasc.com)). The goal of the membership committee this year is to increase membership in the GFOASC. So far, we have sent out 174 recruitment packages to potential new members. Please email me at [gfoasc@yahoo.com](mailto:gfoasc@yahoo.com) or call me

at 803-778-6624 if you have any suggestions for our committee or would like to help.

Membership renewals were sent out in December. If you haven't paid your dues for 2008, please do that as soon as possible. We have a lot of exciting things happening in GFOASC this year, and we need our current members as well as new members in order to continue to expand and improve. Thanks for your support!

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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT ~ VIOLA R. FAUST



Viola R. Faust  
2008 President

*"We look forward to  
working hard  
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I look forward to serving as the 2008 President of GFOASC. The board members and I are working hard to meet the primary objectives of our organization which are to promote and encourage the professional competence of individuals who are responsible for and who hold in trust public funds. We will work to promote programs that will address the professional development needs of our members. It is the goal of the board to keep the association strong.

The program committee chaired by Judy Hrinda is working hard to provide excellent luncheon speakers for the organization. This year we hope to be able to offer CPE credits with our luncheon meetings. Our first luncheon speaker will be Bill Gillespie on March 13. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

Our Spring conference is scheduled for May 5 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Columbia. The Spring Conference committee chaired by Stacy

Hamm is working hard to provide an informative and enlightening event.

Our President-Elect Scott Ludlam chairs our Fall Conference Committee. The Fall conference is scheduled for October 12 – 15 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center and Sheraton Hotel.

The remaining committee chairs are Billy Martin, Certification Committee; Jan Alonso, Scholarship committee; Marci Medway, Ethics Committee; Robin Wilkes, Financial Review; Terry Booth, Membership and Public Relations Committee; Carol Martin, Nominating Committee; Linda Murphy, Policy and Procedure Committee & Technology Committee; Ann Epting, Newsletter Committee..

In an effort to address some of the concerns of the membership a committee of Past Presidents has been established. This group of individuals will provide us some valuable insight and experience to assist us in addressing these concerns. We have a

wealth of knowledge and experience in the persons who have agreed to serve. The individuals serving are Paul Jarvis, Chair; Chuck Fallaw (a founding father of the organization), Kay Riley, Rodney Jenkins, David Vebaun, Donald Thomas, Renee Moore and Tim O'dell. I want to thank these persons for agreeing to serve.

As we set out to accomplish our goals your assistance will be greatly appreciated. We need your participation, ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me at [vfaust@sceis.gov](mailto:vfaust@sceis.gov) or you can contact any of the Board members or committee chairs with any ideas and or suggestions you feel would benefit us. Contact information can be obtained on the GFOASC web site at [www.gfoasc.com](http://www.gfoasc.com). We look forward to working hard for the organization this year as well as hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Viola Robinson Faust, CPM*

President, GFOASC

## 2008 FALL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE UPDATE SCOTT LUDLAM, CGFO ~ CHAIR, PRESIDENT-ELECT



**"Riding the  
Waves of  
Change"**

Our Fall Conference Committee is already underway. This year I have the privilege of planning our 2008 Fall Conference, which is planned for October 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Our planning committee is excited and looking forward to great conference. We hope to bring to the conference this year some new speakers. We are looking to give the fall conference a little bit of "face lift" this year, while maintaining the high quality CPE sessions that we have had with past confer-

ences. We will post information to the GFOASC website and hope to send out "email blasts" to members as we work our way through the spring and summer, in an effort to provide up to date information as we look forward to October.

This year we hope to invite GFOANC and GFOAGA as well GFOA National to speak at our conference. We hope to have speakers this year to specifically address our changing economy, both locally and nationally. While addressing

national and state issues, we promise to have quality speakers for attendees from higher education and local governments as well.

As you can see, we have a big job ahead of us and only about seven months in which to get it done. Please feel free to call me at 803-734-8699 or email me at [s.ludlam@arts.state.sc.gov](mailto:s.ludlam@arts.state.sc.gov) with your ideas. Now is the time. Our committee is looking for your input, as this is after-all, your conference.

## CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

### **BILLY MARTIN, CGFO ~ CHAIR**

Remember that the 2007 CPE reports were due by February 29, 2008. If you haven't turned yours in yet, you need to send it in no later than May 31st along with a \$15 late fee. The late fee goes up to \$25 after this, and the final deadline is July 31st, after which certifications can be revoked if no report is received. Blank forms can be downloaded from our Web site at [www.gfoasc.com/recertif.htm](http://www.gfoasc.com/recertif.htm) (the Certification link).

USC has announced that the 2008 Certification exam dates will be May 12th and 13th. The exams will be held at the

University of South Carolina, 1600 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC in room 402. The registration fee is \$50 per person for each examination. The registration form can be downloaded from the same Web address listed above.

The 2008 Certification Committee has been established as follows:

Billy R. Martin, Chair  
James Absher  
Faye Allen  
Kevin Dailey  
Dianne Gordon  
Jeanne Griffin  
Dennis Locke  
Robin Stack

Ernesto Torres

Karen Wicker

Viola R. Faust, Board Liaison

We appreciate these people being willing to serve on this important committee!

The Certification Guidelines have been updated and are on the website.

Please let me ([bmartin@lex-co.com](mailto:bmartin@lex-co.com)) or Lynne Lee ([lslee@sc.rr.com](mailto:lslee@sc.rr.com)) know if you have any questions or concerns about the Certification Program.

*CGFO's will now find their reporting information online under their individual profile.*

*Information is only visible to the profile owner.*



Government Finance  
Officers Association

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

MARCIA L. MEDWAY ~ STATE REPRESENTATIVE

### CARF Awards

You and your staff worked hard to receive the CAFR award. If you would like the award presented formally to you, please contact me at [mewaym@midlandstech.edu](mailto:mewaym@midlandstech.edu) or 803-822-3204. I will arrange to present the award. For additional CAFR information, please visit the GFOA site at [www.gfoa.org](http://www.gfoa.org)

### GFOA National Conference

Join the thousands already registered for the GFOA's 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference

where the public finance profession meets, learns, and networks. This year is the 102nd conference and will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida June 15-18, 2008. It is possible to earn up to 20 CPE credits by attending concurrent sessions and discussion groups at GFOA's annual conference. Additional CPE credits can be earned by attending one or more of GFOA's preconference seminars.

Please visit [www.gfoa.org](http://www.gfoa.org) for more information. We are also in the planning stages

of the annual SC delegate brunch scheduled for Sunday so you can be sure to meet your fellow SC attendees.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

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*Visit the GFOA Web site for more information on training opportunities available!  
[www.gfoa.org](http://www.gfoa.org)*

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THIS IS YOUR ASSOCIATION—  
MAKE IT THE BEST THAT  
IT CAN BE!

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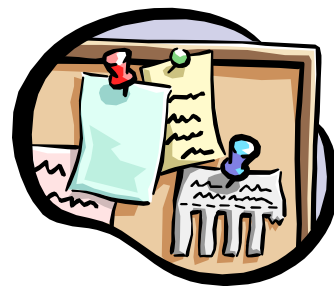
**Employment**

Please visit the  
GFOASC Web site  
Employment link  
often. New positions  
are posted there  
with contact infor-  
mation and these  
are updated  
frequently!

**GFOASC Academic Scholarships**  
**Jan Alonso ~ Scholarship Chair**



The deadline for GFOASC Academic Scholarships will be April 15, 2008! Visit the Web site for more information and forms. GFOASC offers a scholarship for both two year and 4 year students in South Carolina public colleges and universities. Contact us with questions at [lslee@sc.rr.com](mailto:lslee@sc.rr.com).



**2008 CPE Schedule Available March 15th!**

Four CPE classes have been scheduled for 2008! Registration forms and information will be available online on March 15, 2008! Registration fees may be paid by credit card online through Paypal. Please let us know if you have questions or concerns about the CPE class schedule! This information will also be sent out to members in an email blast!