



# GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF SC

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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



by JENNIFER BROUGHTON, 2016 GFOASC PRESIDENT

### GREETINGS MEMBERS & FRIENDS,

Happy Summer!!! GFOASC is having a great year! This year we have seen an increase in membership and we look forward to continued growth! In May, we had a great Spring Conference chaired by Mrs. Sheila Smith and the Spring Conference Committee! They organized a great conference and I thank them very much for all of the time and effort that was put into the planning.

In June, GFOASC had its first CPE classes taught by Steve Blake. Thank you to the Program Committee and to Mr. Blake for presenting great sessions. We are looking forward to more informative sessions this summer.

I am also looking forward to the 2016 GFOASC Fall Conference. Mrs. Kristina Junker and the Fall Conference Committee have been working hard on planning a great conference for several months. Registration for the fall conference is now open, so don't miss out on a great opportunity to gain approximately sixteen (16) CPE credits and network with a great group of people!

Have a great summer!

JENNIFER BROUGHTON, 2016 GFOASC PRESIDENT

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# 2016 SPRING CONFERENCE RECAP

by SHEILA SMITH, 2016 GFOASC SPRING CONFERENCE CHAIR

**THE GFOASC SPRING CONFERENCE** was held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center in Columbia, SC with just at 300 attendees. The theme was "Partners in Progress" and included attendees from municipal, county, state and higher education agencies. This year we had 16 sponsors which included 6 Gold, 4 Silver and 6 Bronze. Our Gold sponsors were Elliott Davis, McNair Law Firm, Stifel-Merchant Capital Division, TD Bank, ThreePlusOne Advisors/Manning & Napier and Wells Fargo. Please thank our numerous sponsors as their support is what makes this possible.

The Mayor of the City of Columbia, Stephen K. Benjamin, opened the conference with a Welcome Address. Jim Kirk and Paula Harper Bethea presented during the two morning General Sessions. A wide range of topics were available during the three concurrent sessions. During lunch, our President, Jennifer Broughton recognized six new Certified Government Finance Officers. The conference finished with Iwana Ridgill in the afternoon with a humorous view of "Take this Job and Love It".

I want to give a special thanks to the conference committee members who began working on the conference in January 2016. The conference would not be possible without the coordination and work these volunteers provided to our organization. It was a privilege and honor to work with each one of the committee members as they brought their various ideas and expertise to the program.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2017 GFOASC SPRING CONFERENCE** to be held May 1, 2017 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.



# 2016 FALL CONFERENCE

## “THE GREAT BALANCING ACT”

by KRISTINA JUNKER – FALL CONFERENCE CHAIR



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN** for the 32 nd Annual GFOASC Fall Conference! The conference will be held October 16-19, 2016 at the Marriott Grande Dunes in Myrtle Beach. The Fall Conference Committee has been working diligently to secure speakers for a comprehensive professional development opportunity for our members. I hope you will plan to join us this year! This conference offers a great value with an average of 16 units of CPE available. Our keynote speaker, Sunjay Nath, will provide a program on improving performance for individuals as well as teams. Some of the other topics already on the agenda include: fiduciary responsibility, ERP conversion, retirement, revenue forecasting, sales and use tax, and higher education financial aid and finance. Please continue to check our website for more information about the agenda.

We will have an informative opening session on Sunday afternoon with an evening of fun, including entertainment by the Erica Berg Collective. The sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will provide learning opportunities, while allowing attendees to network with other finance professionals.

The Exhibit Hall will be open on Monday and Tuesday for attendees to visit with our sponsors. Bank of America, Merrill Lynch and TD Bank will sponsor receptions on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Early Bird registration is available through August 15, 2016. The hotel group rate of \$86 per night is available through September 16, 2016. Please visit the Fall Conference page at GFOASC.org for more information and to register for the conference.

**CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION**

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# 2016 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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## RECAP

### GFOASC REPRESENTED IN TORONTO

by MATT EVANS, STATE REPRESENTATIVE - GFOASC

**THE GFOA NATIONAL CONFERENCE** was held May 22 – 25, 2016 in Toronto, Canada. This year South Carolina delegates totaled 48. Delegates were offered the opportunity to participate in over 70 general and concurrent sessions. GFOA National does an excellent job in making sure that sessions are applicable to governmental units regardless of size, location and demographics.

Deborah Nye and I had the opportunity to invite vendors to the GFOASC Fall Conference. It was a very productive time of networking, seeing familiar faces and meeting new potential vendors. We invited many vendors but tried to focus on those that we felt like the membership of GFOASC would benefit from.

GFOASC hosted a dinner on Monday night for all SC Delegates. This was a great time to visit with current GFOASC members and to encourage those delegates that are not currently members of GFOASC to join our organization.

As a reminder, if your agency is the recipient of the GFOA Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting and you would like a presentation at your board or council meeting, please contact me and either I or Jennifer Broughton, President of GFOASC will be there for you. Feel free to contact me at [mevans@clarendoncountygov.org](mailto:mevans@clarendoncountygov.org).

I have enjoyed serving as your state representative for the past two years. It has been a great experience that has afforded me the opportunity to get to know many of the members of GFOASC better. I look forward to continuing to serve our association in other capacities and encourage all members to get involved. See you at Myrtle Beach at Fall Conference 2016.

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CPE CLASSES

BY IAN MACLEAN -PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR



CPE Classes

BY IAN A. MACLEAN, CPA, CGFO  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FINAL  
SUMMER CPE SESSIONS

Midlands Technical College  
Airport Campus, Academic Center 143  
Mary Robertson Conference Room

August 24, 2016  
West Columbia, SC 29170

Your registration will include breakfast and lunch. Seminars  
will be from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Please see link for details <http://gfoasc.org/continuing-education/>

Register early, classes fill quickly!

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# CERTIFICATIONS

by ANGIE MCINCHOK, Certification Committee

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## CERTIFICATIONS

Please join us in congratulating the following members who recently were awarded their certification and were recognized at our Spring Conference on May 2nd :

Ashley BROUILLETTE

Theresa DAFFIN

Julie K. FEELEY

Lisa HANCOCK

Jennifer HARMON

Craig Matthew LUCCY

We have placed a list of all active certified members on our website under the CGFO tab. We are excited about recognizing another group of newly certified members at our Fall Conference in October.

Interested in becoming the next Certified Government Finance Officer in South Carolina? The 2016-2017 program brochure is available on our website. For more information, please feel free to contact Angie McInchok at [amcinchok@lex-co.com](mailto:amcinchok@lex-co.com).

There are still a few 2015 annual CPE Reporting forms that have not been submitted by GFOASC certified members. These were due on February 28 and the fine for the late submission is currently \$25. After July 31st, the certification committee will handle a revocation of certification on a case by case basis.

Please visit the website for a copy of the 2015 reporting form and mailing instructions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

## STRONG REVENUE

by SARAH SULLIVAN, GFOASC Treasurer

GFOASC has entered June with a bank balance of \$204,057. This is a significant increase from last year's balance of \$147,945. The net revenue and expenditures as of May 31, 2016 are \$62,045 as compared to last year of \$48,324.

GFOASC continues to grow with a larger membership base, conference attendance and CPE course attendance. Thanks to all of you who support the organization. If anyone has any questions about the Association's finances, please feel free to contact me at [treasurer@gfoasc.org](mailto:treasurer@gfoasc.org).



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