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2012 SPRING CONFERENCE - HAVE YOU REGISTERED? CONFERENCE CHAIR ~ WILLIAM HALL

The GFOASC Spring Conference, focusing on the theme of "Navigating for the Future," will be held on Monday, May 7, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center in Downtown Columbia.

The committee has pulled together a fantastic agenda. The keynote address will be presented by Mark Hobbs,

CPA. Topics include The Great GASB Update, IRS Updates, and the latest Legislative Update for Municipalities, Counties and Higher Education. The day will continue with sessions on Bond Revenue Maximization, E-Verify, Procurement Card Compliance and Fraud, Audit Preparation as well as Sales and Use Tax. Econo-

mist Frank Rainwater will speak and motivational speaker Glenda Doles will close out the day. The committee has worked hard and are confident they have assembled an agenda that is informative and inspiring. This day is intended to be educational, enjoyable and full of fellowship. If you have not done so, register today for the 2012 GFOASC Spring Conference.

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*Spring Conference
May 7, 2012
Fall Conference
October 7-10, 2012
Myrtle Beach, SC*

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT ~ KEVIN YOKIM, CPA, CGFO

I look forward to serving as GFOASC President in 2012. The Board members are hard at work to make this organization the best it can be. We ask that you help us by providing input, suggestions, and feedback on how to make the organization even better.

Our Spring Conference is May 7, 2012. William Hall, with the City of Lake City Finance Department, is chairing this year's conference. Registration forms have been posted to the website and email blasts have been going out about the conference. We are excited about this year's conference and encourage everyone to attend.

Two scholarships will be available to college students again this year. The deadline to apply is April 15th. Dennis Locke, our representative to GFOA Na-

tional, is serving as this year's scholarship committee chair. Please help him spread the word to colleges and universities about the scholarships which are available to 2 and 4 year students. Let Dennis know if you have any ideas to reach more students with this opportunity. Scholarship applications are available on our website, www.gfoasc.org.

Debbie Walker, Associate Vice President for Business Affairs at Midlands Technical College, is President-Elect and is Chair of the 2012 Fall Conference Committee. We will be returning to the Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes on October 7-10, 2012. Debbie and her committee are already hard at work trying to provide another great conference for you. Debbie has promised to have better weather than last year. If you came to last year's conference, you saw my first and only time on a dance floor. I think Debbie needs to keep this tradition going this year.

The Marriott has agreed to provide us the government rate for our fall conference, keeping this as inexpensive as possible during these tight budget times. This new location was so well received last year that the Board has agreed to begin negotiations with the Marriott for 2013 and 2014.

I hope each of you will be able to attend both conferences this year and also take advantage of the CPE sessions as they are offered. These are all great opportunities to network with government finance officers from all state, local, and educational organizations. I hope to see each of you at our Spring Conference on May 7th.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact me by email at kyokim@florenceco.org.

FROM YOUR TREASURER ~ SARAH SULLIVAN, CGFO

As of December 31, 2011, the Association had \$1,017.18 in the bank. The calendar year loss of expenses over income was \$36,800.64. The board approved to write off approximately \$16,000 of unpaid memberships that are more than 2 years old. This was done as of December 31, 2011. There was also a payment to Myrtle Beach Convention Center for the 2010 Fall Conference attrition. This was for \$21,714. These two factors are the main reasons for the loss. I am reviewing the membership accounts

listed in the financial software and will be sending member statements out soon. Please review these statements and contact me if there are any errors.

Thank you to all who have paid their 2012 annual dues. In order to maintain certifications and attend conference and classes at a member rate, members must be in good standing with no amounts outstanding. If you have questions about whether you have outstanding amounts due or need an invoice, please contact me at ssullivan@myrcpl.com.

Please encourage others in your agency or organization to join GFOASC!



2012 FALL CONFERENCE CONFERENCE CHAIR ~ DEBBIE M. WALKER, MBA, CGFO

Have you ever anonymously put coins in someone else's parking meter because you see the red "EXPIRED" medallion signaling to a parking ticket attendant? By doing so, you are not doing what life requires of you but the best of what your humanism invites you to do. Stepping outside the arena of our normal circumstances, moving beyond the familiar and circumstantial boundaries of our lives offers opportunities to enter the realm of the extraordinary and exquisite possibilities that awaits us. It is my belief that serving as your President-Elect will provide some amazing opportunities which I am excited about being a participant. My focus is to cultivate the opportunities and possibilities that abound for the membership of GFOASC. As we continue to face an economy that is not as strong as we would like for it to be, we will focus on

the benefits that are flourishing and the wonderful opportunities that are peeking around every corner. Now is the time to solidify our great organization through increased membership and concentrate on polishing our professional image. Each member can take on an active role to attain these goals by assessing the rich history of GFOASC and planting seeds to grow an exquisite future by being actively involved and inviting colleagues to seek membership.

An organization is only as great as its individual members, so as your President-Elect, I encourage everyone to commit to taking on leadership roles as we work together to reach the next level of excellence. Please note that our fall conference is a great opportunity for professional development, and will offer a myriad of opportunities for networking with

peers and colleagues from other governmental agencies. I hope that the membership is as excited as I am about our upcoming fall conference. The theme for the 2012 GFOASC Fall Conference is "*Step into the Rhythm of Leadership*". We have been able to secure Dr. Dale Henry of "Your Best Unlimited", nationally renowned speaker to deliver the keynote address. He has presented over 1000 programs to America's top professionals, educational organizations and governmental agencies. The dates for this year's conference are October 7-10, 2012 at the Marriott Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Again, this year the room rates will be \$84 per night plus \$2 per night for parking. Please make sure to "Save the Dates" on your calendar and begin today making your plans to be in attendance.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR ~ DENNIS LOCKE, CGFO

One of the goals we have as a board this year is to promote the educational opportunities given by our association for scholarships that are available through GFOA. Currently we have two academic scholarships that we are accepting applications for.

The Willa S. Bellamy Scholarship, in the amount of \$2,000, will be awarded to a college student who attends a public four-year college or university. The scholarship is awarded to a rising sophomore, junior, or senior based on academic achievement and faculty recommendation. All full time students majoring in Finance, Accounting or Business Administration who are SC State residents, attend public colleges and universities and maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA are eligible to apply.

The Founding Fathers Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will be awarded to a college student who attends a public two-year college or university. The scholarship is awarded to a technical college or USC two-year college student based on academic achievement and faculty recommendation.

Submission Deadline: Applications must be received on or before April 16, 2012. These scholarships will be awarded at the GFOASC Spring Conference on May 7, 2012.

The association also awards the **Katherine Zook Certification Program Scholarship** which covers the costs of registration fees and books for the five certification courses. The applicant must be a member (regular or agency) of the GFOASC. **Submission Deadline: Applications must be received on or before August 31, 2012.** This scholarship will be awarded in September prior to the classes that begin in the Fall. The recipient will be announced at the Fall Conference in October.

Please visit www.gfoasc.org to download an application. The complete application should be submitted to the following address:

Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina
Attn: Scholarship Committee Chair
P O Box 8840
Columbia, SC 29202

GFOA TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

GFOA's 106th Annual Conference, *Winds of Change: Public Finance in Transition*, will be held June 10-13, 2012 in Chicago, Illinois.

The conference will offer 21 CPE credits with additional CPE credits offered through preconference seminars held on Friday and Saturday before the conference.

Logon to www.gfoa.org for more information and to view other valuable training opportunities.



**Please review your information in
MemberClicks and update if necessary.**

The GFOASC 2012 continuing professional education class schedule will be posted soon on the web at www.gfoasc.org under the CPE-Continuing Education link .

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Representative to GFOA National**

**Billy R. Martin, CGFO, Immediate
Past President**



2011 CPE Reports were due on February 28, 2012. If you have not done so already, please mail your completed report and supporting documentation to:

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Certification Records
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**MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS
PRESIDENT ~ KEVIN YOKIM, CPA, CGFO**



At the 2011 Fall Conference, four new board members were elected – Debbie Walker, President-Elect, Sarah Sullivan – Treasurer, Jennifer Broughton – Board Member, and Angie McInchok – Board Member. In addition, at the January 2012 GFOASC Board meeting the Board approved Larry Sapp to fill Sarah Sullivan’s unexpired term on the Board.

Debbie currently serves as the Associate Vice President for Business Affairs at Midlands Technical College. She has been a GFOASC Board Member for the past two years, has chaired the Spring Conference Committee in the past, and has served on the Fall Conference Committee. Debbie has also been responsible for producing and publishing the Fall Conference program for at least the past two years.

Sarah is the Chief Financial Officer for the Richland County Library. She has been a GFOASC Board Member for the past year, chaired the 2011 GFOASC Spring Conference Committee, and has served on the Fall Conference Committee. Sarah has been a gracious host for numerous board and conference committee meetings at the library.

Jennifer currently serves on the SCEIS Finance Team. She has served on both the Spring and Fall Conference Committees in the past. Jennifer has been the head decorator for the Fall Conference Sunday night reception and the Tuesday night banquet for the past couple of years.

Angie is the Deputy Treasurer for Lexington County. She has served on the Fall Conference Committee for the past two years and was responsible for organizing the registration table for the 2010 Fall Conference.

Larry is the Finance Manager for Hilton Head Public Service District and therefore has to come the farthest to attend Board meetings. He has served in the past on the Spring Conference Committee and currently serves on the Debt Committee for GFOA National.

Please join me in welcoming these new officers. I look forward to working with them this year.



**We are working to update and improve our website. Check us out at
www.gfoasc.org**



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<input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird (before 3/15/12)	\$ 80.00	\$130.00
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