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**2013
Spring
Conference ~
Have You
Registered
Yet?**

2013 GFOASC Spring Conference Leading Through Connections



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Convention Center
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www.columbiaconventioncenter.com

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The GFOASC Spring Conference will be held on Monday, April 29th, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center near Gervais Street in downtown Columbia. The theme of the conference is "Leading through Connections".

The agenda will provide a broad range of topics starting with Craig Parks speaking about our State Budget. Another general session will have a representative from the Media discussing Communications. Concurrent Topics will

include the new American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, the latest GASB update and Internal Control. One concurrent session will include a panel of speakers discussing the Bond Process. Another will be a round table discussion on SCEIS issues. Other concurrent topics are Internet Safety, Ethics, Internal Control, and Networking to Build Relationships and more.

The committee is excited about the upcoming conference. We encourage your

attendance to renew and to make new connections that will allow you to take your abilities both professionally and personally to a higher level.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2013 GFOASC Spring Conference.

Breta Smith, 2013 GFOASC Spring Conference Chair

Registration Form is included on page 7

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT ~ DEBBIE M. WALKER, MBA, CGFO

I look forward to serving as GFOASC President in 2013. We have had our first Board meeting in January. The Committees are being set up and you should have received an e-mail regarding serving on a committee if you noted on the volunteer list you would like to serve this great Organization. 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. I would like to know the type of topics you would like to attend for the CPE individual class sessions. Please e-mail me at [walk-](mailto:walk-erd@midlandstech.edu)

walk-erd@midlandstech.edu. The GFOASC Spring Conference will be held April 29, 2013 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, Columbia. Breta Smith, Finance Director of Riverbanks Zoo will serve as the Chair of the Spring Conference Committee. This year's theme is



*Spring Conference
April 29, 2013
Fall Conference
October 13-16 2013
Myrtle Beach, SC*

FROM YOUR TREASURER ~ SARAH SULLIVAN, CGFO

As of February 19, 2013, the Association had \$37,965.96 in the bank. The membership revenues have increased significantly due to the increase in dues. Thank you to all who have paid their 2013 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. I am in the process of reviewing accounts and sending

statements. Please review these statements and contact me if there are any errors. If you have questions about whether you have outstanding amounts due or need an invoice, please contact me at ssullivan@richlandlibrary.com. Please remember that I am a volunteer and have a regular job and family responsibilities. I may be a little slow to respond to your e-mails but I will respond. Please be patient with me.

If you have changed agencies, mailing addresses and/or email addresses, please log into MemberClicks and update your profile.



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



The GFOASC 2013 continuing professional education class schedule will be posted soon on the web at www.gfoasc.org under the CPE-Continuing Education link .

CONT'D FROM PAGE 1 FROM YOUR PRESIDENT ~ DEBBIE M. WALKER, MBA, CGFO

“Leading Through Connections”. Registration forms have been posted to the website and email blasts have been sent out about the conference. We are excited about this year’s conference and encourage everyone to attend. We have two scholarships that will be available to college students again this year. The deadline to apply is April 5th. Jennifer Broughton, Board member is serving as the chair of the Scholarship Committee. Please help Jennifer and her committee spread the word regarding these scholarships, which are available to 2 year and 4 year college students. The scholarship applications are available on our website, www.gfoasc.org. Dennis R. Locke, Finance Director for the City of Spartanburg is your 2013

president-elect and will serve as the 2013 Fall Conference Committee Chair. We will be returning to the Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes on October 13-16, 2013. Dennis and his committee are already hard at work to provide another great conference for the delegates! This year’s theme is: *“Seize the Day, Our Future Depends On What We Do Today!”- Gandhi*

I hope each of you will be able to attend both of these conferences and take advantage of the CPE sessions as they are offered. These are all great opportunities to network with other governmental finance officers from state, local, and educational organizations. I look forward to seeing each of you at the Spring Confer-

ence on April 29th. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact me via e-mail at walkerd@midlandtech.edu.

Best regards, your 2013th
GFOASC President



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR ~ JENNIFER BROUGHTON

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.

The Willa S. Bellamy Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500, 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 \$1,000, 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. A 3.0 cumulative GPA is required.

Submission Deadline: Applications must be received on or before April 5, 2013. These scholarships will be awarded on or before April 29, 2013.

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 and an employee of State, City, County Government, Colleges and Universities, or School Districts.

Submission Deadline: Applications must be received on or before April 5, 2013. This scholarship will be awarded no later than April 29th.

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS ~ Carrie Johnson, CMC, CPFA, MLB

Your membership renewal is now due for the 2013 year. Membership expired December 31. Invoices were sent out in January, 2013. If you have not received your invoice, please contact Sarah Sullivan at SSullivan@myrcpl.com. It is important that your dues are paid before Spring Conference, if you plan on attending. Remember, during the 2012 Fall Conference membership dues were voted on and approved by the membership:

Regular – Governmental	\$ 100.00
Non-Governmental	\$ 130.00
Retired	\$ 30.00
Agency	\$2,050.00

Please encourage your sister agencies and other governmental agencies that you come in contact with to join this great organization. The GFOASC is a wonderful organization that provides excellent networking opportunities and provides outstanding training to those in the governmental sector. For more information on GFOASC please visit <http://www.gfoasc.org>. Please encourage your colleagues to join by completing the attached mini application.

The Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina

History

The Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina was established in 1984. The organization is a nonprofit organization under the laws of the State of South Carolina. Presently, our association has over 800 members representing state, county and municipal governments; special purpose and school districts; institution of higher learning; and non-governmental, private businesses and corporations.

Objectives

One of the primary objectives of our organization is to promote and encourage professional competence of individuals who are responsible for and who hold in trust public funds. We are very proud of our accomplishments in addressing the professional development of finance directors, budget officers, and accounting managers.

GFOASC Annual Membership Form:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular (Governmental) | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate (Non-Governmental) | \$130 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired | \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agency | \$2050 |

Name: _____

Position: _____

Agency/Government/Company:

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Payment is to accompany Membership form. Detach this form and mail with your check to: GFOASC P.O. Box 8840, Columbia, SC 29202

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2012 CPE Reports were due on February 28, 2013. If you have not done so already, please mail your completed report and supporting documentation to:

GFOASC
Certification Records
P.O. Box 8840
Columbia, SC 29202

**GFOASC 2013 Fall Conference ~
Dennis R. Locke, President-Elect**

As President-Elect of the GFOASC I am honored to be involved in the planning of our up coming 2013 Fall Conference. The theme for the conference is "Seize the Day" our future depends on what we do today - Gandhi. As we move forward in the planning we are excited about the opportunity to provide meaningful Educational Training for our members. As part of our preparations we are requesting suggestions for topics. If there is some specific mandate or topic that would benefit our members please send that information to my email address: dlocke@cityofspartanburg.org

**National Government Finance Officer's
Conference; June 2 – 5, 2013; San Francisco, CA
~ Scott Ludlam**

The Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina would like to invite all members to attend the 107th National GFOA conference to be held this year in San Francisco, California. The dates of the conference this year are June 2nd through June 5th. Each year about fifteen GFOASC members are able to attend the National conference, and in doing so, represent our state and promote our annual fall conference. I have had the privilege of attending National, and it is a great opportunity to meet colleagues from other states while taking advantage of quality CPE's, twenty one are available this year. National is basically the same format as our fall conference in Myrtle Beach, but on a larger scale, as in a few thousand in attendance. Additionally, South Carolina members may attend a Sunday brunch before the conference begins, which is a great networking opportunity. We will be in touch with further information as conference time approaches. For more information and to register, please go to www.gfoa.org and register online. You can see the names and descriptions of classes offered, speakers, as well as, all travel logistics required to attend. The next registration discount deadline is April 4, 2013. I recommend, if you have the means to attend, please do so, as it is a very worthwhile conference.

 Government Finance Officers Association
107th GFOA Annual Conference • Bridges to Financial Sustainability
June 2-5, 2013 • Moscone Center North



Certification Committee Report

Billy R. Martin, CGFO ~ Certification Committee Chair

The 2012 CPE reports were due by February 28, 2013. If you haven't turned yours in yet, you need to send it in no later than May 31, 2013 along with a \$15 late fee. The late fee increases to \$25 after this date and the final deadline is July 31, 2013. During August and September, the committee will be reviewing the CPE reports and decide on revoking certification if no report is received. Please review our website at www.gfoasc.org on the Certification Program – Information and Guidelines for on maintaining certification on pages 11-16. Blank reporting forms can be downloaded on our webpage.

You must maintain your membership in GFOASC and the committee will be getting information from the Treasurer.

USC announced that the CGFO examinations will be May 13-14, 2013. They are finishing the schedule for the Certification program for 2013-2014 and will be publishing it soon. Please check our website and we will also send an email blast letting everyone the dates for this year.

GFOASC offers the Spring Conference (6 hours) and Fall Conference (16 hours) to get up to 22 hours of CPE's. We also offer four days of training sessions and can get up to 32 hours of CPE's for those training sessions. If you have questions about the CGFO program, please contact us through our email addresses on our webpage.

Send Certification Reports to the following address:

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Register by completing the registration form. You may mail or fax to: (803) 822-3359 Fax



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*Cancellation notices must be received in writing by GFOASC via fax 803 822-3359 or email: info@gfoasc.org two (2) weeks prior to the event. Registration cancellations received on or before Monday, April 15, 2013, are eligible for a refund. Check refunds will be processed after the conference. Registrants **CANCELING AFTER APRIL 15, 2013 AND CONFERENCE NO SHOWS** are liable for the full amount due. **No refunds** will be issued for cancellations received after April 15, 2013.*

Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina

2013 Spring Conference

Monday, April 29, 2013

“Leading Through Connections”



Location: The Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

Name		
Name for Badge		
Agency/Company		
Address		
City, State, & Zip		
Phone	Fax	
Email		
Circle member or non-member rate		
	Member	Non-Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird (through 4/15/13)	\$ 80.00	\$180.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular (from 4/16/13—04/28/13)	\$ 95.00	\$195.00
<input type="checkbox"/> On-site or late payment (after 04/29/13)	\$115.00	\$215.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Fee-Regular	\$100.00	N/A
<i>(Does not include Conference Registration)</i>		