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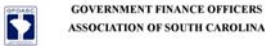
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SPRING 2011



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SPRING CONFERENCE
MAY 2, 2011
8:00 A.M.—4:30 P.M.
COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN
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Dates to Remember:

Spring Conference

May 2, 2011

Fall Conference

October 9-12, 2011

Myrtle Beach, SC

2011 SPRING CONFERENCE IS COMING Spring Conference Chair ~ SARAH SULLIVAN, CGFO

The GFOASC Spring Conference, focusing on the theme of “Building Opportunities from Adversity,” will be held on Monday, May 2, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center in Downtown Columbia.

Government finance has faced many challenges in the last few years, from budget cuts to new GASB pronouncements and tax collec-

tion regulations. These adverse situations have forced government agencies to scrutinize priorities and make some tough decisions. But positive changes have been made, and the goal for this year’s conference is to showcase those and share some successes resulting from those tough decisions.

The Spring Conference Committee members are already hard at work, developing a

great conference for members.

Be sure to tell your colleagues about this exciting networking opportunity and the ability to earn approximately 6 CPE credits for only \$75. (Registration includes all conference materials, refreshment breaks and lunch.) This event will take you out of the office for only one day, and you will be glad you attended.

See you on May 2!

Sarah Sullivan, CGFO

Spring Conference Chair

2011 Fall Conference Chair- President Elect ~ Kevin Yokim

After a few years of batten- ing down the hatches and riding out the storm, by the time the Fall Conference rolls around, we will have all finished the FY12 budget process and be well into the new fiscal year. If your organization is like mine, the FY12 budget is proving to be the worst in this series of tough budgets. However, I firmly believe that this is the bottom and we will now begin the climb out. As finance officers, we are uniquely positioned to help the organiza- tions we serve make the nec- essary and strategic deci- sions that will impact the efficiency and effectiveness of the services they provide for the next several years.

Our broad scope of the un- derstanding of our organiza- tion gives us the perspective needed to stand up and take a strong leadership role in shaping the future of not just our organization, but the entire landscape of state and local government as well.

The Fall Conference is the biggest and best opportunity we have this year to put more tools in our toolbox in order to better serve our organizations in the critical role that each of us play. The dates for this year’s confer- ence are Oct. 9-12. Please mark these dates on your calendar and begin making plans now to attend.

One final thought. What if you were driving a Buick and some- one told you that you could be driving a Cadillac for less money? Last year we paid the former conference hotel \$110 per night. This year we will be paying \$84 per night plus \$2 per night for parking-a savings of about \$75 for your entire three-night confer- ence stay-for the best hotel on the beach. So join your fellow finance officers on the beach for a great time of fun, food, and fel- lowship. (We’ll try to talk a little about finance while we are there, too.)

Kevin V. Yokim, CPA, CGFO
Florence County Finance
Director GFOASC President-
Elect/Fall Conference Chair

Myrtle Beach
GFOASC
October 9-12



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT ~ BILLY R. MARTIN, CGFO

I look forward to serving as President of GFOASC during 2011. The Board members and I are working hard to provide training opportunities. As our organizations make changes due to budget limitations, it is imperative that we have professional financial training available to all of us. This is your organization; please help us provide government financial courses and sessions that are relevant to your needs.

Please add these important dates to your calendar for 2011:

- February 28, 2011 ~ Annual CPE Reporting
- May 2, 2011 ~ GFOASC Spring Conference
- May 22-25, 2011 ~GFOA National Conference
- October 9-12, 2011 ~ GFOASC Fall Conference

Dates for CPE sessions will be posted on the web site.

Our Spring Conference is May 2, 2011 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center again this year. Sarah Sullivan, Chief Financial Officer, with the Rich-

land County Public Library will chair this year's Spring Conference. We will be posting more information on our web site and will have email blasts to everyone for agenda and registration information.

Two scholarships will be available to college students again this year. The deadline to apply is April 15. Please spread the word to colleges and universities about the scholarships which are available to 2 and 4 year students. Scholarship applications are available on our web site, www.gfoasc.org.

Kevin Yokim, Florence County Finance Director, is President Elect and is Chair of the 2011 Fall Conference Committee. This year we will be at the Myrtle Beach Marriot Resort and Spa at Grand Dunes on October 9-12, 2011. Kevin and his committee have met and are hard at work trying to provide an informative conference for you. Please provide Kevin any suggestions that you have for this conference. The Myrtle Beach Marriot is

providing us the government rate for our fall conference. I know that budget restrictions are in effect this year and we will do our best to make this conference as inexpensive as possible and also provide quality training.

I hope each of you will be able to attend this year and invite new members to attend. It is a very good opportunity to network with government finance officers from all state, local, and educational organizations. We have over 800 members now and I hope to see each of you at our Spring Conference on May 2, 2011 and our Fall Conference on October 9-12, 2011.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact me by email at bmartin@lex-co.com or call me (803) 785-8196.

Best Regards,

Billy R. Martin, CGFO
2011 GFOASC President

GFOA Training Events

GFOA's 105th Annual Conference will be held May 22-25, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas.

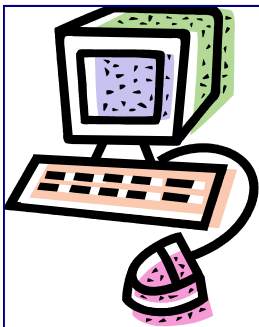
The conference will offer 21 CPE credits with additional CPE credits offered through preconference seminars held on Friday and Saturday before the conference.

Below are listed some of GFOA's upcoming *internet training* events.

For course listings, descriptions and to register, go to www.gfoa.org.

- **April 14 – The Cost of Performance Management (How to Do More with Less)**

- **April 21 – Best Practices in Budgeting and Fiscal Policy**
- **May 5 – Best Practices in Accounting Auditing and Financial Reporting**
- **November 10 – 15th Annual GAAP Update**



Update from your State Representative ~ Dennis Locke

There is still time to register for the National GFOA's Annual Conference, which is being held May 22nd - 25th in San Antonio, Texas. Check out descriptions of this year's pre-conference seminars and concurrent sessions at www.gfoa.org/conferences/2011. The Annual Conference is a great opportunity to obtain the latest updates in Governmental Accounting and meet with other government professionals to learn about the recent trends in our field.



Also, if you received the Budget or Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (C.A.F.R.) award and would like to have it officially presented to your governing body, please contact me at dlocke@cityofspartanburg.org or 864-596-2059.

2011 Continuing Professional Education Opportunities Michael Thom ~Chairman, Program Committee

In the current economic downturn, organizations are increasingly looking to their finance professionals for leadership through tight financial times. Finance professionals are being asked along with other senior staff members to help evaluate what core functions are necessary to the organization's overall mission. Once the core functions are established, then the finance staff must provide a solid financial foundation to fund those specific functions with the limited funds currently available. This task may require significant changes from past practices. During this very difficult financial time, continuing education and networking with peers are vital to the success of finance professionals. The topics, speakers and dates for these classes are still being finalized at this time. Once the topics and speakers are finalized, program descriptions and registration forms will be placed on the GFOASC website. If anyone has any suggestions for topics, please let me know. The committee welcomes input from members concerning topics for future CPE programs.

In addition to the CPE classes, the association also holds a spring and fall conference every year. The spring conference will be held on May 2, 2011 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. The fall conference will be held in October 2011 at Myrtle Beach. Both of these conferences offer excellent opportunities to receive CPE credits and to network with your governmental finance counterparts. Please continue to check the GFOASC website for updated information concerning topics and registration for the CPE classes and annual conferences being offered this year. **Michael Thom, CGFO, Chairman, Program Committee**

Treasurer's Report

Debra Rountree, GFOASC Treasurer

As of December 31, 2010, the Association had \$16,272 in the bank. The calendar year surplus of income over expenses was \$7,383.

Thank you to all who have paid their 2011 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 roun-treedr@scdot.org

Reminder: Please review your information in MemberClicks and update if necessary. If there are others in your organization who aren't members, please encourage them to join.

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Scholarship Opportunities

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THE WEB!**
www.gfoasc.org

EMPLOYMENT

Please visit the GFOASC Website Employment line often. New positions are posted there with contact information and these are updated frequently !

The GFOASC will be offering two academic scholarships again this year. 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 **Founding Fathers Scholarship**, in the amount of **\$500**, will be awarded to a college student who attends a public two-year college or university. These scholarships will be awarded at the GFOASC Spring Conference on May 2, 2011.

Submission Deadline: Applications must be received on or before April 15, 2011.

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. This scholarship will be awarded at the GFOASC Fall Conference in October 2011.

Submission Deadline: Applications must be received on or before August 31, 2011.

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

Government Finance Officers Association of SC

Attn: Scholarship Committee Chair

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2011 Spring Conference

“Building Opportunities from Adversity”

Monday, May 2, 2011

*Location: The Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
Columbia, SC*

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 (before 4/16/11)	\$ 75.00	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular (from 4/16/11—5/2/11)	\$ 95.00	\$145.00
<input type="checkbox"/> On-site or late payment (after 5/2/11)	\$115.00	\$165.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Fee-Regular	\$ 50.00	N/A
<i>(Does not include Conference Registration)</i>		