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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



by JENNIFER BROUGHTON, 2016 GFOASC PRESIDENT

GREETINGS MEMBERS & FRIENDS,

I am excited to serve as GFOASC President in 2016. The GFOASC Board has met twice and is working to serve the membership and plan to make GFOASC even better. We ask that you help us by providing input, suggestions, and feedback on how the organization can serve its members. Please email me with any ideas for GFOASC at jbroughton@cg.sc.gov.

There are already CPE classes set for this summer and information will be forthcoming.

Our committees have been set and we all are looking forward to a great year!!!

THE COMMITTEES ARE:

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- Jennifer Broughton, Chair
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- Sarah Sullivan
- Breta Rheney

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- Steven Lake 2 yr. term – 2015-2016
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- James Hayes 2 yr. term – 2016-2017
- Alillian Trull 2 yr. term – 2016-2017
- Dennis Locke 2 yr. term – 2016-2017
- Margot Martin 2 yr. term – 2016-2017
- Hank Moore 2 yr. term – 2016-2017

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- Stacey Hamm, Chair – 2015-2017
- Sabrina Mason 2 yr. term – 2015-2016
- Missy Coker 1 yr. term-2016

SPRING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

- Sheila Smith, Chair – Sheila has reached out to her committee and is already working on a great Spring Conference.

FALL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

- Kristina Junker, Chair – Kristina has reached out to her committee and is already working on a wonderful Fall Conference.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

- Vicki Bowles, Chair
- Jennifer Broughton
- Breta Rheney

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

- Matt Evans, Chair (current State Representative)
- Larry Sapp
- Carrie Johnson

The GFOASC Spring Conference will be held May 2, 2016 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, Columbia. Sheila Smith is serving as the Spring Conference Chair. This year's theme is "Partners in Progress". 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 as well as the Katherine Zook Scholarship for the Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO) program. Donna Sullivan, Board member is serving as the chair of the Scholarship Committee. Please help Donna 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.

Your 2016th GFOASC President president-elect, Kristina Junker will serve as the 2016 Fall Conference Committee Chair. We will be returning to the Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes on October 16-19, 2016. Kristina and her committee are already hard at work to provide another great conference for the delegates! This year's theme is: "THE GREAT BALANCING ACT".

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 Conference.

With GFOASC warm regards,

JENNIFER BROUGHTON, 2016 GFOASC PRESIDENT

2016 SPRING CONFERENCE

by SHEILA SMITH, 2016 GFOASC SPRING CONFERENCE CHAIR

THE GFOASC SPRING CONFERENCE will be held on Monday, May 2nd at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center near Gervais Street in downtown Columbia.

This year's theme of the conference is **"PARTNERS IN PROGRESS"**. In order to address the professional development for all of our members, our agenda will provide a broad range of topics. Session topics will include a GASB update, state update, cyber fraud, budget analysis & decision support 101, closing package and more.

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 2016 GFOASC Spring Conference.





Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina
 2016 Spring Conference
 Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
 Monday, May 2, 2016

GFOASC
 P.O. Box 8840
 Columbia, SC 29202
 www.gfoasc.org

Register by completing this registration form. Send your check and form to the address listed above. Include your member number on the check. You can also pay on the website with a credit card.



Cancellation notices must be received in writing by GFOASC via fax 803-252-7799 or email springconf@gfoasc.org.. Registration cancellations received on or before **Monday, April 18, 2016**, are eligible for a *refund*. Refunds will be processed in the next payment cycle. Registrants **CANCELING AFTER April 18, 2016 AND CONFERENCE NO SHOWS** are liable for the full amount due. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received **after April 18, 2016**.



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 City, State, & Zip _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____
 Email _____

Circle member or non-member rate

	Member		Non-Member	
	Regular	Associate	Regular	Associate
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird (through 4/18/16)	\$ 95.00	\$110.00	\$195.00	\$240.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular (from 4/18/16—05/01/16)	\$110.00	\$130.00	\$210.00	\$260.00
<input type="checkbox"/> On-site or after (after 05/01/16)	\$130.00	\$160.00	\$230.00	\$290.00

Amount Enclosed: _____
 Check or PO # _____
 I am a CGFO
 Diet restrictions _____

Registration includes all conference materials, continental breakfast, refreshment breaks and lunch.

GFOASC FEIN Number: **57-0810232**

2016 NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Government Finance Officers Association
of the United States and Canada

110th
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

May 22-25, 2016

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA



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Check out session details
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A Must-Attend Event

Top reasons to attend

GFOA's annual conference features over 60 educational sessions on topics related to accounting and financial reporting, auditing, budgeting, capital planning, debt administration, economic development, pension and benefit administration, and treasury and investment management. Come hear leading practitioners and recognized experts in the field of public finance discuss case studies, lessons learned, and innovative approaches to addressing common challenges. Speakers will include both United States and Canadian representatives and provide delegates a unique and valuable opportunity to network and share with a wide variety of state and local government public finance practitioners.

The annual conference will also include:

- ✓ Special **preconference sessions** to explore selected topics of special interest in even greater depth;
- ✓ **General sessions** that will bring participants into direct contact with nationally recognized speakers of special interest to the public finance profession;
- ✓ **Discussion groups, networking sessions, and social events** that create countless opportunities for connecting, building new relationships with peers, and cementing existing relationships;
- ✓ **Over 20 continuing professional education (CPE) credits**, with even more credits available if you elect to participate in preconference sessions; and
- ✓ **An exhibit hall** that will give participants an opportunity to meet with vendors that offer practical tools and solutions for a broad range of professional challenges.

Select preconference seminars, concurrent sessions, discussion groups, and networking sessions you would like to attend to customize your own educational curriculum.

Participate in half-day **preconference seminars** beginning the afternoon of Friday, May 20, 2016, through Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Concurrent sessions will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2016, and conclude at 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2016.

The preconference seminars and concurrent sessions will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 222 Bremner Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3L9, Canada.

Canada Day

Sunday, May 22 • 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Lunch will be provided.

We would like to invite all **Canadian attendees** to join us for a program of special interest to Canada. This forum of discussions and panels is a great opportunity for public finance professionals from across Canada to gather together to share ideas and experiences. Watch GFOA's website for program details to be announced. While advance registration is required, there is no extra charge for those who are already registered for the annual conference. Please RSVP at www.gfoa.org/canada-day-rsvp.



REMEMBER:

All delegates traveling to Toronto from the United States will need a passport. Apply or renew yours today at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/apply.html>.

Driving to Toronto?

To get back into the United States, citizens need a US passport, passport card, enhanced driver's license, Trusted Traveler Program card (Nexus, Senti, Fast), US Military ID card when on official orders, US merchant mariner document when traveling in conjunction with official maritime business, or form I-872 American Indian Card. For more information, go to www.cbp.gov/travel/us-citizens/western-hemisphere-travel-initiative.

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Exhibit Hall

The GFOA's exhibit hall will be open Sunday through Tuesday. See the latest innovations from exhibitors offering management- and finance-related products and services to local, state, and provincial governments. For a current list of exhibitors, updated floorplan, and information on how to exhibit, go to www.gfoa.org. If you partner with any companies that you think would be a good fit to join GFOA's roster of exhibitors, please send your suggestions to conference@gfoa.org.

Certification Examinations

The GFOA's Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) program examinations will take place on Saturday, May 21, from 1:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. and on Sunday, May 22, from 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. For more details, go to www.gfoa.org/cpfo.

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FIRST-TIME CONFERENCE ATTENDEE SCHOLARSHIPS

The GFOA strives to provide leadership to the government finance profession through education, research, and best practices. Nowhere are these efforts more apparent than at the GFOA annual conference. To keep with our commitment, the GFOA Executive Board is pleased to announce:

50 scholarships will be awarded per state or province in the amount of the full-conference registration fee to first-time conference attendees who are GFOA active government members.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. To learn more about this opportunity and to apply, please e-mail firstannualconference@gfoa.org.

A **First-Timers brunch** will take place on Sunday, May 22, 2016, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre for first-time attendees to learn more about the conference, meet the GFOA's Executive Board and senior staff, and network with peers.

Not yet a GFOA member? Join today!

Go to www.gfoa.org to read about member benefits and to download a membership application.



Registration

Registration Fees Include

- Concurrent sessions on Sunday through Wednesday
- Welcome Reception on Sunday night for delegates and guests
- General sessions on Monday and Tuesday mornings
- Luncheons for delegates on Monday and Tuesday
- Discussion groups held throughout the conference

Registration Fee Discounts

Take advantage of the following discounts. This is a great way to save when sending junior staff in your office.

- Receive a **10 percent discount** on the conference registration fee when three or more people from your jurisdiction register together (registrations must be submitted and paid together). This discount does not apply to preconference seminars.
- Qualify for the **early registration fee discount**. Payment must be received by April 14, 2016.
- **Join the GFOA today and receive \$25 off** the conference registration fee with a paid new membership.

Confirmations

Registration confirmations and invoices will be sent as PDF attachments via e-mail from training@gfoa.org. Please add this address to your allowed senders list.

Guest Registration

There is no registration fee for guests or children, but they must be preregistered. Guests will be admitted to the Sunday Welcome Reception and to the exhibit hall during designated hours. Conference sessions and the luncheons on Monday and Tuesday are not open to guests and children.

Substitutions

(Government entities only)

A one-for-one substitution of a nonmember for an active member is allowed. If your organization has a current GFOA member on the staff who is not attending conference, a nonmember may attend in his or her place at the lower member rate. Please provide the name or the membership number of the GFOA member.

CPE Credits

It is possible to earn more than 20 continuing professional education (CPE) credits at the GFOA's annual conference. Additional CPE credits can be earned by attending one or more of the GFOA's preconference seminars.

The GFOA is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be submitted to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors through its website: www.learningmarket.org.



National Registry of CPE Sponsors
150 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 700
Nashville, TN 37219-2417
www.nasba.org

IMPORTANT ACTION DATE

- **Discount deadline:**
April 14, 2016
- **Full registration fee required after**
April 14, 2016.

GFOA Annual Conference Registration Cancellation and Refund Policy

April 14, 2016

No fee for cancellations received before this date.

April 15, 2016

Cancellations postmarked between April 15 and May 12 will be refunded, less a 25 percent service fee.

May 13, 2016

Cancellations postmarked between May 13 and May 20 will be refunded, less a 50 percent service fee.

May 21, 2016

No refunds will be issued this date forward.



Register online @ www.gfoa.org or fill out the form enclosed with this brochure and mail or fax it to the GFOA, fax: 312-977-4806, or scan the completed registration form and e-mail it to conference@gfoa.org.

Phone registrations cannot be accepted. Check the registration discount date and save money by registering early.

Logistics

Airline Discount Codes



Visiting Toronto is convenient through Toronto Pearson International Airport and Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. GFOA has arranged for discounts with the following airlines:

AirCanada (www.aircanada.com)
Agreement code – RFXPNDB1.
Enter the promotion code in the search panel.

Delta (www.delta.com)
Meeting ID – NMMAF. Select Meeting Event Code and enter the Meeting ID in the box provided on the search flight page.

Porter (www.flyporter.com)
Promo code – GFOA16. Enter the promo code in the box provided on the search flight page.

United (www.united.com)
Z-code – ZVJY. Agreement code – 957446. To book travel online, enter both the Z-Code and Agreement Code (i.e., ZVJY957446) in the Offer Code box.

Rail



VIA Rail (www.viarail.ca) and **AMTRAK** (www.amtrak.com) bring visitors into the heart of the city each day. Toronto's Union Station is centrally located downtown and connects to the subway by underground tunnel.

Rental Car



Phone – 800-654-2240
(www.hertz.com) CV# 04SJ0004

Toronto Pearson International Airport



UP Express (Train to City)
www.torontopearson.com/en/toandfrom/upexpress/#

UP Express departs from both Union Station and Toronto Pearson International Airport every 15 minutes. The trip to downtown takes just 25 minutes. A one-way fare is Can\$28 and US\$21.

Billy Bishop Airport



Toronto Transit Commission

Billy Bishop Airport is easily accessible by the Toronto Transit Commission. You'll be dropped a short walk from the ferry terminal building. Take the 511 Bathurst streetcar (www.ttc.ca/Routes/511/Northbound.jsp) or the 509 Harbourfront (<http://www.ttc.ca/Routes/509/Eastbound.jsp>). The cash fare is Can\$3 and US\$2.25.



Shuttle Service

A complimentary express shuttle bus (www.portstoronto.com/Airport/Getting-To/Airport-Shuttle.aspx) to and from the Billy Bishop Airport runs approximately every 15 minutes. The shuttle is open to anyone going to the airport, whether traveling or not.



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Social Events and Tours

WELCOME RECEPTION

Sunday, May 22, 2016 • 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit Hall E of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Complimentary to all registered attendees and guests

Join the GFOA on Sunday evening as we kick off the 110th Annual Conference! Enjoy beverages and delicious appetizers as you mingle with friends and colleagues and make new acquaintances.

This informal reception will finish early enough to allow maximum flexibility for dinner plans or an evening to explore the unique ambiance of one of North America's most international cities. Members of the Toronto Convention & Visitors Association will be on hand to assist you with dinner reservations during your stay.

CONFERENCE FINALE



Tuesday, May 24, 2016 • 7:00 – 10:30 p.m.

Sony Centre

Ticketed event, which includes buffet dinner and live entertainment

After a busy couple of days, **sit back, relax, and have fun in downtown Toronto!** Let us plan an evening for you filled with food and entertainment. Don't miss this lively night exclusively for GFOA conference attendees and guests!

Ticket price includes food, beverages, and entertainment.

- **Adults:** Can\$53 or US\$40 in advance (Can\$67 or US\$50 after May 16, 2016, and on site)
- **Children/teens under 18:** Can\$20 or US\$15 in advance (Can\$27 or US\$20 after May 16, 2016, and on site)
- **Children under 5:** complimentary

Come join us for food, fun, and entertainment!

Go to the GFOA's website for details and to purchase your tickets online, or use the conference registration form to buy your tickets.

TOURS




Tourism Niagara

Tours will be offered on Saturday through Tuesday and will include:

- Toronto Orientation City Coach Tour
- City Coach Tour & Harbor Cruise
- Toronto City Coach Tour & CN Tower
- Niagara Falls Orientation Tour
- CityPASS
- 3-day Double-Decker Bus Pass

For more information or to reserve a spot, visit www.regonline.ca/gfoa2016tours or e-mail ann.corbitt@visiontravel.ca. Onsite registration will be available; however, space is limited.

ABOUT TORONTO

 Toronto is a center of rare openness, warmth, energy, and style enriched by the fusion of traditions, passions and perspectives on life of the more than 100 cultures found here. Miles of waterfront, boardwalks, parks, and trails nestle together with urban delights like cafés, artisans' exhibits, and one-of-a-kind shops.

Experience the game that defines Canada and a sport that has been adopted by over seventy countries in the Hockey Hall of Fame! The Hall of Fame offers hockey artifacts at all levels of play from around the world; a replica NHL dressing room; exhibits dedicated to the game's greatest players, teams, and achievements; and NHL trophies, including **hands-on access to The STANLEY CUP.**



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For more information on what to do while in Toronto, visit www.seetorontonow.com.

www.gfoa.org

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Where to Stay in Toronto



Reserve your room in **GFOA's official hotel block** and you'll have a great opportunity to network with other conference attendees outside the convention center.

Guaranteeing Your Room Reservation

OnPeak is the **official** housing provider for the GFOA 110th Annual Conference. The GFOA has worked diligently with the hotels in Toronto to establish room blocks for attendees and exhibitors. **Improper solicitation of hotel reservations from any company or housing provider other than onPeak is not approved by the GFOA.** Reservations made by unaffiliated organizations may appear to be for lower rates; however, they may be illegitimate, have unreasonable cancellation or change penalties, or be completely non-refundable. Please be aware of and report any unauthorized solicitation to the GFOA.

Reservations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Hotels will be assigned in order of your preference, as available, or closest to event if not available. You can expect to receive a confirmation within three business days of booking your room reservation. If you have not received your confirmation within 72 hours, please contact the GFOA Housing Department at GFOAhotels@onpeak.com or 1-800-947-7358.

A major credit card valid until June 2016 or later or a check for one night's room and tax (add 13% tax) is required to secure a reservation. Credit cards and checks are for guarantee only and are not charged to hold reservations. A charge of one night's room and tax will be charged or forfeited on reservations that do not arrive (no-shows) and were not cancelled before 72 hours of arrival. Early departures after check-in are subject to penalty fees set by hotel.

Checks must accompany the completed form (enclosed) and arrive no later than May 22, 2016. Checks should be payable to "onPeak, LLC" (please add current tax of 13%) and mailed to GFOA 2016 Annual Meeting c/o onPeak, 350 N. Clark St., Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60654. Note: Institutional purchase orders are NOT accepted. Refunds to those who guaranteed accommodations with a check deposit will be mailed after the end of the event.

OnPeak will be the ONLY official housing company for this event and will not contact attendees directly to make reservations. Booking through GFOA's official housing provider will ensure that attendees receive the GFOA discounted rate and are working with a reputable company and that credit card information is secure.

Housing Policies

The lowest available room rates at event hotels have been specially negotiated. Other booking channels are continuously monitored to track rival rates.



Internet:

Use onPeak's online system to simplify your group/block booking and reserve rooms in real-time with an immediate confirmation. Log on to www.gfoa.org and look for the housing link.



Phone:

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. CST, Mon–Fri
1-800-947-7358 (US Toll-Free)
1-312-527-7300 (International callers)



Mail:

GFOA 2016 Annual Meeting, c/o onPeak
350 N Clark Street, Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60654



Fax:

1-312-329-9513



E-mail:

GFOAhotels@onpeak.com

Changes and cancellations

Cancellations within 72 hours of arrival will be charged one night's room and tax.

Room Requests

Use the grid on the housing reservation form (enclosed and posted at www.gfoa.org) to indicate your room type(s) and number of rooms you are requesting per night. For more space, attach an additional page or log on to www.gfoa.org, where you can easily make your group booking through onPeak's online system. Please indicate any special needs.



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**The official conference hotels are within walking distance of the convention center.
A courtesy shuttle will be offered as an additional option from the Sheraton hotel.**

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2016 FALL CONFERENCE

“THE GREAT BALANCING ACT”

by KRISTINA JUNKER – FALL CONFERENCE CHAIR

Mark your calendar for the 32nd 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 already started meeting and we have many exciting events planned! 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. I look forward to seeing all of you there! If you

have not been to a Fall Conference before, it is a great way to earn CPE's, make new friends and connect with others in the profession. Please watch the website for more details as they become available www.gfoasc.org.

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT CPE AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY!

CPE CLASSES

BY IAN MACLEAN

GFOASC will be offering three CPE courses throughout the summer at Midlands Technical College. Mark your calendars for June 21st and 22nd. Steve Blake will present on Day 1 “Key Financial Management Concepts.” This day will cover accounting for debt, buy/lease decisions and time value of money concepts.

Day 2 will be “Key Internal Control Concepts”. This session, also offered by Steve Blake will cover Risk Assessment methodologies, Mission, Goals and Objective linking, and red flags to look for in your business/entity regarding possible fraud schemes.

Stay tuned for session(s) and speaker(s) to wrap up the summer CPE series, to be announced at a later date. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Registration will begin soon.

<http://gfoasc.org/continuing-education/>.



BUILD YOUR CAREER IN PUBLIC FINANCE EXECUTIVE EDUCATION: LEADERSHIP MAY 11-13, 2016 @ GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The executive education program at the Center for State and Local Finance <http://cslf.gus.edu> (Georgia State University) focuses on the strategic thinking and analytic skills that public finance leaders need to advance. Courses go beyond basic content knowledge, and prepare participants to tackle real-world problems in the field. Courses are held over three or four days and held at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, one of the nation's top-ranked programs in public finance and budgeting.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

Working in political environments, governmental managers must augment their technical knowledge and abilities with the people skills of leadership. This course helps participants develop tools and understand guidelines needed to lead as a public sector manager. It will benefit those who want to effectively interact with elected officials and skillfully oversee employees. Lead faculty is Dr. John Thomas (pictured right), who is internationally recognized for his research in public management and policy. He has four books and more than 60 articles in print.



COURSE BENEFITS

World-class faculty from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

- ▶ Leading experts from the public and private sector as guest speakers
- ▶ Small class size and in-depth material emphasizes strategic thinking
- ▶ Excellent networking potential with your peers in state and local government

TUITION

Regular: \$1,415; Public Sector: \$985 (30 percent discount)

Cost includes course content/materials, light breakfast and afternoon snack.

REGISTER BY MAY 4

Registration closes at 5 p.m. on May 4. Click to register. <http://slf.gus.edu/training/tuition-registration/>

FUTURE COURSES

Additional courses in budgeting, cash management, debt management, governmental accounting and risk management are available for registration, as well. Please check our website <http://cslf.gus.edu/training> for dates and times.

SCHOLARSHIPS 2016

by DONNA SULLIVAN, Scholarship Committee Chair



SCHOLARSHIPS

The GFOASC offers TWO ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS each year.

- **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 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.

Application deadline is April 5, 2016. These scholarships will be awarded at the GFOASC Spring Conference on May 2, 2016.

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 (1) a member (regular or agency) of the GFOASC; (2) an employee of a State, County, City, College or University, Special Purpose or School District entity; and (3) new enrollee into the certification program.

Application deadline is June 30, 2016, and the scholarship will be awarded prior to the deadline for early registration for the program. This scholarship winner will be announced at the GFOASC Fall Conference in October 2016..

Please visit www.gfoasc.org to learn more about each of these, to download an application.

You may also email any questions to scholarship@gfoasc.org

TREASURER'S REPORT

STRONG REVENUE

by SARAH SULLIVAN, GFOASC Treasurer

Thanks to all of the wonderful membership support, this Association has had an amazing year. The earnings for the Association for 2015 was \$50,361.68. The board is currently reviewing a variety of ways to utilize these funds to benefit the members and the organization. You will be hearing about this very soon.

The January bank balance was \$169,569.23. Membership invoices have been e-mailed. Associations Plus has been a very beneficial partner with coordinating invoicing and accounts receivable. Many of you have already sent in your payment. Thank you. Please keep in mind that membership dues must be paid in full in order to maintain the CGFO certification.

I would like to personally say thank you for your trust in me to allow me to serve as treasurer for the next two years. I really appreciate your vote of confidence. If you have any questions about the Association's finances, please feel free to contact me at treasurer@gfoasc.org.



BUDGET AWARDS PROGRAM

by LARRY M. SAPP, CGFO

THE GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program (Budget Awards Program) in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. Documents submitted to the Budget Awards Program are reviewed by selected members of the GFOA professional staff and by outside reviewers with experience in public-sector budgeting.

For more information visit <http://www.gfoa.org/budgetaward>

BUDGET AWARDS PROGRAM cont'd



Government Finance Officers Association

Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program

What is the Budget Awards Program? The Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program (Budget Awards Program) has encouraged and recognized exemplary budgeting practices among governmental entities in the United States and Canada since 1984. Nearly 1,400 governments participate in the program each year. Participants include state and local governments of all types (general purpose and special purpose) and sizes. The focus of the program is on the presentation of the budget document.

What are the benefits of the program? Users of the budget documents will have access to a high quality report promoting better communication to citizens and other stakeholders. Credit rating agencies and other interested parties may view the award as a positive factor in decision making. Also, as budget documents evolve, participation helps to ensure that your document keeps up with the latest trends.

It's easy to participate! Once the budget document is prepared, submit it along with a completed application. The normal submission deadline is three months following the date the budget was submitted to or approved by the governing

body. Requests for extensions beyond the deadline may be made by e-mailing budgetawards@gfoa.org.

How does the program work? Governments that participate in the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program will have a grade assigned to elements of their budget document that reflect 27 program criteria (and four overall criteria) and receive a list of specific comments and suggestions for improvement. Reviews are conducted by individuals experienced in governmental budgeting. All reviews are combined and a final vote is determined. If a government's budget document wins the award, it will receive public recognition of its achievement, along with a plaque and a press release. Public recognition includes having the name of the government appear on a list of award-winning reports maintained on the GFOA's website. Moreover, first-time award winners will be announced in the GFOA *e-Newsletter*.

Which governments qualify to participate in the program? Any state or local government located in the United States or Canada, including, in certain circumstances, funds and departments of governments, may participate in the Budget Awards Program.

If you have any questions, please e-mail budgetawards@gfoa.org.

Go to www.gfoa.org to download an application and for additional information on how to apply.

See reverse side for information on volunteer reviewer opportunities.

BUDGET AWARDS PROGRAM cont'd

Volunteer to Serve as a Reviewer

If you have experience in governmental budgeting, you are invited to become a volunteer reviewer for the Budget Awards Program.

What are the benefits of serving as a volunteer reviewer?

Volunteer reviewers can:

- Be at the forefront of the most recent trends in budget documents for state and local governments,
- Get exposure to a variety of report formats from around the country,
- Access a practical way of providing training and development for junior staff without an incremental cost,
- Gain insight into how to improve their own budget document, and
- Achieve professional recognition.

How much time does it take to serve as a reviewer?

Reviewers enjoy considerable flexibility regarding the number and types of budget documents they wish to review. No more than one budget is assigned to each reviewer in a given month, and reviewers designate the months they are able to participate. A review should only take a couple of hours and can be returned electronically. GFOA staff is available during normal business hours to answer questions you may have during the review process.

What are the requirements for serving as a reviewer?

Individuals with at least one year of budget experience are invited to join in the review process. You are encouraged to use your time as a reviewer as a tool for professional development and educational purposes.



If you have any questions,
please e-mail budgetawards@gfoa.org.

Go to www.gfoa.org for information on GFOA membership, products, services, and GFOA's other awards programs:

- **Awards for Excellence in Government Finance**
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by **CARRIE JOHNSON, Membership Committee Chair**

All membership invoices have been emailed for 2016. If you did not receive your membership invoice, please e-mail sarah@associationsplus.com or call GFOASC Headquarters at (803) 252-7128.

THE GFOASC OFFERS THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS:

- Individual Membership
- Regular (Governmental), \$100
- Retired (Governmental), \$30
- Associate (Non-Governmental), \$130

Two tiers of Agency memberships exist for a state agency/local government. When an agency membership is being requested, the tier needs to be identified, along with the total number of memberships being purchased. A list of member names, and a completed membership application for each, needs to be submitted with the application.

Tier 1 – 15 Memberships @ \$1,400 with additional memberships at \$75 each

Tier 2 – 25 Memberships @ \$2,125 with additional memberships at \$50 each

Individuals become active members upon payment of annual dues. Membership shall commence on the date membership fees are paid and end on the last day of December of the same year. Membership renewals shall end on the last day of December for the year renewed. Memberships are inactive after February 1, so please renew if you haven't already online at GFOASC.org

REMINDER CGFOS!

by **ANGIE MCINCHOK, Certification Committee**

Your 2015 CPE Reports were due on February 29, 2016. If you have not yet submitted, please mail your completed report, supporting documentation and the \$15 late fee to:

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Certification Records • PO Box 8840 • Columbia, SC 29202

You can also pay the late fee with a credit card on our website. Attach a copy of your receipt with your documentation.

Your report will not be accepted until the late fee is paid.

We have several members who have passed their exams and have applied for certification this spring. They will be recognized at our Spring Conference on May 2.

Interested in becoming a Certified Government Finance Officer in South Carolina? Watch the GFOASC website at <http://gfoasc.org/cgfo/> for upcoming information on the 2016-2017 Certification Program. This program is administrated by USC's Office of Continuing Education and Conferences on behalf of GFOASC.

For more information, please feel free to contact Angie McInchok at amcinchok@lex-co.com.

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