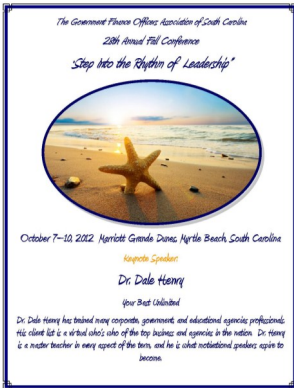




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CPE Class **July 19, 2012**
Financial Management Review

Fall Conference
October 7-10, 2012
Myrtle Beach, SC
Visit: gfoasc.org

DEBBIE M. WALKER, MBA, CGFO, PRESIDENT-ELECT FALL CONFERENCE CHAIR

Greetings, the 28th Annual Fall Conference Committee has been selected and the planning of a great conference is well under way! The GFOASC Fall Conference is scheduled for October 7 – 10, 2012 at the Marriott Grande Dunes in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The theme for this year's conference is "Step Into The Rhythm of Leadership". How do we define the importance of good Leadership? Everyone has their own idea and many efforts have been made to define it as well. President Harry S. Truman came close to defining the importance good leadership when he said, "In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still". Therefore, your leadership is key in moving your organizations or institutions forward. We are faced with many issues in today's economy and the new norm, of doing much more with less.

We, as leaders, do not want to become stagnant in our posi-

tions as finance officers but to continue to move our organizations forward and to provide motivation and encouragement to our staff and fellow colleagues in tough times.

Dr. Dale Henry of *Your Best Unlimited*, a nationally renowned speaker, will deliver our keynote address this year. Dr. Henry has served in many roles and many corporations, governments, and educational agencies call on him regularly to train their professional staff! This will be an awesome session for everyone!

We will also have Mr. Stephen J. Gauthier, who is the director of the Technical Services Center of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA), where he has served for the past 25 years. Mr. Gauthier has written and spoken extensively on a wide range of accounting, auditing, and financial reporting topics. He is the author of

the Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting (GAAFR) - The Blue Book. There will be many more great speakers!

Also, new this year, *GrooveTown Entertainment*, www.groovetownband.com, will perform during Sunday's Opening Reception and our Tuesday night Banquet!

We are planning an awesome conference and the Committee and I look forward to seeing everyone at the beach. As a reminder the attendee and vendor registration officially opened June 15th. Please register for the conference and make your hotel reservations early. The registration code for the Marriott Grande Dunes is GFOGFOA, the rate is approximately \$84 plus \$2 parking per night. Please visit www.gfoasc.org for more details. The conference program is near completion and will be posted to the website soon.

See you at the Conference, Debbie M. Walker, MBA, CGFO, Fall Conference Chair

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

Please be sure to visit our website and update your information if you haven't already done so.



FROM YOUR TREASURER ~ SARAH SULLIVAN, CGFO

As of May 31, 2012, the Association had \$31,566.44 in the bank. The accounts receivable was \$18,370.00 and the net income was \$34,094.90. The Spring Conference was a success not only due to the great sessions and networking, but also because the Conference was in the black by over \$5,000. Thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors who help support GFOASC.

Thanks to all who have paid their membership dues. Please remember

that memberships are on a calendar year basis. All memberships expire on December 31. In order to maintain certifications and attend conferences and training at the membership rete, members must be in good standing with no balances outstanding.

I am continuing to send out statements. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding your statements or invoices. (ssullivan@myrcpl.com)

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



2012 SPRING CONFERENCE CONFERENCE CHAIR ~ WILLIAM HALL

Monday, May 7, 2012—Education, Fellowship, and Enjoyment—were the goals for the 2012 GFOASC Spring Conference held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. As the morning progressed the registration for the attendees and sponsors began. The conference was underway.

Mayor Steven Benjamin opened the conference with a welcome to Columbia. Mark Hobbs, The Hobbs Group, delivered the keynote address, Tammy Nichols shared an update on SC Retirement System and then breakout sessions began. Lunchtime finally arrived! The ultimate closing of the conference,

Glenda Doles presented “What you get out of Life”. Was that a session or was that a session!!! (I know William Hall is not getting on any more horses).

The conference committee began working in November with the meeting held at the DSS Building hosted by Scott Ludlam and continued every third Wednesday of each month at the Richland County Library, hosted by Sarah Sullivan. It was a privilege and honor to have been able to work with such a dedicated, devoted group of people. Each member brought to the table various views and expertise that blended to produce the most fantastic spring conference ever.

The remarks and comments listed on the evaluation form for the 2012 GFOASC Spring Conference indicated that all the goals of the committee were met...”organized and efficient, well run, enthusiastic, best speakers...”

Now that spring has sprung, let us look to the future. Ms. President-Elect, Debbie Walker is heading up the Fall Conference, October 7-10. This should be fun, exciting and energetic. Mark your calendar and make plans to be in Myrtle Beach. I’ll see you there!

William Hall

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Please take a few minutes to log into MemberClicks and update your membership information. Please make sure GFOASC has the correct mailing address and your correct e-mail address.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE ~ DENNIS LOCKE, CGFO

On April 16th, I presented the Distinguished Budget Award to Spartanburg County for their 2012 Budget Document. If your governmental entity receives either the Budget Award or CAFR award please remember to contact me if you desire a formal presentation to your governing body.

Volunteer Opportunities are still available for those who are attending the fall conference! We have specific needs for the Door Prize Committee, Decorations, and Past Presidents Reception & Desk Registration Committees.

Please contact me if you are interested in assisting our association.

My contact information is Dennis Locke—(864) 596-2119 or dlocke@cityofspartanburg.org.

2012 GFOA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

GFOASC was well represented at the 2012 GFOA National Conference held last month in Chicago. We had approximately 15 attendees from our organization. A special shout-out to our own Larry Sapp and David Vehaun who were presenters at the conference, as well as Anne Harty, who facilitated a session.

Attendees had a great time at the opening reception at the Field Museum, as well as the Tuesday reception at the Navy Pier. A few of us got to see the Jon Hancock Building as well as Wrigley Field. But don't worry, we did spend some time in the sessions as well. On Monday, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel did a great job as the keynote speaker, laying out his vision for City of Chicago. On Tuesday, political pundit Mark Shields gave a very humorous and

non-partisan presentation on politics and elections over the past fifty years. The break-out sessions were very well attended, especially the Annual Auditing and Accounting Update with GFOA's Stephen Gauthier as one of the co-presenters. President-Elect Debbie Walker and I also spent a fair amount of time in the vendor exhibit hall making new relationships with various vendors in hopes of convincing many of them to sponsor this year's GFOASC Fall Conference. Who wouldn't want to come to Myrtle in October?

Overall, the GFOA National Conference was a rousing success and we are looking forward to next year's conference in San Francisco.

Kevin V. Yokim, CPA, CGFO

Florence County Finance Director

GFOASC President

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR ~ DENNIS LOCKE, CGFO

GFOASC awards the Katherine Zook Certification Program Scholarship which will cover 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 by the GFOASC for the classes beginning in September 2012. The winner will also be recognized at the Fall Conference in October.

All interested applicants should apply for this opportunity provided by our association.

If you have any questions contact Dennis Locke, Scholarship Committee Chairman at:

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**If you have not registered for the 28th
Annual GFOASC Fall Conference, please
visit GFOASC and register today!**

GFOA TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Register for the 17th Annual Governmental GAAP Update. This year's live-streaming event will take place on November 1, 2012 from 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. (Eastern). Learn everything you need to know about the most recent developments in accounting and financial reporting for state and local governments. Make a day of it and build an event around this training as an affordable way to train staff and/or educate clients.

Sign up by October 5, 2012, and take advantage of an early registration fee. Register with your colleagues and save with a group discount. Earn 4 CPE credits with your participation. Questions? E-mail training@gfoa.org.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

*Financial Planning and Budgeting Core Course
Sept. 20, 21, 24 & 25, 2012*

*Capital Planning and Forecasting Core Course
Oct. 25 & 26, 2012*

*Financial Management Core Course
Dec. 13 & 14, 2012*

*Governmental Accounting Core Course
February 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2013*

*Financial Reporting and Auditing Core Course
April 10 & 17, 2013*

*Visit Our Website for More Course information
& Dates.*

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

Register Now!

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The full agenda will be posted soon!

Conference Information is updated regularly online at

www.gfoasc.org

Keynote Speaker:

**Dr. Dale Henry,
Your Best Unlimited!**

**Conference Entertainment:
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Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina

"Step Into The Rhythm of Leadership"

Register by completing the form below and mailing it to the **GFOASC**.

Name _____

Name for Badge _____

Agency/Company _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Circle Member or Non-Member rate

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Super Early Bird (before 07/16/12)	\$195.00	\$245.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird (before 09/1/12)	\$220.00	\$270.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> On-site or late payment (after 10/06/12)	\$270.00	\$320.00

Amount Enclosed: _____

Check or PO# _____

I am a CGFO

First Time Attendee

FEIN Number: 57-0810232

Registration includes one continental and two buffet breakfasts, two lunches and two dinners. Watch the web site at gfoasc.org for program agenda details! Approximately 16 CPE Credits will be offered!!!

Attendee Cancellation/Refund Policy

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 **Sunday, September 23, 2012**, are eligible for a **refund**. Check refunds will be processed after the conference. Credit card refunds will be processed within five (5) business days of receipt. Registrants **CANCELING AFTER Sunday, September 23, 2012, AND CONFERENCE NO SHOWS** are liable for the full amount due. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after **September 23, 2012**.