



Welcome!

General Session III

History of GFOASC

Sunday, October 15, 2023

4:40pm - 5:20pm



‘This is the way we have always done it’

What was going on in South Carolina
Central State Government Finance
in the early to mid 1980’s?



- Idea started with state agency finance officers – looking for help from each other and willing to share ideas with others
- In 1984, held preliminary meetings at the Water Resources Commission Offices on Forest Drive
- In early 1985, held an organizational meeting at the SCDHEC Auditorium with Comptroller General Earl Morris, State Auditor Ed Vaughn and State Treasurer Grady Patterson present and supportive of creating an association
- In 1985, first official meeting at Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School Auditorium – elected first Board



- Membership of first GFOASC Board included:
 - Chuck Fallaw, Water Resources
 - Jim Kirk, Disabilities and Special Needs
 - Betty Onley, State Library
 - Sam Griswold, Budget and Control Board
 - John Humphries, Parks, Recreation and Tourism
 - Yvonne Myrick-Crum, State Treasurer's Office
 - Willa 'Bill' Bellamy, Real Estate Commission
 - Doug Hawkins, City of West Columbia

Note: Original name - South Carolina Association of Government Finance Officers (SCAGFO)



- Initial actions taken by the Board included:
 - Recognized the contributions and support of Earle Morris, Grady Patterson and Ed Vaughn by making them Honorary Lifetime Members of GFOASC
 - Entered agreement with State Personnel to assist the Association in scheduling and coordinating a fall conference (Bud Thurber, Martha Joye and Jan Latham)
 - Started research to determine best approach for providing a Certification Program for government finance officers in South Carolina



- First Fall Conference (off to a grand start):
 - Hilton – River Front on Lockwood Avenue in Charleston
 - 106 government finance officers register and attend the conference (our goal was 100 attendees)
 - Tropical storm the final day of the conference
 - Water in the parking lot over 6” deep
 - A guest speaker had to remove his shoes and socks to enter the hotel
 - Ceiling tiles fell during one of the session

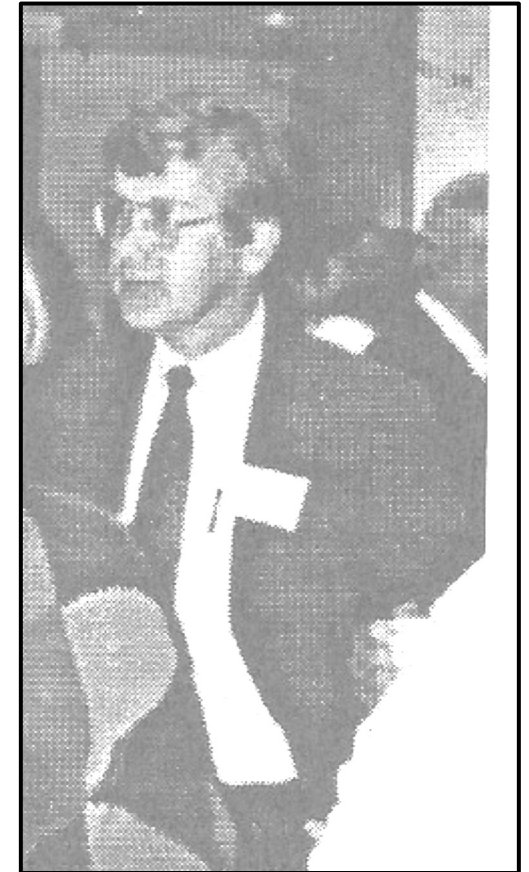
Years 1 & 2 – 1985-1986 Highlights:

- Chuck Fallaw 1st and 2nd year President
- Charleston and Myrtle Beach Annual Conferences
- Obtained support for GFOASC from Grady Patterson, Ed Vaughn and Earle Morris
- Concentrated on state government membership
- Established and served as Chairman of the Certification Committee
- Negotiated contract with University of South Carolina to oversee Certification Program
- Established partnership with State Personnel to assist with fall and later spring conferences



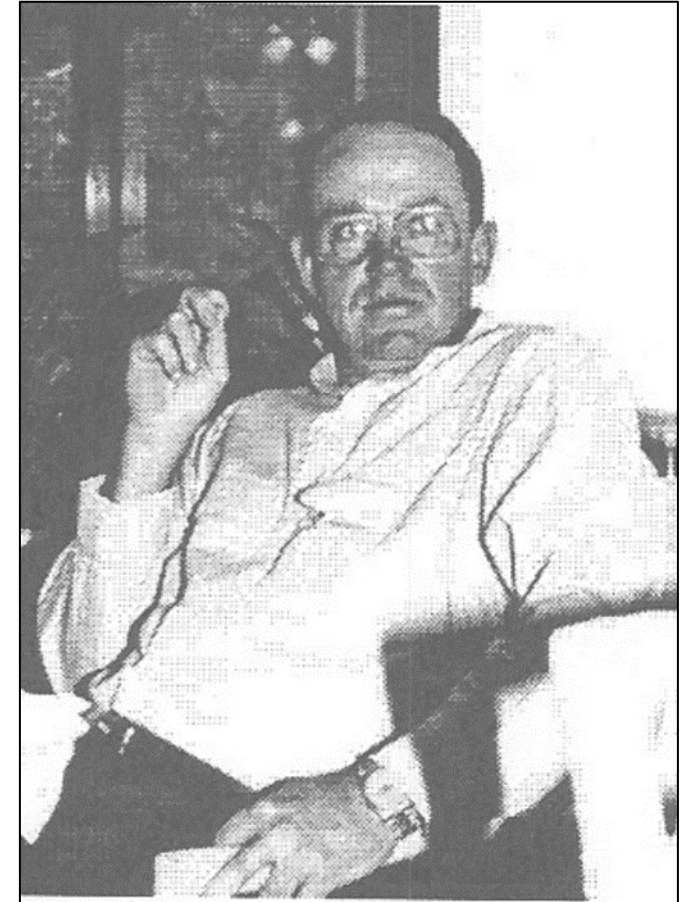
Year 3 – 1987 Highlights

- 3rd President Jim Kirk, DDSN
- Annual conference – Seabrook Island
- Cookout and DJ at Seabrook – the start of our PARTYING!
- National GFOA President-Elect keynote conference speaker
- Initiated monthly luncheon meetings
- Expanded recruitment of local government finance officers
- Initial work on certification program



Year 4 – 1988 Highlights

- 4th President Jimmy Simpson, B&C Board Administration
- Conference at Myrtle Beach
- Great membership growth
- Improved financial condition of association
- Changed dues structure and registration fees
- Major effort to involve private sector to support association!
- Deborah Nye's leadership in recruiting sponsors – continuing today



Year 5 – 1989 Highlights

- 5th President John Wood, USC Controller – first higher ed president
- Myrtle Beach conference
- Strong effort to recruit college & university staff
- Fee structure changed to add agency memberships
- Further improvement of financial condition
- Final work on certification program!
- Scholarship programs planned



Year 6 – 1990 Highlights



- 6th President Kay Riley, Budget and Control Board Administration
- Conference at Hilton Head
- First Certified Government Finance Officer certificates awarded at conference!
 - 13 initial CGFO awards presented by Ed Vaughn
 - #1 CGFO for highest score on exams – Rebecca Coleman, Town of Dillon finance officer (later President of GFOASC)

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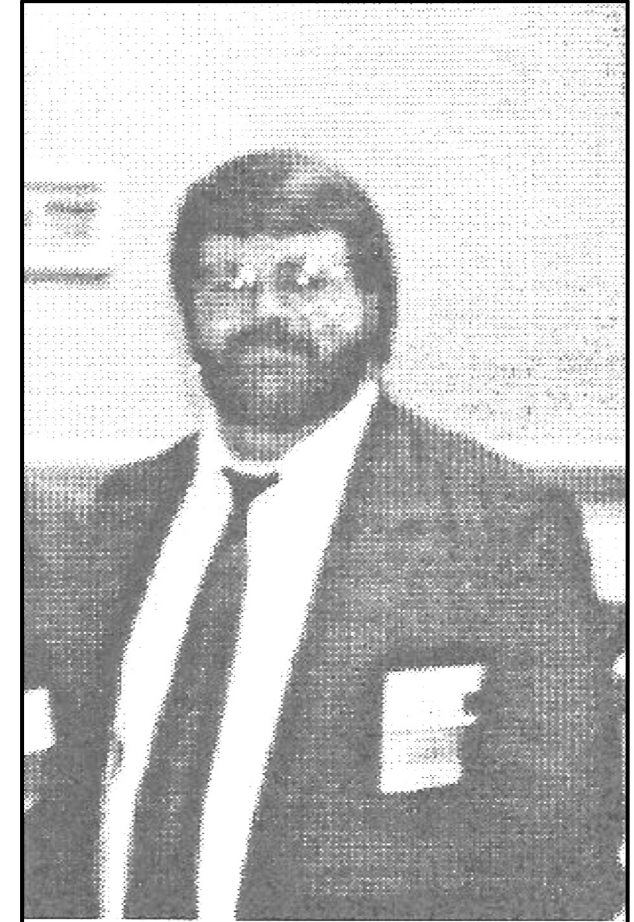
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Year 7 – 1991 Highlights

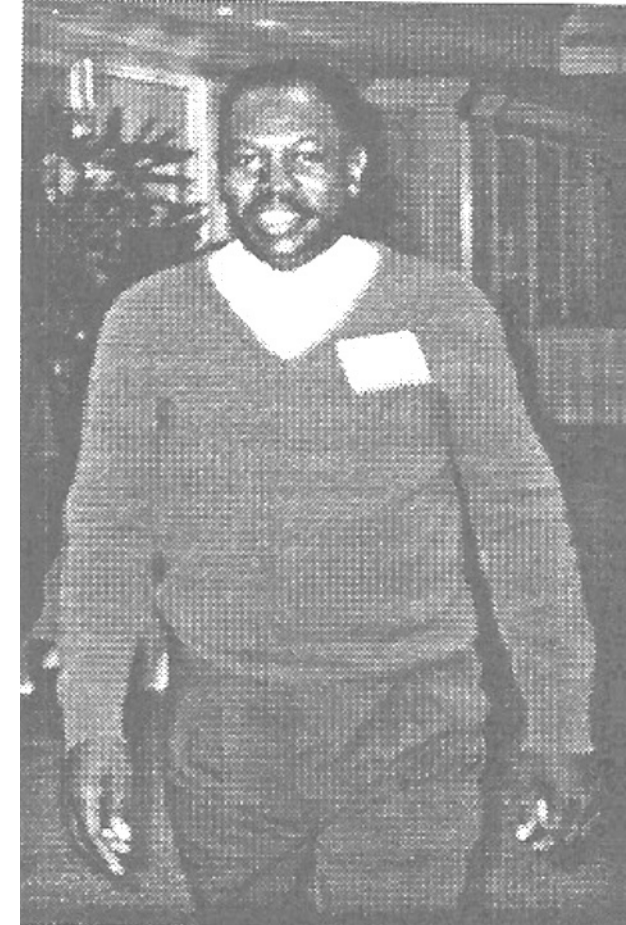


- 7th President Paul Jarvis, State Treasurer's Office
- Automation of association membership records by Paul
- Scholarship programs officially initiated, funded, and awarded at conference; named after deceased members:
 - Willa ("Bill") Bellamy
 - Katherine ("Kay") Zook
- Continued large membership growth



Year 8 – 1992 Highlights

- 8th President Rodney Jenkins, Office on Aging
- First newsletter produced by Barbara Derrick
- Management under severe state and local government budget cuts
- First Greenville conference
- Continued conference management support by “State Personnel”





Year 9 – 1993 Highlights

- 9th President Deborah Caughman, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR)
- Special interest and focus on Certification program
- Deborah spoke at national GFOA conference
- Leadership by Deborah and Lenetta Gray-Brewton at national level on certification
- New officer orientation begun
- Conference in Charleston at the “Juke Box”

Year 10 – 1994 Highlights



- 10th President Mary Kelly, DDSN
- 1st year that more than one candidate nominated for each office
- Largest group of CGFOs at conference – 16
- Major accomplishment – hiring of director Lynne Lee, who served for a number of years



CGFOs Certified in 1994 and 1995



- Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina - Early History

Year 11 – 1995 Highlights

- 11th President Rebecca Coleman, Finance Director, Town of Dillon
- 1st local government president
- “Hat Lady” and great partying at conference
- Development of satellite luncheons



Year 12 – 1996 Highlights

- 12th President David Vehaun, 2nd local government president
- Fall conference at Hilton Head Crowne Plaza
- Continued emphasis on recruitment and diversity of membership
- Started web site – David and Bill Schmidt, B&C Board



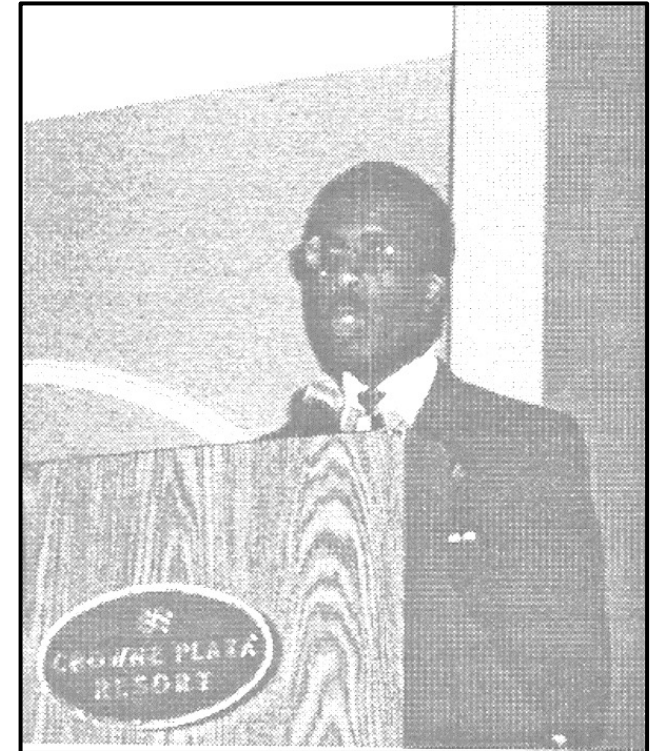
Year 13 – 1997 Highlights

- 13th President Ron Rhames
- Emphasis on recruitment of higher ed members
- Added early bird sessions on Sunday
- Web site fully implemented – announcements, membership listing, job announcements
- Negotiated 1st multi-year contract for fall conference



Year 14 – 1998 Highlights

- 14th President Donald Thomas, Controller General's Office
- National GFOA president presented at conference
- Major accounting panel at conference including GASB Chairman
- Established liaison with neighboring finance officer associations
- Obtained recognition for GFOASC from SC Board of Accountancy as "acceptable continuing professional education provider"
- Established scholarship for accounting students @ 2-year institutions



15th and 16th Presidents *The New Millennium!*



Annie McDaniel (2000) and Parker Boulware (1999)



We Are From The Government
And
We Are Here To Help You!

Highlights of the Association



GFOASC -

- Strives to promote the professional competence of individuals who are responsible for and who are held in the trust of public funds.



- We are very proud of our accomplishments in addressing the professional development of finance directors, budget officers, and accounting managers.
- More than 600 members representing state, county and municipal governments; special purpose and school districts; public institutions of higher learning; private businesses and corporations.

Board of Directors:



- **President**
- **President-Elect**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **Past President**
- **State Representative**
- **Four Directors**
- **The Secretary, Treasurer, State Representative, and Directors shall serve terms of two years.**
- **The President-Elect, President and Past President shall serve a term of one year in each position.**

Committees:



- ✓ **Scholarship**
- ✓ **Certification**
- ✓ **Program**
- ✓ **Membership**
- ✓ **Financial Review**
- ✓ **Professional Ethics**
- ✓ **Spring Conference**
- ✓ **Fall Conference**
- ✓ **Policy and Procedures**
- ✓ **Technology**

Committees:



- ✓ **Program Committee – Quarterly CPE Training**
- ✓ **Membership – Organizes an effective recruiting program**
- ✓ **Professional Ethics – Monitor the boards activities to ensure policy and procedures are followed**
- ✓ **Financial Review – Completes an audit of the financial records**
- ✓ **Policies & Procedures – State Rep chairs, updates as needed and voted on from membership/ board**
- ✓ **Technology – Assists with logistics of conferences**

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



Certification Program

- Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO)
- 1986 Contracted with the University of South Carolina to Coordinate the Program
- 13 Certificates Issued in 1990
- First Certificate Awarded to Rebecca Coleman
- Continuing Education Provided by State Auditor's Office and other SMEs
- Acknowledged as Continuing Education Provider by Board of Accountancy
- Obtained "grandfathering" by national GFOA of GFOASC courses for national certification for SC finance officers

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED



Conferences and Committees

- Spring and Fall Conferences
- Newsletters
- Committees
- Training and Continuing Education Opportunities
- Exchange Ideas and Build Friendships
- Fun

FOUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS



Wilma 'Bill' Bellamy Scholarship (1990)

✓ \$1,500 – Public 4-Year College/University

Katherine 'Kay' Zook Scholarship (1990)

✓ Assistance To Participate in Government Finance Officers Certification Program

Founding Fathers Scholarship (1998)

✓ \$1,000 – Public 2-Year College/University

Presidents Scholarship (2020)

✓ \$750 – High School Student

CONFERENCES

Fall and Spring:

Commitment time:

- Spring 3 months – Held in Columbia
- Fall 6 months - Hilton Head or Myrtle Beach

Committees to serve at Conferences:

- Registration
- Agenda/Speakers
- Decorations
- Meals/Breaks
- Delegate gifts/CGFO gifts
- Sponsor assistance



Honorary Members



- **Chuck Fallaw** ~ Health Care Consultant/Formers Chief Information Officer at SC State Treasurer's Office
- **Paul D. Jarvis, Jr.** ~ Retired/Formers Director of Treasury Management Division at SC State Treasurer's Office
- **James E. Kirk** ~ Retired/Formers VP of Budget at Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Deborah S. Nye, CGFO** ~ Retired/Formers Lexington County Finance
- **Grady L. Patterson** ~ Retired SC State Treasurer (Deceased)
- **Edgar A. Vaughn, Jr.** ~ Retired SC State Auditor
- **Thomas L. Wagner, Jr., CPA** ~ Retired SC State Auditor



Get Involved!



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GFOASC.org

Enjoy the Conference



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