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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

It's hard to believe it is Fall of the year already! This time of year is always busy with school, football, fiscal year ending, holidays, etc.

I want to take this opportunity to commend Charla Doucet and her committee for an informative and enjoyable Summer Conference at Lake Guntersville State Park. Governor Riley held a press conference at the Lake Guntersville Lodge October 21, 2010 to highlight improvements that have taken place at many of the state parks across Alabama and the economic impact on the State. Since the renovations to Lake Guntersville were completed, the economic impact has increased by 75 percent. If you have not visited a state park recently, please do so, you will be surprised at the quality of the facilities.



Mark your calendar for the Governmental Accounting and Auditing Forum to be held December 1 - 2, 2010 at the Birmingham Marriott. This conference is co-sponsored by the GFOAA, AGA, and AICPA and is an opportunity to earn 16 hours of CPE. Also, mark your calendar for the GFOAA Annual

Conference that will be held at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham February 16 - 18, 2011. This, too, is an opportunity to earn 16 hours of CPE. You may make hotel reservations now at the extraordinary rate of \$88 per night. See the upcoming events page for more information.

I hear all the time about how our members enjoy our conferences and appreciate the planning and time that goes into making our events and our organization the best they can be. It does take a lot of time and dedication, but it is also very rewarding. The Executive Committee will meet in late December or early January to put together the new slate of officers and directors for the next program year which begins April 1, 2011. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, please contact me.

Happy holidays to all of you and the best in the New Year!

Charles Clack

2010 GFOAA SUMMER CONFERENCE LAKE GUNTERSVILLE STATE PARK

The 2010 GFOAA Summer Conference was held August 4 – 6, 2011 at Lake Guntersville State Park in Guntersville, Alabama. The conference was a great success with Charla Doucet and her committee planning an informative line up of topics as well as fun things to do after hours.

The conference began Wednesday afternoon with sessions on *Municipal Credit Markets – Institutional and Private Placement Perspectives*, *Organizational Practices of Fraud Risk Management*, and a *GASB/SAS Update*. The Wednesday evening welcome reception was well attended and everyone enjoyed catching up with old friends.

Thursday's schedule provided a full day of interesting topics including *State and Local Taxes Update*, *Motor Fuels Taxes*, *Alabama's Competitive Bid Law as it Relates to School Systems*, *Ten Steps to Positive Living*, and *Preventing and Detecting Fraud in Government*. Thursday evening's dinner was on the lower terrace overlooking Lake Guntersville. With a beautiful view and tasty food, everyone enjoyed socializing outdoors.

The schedule for Friday morning had more informative topics beginning with *Alabama Recruiting*, *Revenue Issues from a Legislative Perspective*, and an *Unemployment Compensation Update*. The conference adjourned at noon.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

NANCY WILSON

Nancy Wilson serves as the City Treasurer for the City of Fairhope. She was appointed to this position in 2006, after serving as City Accountant for three years. Her professional career history is quite varied, beginning after college as a bank loan officer, and branch manager, co-owner and manager of a company designing and marketing hand-embroidery patterns for children, director of a Mothers' Day Out program, then nine years in Public Accounting, followed by her governmental positions.

Nancy grew up in Montgomery, and lived in Mobile and Birmingham, prior to moving to Fairhope in 2003. She graduated from Auburn University and received a Master of Accounting degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She earned her CPA certification in 1995. She has been a member of GFOAA for seven years, and is also a member of AICPA, the Alabama Society of CPAs, and Leadership Baldwin County.

Nancy, a widow, has two grown children and two granddaughters, all living in Birmingham, son Clay who is a Civil Engineer and his wife Meg, and daughter Ellen who is a Pastry Chef/Restaurant Manager. Granddaughters are Carter, age 2 and Lucy, age 8 weeks. Nancy enjoys gardening, hand-sewing, reading, and power-walking with Bailey, her black lab.



CONGRATULATIONS DEREK AND HEATHER



City of Tuscaloosa Associate Finance Director and GFOAA Board Member, Derek Reeves and his wife Heather, are proud new parents of their son, Jackson.

Heather and Jackson visited the Summer Conference at Lake Guntersville State Park in August while Derek attended the Board meeting. Congratulations, Derek and Heather on the birth of your son!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CGAT Classes

January 13, 2011—Payroll

All classes to be held at the University of Alabama Bryant Conference Center
Tuscaloosa, Alabama from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Registration fee \$150.00
(Includes Lunch)

Registration forms available at
www.gfoaa.org or by email to
tcroom@tuscaloosa.com



GFOAA Quarterly Board Meeting

February 16, 2011
The Wynfrey Hotel
1000 Riverchase Galleria
Birmingham, AL 35244
Details TBA.

GFOAA 27th Annual Conference

February 16–18, 2011
The Wynfrey Hotel
1000 Riverchase Galleria
Birmingham, AL 35244
Conference Details TBA.



For hotel reservation information, see the Events Schedule at www.gfoaa.org.

GFOAA Quarterly Board Meeting

December 1, 2010
McCormick & Schmicks
719 Shades Creek Pkwy
Homewood, AL 35209
6:00 p.m.

23rd Annual Government Accounting and Auditing Forum

December 1–2, 2010
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 16 hours CPE
Birmingham Marriot Hotel
3590 Grandview Parkway
Birmingham, AL 35243

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23rd Annual Governmental Accounting and Auditing
Forum

December 1st and 2nd

Birmingham Marriott

QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
 THE FRANK M. JOHNSON, JR. FEDERAL BUILDING AND
 UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
 APRIL 28, 2010

The Quarterly Board of Directors meeting was held April 28, 2010 in Montgomery, Alabama. President Charles Clack called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the March 3, 2010 board meeting held at The Hotel Capstone in Tuscaloosa, Alabama were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was not available at the time of the meeting.

Administrative Assistant Update

Jamie Moyers was introduced as the new GFOAA Administrative Assistant.

Public Information

Janice Hamm, Assistant State Comptroller, will be spotlighted in the next newsletter. Charles indicated that he is always looking for interesting information for the newsletter.

Certification Board

Sarah Williams provided the report noting that we have 2 or 3 CGFO certifications that were not renewed. We discussed posting these names in the newsletter to give proper notice.

2010 Annual Conference

Charles Clack presented information about the conference. We had 100 paid participants, with 30 sponsors and exhibitors.

2010 Summer Conference

Charla Doucet is in charge of the 2010 Summer Conference and is working on lining up the speakers. The conference will be August 18-20 in Orange Beach and the meetings will be held at the Community Center.

2011 Annual Conference

Melinda Lopez is in charge of the conference in Birmingham and is working on the arrangements. She is looking at the Winfrey Hotel or Ross Bridge at the end of January 2011. She is seeking input on night time events.

2011 Summer Conference

Russell Raney is in charge of planning next year's Summer Conference. He is planning to hold the conference at the new Hampton Inn in Orange Beach that is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2011.

New Business

Charles Clack presented a letter from Norman Turnipseed to the GFOAA board for the consideration of granting him emeritus status. Norman will be retiring from RSA on 7/1/10. The request was approved.

Contact Charles Clack or the committee chairs for full copies of minutes or committee reports.

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COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall promote and encourage membership in GFOAA and is responsible for the annual membership directory.

Government Relations Committee

The Government Relations Committee shall monitor and report on legislative action affecting governmental finance and promote intergovernmental cooperation.

Education Committee

The Education Committee shall establish, organize and promote educational programs within the membership.

Scholarship, Awards and Service Committee

The Scholarship, Awards and Service Committee is responsible for the administration of the scholarship and awards program. The committee is also responsible for implementing and monitoring service projects as assigned.

Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee is responsible for preparing the long-range plans to meet the organization's goals and objectives. The committee is also responsible for communicating the plan to each committee. The committee will serve as the monitoring entity for the committee projects associated with the strategic plan.

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