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From the President...

Time flies when... I'll let you finish it as you see fit. Time does seem to fly as our lives seem to get busier. It doesn't feel like a year has passed already. I have enjoyed this term and could not have made it without the assistance of other officers, directors and various members that supported me and reminded me of the various items and issues that needed to be managed. I look forward to continuing to support GFOAA in any capacity needed. I hope that

each of you will consider volunteering for some role in this great organization. After all, we as members are the only ones that can sustain and continue to grow what others before us have built.

Another reminder: The GFOAA 23rd Annual Conference will be held February 28 through March 2 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Montgomery. If you haven't registered yet, please visit our website, www.gfoaa.org, to

download a registration form. I know that Judy and Kelly would greatly appreciate your registrations so Ed can start to relax a little bit. I look forward to seeing you in Montgomery.

Bill A. Flowers

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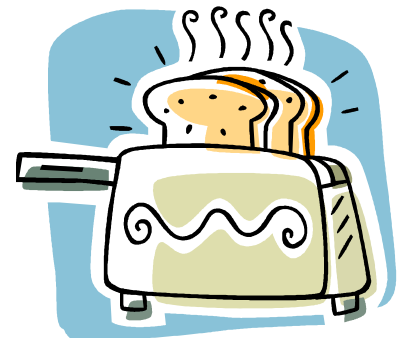
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GFOAA Cookbook

GFOAA is currently working on a cookbook and your favorite recipes are needed to make it a success.

Please send your recipes to Jim Schiefelbein at jschiefelbein@bankofny.com or bring them to the Annual Conference in Montgomery.



Upcoming Events



GFOAA 23rd Annual Conference

February 28—March 2, 2007
Embassy Suites Hotel
Montgomery, Alabama

Hotel Reservations
334-269-5055

Register online at GFOAA.org/events.html

Quarterly Board Meeting

February 28, 2007
Embassy Suites Hotel
300 Tallapoosa Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

CGAT Classes

April 4, 2007 General Ledger Class

June 6, 2007 Fund Accounting Class

Both classes to be held at the University of Alabama Bryant Conference Center
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Registration fee \$125.00
(Includes Lunch)

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

2007 GFOAA Summer Conference

June 20—22, 2007
Orange Beach, AL
Details TBA

National GFOA 101st Annual Conference

June 10—13, 2007
Anaheim, California
Register online at GFOA.org

3rd Annual CGAT Continuing Education Conference

Holiday Inn Express
9250 Boyd Cooper Parkway
Montgomery, AL 36117
334-271-5516

*I asked for all things, that I
might enjoy life; I was given
life, that I might enjoy all
things...*

**Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting
Capitol Inn—Montgomery, Alabama
August 11, 2006**

The GFOAA Board of Directors meeting was held August 11, 2006 at the Capitol Inn in Montgomery. Officers and Directors in attendance were Bill Flowers, Penny Smith, Clara Myers, Danny Panos, Lisa Reeder, Charles Clack, Melinda Lopez, Roger Rendleman, and Barbara Hory.

President Bill Flowers called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous Board meeting of June 4, 2006 were distributed and approved as presented. No Treasurer's report was available. President Flowers requested reports from the committees.

Education Committee – Melinda Clack reported on the standardized evaluation forms. Tracy Croom presented the CGAT financial statement. She also indicated that the number of participants in the program has decreased because the initial participants in the program have received their certificates. Tracy strongly encouraged more participation. We're now seeing smaller cities and counties participating in the program.

Certification Committee – Judy Kamnikar, Chair
Sarah Williams reported for Judy Kamnikar that notices for CGFO certificate revocations were sent by certified mail on April 19th. The CGFO Board has also requested that a notice of these revocations be published in the quarterly newsletter. The State vs. National certifications was discussed. It was noted by Penny Smith that there is no reciprocity between the Alabama and National GFOA certifications.

Governmental Relations – Gene Stabler, Chair

Charla Doucet reported on pending legislative actions.

Public Information - Charles Clack reported that the newsletter has been sent out. He mentioned the possibility of publishing a 2nd summer issue since no spring issue was published. He also indicated that we still have approximately 25 members who have no email address. It was discussed discontinuing mailing out printed copies. Those with no email addresses could access the newsletter on the GFOAA web site.

Scholarship – Roger Rendleman reported that we have received three applications for the GFOAA scholarships, two from students at the University of South Alabama and one from Auburn University. He requested that the scholarships be awarded to the three applicants.

2007 Annual Conference:

Bill Flowers reported that the conference is scheduled for February 28th—March 2nd at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Montgomery.

2007 Summer Conference:

Clara Myers reported that the summer conference will be Thursday and Friday, June 21-22. The Board meeting will be on Wednesday June 20. The conference will be held at the community center in Orange Beach.

Please Note: For those individuals requesting complete minutes or committee reports, please contact Bill Flowers at 334-242-6362 or flowersbi@dot.state.al.us or the committee chairs.

**Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting
Eleventh Street Grill, Birmingham, Alabama
December 6, 2006**

The GFOAA Board of Directors meeting was held December 6, 2006 at the Eleventh Street Grill in Birmingham. Officers and Directors in attendance were Bill Flowers, Penny Smith, Clara Myers, Melvin Turner, Melinda Lopez, Charles Clack and Barbara Hory. Also in attendance were Melinda Clack, Steven Boone, Relya Mallory, Patricia Aldrich, Jim Schiefelbein, Sarah Williams, Judy Kamnikar, Ed Kamnikar, Scott Reardon, and Kevin Dobraba

President Bill Flowers called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous Board meeting of August 11, 2006 were distributed and approved as presented. The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. President Flowers requested reports from the committees.

Certification Committee – Judy Kamnikar, Chair

Judy Kamnikar reported that 12-15 had not yet submitted the required documentation for the CGFO certification and a letter will go out January 1, 2007 to those not in compliance. Certification will lapse and be documented at the February 2007 annual meeting.

Public Information - Charles Clack thanked Sarah Williams for her help in getting the newsletter posted to the website during his illness.

Strategic Planning - Jim Schiefelbein thanked all for their support during his illness.

2006 CGAT – Penny Smith reported that the program's net income is \$3,977 with one class to go. Approximately 309 attendees to date.

GFOAA will continue to support the CGAT program.

2007 Annual Conference:

Ed Kamnikar will chair the annual conference that is scheduled for February 28th—March 2nd at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Montgomery.

New Business - Discussed registering the CGAT name so that GFOAA will have exclusive control of the program. Motion made and approved to register (trademark) the program.

Jim Schiefelbein reported that beginning 2007 strategic planning would be moved back to its own day rather than working it in at conferences as had been attempted the past few years.

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Notice of revocation of CGFO certificates were mailed on April 19, 2006 through the U.S. Post Office as certified with receipt. The status of that mailing is as follows:

Ronnie Burlison	Delivery Receipt Received
Sharon Howell	Delivery Receipt Received
Mac Champion	Delivery Receipt Received
Bill Newton	Delivery Receipt Received
Waymon Powell	Delivery Receipt Received
Steve Brown	No Delivery Receipt Received

These individuals no longer have CGFO status. They are not permitted to use the designation (initials) on their business cards, their stationary, nor in any document demonstrating their expertise.

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