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BOARD MEETING

October 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the privilege of being your president for the upcoming year. And thank you to my predecessor, Bob Hinkle, for his leadership during the past year.

Also, a big thank you to Cathe Armstrong and Jeff McCuen, co-chairs, and the Education Committee for presenting an outstanding Annual Conference and seminars throughout the year.

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*Nancy White
Ohio GFOA President*

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITIONS



Ohio GFOA would like to welcome its new members. We are glad you chose to become a member and feel certain you will benefit from this affiliation.

For a complete listing of new members, click [here](#).

CAFR AND PAFR AWARD RECOGNITION



Congratulations to Lancaster City Schools for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) and the Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR) Awards. Pictured from left to right are Tim Pope, GFOA State Representative and Ohio GFOA Past President and Julie Taylor, Treasurer, Lancaster City School.

TREASURER MANDEL SAVES TAXPAYERS \$4.7 MILLION BY STREAMLINING AND IMPROVING SERVICES

By: Treasurer of State Josh Mandel

SCHEDULE

2014 Ohio GFOA Board Meeting Schedule

January 17
March 14
June 13
September 16
November 21

MEMBERSHIP

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I am proud to report to my 11.5 million bosses across Ohio that at the end of the 2013 Fiscal Year the state of the Ohio Treasury is very strong. I launched a top-bottom review of the office in 2011 that continues to produce lasting results for Ohio taxpayers today. At the end of three fiscal years our belt-tightening has generated a \$4.7 million surplus and our focus on streamlining operations has yielded personnel consolidations and payroll savings.

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PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYERS: "Which Hat Is He Wearing?"

By: Jonathan Downes, Zashin & Rich Co., L.P.A.



Everyone knows the First Amendment protects free speech, but no right is absolute. Public employee speech is no different.

The First Amendment protects a public employee's speech *if* he or she speaks as a citizen about matters of public interest. When that public employee speaks in his or her official capacity regarding his or her official duties or matters not of public interest, that employee is not insulated from discipline. Does this same rule apply to a public employee who is also a union official criticizing or challenging decisions or policy of an employer?

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THE OHIO ETHICS LAW AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR



The Ohio Ethics Law was enacted almost 40 years ago to ensure that public officials and employees are not influenced by personal, family, or private business interests when making decisions on behalf of a governmental entity.

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BWC REBATE: GUIDANCE TO GOVERNMENTS

By: Auditor of State Dave Yost



The recent Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) premium rebate to local governments and school districts has spurred a great deal of inquiries to my office. Local officials are concerned about the proper handling of these additional dollars, and I commend them for reaching out for guidance. The following provides background information and direction to help navigate local governments and school districts through the processing of these rebate funds.

RBC Capital Markets
Robert W. Baird & Co.
Ross Sinclair & Assoc.

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27th Annual Conference
and Membership
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September 17-19, 2014

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EMPLOYER WITHHOLDING TABLES, SALES & USE TAX RATE REVISED EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

By: Clark Schaefer Hackett

While employers often look for updated withholding tables for payrolls at the start of a new calendar year, some employers may be surprised to see revised tables in effect September 1st from the State of Ohio.

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OHIO GFOA 19TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



September 23, 2013
Worthington Hills Country Club

Proximity Winners

Tim Rieder - Longest Putt

Frank Gambosi - Longest Drive Men

Michael Melliere - Closest to the Pin Men

Cathe Armstrong - Closest to the Pin Women

1st Place Team

Left to Right:
Michael Melliere,
Jennifer Demmerle and
David Schlabach



2nd Place Team

Left to Right:
Mike Long, Jeff McCuen,
Scott Wilson and Kevin King



"Shared Knowledge for Effective Government" is The Government Finance Officers Association's Mission Statement. By Promoting the Exchange of Information Among Finance Officers of all Local Governments, Ohio GFOA works to Meet the Challenges of the Ever-Evolving Profession of Government Finance and Fosters Increase Cooperation Among Governments and Private Financial Institutions.