

OHIO GFOA E-NEWS UPDATE

Government Finance Officers Association

President's Message

By: **Bethany Staats**, Director of Finance, City of New Albany



Dear Members of the Ohio GFOA,

As we embrace the crisp February air and the promise of a new year, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for our organization and its membership. Having been involved with the Ohio GFOA since 2009, I have witnessed the remarkable growth and evolution of our organization to support the needs of our membership. The commitment and passion exhibited by the members of each Ohio GFOA committee, the Board of Trustees, Officers and the Executive team have been truly inspiring, and I am honored for the opportunity to continue working alongside these incredible servant leaders.

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Empowering Tomorrow: Ohio GFOAs 2023-2024 Elected Officers and Trustees

Congratulations to the following individuals who were elected at Ohio GFOAs 36th Annual Conference and Membership Meeting to lead and guide our organization with their dedication, expertise, and commitment to our shared mission:

Officers

President - **Bethany Staats**, Director of Finance, City of New Albany
President-elect - **Jessica Marquez**, Manager - Financial Reporting, Ohio PERS
Secretary - **Ami Mayne**, Assistant Chief Deputy Auditor, Ohio Auditor of State
Treasurer - **Jared Cottrell**, Principal, Rea & Associates, Inc.

Trustees

Brian Cooper, Principal, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC
Mollie Gilbride, Director of Finance, City of Tallmadge
Amie Lynn, Fiscal Officer, Massillon Public Library
Megan Miller, Director of Finance, City of Grandview Heights
Danny Sklenicka, Principal, Rea & Associates, Inc.
Kyle Smith, Treasurer/CFO, Bexley City School District
Ashley Perry, Quality Assurance Technical Specialist, Ohio Auditor of State

We are confident that their skills and vision will contribute significantly to the success and growth of Ohio GFOA in the coming year.

County Auditors Place to Go for Property Valuation Questions/Concerns

By: **Keith Faber**, Ohio Auditor of State



As Auditor of State, my office is responsible for ensuring public funds are being spent appropriately and lawfully by more than 5,900 state and local government agencies. Our auditors and contracted independent public accounting firms regularly review the finances of state, city, county, village, township, and other public offices.

As I often say, we don't generally audit businesses or collect taxes; we are your watchdog over government agencies. By contrast, county auditors serve as counties' fiscal officers and assess property values, with taxes set by voters and state law.

While we both have the title "auditors," we play very different governmental roles.

[Read more...](#)

New Program, New Record Make for a Strong Start to 2024

By: Robert Sprague, Ohio Treasurer of State



As I often say, the Treasurer's office is always on the lookout for new and innovative ways to put the strength of Ohio's balance sheet to work for Ohioans. Through that effort, we're ensuring our various programs are helping our state's residents to stretch their hard-earned dollars and build a stronger and more secure financial foundation.

Ohio Homebuyer Plus Launches

A few months back, I outlined an exciting new program aimed at helping prospective homebuyers to save and grow their money as they look to purchase a home in Ohio. The program, Ohio Homebuyer Plus, officially launched in early January and is now accepting applications.

[Read more...](#)



Secure Your Spot Now: Register Today! ***Introduction to the Finance Office & Governmental Accounting Seminar - April 4-5***

This day-and-a-half seminar serves as an initiation into the realm of public finance offices. It provides an overview of the diverse challenges that may arise within the finance office, encompassing topics such as Ethics, Public Records, Human Resources, Accounting Principles, Revenues, Expenditures, Budgets, Banking & Investments, Purchasing, Debt Issuance, Internal Control, and Audits. Tailored for newly elected and appointed officials, as well as public finance office staff, this seminar offers a valuable opportunity for participants to gain insight into the intricate workings of public finance. It is an excellent resource for any public official seeking a comprehensive understanding of the complexities inherent in the public finance office.

Click [here](#) for details and registration.



Board Brilliance Hunt: Seeking Candidates for 2024-25

All Ohio GFOA members are urged to consider being nominated for a Board of Trustee position - either self-nomination or nominating another member with the members' consent. This includes current board members deciding to run a second term.

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the following trustee positions: City/Village, School, Special District, and State. Interested members should contact [Shawn Huftstedler](#), Ohio GFOA 2023 Nominating Chair.



Empowering Futures: Unlock Your Potential with Our Scholarships!

Ohio GFOA's scholarship opportunities support education and help individuals grow while alleviating the financial burden. Consider applying today!

National GFOA Annual Conference Attendee Scholarship

Deadline to apply is **Monday, March 4, 2024.**

GFOA Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) Program Scholarship

Deadline to apply is **Friday, March 29, 2024.**

Traditional Student College Scholarship

Deadline to apply is **Monday, July 22, 2024**

Continuing Education Scholarship

Deadline to apply is **Monday, July 22, 2024**

Annual Conference Attendee Scholarship

Deadline to apply is **Monday, July 22, 2024**

First-Time Annual Conference Attendee Scholarship

Deadline to apply is **Monday, July 22, 2024**

Annual Conference Student Attendee Scholarship

Deadline to apply is **Monday, July 22, 2024.**

National GFOA Leadership Academy Scholarship

Deadline to apply is **Saturday, August 31, 2024.**

To learn more about each scholarship and apply, [click here](#).



Shine a Spotlight: Nominations Open - Celebrate Excellence with Us!

Nominations are now open for our prestigious awards. This is your chance to recognize and celebrate those remarkable individuals whose dedication, innovation, and contributions have made a lasting impact. Join us in the pursuit of recognizing excellence – nominate today and be a part of the tribute to brilliance! Deadline for all Award Nomination Forms is **Monday, July 22, 2024.**

Winners will be formally recognized at a Luncheon to be held on Thursday, September 26, 2024, in Cincinnati, during Ohio GFOA's 37th Annual Conference and Membership Meeting.

[Click here](#) for details and submissions.



Ohio in the Sunshine State: An Orlando Reception to Remember!

Attending GFOA's 118th Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida? We invite you to come unwind, share some laughs,

and just enjoy good company, as we continue the festivities following the GFOA Conference, at Ohio GFOA's Reception, *sponsored by Equitable*.

Monday, June 10, 2024
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Café Tu Tu Tango
8625 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, refreshing drinks, and the company of friends.

Please [RSVP](#) by **Monday, June 3, 2024**, to ensure we can reserve a spot for you.

For conference details and registration, [click here](#).



2024 Ohio GFOA Annual Conference and Membership Meeting

September 25-27, 2024 - Cincinnati, OH

Explore unparalleled networking opportunities and engaging educational sessions centered around industry challenges at the 37th Annual Conference & Membership Meeting of Ohio

GFOA, spanning 2 1/2 days.

Earn continuing education credits through the Ohio Accountancy Board (CPE), Ohio Treasurer of State's Center for Public Investment Management (CPIM), Ohio Auditor of State's Fiscal Integrity Act (FIA), and The Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education (CLE).

Stay tuned for upcoming details on the Welcome Reception and fun entertainment at the Presidents Reception.

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Welcome Aboard! Announcing Our New Members

Ohio GFOA extends a warm welcome to our newest members. We appreciate your decision to join us and are confident that your membership will bring valuable benefits. For a complete listing of new members, [click here](#).

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Ohio Reception at National GFOA Conference



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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.

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