



## Board of Trustees Meeting

February 13, 2026

Rea, 5400 Frantz Rd., Suite 200, Dublin, OH 43016 - Seminar Room

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### AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER – 10:30 a.m.

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#### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ami Mayne

- Approval of November 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Amie Lynn

- Passing of Mr. Dorrian
- Ad-hoc Awards Committee to set meeting date for Amie Lynn, Heather Vlasuk, Jill Davidson & Nancy Waterhouse
- Discuss structure of first-time attendee award for non-member government employees – determine target audience and spending goal with input from full Board

#### TREASURER'S REPORT – Jared Cottrell

- December 2025 Financial Statements
- Review and Approval of 2026 Proposed Operating and Conference Budgets

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Nancy Waterhouse

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#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **State GFOA Representative** – Stacey Russell
  2. **Nominating** – Jessica Marquez
  3. **Communications** – Danny Sklenicka/Mollie Gilbride
  4. **Sponsorship** – Megan Miller/Gina Love/Jim Bell
  5. **Education** – Stacey Russell/Jeff McCuen
  6. **Membership** – Kyle Smith/Jim Boehmer/Justin Nahvi/Jennifer Widmer/Sandra Lodge/Jennifer Hartley
  7. **Scholarship** – Ami Mayne/Joey Jones
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#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Education Committee Meeting, today, beginning at 12:00 noon
- Next Board Meeting, Friday, March 20, 2026, beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- Next Education Committee Meeting, Friday, March 20, 2026, beginning at 12:00 noon

#### ADJOURNMENT

# OHIO GFOA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2025

Brick House Blue – New Albany, OH

## **PARTICIPANTS**

Amie Lynn, Mollie Gilbride, Ami Mayne, Jared Cottrell, Jim Bell, Jennifer Howland, Gina Love, Megan Miller, Bethany Staats, Jennifer Hartley, Jennifer Widmer, Sandra Lodge, Brian Cooper, Danny Sklenicka, Heather Vlasuk, TJ Cusick, Kyle Smith, Joey Jones, Stacey Russell, Jeff McCuen, Lisa Eisenberg, Nancy Waterhouse and Kayla O'Shelski

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Amie Lynn called the meeting of the Ohio GFOA Board to order on Friday, November 21, 2025, at 10:33 a.m.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT – Ami Mayne**

*Motion, Seconded and Approved:* To accept the September 16, 2025 meeting minutes, as presented.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Amie Lynn**

2026 Board and Education Committee Meetings – The 2026 Board meeting dates are scheduled for **February 13, March 20, May 22, September 29, and November 20**. All meetings will be held in person, except for May 22, which will be conducted via Teams. Education Committee meetings are scheduled for **February 13, March 20, and November 20**, all in person. The group discussed potential meeting locations that would accommodate all board members. While rotating locations, as done for the conference, was considered, keeping meetings in a central location was deemed most practical at this time. Amie Lynn and Nancy Waterhouse will collaborate to finalize the locations.

2026 State Representative Appointment – Amie Lynn has reappointed Stacey Russell to serve another term as State Representative.

Further details will be provided during the discussion of committee roles and functions under “Committee Discussion Items” below.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT – Jared Cottrell**

Reviewed the October 2025 reconciled financials. *Motion, Seconded and Approved:* To accept the October 2025 financials, as presented.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Nancy Waterhouse**

Annual Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement – Nancy Waterhouse will email an electronic copy of the Ohio GFOA Annual Conflict of Interest form to board members for signature and return. These will be kept on file for the organization's 990 filing.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **State Representative – Stacey Russell**

A written report was provided.

### **Nominating – Jessica Marquez**

No report was submitted.

**Communications** – Danny Sklenicka/Mollie Gilbride

The team continues to collaborate with the social media marketing firm to create monthly LinkedIn posts. Stock photos are currently being used unless event photos are submitted; live photos are encouraged. The goal is to produce a promotional video for the conference and to enhance Ohio GFOA's visibility and recognition.

**Sponsorship** – Megan Miller/Gina Love

The 2026 sponsorship opportunities were reviewed. The group discussed whether the Ohio Reception sponsorship fee at the National GFOA Conference should be increased. It was agreed that the sponsorship is intended to help offset costs, not cover them entirely, and the fee will remain at \$10,000.

**Education** – Stacey Russell/Jeff McCuen

A written report was provided.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS ITEMS**

**Membership Committee** – Kyle Smith/Jim Boehmer/Justin Nahvi

Discussed expanding the committee role to include recruitment incentives, networking opportunities, and other strategies to engage members. Ideas for marketing and recruitment included member testimonials, hosting open houses with networking components, and tailoring sponsored webinar content to align with specific membership categories and demographics.

One proposed webinar topic focused on the potential abolishment of property taxes, explaining what local property taxes are and how they support each entity. Jill Davidson was suggested as a presenter. Bethany Staats noted that she recently delivered a presentation on this topic and is willing to partner with Jill to develop a webinar series aimed at helping members communicate this information to their constituents. Kyle Smith and TJ Cusick also volunteered to contribute content on school taxes. The committee also discussed partnering with other affiliated associations, such as OML, OTA, OASBO, and COOA, for potential roundtable discussions and support.

Additionally, the committee discussed creating marketing materials, including a 2026 calendar of events, to send to current and prospective members via regular mail. They will obtain a mailing list from the AOS office to cross-reference with the current membership list to estimate mailing costs.

**Scholarships Committee** – Ami Mayne/Joey Jones

At the previous meeting, there was interest in adding a new scholarship for the updated dues structure. During this meeting, there was further discussion noting that the dues increase was not that significant and that some past scholarship recipients had been awarded funds despite their entities having sufficient resources. Additionally, identifying qualified candidates for each scholarship offering has been challenging. The committee agreed not to move forward with offering the Governmental Institution Member Scholarship.

The current scholarship offerings were reviewed, and the following decisions were made:

**Remove:** Continuing Education Scholarship; Annual Conference Attendee Scholarship; Annual Conference Student Attendee Scholarship

**Keep:** Traditional Student College Scholarship; First-Time Annual Conference Attendee Scholarship; National GFOA Leadership Academy, Annual Conference Attendee, and CPFO Program Scholarships

The committee was tasked with evaluating the credentials and structure of the remaining scholarships to determine if any adjustments are needed. Recommendations will be presented at the February 2026 Board Meeting.

#### **Awards Committee**

Consideration of Board Vote to Dissolve Committee – The Board will continue voting on award submissions, so this protocol remains unchanged. The Board discussed forming an ad-hoc committee to review and update the current award structure and offerings.

**Ad Hoc Awards Committee Volunteers:** Amie Lynn and Heather Vlasuk. Amie Lynn will contact Jill Davidson, who served as committee chair last year, to assist.

#### **Social Committee**

Consideration of Board Vote to Dissolve Committee – The Social Committee was originally established to organize the golf outing. Currently, the Executive Director and her team handle most planning, with input from the President and local Board members for upcoming conferences, as appropriate. *Motion, Seconded, and Approved:* To dissolve the Social Committee. Nancy Waterhouse will update the Policy Manual accordingly.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

2026 New Board Member Committee Appointments – The following committee assignments were made for new board members:

- Jennifer Widmer – Membership Committee and Education Committee
- Jim Bell – Sponsorship Committee and Education Committee
- Sandra Lodge – Membership Committee and Education Committee
- Jennifer Hartley – Membership Committee and Education Committee

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No new announcements were made.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Ohio GFOA  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2025

-----ASSETS-----	Current Year	Last Year
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
HNB - Operating Account	\$ 105,189.33	67,928.14
Prepaid Expenses	27,207.75	35,200.75
<b>INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS</b>		
Cash-Investments	76,395.49	65,983.09
Raymond James	250,441.00	247,163.00
<u>Total Value of Investments</u>	<u>326,836.49</u>	<u>313,146.09</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ <u>459,233.57</u></b>	<b><u>416,274.98</u></b>
-----LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL-----		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Deferred Dues	\$ 57,715.00	40,495.00
Deferred Income	13,875.00	11,000.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>71,590.00</b>	<b>51,495.00</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>71,590.00</b>	<b>51,495.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>		
Net Assets	364,779.98	364,256.67
Current Year	22,863.59	523.31
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>	<b>387,643.57</b>	<b>364,779.98</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$ <u>459,233.57</u></b>	<b><u>416,274.98</u></b>

Ohio GFOA  
INCOME STATEMENT  
For the Month Ending December 31, 2025

	Annual Budget	Current Month Actual	Year-to-Date Actual	Actual H/(L) Budget	Last Year to Date
<b>INCOME</b>					
Dues	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 73,060.00	9,060.00	\$ 65,675.00
<b>Total Dues Income</b>	<b>64,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>73,060.00</b>	<b>9,060.00</b>	<b>65,675.00</b>
<b>MEETINGS INCOME</b>					
Corporate Sponsors	150,000.00	0.00	152,500.00	2,500.00	113,000.00
Intro to Finance Seminar	8,000.00	0.00	11,700.00	3,700.00	8,065.00
Advanced Acctg.	7,500.00	0.00	12,220.00	4,720.00	7,740.00
Annual Conference	172,000.00	750.00	193,300.00	21,300.00	173,737.00
Intermed Accounting Semi	6,000.00	0.00	14,315.00	8,315.00	0.00
Webinars (non-members)	100.00	0.00	101.58	1.58	106.88
<b>Total Meetings Income</b>	<b>343,600.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>384,136.58</b>	<b>40,536.58</b>	<b>302,648.88</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>					
Interest Income	6,000.00	695.63	7,643.66	1,643.66	6,138.98
Dividends	2,000.00	233.74	2,768.74	768.74	2,249.06
Gain/loss on investments	0.00	148.00	3,278.00	3,278.00	9,679.55
Prior Year Income	3,025.00	0.00	1,350.00	(1,675.00)	655.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>11,025.00</b>	<b>1,077.37</b>	<b>15,040.40</b>	<b>4,015.40</b>	<b>18,722.59</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 418,625.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,827.37</b>	<b>\$ 472,236.98</b>	<b>53,611.98</b>	<b>\$ 387,046.47</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>OPERATING</b>					
Administrative Fees	\$ 104,733.00	\$ 8,727.73	\$ 104,732.67	(0.33)	\$ 102,278.00
Staff Expenses	2,000.00	0.00	1,375.19	(624.81)	926.49
Board Meetings/Expense	5,500.00	0.00	2,118.93	(3,381.07)	4,570.38
Accounting	8,355.00	40.00	8,355.00	0.00	8,155.00
Dues/Subscriptions	225.00	(168.75)	225.00	0.00	56.25
Insurance	2,000.00	0.00	2,017.00	17.00	1,946.00
Office Supplies	2,600.00	210.00	2,560.84	(39.16)	2,543.90
Postage	100.00	2.61	44.43	(55.57)	54.88
Printing	200.00	1.44	187.74	(12.26)	185.12
Telephone	1,200.00	74.31	898.06	(301.94)	922.93
Zoom	1,000.00	0.00	917.90	(82.10)	902.90
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>127,913.00</b>	<b>8,887.34</b>	<b>123,432.76</b>	<b>(4,480.24)</b>	<b>122,541.85</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS</b>					
Newsletter	600.00	0.00	1,384.60	784.60	434.86
Web Site/Formstack	9,000.00	62.60	9,316.80	316.80	7,187.01
Certification Presentations	150.00	0.00	0.00	(150.00)	0.00
Scholarships	14,500.00	0.00	6,251.60	(8,248.40)	16,993.13
Education Committee	1,500.00	0.00	1,359.93	(140.07)	1,346.58
Social Media/Marketing	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
National Meetings	25,000.00	0.00	15,054.60	(9,945.40)	21,508.11
<b>Total Membership Progr</b>	<b>56,750.00</b>	<b>62.60</b>	<b>39,367.53</b>	<b>(17,382.47)</b>	<b>53,469.69</b>

Ohio GFOA  
INCOME STATEMENT  
For the Month Ending December 31, 2025

	Annual Budget	Current Month Actual	Year-to-Date Actual	Actual H/(L) Budget	Last Year to Date
<b>MEETINGS/SEMINARS</b>					
Intro to Finance Seminar	3,000.00	0.00	3,192.20	192.20	1,694.33
Advanced Acctg.	11,500.00	0.00	13,850.39	2,350.39	11,449.86
Debt Seminar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Annual Conference	239,775.00	0.00	252,801.88	13,026.88	188,383.91
Intermediate Acct Seminar	5,000.00	0.00	6,646.45	1,646.45	0.00
<b>Total Meetings/Seminars</b>	<b>259,275.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>276,490.92</b>	<b>17,215.92</b>	<b>201,528.10</b>
<b>OTHER</b>					
Bank Charges	120.00	(9.90)	120.00	0.00	120.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	185.00	185.00	0.00
Contingency	21,328.00	0.00	0.00	(21,328.00)	0.00
Prior Year Expense	0.00	0.00	248.64	248.64	0.00
Credit Card Charges	9,000.00	677.66	9,528.54	528.54	8,863.52
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>30,448.00</b>	<b>667.76</b>	<b>10,082.18</b>	<b>(20,365.82)</b>	<b>8,983.52</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 474,386.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,617.70</b>	<b>\$ 449,373.39</b>	<b>(25,012.61)</b>	<b>\$ 386,523.16</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (55,761.00)</b>	<b>\$ (7,790.33)</b>	<b>\$ 22,863.59</b>	<b>78,624.59</b>	<b>\$ 523.31</b>

NOTE: Certain disbursements/receipts are recorded using the Cash Basis accounting method

Ohio GFOA  
Annual Conference  
INCOME STATEMENT  
For the Period Ending December 31, 2025

	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Variance
<b>INCOME</b>				
Conference - Registration	750.00	151,525.00	135,000.00	(16,525)
Conference - Exhibits	0.00	41,775.00	37,000.00	(4,775)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>193,300.00</u>	<u>172,000.00</u>	<u>(21,300)</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Audiovisual/Equipment	0.00	21,978.20	22,000.00	22
Meals/Breaks	0.00	146,172.60	120,000.00	(26,173)
Printing	0.00	836.97	1,000.00	163
Speaker Expenses	0.00	13,438.23	10,000.00	(3,438)
Staff/Officers Expense	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000
Supplies	0.00	3,456.00	6,000.00	2,544
Continuing Education	0.00	50.00	25.00	(25)
Miscellaneous	0.00	350.00	0.00	(350)
Awards	0.00	2,223.64	1,600.00	(624)
Welcome Reception	0.00	26,007.14	33,000.00	6,993
President's Reception	0.00	17,607.15	21,000.00	3,393
Hospitality/Host Committee	0.00	1,276.80	2,000.00	723
CPA Training	0.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	0
Mobile App	0.00	7,039.00	7,300.00	261
Kick-Off Reception	0.00	9,516.15	11,000.00	1,484
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>252,801.88</u>	<u>239,775.00</u>	<u>(13,027)</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>(59,501.88)</u>	<u>(67,775.00)</u>	<u>(8,273)</u>

**Ohio GFOA  
2026 Proposed Operating Budget**

	<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>2025 Actual</b>	<b>Proposed 2026 Budget</b>	<b>Over(Under) 2025 Actual</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Dues Income	\$ 64,000	\$ 73,060	\$ 105,000	\$ 31,940
Corporate Sponsorships	150,000	152,500	150,000	(2,500)
Advanced Accounting Seminar	7,500	12,220	10,000	(2,220)
Annual Conference	172,000	193,300	158,950	(34,350)
Intro to Finance Seminar	8,000	11,700	11,000	(700)
Intermediate Accounting Seminar	6,000	14,315	14,000	(315)
Webinars/Online CPE	100	102	100	(2)
Interest Income	6,000	7,644	8,475	831
Dividends	2,000	2,769	4,000	1,231
Prior Year Income	3,025	1,350	-	(1,350)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>418,625</b>	<b>468,959</b>	<b>461,525</b>	<b>(7,434)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Administrative Fees	104,733	104,732	107,246	2,514
Staff Expense	2,000	1,375	2,000	625
Board Meetings/Expenses	5,500	2,119	5,500	3,381
Accounting	8,355	8,355	8,500	145
Dues/Subscriptions	225	225	225	-
Insurance	2,000	2,017	2,100	83
Office Supplies	2,600	2,561	2,600	39
Postage	100	44	100	56
Printing	200	188	200	12
Telephone	1,200	898	1,200	302
Zoom Account	1,000	918	1,000	82
Social Media/Marketing	6,000	6,000	6,000	-
Website (MemberClicks/CE Library/Formstack)	9,000	9,317	9,500	183
Newsletter (Constant Contact)	600	1,385	1,385	0
Certification Presentation	150	-	150	150
Scholarships	14,500	6,252	14,500	8,248
Education Committee	1,500	1,360	1,500	140
National Meetings	25,000	15,055	25,000	9,945
Advanced Accounting Seminar	11,500	13,850	12,000	(1,850)
Annual Conference	239,775	252,802	277,271	24,469
Intro to Finance Seminar	3,000	3,192	5,000	1,808
Intermediate Accounting Seminar	5,000	6,646	8,000	1,354
Bank Charges	120	120	120	-
Credit Card Processing Fee	9,000	9,529	10,000	471
Contingency	21,328	-	22,383	22,383
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>474,386</b>	<b>448,939</b>	<b>523,480</b>	<b>74,541</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (55,761)</b>	<b>\$ 20,020</b>	<b>\$ (61,955)</b>	<b>\$ (81,975)</b>
Beginning Net Assets	\$ 364,780		\$ 387,644	
Ending Net Assets	\$ 309,019		\$ 325,689	
Rainy Day Reserve	\$ 215,111		\$ 221,209	

**Ohio GFOA  
206 Proposed Annual Conference Budget**

	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>
<b>Operating Revenue</b>			
Conference Registrations	135,000	151,525	118,950
Exhibit Registrations	37,000	41,775	40,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u><b>172,000</b></u>	<u><b>193,300</b></u>	<u><b>158,950</b></u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
AV Equipment	22,000	21,978	24,000
Meals/Breaks	120,000	146,173	145,041
Printing	1,000	837	850
Speakers	10,000	13,438	15,000
Staff/Officers	2,000	-	3,500
Supplies	6,000	3,456	6,000
Awards	1,600	2,224	2,500
Kick-Off Reception	11,000	9,516	8,938
Welcome Reception	33,000	26,007	30,000
Presidents Reception	21,000	17,607	28,042
Hospitality/Host Committee	2,000	1,277	2,500
CPA Training	2,850	2,850	3,500
Continuing Legal Education Fee	25	50	100
Misc.	-	350	-
Mobile App	7,300	7,039	7,300
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u><b>239,775</b></u>	<u><b>252,802</b></u>	<u><b>277,271</b></u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(67,775)</b>	<b>(59,502)</b>	<b>(118,321)</b>

Draft: 2.3.26



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Submitted By: Nancy Waterhouse

Report Date: February 13, 2026

### Update/Summary of Activities:

**Ohio Reception at GFOA Conference** – KeyBank is the official sponsor of the Ohio Reception, scheduled for Monday, June 29, 2026. I have received proposals from the following venues:

- **VU Rooftop Bar** (Hilton Hotel, steps from McCormick Convention Center)  
<https://www.vurooftop.com/>
- **Raised | An Urban Rooftop Bar** (2.5–3 miles from McCormick Convention Center)  
<https://www.raisedbarchicago.com/>

I am still waiting for a proposal from **Offshore Rooftop** (Navy Pier, 2 miles from McCormick Convention Center) <https://www.offshorerooftop.com/private-event-inquiry/>

Both Raised and Offshore offer more visually appealing venues. Are there any concerns about requiring transportation for attendees to reach these locations?

I've requested the list and am currently waiting to receive the Ohio registrants from GFOA.

### **2026 Annual Conference – Presidents Reception Entertainment**

At the last Education Committee meeting, New Wave Nation: *The 1980s* was recommended as potential entertainment. The fee is \$2,500 and includes:

- **Full Production:** Professional sound and lighting
- **Live Music:** Two high-energy 75-minute sets
- **Intermission:** A 30-minute break with a curated playlist of high-energy dance music to keep the momentum going

The price is very reasonable—compared to \$5,100 in 2024 and \$4,770 in 2025. You can view them at <https://newwavenation.com/>. They are available and holding this date until after our meeting as I want to provide one final opportunity for the Board and Education Committee to suggest any other recommendations before we proceed with booking.

**2026 Newsletter Submission Deadlines** – The 2026 Newsletter submission deadlines are April 27, July 27, and November 23, for anyone interested in submitting an article.

**2025 Audit and 990 Filing** – DGPerry CPAs + Advisors have agreed to maintain the same fees as last year. I will reach out to request the engagement letter so we can begin preparing for fieldwork.

**2030 Annual Conference** – Based on our rotation pattern, the conference is scheduled to return to the Cincinnati area in 2030. Destination Dayton has reached out to inquire about submitting a bid for the 2030 conference. Their convention center has recently completed a \$45 million renovation and they believe it would be an excellent fit for our event. Their proposal is available here:

<https://daytoncvb-svp20.sendsites.net/L/F/160049242/P/BrendaBakerJlvs>

They have also provided the following promotional video for your review:

<https://vimeo.com/reviews/fbc773c6-5194-4ac3-9e21-6a42e278ca2d/videos/1146087281>

I am sharing this information in advance to help facilitate further discussion.



## COMMITTEE REPORT TO BOARD

Date: February 13, 2026

Committee Name: **GFOA State Representative**

Submitted By: Stacey Russell

Update/Summary of Activities:

### Information from GFOA:

GFOA 2026 will be in Chicago Illinois, June 28-July 1. Registration and housing are open. This will be GFOA's 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Pre-Conferences Sessions are posted. Registration fees are as follows for Government Members: January 31 -March 27: \$625, After March 27: \$650. Session information is starting to be released and the Tuesday Finale Event will feature Jason Mraz. You can find more information about the conference at <https://www.gfoa.org/conference>

**Upcoming Conference & Training Opportunities:** GFOA offers a wide range of continuing education including in-person sessions, webinars and ELearning. All are available to review at <https://www.gfoa.org/events>

#### In-Person:

- ACFR Bootcamp, Chicago March 17-19
- Accounting Academy, Kansas City, MO April 20 – 22
- Budget Academy, Kansas City, MO April 20-22
- Advanced Budget Academy, Kansas City, MO April 20-22
- Overview of Public Procurement, Kansas City, MO April 20-21
- Understanding Government Compensation and Payroll, Kansas City, MO April 22-23
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#### Webinars:

- GFOA offers approximately 10 webinars over the next 3 months. Ranging from 1-2 CPEs and pricing from \$50 - \$95 for members and \$100 - \$200 for non-members

#### ELearning:

- Art of Budget Communications, February 17-18
- Pensions and Other Postemployment Benefits: Accounting and Financial Reporting, February 17-19
- GASB 103 Implementation: What You Need to Know, February 23 and March 2
- Current Topics in Procurement, March 4-5
- Evaluating Internal Controls, March 3 – 5
- Budget Process 101, March 9-11
- Treasury Management Best Practices, March 17-19
- Understanding Government Compensation and Payroll, March 24-26
- Preparing and Implementing a Capital Improvement Plan, March 30 – April 1

#### Networking Opportunities:

- Black Caucus Listen and Learn Series, February 13, 27, March 13
- Small Government Forum: Internal Controls for Small Governments, April 30

Action Requested of Board: None at this time



## COMMITTEE REPORT TO BOARD

February 13, 2026

Committee Name: Nominating Committee

Submitted By: Jessica Marquez

2026 Goal(s):

To successfully field a **group** of exemplary candidates for the Ohio GFOA Board.

Update/Summary of Activities:

### **2026 Nominating Committee Members:**

Jessica Marquez  
Shawn Hufstedler  
Jill Davidson  
Lori Starcher  
Bethany Staats  
Amie Lynn

The Committee met on February 6, 2026 to discuss open seats and the nominations that will be needed for the 2026 elections.

There is currently one open seat in the Municipality/Village category of an unexpired term previously held by Mollie Gilbride that expires in 2026. This is due to her appointment as President-elect. The amount time remaining on the unexpired term is less than 9 months, and therefore, will be filled through the normal election process.

Through additional discussions and examination of the membership category representations, it was decided to recommend that we reduce the proportional allocation of members in the Municipality/Village category from 8 (calculated) to 7; an increase of 1 over current. That one additional calculated seat will move to State increasing their representation from 1 (calculated) to 2 seats; consistent with the current Board make-up. The County seats will remain at 4 as we shall have 21 Trustees per the Bylaws and the proportionate calculation calculated 22; putting an additional calculated seat in the County category.

Finally, the Committee would recommend reducing the number of seats held by School Districts from the current 2 seats to 1 seat, which aligns with the calculated proportionate share of members for that category. This aligns with one of the school district seats expiring in 2026.

Based upon these recommendations, open seats for the 2026 election will consist of:

State – 1

Municipality/Village – 4

Library – 1

Non-Governmental – 2

A slate of nominees for open seats as well as officers will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

Action Requested of the Board:

Consider the recommended changes to the Board make-up in the Municipality/Village and School District categories.

Trustee Seat Calculations											
Jan-26											
Categories	Current Membership #s (1/26/2026)	Current Membership Percentage	Minimum (per Bylaws)	Current Board Reps	Proportional based on percentage	Proportional based on percentage (ROUNDED)	Desired Reps - Recommended for 2026	Difference b/w Desired and Proportional Calc	Difference b/w Future Desired & 2026 proposed	Future Desired Reps - Potential	Notes - RED TO BE DECIDED NEXT YEAR
State Agency	49	7%	1	2	1.58	1	2	1	-	2	Recommended keeping at 2 due to size and scope of entity. Proportional calculation added an extra seat giving us a total of 22, recommend to remain at 4 seats
County	183	23%	1	4	4.59	5	4	(1)	-	4	Largest representation. Re-allocate to underrepresented types - Move 1 to State from proportional calc- Increase of 2 from current (1 due to unexpired vacancy)
Municipality/Village**	285	40%	1	6	8.06	8	7	(1)	-	7	Recommend reducing to 1 due to low membership. reconsider if membership rises in future years - Move 1 to City compared to current - follow proportional calc
Township	20	3%	1	1	0.26	1	1	-	-	1	
School District	25	3%	1	2	0.70	1	1	-	-	1	
Special District	62	9%	1	2	1.75	2	2	-	-	2	
Library	34	5%	1	1	0.96	1	1	-	-	1	
Non-Governmental/Non-Profit	72	10%	3	3	3	3	3	-	-	3	Per bylaws, should be exactly 3 (not part of proportional calc = hard coded)
Associate/Retired Past Presidents	5	1%	10	21	21	22	21	(1)	-	21	
Total	718	100%	7	18	18	19	18	(1)	-	18	
Total without Non-Govt/Assoc/Retired		89%	7	18	18	19	18	(1)	-	18	

\*\*As of 2/6/2026 there is one seat open due to a vacancy created when Mollie Gilbride was elected President-elect in 2025; her term expires in 2026.

NOTES:

Use categories and requirements of bylaws to guide above requirements and intent.

Recommend more trustees than the proportional membership calculation for the State of Ohio category, due to the size and scope of the entity, including consideration of the variety of agencies within the State.



# COMMITTEE REPORT TO BOARD

Date: February 13, 2026

Committee Name: Sponsorship

Submitted By: Gina Love, Megan Miller and Jim Bell

Goal(s) and Current Benchmark(s):

To bring in \$160,000 in sponsorships for 2026. To achieve this, we will reach out to all 2024 and 2025 Sponsors, companies that have contributed in the past, and reach out to new potential sponsors.

Update/Summary of Activities:

Total Commitments Received to date - \$110,000 (20 sponsors) (Detailed Report Attached)

Action Requested of Board:

- ~Review the "List of Corporate Sponsors" for those vendors that you have a relationship with and reach out to them to remind them of how meaningful it is to sponsor Ohio GFOA or refer them to Adam, Gina or Megan and/or the website.
- ~Review the "List of Corporate Sponsors" and determine if there is a vendor that you work with that would be interested in sponsorship that is not on our list and refer them to Jim Bell, Branden Burns, Gina Love, Megan Miller and/or the website.

Date of Next Meeting:

TBD

### Committee Chairs

- Organize and lead your committee
- Recruit members
- Engage members
- Contribute reports to the newsletter
- Report to the Board of Trustees
- Educate the membership about your committee issues
- Develop activities to advance your committee's interests
- Identify and plan for leadership succession



# Sponsorship Commitments

Sponsorship Year	2026	
Sponsor	Sum of Amount Received	
<b>SILVER</b>		
Bradley Payne Advisors	\$	5,000
Squire Patton Boggs	\$	5,000
The Huntington National Bank	\$	5,000
<b>RWB</b>		
JPMorgan Chase Bank	\$	1,000
PFM Financial Advisors LLC	\$	1,000
Springbrook Software	\$	1,000
Empower	\$	1,000
<b>PLATINUM+</b>		
KeyBanc Capital Markets	\$	20,000
Software Solutions, Inc.	\$	13,500
<b>GOLD</b>		
DataServ Integrations, LLC	\$	7,500
Meeder Public Funds	\$	7,500
OpenGov	\$	7,500
Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA)	\$	7,500
Workday	\$	7,500
Merchant Cost Consulting	\$	7,500
<b>BRONZE</b>		
Plante Moran	\$	2,500
Rea & Associates	\$	2,500
RedTree Investment Group	\$	2,500
Sudsina & Associates, LLC	\$	2,500
VC3	\$	2,500
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>110,000</b>

February 13, 2026

Submitted By: Jeff McCuen/Stacey Russell

**2026 Goal(s):**

The committee works to provide relevant and timely professional development opportunities to our members at locations throughout the state of Ohio.

**Update/Summary of Activities:**

**2026 Seminars**

- **Introduction to the Finance Office**
  - Dates: April 21 & 22
  - Location: Rea - Dublin, OH
  - Facilitator: Joey Jones
- **Intermediate Governmental Accounting**
  - Dates: July 14 & 15
  - Location: Marriott at the University of Dayton - Dayton, OH
  - Facilitator: Anita Martin
- **Advanced Governmental Accounting**
  - Dates: August 5 & 6
  - Location: Niagara Event Center - Put-in-Bay, OH
  - Facilitator: Jeff McCuen
  - \*\*Status: Waiting to hear from Niagara Event Center to confirm booking*

**2026 Webinars**

*\*\*\* Deadline for Platinum & Gold Level Sponsors to Reserve a Webinar spot is February 27, 2026.*

- **“No Tax on Overtime”: What Government Employers Need to Know**
  - Date: February 25
  - Speaker: Kaitlyn Cook Robison, Rea Business Advisors
- **Local Taxes 101** (Working Title, Details are still being finalized.)
  - Date: March
  - Facilitator: Bethany Staats

**2026 Annual Conference Action Items for Education Committee Meeting**

- Welcome Reception Ideas
- Presidents Reception Entertainment
- Identify Top 3 General Session Speakers
- Conference & Webinar Topics: Break into groups based on tracks
- Conference Grid Subcommittee Meeting: Early March



<b>2026 FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT</b>	
<b>MEMBER TYPE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>GOVERNMENTAL TOTAL</b>	<b>714</b>
County	181
Library	37
City/Village	321
School District	31
Special District	66
State Agency	56
Township	22
<b>NON-GOVERNMENTAL TOTAL</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>ASSOCIATE</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>801</b>
<b>RETIRED PAST PRESIDENTS (comp lifetime membership)</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Lapsed Report by Category</b>	<b>Total</b>
County	41
Library	19
City/Village	84
School District	9
Special District	20
State Agency	20
Township	8
Non-Governmental	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>240</b>

**Exclusive 2026 Ohio GFOA membership offer to non-members at 2025 Ohio Reception in Washington, DC**

Thirty-five individuals received the invitation for the 50% membership discount. The deadline to take advantage of the offer is February 15, 2026. To date, no one has enrolled.



**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**  
*Scholarship Committee*

**Report Date: February 2026**

**Members:** Ami Mayne, Joey Jones

**Update/Summary of Activities:**

We have the following scholarships available for 2026:

- First-Time Annual Conference Attendee Scholarship (8)  
GFOA Annual Conference registration (\$350 value)  
Two-night hotel payment, made directly to the hotel  
\$100 for travel expenses, made payable to entity  
Ohio GFOA membership through December 2027  
Deadline to apply – July 20, 2026
- Traditional Student College Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)  
Deadline to apply – July 20, 2026
- National GFOA Annual Conference Attendee Scholarship  
Reimbursable National GFOA annual conference registration (\$625 value)  
Reimbursable travel expenses up to \$1,500  
Deadline to apply – March 9, 2026
- National GFOA CPFO Program Scholarship (limited number - \$1,200 value)  
Deadline to apply – March 27, 2026
- National GFOA Leadership Academy Scholarship – more info will be available when we get it.

More detailed information is on the [GFOA website](#). Encourage people to apply!

**Action Requested of Board:**

None