



# COMMITTEE REPORT TO BOARD

Date: September 24, 2024

Committee Name: **GFOA State Representative**

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## Update/Summary of Activities:

### Information from GFOA:

**Mental Model Makeover Challenge:** Public finance professionals often wish their audiences were better informed about public finance. Providing people with better mental models is a shortcut to help them become better informed and make better decisions. The Mental Model Makeover Challenge encourages the GFOA community to work together to develop better mental models. The deadline to enter is February 28, 2025. More info: <https://www.gfoa.org/mental-model-challenge>

### Upcoming Conference & Training Opportunities:

#### In-Person:

- Preparing & Implementing a Capital Improvement Plan, Chicago, September 30 – October 1
- Alliance for Smarter School Spending Fall Meeting, Chicago, October 17-18
- Revenue Policies, Chicago, October 22
- Budget Process 101, Chicago, October 23
- Treasury Management Best Practices, Chicago, November 13-14
- Best Practices & Strategies for Public Investing, Chicago, November 14-15

#### Webinars:

- The Language of Numbers: How to Clearly Communicate Part Two, October 1
- Cultivating Inner Spirit: Harnessing Optimism for Personal Growth in Finance (Part 1) October 3
- Budget Award Criteria Revisions, October 3
- GAAFR Plus Webinar, October 15
- Owning the Room: Elevating Your Public Speaking and Presentation Skills, October 16
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility and Financial Documents, October 18
- Building Team Spirit: Fostering Collaboration and Trust in Your Finance Office (Part 2) October 22
- Forming Relationships Outside the Finance Office: Creating Generative Relationships with Other Departments and Elected Officials (Part 3), November 12
- Rethinking Budgeting in Action Part One: Why Should Local Governments Rethink Budgeting? November 15
- Disclosure Update, November 20
- Understanding Pension Plans, November 21

#### ELearning:

- Overview of Public Procurement, October 7-9
- Debt Management Best Practices, October 28-30
- Government Accounting Intensive Series, November 4-6
- Art of Budget Communications, November 5-7
- 2024 Annual Governmental GAAP Update. November 14
- Understanding Government Compensation & Payroll, November 18-20
- Budget Documents Basics, November 19-21

#### Networking Opportunities:

- LGBTQIA+ Caucus Annual Business Meeting, November 7
- Urban Forum Networking Event, November 14

## Action Requested of Board:

None at this time