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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ohio GFOA 25th Annual Conference and Membership Meeting will be September 12-14, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Cincinnati North Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.



October 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a privilege to be your president for the upcoming year. I am looking forward to serving you and the organization. Many thanks to Tim Pope for a marvelous job as president in 2010-2011 and a big thank you to Cathe Armstrong and the entire Education Committee for once again putting on outstanding programs in 2010-2011 as well as timely and informative sessions presented at the Annual Conference (for those of you who didn't have the opportunity to attend, please try to join us September 12- 14, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Cincinnati North Hotel in Sharonville). I would like to thank Nancy Waterhouse and the Accent on Management staff for their outstanding work all year and especially for their assistance at our Annual Conference. The conference went off without a flaw. I want to thank Auditor Yost not only for his participation at the Annual Conference but also for his presentation at "Meet the Auditor Day" last spring.



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2011 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

New Officers Named

President, **Ken Kleppel**, Lake Metroparks
President-Elect, **Bob Hinkle**, Auditor of State's Office
Secretary, **Jamie Nicholson**, City of New Albany
Treasurer, **Harlita Robinson**, City of Forest Park

Newly Elected Trustees

City or Village
Keith Dirham, City of Medina

Library

Stacey Russell, Muskingum County Library System

Non-Governmental

Greg Daniels, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P.
Matt Stout, Bricker & Eckler LLP

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

2011-2012 Ohio GFOA Board Meeting Schedule
November 18, 2011
January 20, 2012
March 16, 2012
May 11, 2012
September 11, 2012
November 16, 2012

COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS

The Board works hard for you and your feedback is important to us. If you have any comments or suggestions you would like to bring forward to the Board, please contact Executive Director, Nancy Waterhouse, at 614.221.1900 ext. 228 or nancy@assnoffices.com

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Adam Collier, Hamilton Local Schools

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Lori Starcher, Regional Income Tax Agency

Ohio GFOA wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the contributors who have provided financial assistance to make this conference a success for attendees and guests. [Click here](#) to view a complete list of sponsors.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following 2011 Ohio GFOA Scholarship and Award Winners

GFOA Advanced Government Finance Institute Program
Harlita H. Robinson, Finance Director, City of Forest Park

Traditional Student Scholarship
Cory Turner, Accounting Intern, Cleveland Metroparks

Continuing Education Scholarship
Shannon Fielder, Accounts Payable, City of Napoleon
Melissa Lee, Assistant Treasurer, Hilliard City School District

Annual Conference Scholarship
Scott Gully, Finance Director, City of North College Hill
Angel Mumma, Director of Finance, City of Gahanna
Debra Schenk, Fiscal Officer, Wright Memorial Public Library
Michele Zeedyk, CFO, Defiance Public Library

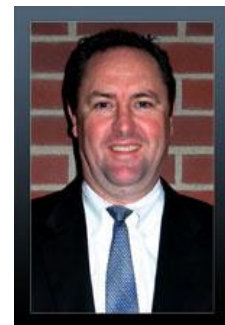
Innovation in Public Finance Award
Brian Kelley, CIO, Portage County

FEATURED ARTICLE

Analytics: Working smarter, not harder

By: Bob Hinkle, Chief Deputy Auditor

In fulfilling our basic mission as financial reporting professionals to ensure that financial reports fairly present the operations of an audited entity, an essential link in the process has always been testing the data to ensure that it is valid and representative of operations.



The Ohio GFOA Website had a facelift.
[Check it out!](#)

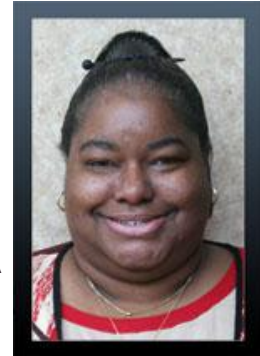
Traditionally, we have emphasized tests of details to validate the transactions underlying financial reports. After our auditors have done their pre-audit work, during which they narrow down the areas of inquiry and choose areas of focus, it has been necessary to sample the data and track it down to its original sources.

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ADVANCED GOVERNMENT FINANCE INSTITUTE ARTICLE

ADVANCED GOVERNMENT FINANCE INSTITUTE
by Harlita H. Robinson

I attended the Advanced Government Finance Institute held at the University of Wisconsin's Madison School of Business from July 24th to 29th of 2011. I was fortunate to have been awarded the 2011 scholarship for the Advanced Government Finance Institute by the Ohio GFOA which paid for my registration fees and lodging costs.



Our group had 42 professionals from 22 States and Puerto Rico and was made up of primarily municipal and county finance and budget directors, but also had a some school district, city management, college administrative services and Housing Authority personnel.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ohio GFOA would like to welcome new members for the 2011-2012 membership year. We are glad you chose to become a member and feel certain you will benefit from this affiliation.

For more information about Ohio GFOA membership please visit our website at www.ohgfoa.com. For a complete listing of new members [click here](#).

OHIO GFOA 17th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The Ohio GFOA 17th Annual Golf Outing was held July 14th, 2011 at Sawmill Creek Resort Golf Course in Huron, Ohio.





To view more Ohio GFOA Golf Outing photos [CLICK HERE](#).

"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.