

OHIO GFOA E-NEWS UPDATE

Government Finance Officers Association



President's Message



Stacey Russell
Ohio GFOA President

I hope you were able to join us at the 30th Annual Conference in Cleveland. Thank you to our Education Committee for a wonderful conference. Our sponsorship committee hit an all-time high and the support of our sponsors and vendors allowed us to make the 30th Annual Conference one of the best yet!

Thank you also to Jill Thompson, Athens County Auditor, who completed her term as Ohio GFOA President. Jill's passion and enthusiasm for government finance and Ohio GFOA is infectious and we are so grateful for her leadership. Thank you to outgoing Board Trustee members Greg Daniels, Jennifer Johns, Lori Starcher, Matt Stout and Dan Wilson. We appreciate your service. The Ohio GFOA Board welcomes new Board members: Allison Binkley, Joann Bury, Emily Hatfield, Kelly Kroll, Ami Mayne and Ryan Nelson. We are excited to see new ideas they may bring to our leadership.

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Empowering the Taxpayers to Follow the Money

By: Josh Mandel, Treasurer of Ohio

As Treasurer of Ohio, I believe taxpayers have a right to know how their tax dollars are being spent. All too often, we the people aren't able to follow our money once we write a check to city hall, the state capital or Washington D.C.

I believe that when we make government small in size and scope, we make the individual big. And in giving taxpayers a tool to follow every cent of their hard-earned tax money, OhioCheckbook.com helps to transfer the power from the politicians to the people.



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GFOA Awards Recognitions



Congratulations to the following...

City of Powell for being a first-time recipient of the GFOA's *Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award*.

City of Pataskala for being a *Distinguished Budget Award* first-time award winner.

New Albany-Plain Local Schools for earning GFOA's *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award* five (5) consecutive years. Both **Strongsville City Schools** and the **Xenia Community School District** were first-time recipients of this award as well.

Welcome New Members

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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](#).

2017-2018 Newly Elected Officers and Trustees

President, **Stacey Russell**, Fiscal Officer, Muskingum County Library System, Zanesville
President-elect, **Jamie Nicholson**, Finance Director, City of Pataskala, Pataskala
Secretary, **Lori Starcher**, Chief Financial Officer, Regional Income Tax Agency, Brecksville
Treasurer, **Jared Cottrell**, Partner, Kennedy Cottrell Richards, Gahanna

Trustees elected to a three-year term:

Joann Bury, Director of Finance, City of Gahanna, Gahanna

Angel Mumma, Director of Finance, City of Dublin, Dublin

Kelly Kroll, Fiscal Officer, Medina County District Library, Medina

Emily Hatfield, Treasurer/CFO, Olentangy Local School District, Lewis Center

Ami Mayne, Director of Audit Administration, Ohio Auditor of State, Canton

Allison Binkley, Principal, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, Columbus

Ryan Nelson, Managing Principal & Portfolio Manager, Redtree Investment Group, Cincinnati

SAVE THE DATE

2018 Annual Conference and Membership Meeting



September 19-21, 2018

Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, 151 W. Fifth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Don't miss out on the unparalleled opportunities for sharing ideas, sharpening skills, discovering the new tools and technologies, and networking with peers from across the state.



Hotel Information

To ensure accurate reservations, click [here](#). The deadline to receive the Ohio GFOA discount rate of \$175 plus applicable tax is **August 20, 2018**. Requests received after August 20, 2018 will be accepted based on room and rate availability. **Reserve your room today!**

Exhibitor Information

Make sure your company is represented at Ohio GFOA's 2018 Annual Conference and Membership Meeting. It is the perfect place to establish new partnerships and reconnect with existing customers. [Register to Exhibit Today!](#)

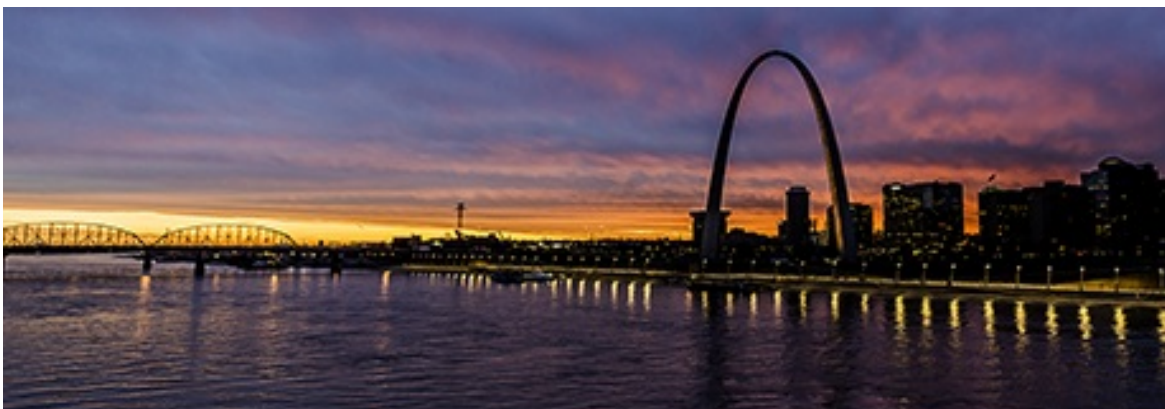
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GFOA 112th Annual Conference



2017 Award Recipients

2017 Hugh Dorrian Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to **Frank Gambosi**, Finance Director, City of Bedford, Bedford, Ohio. Named in honor of Columbus City Auditor, Hugh Dorrian, this award recognizes those for their lifetime service to the public and through the Ohio GFOA with honesty and integrity throughout their careers.

Frank has 37+ years of experience in state and local government. He has served 26 years as the Director of Finance for the City of Bedford and served as a state examiner seven (7) years with the State of Ohio Auditor's office. Frank is a past president of the Ohio GFOA Board. In addition, he served as a Trustee for seven (7) years and also served as Secretary.

He recently served as an executive board member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada, and has been assigned as ex-officio of the Audit and Tax, and CAAFR Committees. In this capacity, Frank along with another board member, reviews the financial reports and tax returns of the GFOA.



Left to Right: Frank Gambosi, Hugh Dorrian and Jill Thompson

In addition to the work he continues to do to improve the financial reporting of the local governments, Frank devotes countless hours to help mentor and develop others within the organization.

2017 Excellence in Government Award was awarded to **Scott Campbell**, Chief Financial Officer, Ohio Water Development Authority, Columbus, Ohio. The award recognizes those who have shown a high degree of integrity, innovation and exceptional governmental leadership.



Scott Campbell with Jill Thompson after receiving award

Scott has been employed by the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) for almost 30 years and has served as its Chief Financial Officer for the past 12 years. He has earned a national reputation for his expertise and leadership in the public financing of water and wastewater infrastructure and for public financial management at the highest level of professionalism. His efforts have greatly benefitted not only the OWDA, but also the hundreds of local governments in Ohio that avail themselves of OWDA loans and their millions of residents and rate-payers.

Member News



Ohio GFOA members **Jamie Nicholson**, Finance Director City of Pataskala, **Scott Gully**, Tax Commissioner, Village of Indian Hill, **Michael Sudsina**, Managing Partner, Sudsina & Associates, LLC along with Ember Strange, Assistant Finance Director, City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met with their legislators on the hill in DC to discuss the tax code changes, and impacts to local governments and their communities.

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Mission Statement

"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.

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