



Board Members			Committee Chairs		
President	Sheryl Bowman	Present	Annual Conference	Donna McGinnis	Present
1 st Vice President	Cindy West	Present			
2 nd Vice President	Linda Cook	Present	Career Development	Ramona Bivins	Present
Treasurer	Ashlan Troutman Webb	Present	Communications Chair	Melanie Chandler	Present
Secretary	Andria “Lisa” Williams	Present	Government Relations/Strategic Planning	Carlos Encinas	Present
Director	Abby Branam	Present	Membership Chair	Amy Bennett	Present
Director	Vita Dotson	Present	Scholarship/Awards	Jennifer Fricks	Present
Director	Susan Van Nus	Present	Technical Resources	Kevin Hutcheson	Present
Director	Becky Norris	Present			
Historian	Laura Puckett	Present			
Past President	Angie Sorrow	Present			

CALL TO ORDER

Sheryl Bowman called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M. and recognized our sponsors and contributors and thanked them for being a part of GGFOA and supporting GGFOA every year.

PRAYER

John Hulsey led a prayer.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Ashlan Troutman Webb presented the FY23 Financial Report. She reported the GGFOA Fiscal year 2022 annual audit has been completed and is available on the GGFOA website. She reported for the period November 1st through September 30th, there were recognized revenues of approximately \$59,000 and expenses of approximately \$44,000. She added it does not include numbers from the conference activities which would not be available until the close of the month in October. She offered copies of the FY22 Annual Report and FY23 year to date Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements.

GFOA Update

Shayne Kavanagh with GFOA gave an update on the various services provided by GFOA. He encouraged members to attend the 118th annual GFOA conference in Orlando, Florida. It will be held in June, 2024. He also encouraged members to participate in the GFOA Fiscal Fluency challenge where the winner gets an all-expense paid trip to the conference in Orlando.



GGFOA – YEAR IN REVIEW - Board President, Sheryl Bowman, reported on the very busy year in review. She gave an update on the successful completion of the new GGFOA website. She pointed out the new Job Board section and encouraged everyone to post available jobs for their governments. She also spoke of the importance of input from members as it relates to the long-term goals of the GGFOA. She thanked the committees and the board for their hard work and dedication in working together to put together a successful conference. She thanked the sponsors for their support and gave thanks to Carl Vinson Institute of Government for all of their hard work and effort in working together with the committees in order to ensure a great conference. Finally, she thanked all of the speakers and moderators for their time, knowledge and professionalism.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Conference – Donna McGinnis thanked everyone for joining us for *Going for the Win* in Athens, Georgia this year. She reported that the conference committee had a busy and successful year. We received support from 17 sponsors, totaling \$66,200. This support includes sponsorship for our Tuesday evening entertainment. We registered 322 attendees, along with 99 booth exhibitors. The conference sessions were provided by 33 speakers and 1 keynote speaker, with all sessions supported by 25 trained moderators. Donna thanked all of the merchandise supporters and gave special thanks to several committee members. She also announced our selected charity, Project Safe. She announced that next year's conference will be at Jekyll Island.

Career Development- Ramona Bivins reported on the Wednesday's News You Can Use sessions that are offered as a part of Career Development. She encouraged members to register and attend the next session that will be offered in November.

Communications - Melanie Chandler reported that the Communications Committee puts out 4 quarterly newsletters each year, with the last one going out this December. She mentioned if anyone would like to contribute content please let us know. She also encouraged members to please like and share our posts on Facebook.



Government Relations/Strategic Planning - Carlos Encinas explained his committee is responsible for providing legislative updates that are relevant to GGFOA. He mentioned he received requests from some members interested in joining and encouraged everyone to please reach out to him if they are interested.

Membership - Amy reported the membership has grown by approximately 9%. The 876 members are comprised of 778 regular members, 75 associates, 8 retirees, 7 educators, and 8 students.

Scholarship/Awards - Jennifer Fricks reported that, so far, they had sold 464 of the 590 scholarship tickets. She thanked everyone for donating to Project Safe that Donna McGinnis mentioned earlier. She encouraged members to join and participate on committees and spoke on how each purchase of a raffle ticket helps to support our various scholarships, and encouraged members to ask questions about the scholarships that we offer. She also thanked our sponsors and members and scholarship recipients that helped to man the booth.

Technical Resources - Kevin Hutcheson reported that new website has been a success overall and thanked Sheryl, Jennifer, Sue Joe and the Board, for all of their support this year.

RECOGNITION OF CARL VINSON LOCAL FINANCE OFFICER GRADUATES - John Hulsey recognized new graduates of the program. The program is a partnership and collaboration of GGFOA and CVIOG to provide level I and II Certificates as well as continue education certificates. He also recognized past participants of the program and asked them to stand.

RECOGNITION OF PFLA GRADUATES - John Hulsey stated PFLA is a cohort program is a relatively new program with the purposes of building capacity in the public finance profession. He recognized past participants of the program and asked them to stand. He reported, to date, they have graduated 40 participants and 16 are slated as cohorts for the 2023-2024 program.



He then thanked the GGFOA business partners that support the program - Bates Carter, Davenport & Company, Mauldin & Jenkins, Rushton, Stifel and J.P. Morgan. John also mentioned that GGFOA offers scholarships for 3 Level-1 scholarships, 1 Level- 2 scholarship, and 2 PFLA scholarships. Interested members should contact Jennifer Fricks.

FY 2022-2023 Graduates as follows:

- Sheryl Bowman, City of Atlanta
- DeVonya Brown, DeKalb County School District
- Melanie Chandler, City of Cornelia
- Linda Cook, Putnam County
- Elisa Culver, Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport
- Diane Gardner, DeKalb County School District
- Mariel Jennings, DeKalb County School District
- Joseph Johnson, Gwinnett County
- Marsha Klecan, City of St. Marys
- Antoinette Lewis, DeKalb County Watershed Management
- Oscar Medina, City of Brookhaven
- Teri Noble, DeKalb County School District
- Heather Pezanetti, Liberty County
- Kizzie Sibert, Hancock County
- Michelle Thorns, DeKalb County Watershed Management
- Cynthia West, City of Statesboro
- Linda Williams, DeKalb County School District

RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS

Sheryl Bowman thanked all of the past presidents for their service and asked them to stand and be recognized.



Nominating Committee Report

Angie Sorrow presented the 2023-2024 board members as follows:

President – Cindy West
1st Vice-President – Linda Cook
2nd Vice-President – Ashlan Troutman-Webb
Treasurer – Lisa Williams
Secretary – Donna McGinnis
Director – Jennifer Fricks
Director – Amy Bennett
Director – Susan Van Nus
Director – Becky Norris
Director Ramona Bivins
Historian – Angie Sorrow
Past President – Sheryl Bowman

Motion to approve the slate of officers for 2023-2024 was made by Angie Sorrow

And seconded by Laurie Puckett. The motion passed unanimously.

OATH OF OFFICE

John Hulsey administered the Oath of Office to the 2023-2024 board members.

INTRODUCTION OF 2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Sheryl Bowman introduced the 2023-2024 Committee Chairs as follows:

Annual Conference Chair – Ryan Lockett
Career Development – Tamara Ellison
Communications Chair – Melanie Chandler
Government Relations/Strategic Planning – Carlos Encinas
Membership Chair – Marlena Joseph
Scholarship/Awards – Ivy Adams
Technical Resources – Kevin Hutcheson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl thanked everyone for attending the conference and announced a special presentation by the Public Trust Advisors.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:53 P.M.