



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tina Wetherford Alisha Gamble Chiquita Danzy
Laurie Puckett Anna Payne Alicia Page
Zach Propes Linda Cook Travis Sims
Diane McNabb Lorri Robinson

COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT: Karine Brooms John Hulsey Sheryl Bowman
Cindy West Jennifer Fricks

COMMITTEE CHAIRS ABSENT: Peter Floyd (substitute Mark Moore in attendance)

GGFOA MEMBERSHIP IN ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER & RECOGNITION OF SPONSORS

President Tina Wetherford called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm and recognized our sponsors and contributors, thanking them for their support. Without their support, the conference would not be possible.

PRAYER/MEAL

John Hulsey led a prayer, and the meal was served.

APPROVAL OF 2017 BUSINESS LUNCHEON MINUTES

Copies of the minutes from the 2017 Business Luncheon were provided at each of the tables. Tina Wetherford presented the minutes and asked if anyone had any questions. Amy Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2017 Business Luncheon, and the motion was seconded by Alicia Page. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Laurie Puckett presented the 2017 financial report and audit. Since the last conference, the 2017 audit was completed by Mauldin & Jenkins with a clean opinion, and beginning net assets on October 31, 2017 were \$241,232. A summary of year-to-date revenues and expenses for fiscal year 2018 is provided in the Treasurer's Report available at each table. YTD revenues are \$97,246 and YTD expenses are \$52,787, with ending net assets as of September 30, 2018 at \$285,691. Budget vs. Actual reports are also provided at each table, but they do not include final revenues and expenses for the conference.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Tina Wetherford called for a motion to accept the financial reports. The motion was made by Linda Cramer and seconded by Linda Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Conference

Karine Brooms acknowledged and thanked sponsors for making the conference possible. She stated that this was her last year as Annual Conference Chair, and she was grateful for the opportunity. Karine reported that there were 478 conference attendees this year. She thanked those who helped with the conference and asked them to stand.



Karine encouraged all members who are interested in serving on the committee to stop by the registration booth. She concluded her committee report by thanking those who donated to the toy drive.

Career Development

John Hulsey asked the membership, who remembers the first Wednesday's News You Can Use session? He said it goes back to 2013 at the offices of Mauldin & Jenkins. We offer 4-6 webinars each year as a value-added resource to members. The webinars are free to GGFOA members. John asked all webinar presenters to stand and be recognized.

He reminded the membership that GGFOA's Education/Training page on the website includes archived Wednesday's News You Can Use webinars - members who miss the live webinars still have an opportunity to watch them online. He also stated that the webinars have recently become NASBA certified, which means they offer not only CEU credits, but also CPEs. This has helped increase participation in the live webinars.

John Hulsey reminded the membership about another free resource available to members on GGFOA's website – tutorials. The tutorials are a great resource, particularly for new hires needing to learn about governmental accounting.

John Hulsey called for sponsors interested in presenting for the Wednesday's News You Can Use webinars who have not yet presented to please come talk to him.

Communications

Cindy West reported that the Communications Committee is working on the next newsletter and asked those interested in contributing to email ggfoa@ggfoa.org. She recommended Ramona Carver as the incoming Communications Committee Chair.

Membership

Sheryl Bowman announced that she is excited to see growth in the membership. GGFOA's membership has grown over 20% since 2015.

Current membership numbers are as follows: 693 Members, 161 Associate members, 4 Educator members, and 3 Student members – for a total of 861 members.

Scholarship/Awards

Jennifer Fricks reported that we raised more funds for scholarships this year than last, and she appreciates the support. She then reminded the membership that it is not too late to participate in the scholarship raffle or Silent Auction. Please stop by the Scholarships booth to participate.

Government Relations/Strategic Planning

In the absence of Peter Floyd, Mark Moore presented the Government Relations/Strategic Planning committee report. He stated that the committee's primary role has been to monitor and report on legislation introduced by the General Assembly that is of interest to the membership. The committee tracks bills and reports periodically on their progress throughout the legislative session.



The 2019 legislative session is the first year of the General Assembly's biennial cycle. All previously introduced legislation has been cleared and all bills must be newly submitted. Legislation that was previously stuck in committee or otherwise dormant may be reintroduced and find new life.

ACCG is planning to form an ad hoc committee consisting of related organizations that can share expertise throughout the legislative session. ACCG is looking for a few GGFOA members to volunteer and be on-call for quick responses to questions and evaluation of legislation from a financial perspective. Two GGFOA members have volunteered for the committee. Others who are interested should contact Peter Floyd.

The House Study Committee on Reforming Real Property Taxation is meeting on October 3, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Capital.

RECOGNITION OF CARL VINSON LOCAL FINANCE OFFICER CERTIFICATES

John Hulseay recognized the following members in attendance for achieving their Local Finance Officer certificates:

Certified Finance Officer – Level I:

- Sheryl Bowman, Bibb County Superior Court Clerk's Office
- Bobby Chesnutt, Oconee County Board of Commissioners
- Michelle Collings, City of Marietta
- Tina Dones, Gwinnett County Police Department
- Bethanie Edwards, Newton County Board of Commissioners
- Heidi Hook, Habersham County
- Lisa Jackson, Putnam County Government
- Denise Mitchell, Gwinnett County Tax Commissioner
- Beth O'Donnell, Newton County Board of Commissioners
- Joe Perez, City of Lawrenceville
- Takeashi Price, City of Albany
- Sharon Smith, DeKalb County Government
- Lisa Thurmond, Athens-Clarke County Government
- Rebecca Watkins, Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority
- Hope Weeks, Jackson County Water and Sewage Authority
- Brittany White, Newton County Board of Commissioners
- Rebecca Whitmire, Forsyth County Government

Certified Finance Officer – Level II:

- Karine Brooms, City of Dunwoody
- Vita Dotson, Gwinnett County Government
- Paula Granger, Seminole County
- Rebecca Harden, Charlton County Government
- Sonya Isaac, City of Norcross
- Robin McKnight, DeKalb County Government
- Amy Orebaugh, City of Cedartown
- Anna Payne, Gwinnett County Government
- Jacqueline Pryor, City of Hiram



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- Shona Rollins, DeKalb County Government
 - Lisa Weth, McIntosh County Board of Commissioners
 - Trey Wood, Jackson County Board of Commissioners
 - Brian Yen, Gwinnett County Government

RECOGNITION OF 2017-2018 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Tina Wetherford recognized the 2017-2018 officers and committee chairs for their dedication and service over the past year:

1st Vice President – Alisha Gamble
2nd Vice President – Chiquita Danzy
Treasurer – Laurie Puckett
Secretary – Anna Payne
Director – Travis Sims
Director – Lorri Robinson
Director – Zach Propes
Director – Linda Cook
Historian – Alicia Page
Past President – Diane McNabb
Annual Conference Chair – Karine Brooms
Career Development Chair – John Hulsey
Communications Chair – Cindy West
Government Relations/Strategic Planning Chair – Peter Floyd
Membership Chair – Sheryl Bowman
Scholarship/Awards Chair – Jennifer Fricks

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARD AND PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Tina Wetherford presented the Service Award to Jennifer Fricks and the President's Award to Linda Cook.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Jennifer Fricks announced the following scholarship recipients:

Certificate in Public Financial Management (CPFM) Scholarship:
Elizabeth Barfield, Columbus Consolidated Government

Jim Pehrson Conference Scholarship:
Donna Todd, Putnam County
Sherri Bailey, City of Washington

Level I Certified Finance Officer Scholarship:
Cynthia Strozier, City of Tucker
Rashonda Favors, City of Stockbridge
Ella Fast, City of Sky Valley

Annual College Scholarship:
Jessica Hudson, DeKalb County Government



ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOLF WINNERS

David Griffin of Atlanta Retirement Partners, the golf tournament sponsor, announced the winners of the golf tournament.

NOMINATION OF 2018-2019 BOARD

Diane McNabb made the following recommendations for 2018-2019 board members:

President – Alisha Gamble
1st Vice President – Chiquita Danzy
2nd Vice President – Laurie Puckett
Treasurer – Travis Sims
Secretary – Angie Sorrow
Director – Jennifer Fricks
Director – Cindy West
Director – Lorri Robinson
Director – Zach Propes
Historian – Diane McNabb
Past President – Tina Wetherford

Alicia Page made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the 2018-2019 Board, and Linda Cook seconded the motion. The motion to accept the 2018-2019 board members passed unanimously.

OATH OF OFFICE

John Hulsey administered the Oath of Office to the 2018-2019 board members.

NEW PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Alisha Gamble thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve as President for the upcoming year. Our committees have been working diligently to provide quality service and resources to our members. As President, one of Alisha's goals is to continue to provide support for all the volunteers on the board and committees and encourage excellence in service to the membership.

A few projects Alisha would like to work on this year are: 1) establish a listserv network for communications between members, and 2) team up with Georgia colleges/universities and other accounting organizations to provide educational information about GGFOA and career opportunities within the government accounting profession.

Alisha Gamble introduced the 2018-2019 committee chairs as follows:

Annual Conference Chair – Linda Cook/Jennifer Fricks
Career Development – John Hulsey
Communications Chair – Ramona Carver
Government Relations/Strategic Planning – Peter Floyd
Membership Chair – Sheryl Bowman
Scholarship/Awards – Susan Van Nus
Technical Resources – Anna Payne



Alisha's challenge to the membership is to reach out to these committee chairs or our board to get involved in our organization. Without volunteers and sponsors, we would not be able to provide the services and this conference to you today!

ADJOURNMENT

Amy Davis made a motion to adjourn, and Paul Salvatore seconded it. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.