



Florida Government Finance Officers Association, Inc
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, January 6, 2022

Teams Conference Call
2:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE - FGFOA BOARD MEETING

January 6, 2022

**NOT
PRESENT**

PRESENT

OFFICERS

Shannon Ramsey-Chessman
Jonathan McKinney
Frank DiPaolo

DIRECTORS

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term
Melissa Burns	2019-2022		
Bryan Cahen	2020-2023		
Rip Colvin	2016-2019	2019-2022	
Missy Licourt	2021-2024		
Mark Parks	2021-2023		
Olga Rabel	2020-2023		
William Spinelli	2018-2021	2021-2024	
Kelly Strickland	2018-2021	2021-2024	

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

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Jamie Roberson

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Jeremy Baker Certification Committee
Sharon Almeida Conference Host Committee and
Conference Program Committee
Nicole Jovanovski Conference Program Committee
Rebecca Schnirman Education & Webinar Committee
Stephen Timberlake Legislative Committee
Lorrie Arevalo Member & Leadership Development Committee
Nicole Gasparri 2022 SOGF Committee
Ryan Bernal Technical Resources Committee

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Jim Cooke Big Bend Chapter
Gita Sookdeo Central Florida Chapter
Anthony Cobb Florida First Coast Chapter
Justin Grant Gulf Coast Chapter
Sara Herms Hillsborough Chapter
Cathy Larson Nature Coast Chapter
Melissa Licourt North Central Florida Chapter
Jeanette Haynes Palm Beach Chapter
Tricia Greene Panhandle Chapter
Ken Sinclair South Florida Chapter
Kristin Simeone Southwest Chapter
Cary Myers Space Coast Chapter
Jennifer Hill Treasure Coast Chapter
Lory Irwin Volusia Flagler Chapter

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Paul Shamoun Florida League of Cities
Jill Walker Florida League of Cities
Karen Pastula Florida League of Cities



FGFOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

DATE/TIME: Thursday, January 6, 2022
2:30 PM
Teams Conference Call

- I. Call to Order – Shannon Ramsey-Chessman, President**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Report of Officers**
 - A. President – Shannon Ramsey-Chessman**
 - 1. 2024 FGFOA Conference Site Selection**
 - B. President Elect – Jonathan McKinney**
 - C. Secretary Treasurer – Frank DiPaolo**
 - D. Executive Director – Paul Shamoun**
- IV. Other Business**
- V. Next Meeting – February 4, 2022 Location - Hotel Indigo, Gainesville**

Florida Government Finance Officers Association, Inc.
2021-2022 Board of Directors - President
Agenda Item



2021-2022
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Meeting Date: January 6, 2022

Title of Item: 2024 FGFOA Conference Site Selection

Executive Summary, Explanation or Background:

Attached is a memo from the FLC Meetings Manager concerning the 2024 FGFOA Conference Site Selection.

Recommended Action:

For review and approval

Shannon Ramsey-Chessman
Shannon Ramsey-Chessman, President

01/05/2022
Date

TO: FGFOA Board of Directors

FROM: Melanie G. Howe, CAE, CMP
Meetings Manager

DATE: January 4, 2022

RE: 2024 FGFOA Conference Site Selection

FGFOA currently has hotel contracts in place for the 2022, 2023 and – due to cancelling the 2021 event – 2025 conferences. Considering the disruption that COVID-19 has caused in the hotel industry and the amount of meetings that have been moved and rescheduled, I recommended that we start site selection for 2024 in late fall of 2021.

Considerations

1. GFOA is meeting in Orlando during the second week of June in 2024.
2. Due to the conference cancellation in 2020, FGFOA is meeting at the Rosen Shingle Creek in both 2022 and 2023.
3. For both of the above reasons, Orlando is not an ideal location for our 2024 conference.
4. Outside of Orlando, with the exception of the Diplomat Beach Resort, there are no other hotels capable of hosting FGFOA's conference under one roof. The Boca Raton (formerly the Boca Raton Resort & Club) is too small, as is the JW Marriott in Marco Island. The new Tampa complex comprising the JW Water Street and the Marriott Water Street would spread our conference over multiple floors and *buildings* – not an ideal set-up for our members or exhibitors. Options in any other city would require convention centers (and their additional expenses), multiple hotels and transportation issues.
5. FGFOA is already booked at the Diplomat for 2025.

The Proposal

The Diplomat can offer us the dates of **May 18-22, 2024**. These are the only dates they have available that would work for us in either May or July of 2024. (June is out due to GFOA.) For these dates, the Diplomat would match our existing 2025 contract, including:

\$229 room rate (reduced from an average rate of \$279)
1 comp 2-bedroom presidential suite
2 comp corner suites for officers
Upgrades to diplomat suites for board members
1 comp room for the meeting planner, plus 10 staff rooms at \$139
10% food and beverage discount
15% discount for registrants at hotel outlets
Up to 40 MB of wireless internet access for \$9,750++
20% discount on self and valet parking
All our usual meeting space

The Urgency

Due to the previously mentioned volatility in the hotel market, the Diplomat already has other groups interested in those May 2024 dates, including one that is ready to go to contract. FGFOA has first right of refusal on the dates until Friday, **January 14**.

Requested Action

Meeting Planning is requesting that the board approve the proposal from the Diplomat and authorize going to contract prior to January 14.



FGFOA Mission

The FGFOA is dedicated to being your professional resource by providing opportunities through Education, Networking, Leadership and Information.

Education...

- Creating balanced and cost effective educational programs
- Utilizing various venues and methods of delivery
- Enhancing cooperative training partnerships

Networking...

- Establishing a network of membership expertise
- Establishing relationships with other organizations
- Establishing partnerships between Chapters

Leadership...

- Providing opportunities for individual development
- Being recognized as the governmental finance expert
- Recruiting, mentoring and promoting leaders within our organization
- Recognizing Achievements

Information...

- Maximizing technology resources
- Enhancing information delivery
- Communicating technical and legislative issues