



Benefits of Using the List Serves

- Obtain answers to technical inquiries
 - > Legal, accounting, auditing, financial reporting
- Determine best practices
 - > Is what I'm doing okay?
 - > Is there a better way to do it?
- Survey others about various topics
 - > Have you heard about ...?
- Disseminate/receive information to/from others that could be useful

There may be a misperception that the List Serve is only for making technical inquiries

In fact, there are several other uses

Many of the questions posted have asked about specific business practices (e.g., billing and collection procedures)

Many have also acted as a survey (e.g., have you heard about a new law, how is it affecting you, etc.)

Also, you can let your peers know about a new law, report, event, etc, and they can do the same for you.

Example List Serve Postings Accounting and Auditing

- How are you accounting for red light ticket revenues collected and the portion paid to the State?
- Do you have sample fixed asset disposal procedures and forms you could share?
- How do your internal auditors maintain and document their independence?

Example List Serve Postings Budgeting

- Has anyone found a good software for budgeting, financial planning, or cash flow?
- If you are a city or county with multiple taxing districts, do you apply the 200.065(5)(a)1 limitation (less than 110%, 2/3 vote) to each individual millage or to the aggregate of operating millages?
- What process do you use to develop a capital project idea into an adopted project on the CIP plan? Who is responsible for creating the CIP?

Example List Serve Postings Debt and Treasury Management

- Do you have payment collection procedure you can share?
- Are you aware of any law that prohibits including a contingent fee as an "add-on" to the amount placed with a collection agency for a delinquent account?
- Does anyone have experience structuring short-term formal debt arrangements?

Example List Serve Postings Financial Administration

- What suggestions do you have for contracting with an ambulance service provider?
- Has anyone developed a checklist for contracts & grants (e.g., reporting, CFDA numbers, due dates)?
- Do you have a minimum unreserved fund balance policy you could share?

Example List Serve Postings Personnel and Payroll

- Does anyone have any guidelines regarding a paperless payroll (i.e., all direct deposit, no paper checks) that they can share?
- What is your cap on accrual of sick and vacation hours for management employees?
- For supplemental payrolls for leave hour buy backs, annual allowances, bonuses, etc., do you allow employees to distribute these earnings across various accounts or are they restricted to one account?





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2014 Annual Conference Registration is Now Open!

May 31 - June 4, 2014 at the Orlando World Center Marriott

The FGFOA Board of Directors, Conference Host Committee and the Conference Program Committee are pleased to announce the 2014 FGFOA Annual Conference registration is now open! The theme, "Financial Rollercoaster-Staying on Track", depicts what we have been experiencing and the ongoing challenges as finance professionals.

Take advantage of the opportunity to receive over 20 hours of CPE as well as the required four hours Governmental Ethics Course. In addition, a choice of two Pre-Conference Seminars on Saturday, May 31, 2014: Investment Pre-con or Pension to cover the eight hours of investment training or Budget, Economics, and Financial Planning Pre-Conference Seminar for eight hours of TB.

FGFOA has secured special rates for the 2014 Annual Conference participants of \$149 per night at The Marriott World Center Orlando. Parking rates are \$15.00 Valet and \$5.00 self park per day. Please register early to ensure the conference room rate availability. The hotel registration form will be emailed to you once you're conference registration is received.

Conference Announcement
Conference Registration Form
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2014-2015 FGFOA Committees

President-Elect Mary Lou Pickles invites you to join a committee. Deadline April 15, 2014.

Committee Overview Power Point

First, on the main FGFOA web page, you will see an icon titled "FGFOA List Serves"

Click on the "List Serves" icon, which will take you to the FGFOA List Serves web page (see next slide)



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List Serve Information

FGFOA List Serves - Sign up today!

The FGFOA has established five new List Serve's to allow the membership to communicate on important issues.

What are List Serves? List Serves are email based communication where you become a member. As a member, you can ask the other members of the List Serve a question by sending an e-mail to that List Serve email address. Members of the List Serve can choose to get the emails as they are sent or get them all at once at some scheduled time. You will receive all emails sent to that List Serve address. You can unsubscribe at any time. There are five List Serves. You can sign up for one or all of them, depending on your interest.

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Please click here to view a PowerPoint on how to use the ListServe

List Serve Categories Guidelines

(topics are sample only - other topics may be posted)

Accounting and Auditing

Accounting methods
Auditing
CAFR Preparation
Capital Assets
Financial Reporting
Fund balance
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Internal Controls

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<u>Budgeting</u>

Budget Preparation Budget Types Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Policies - Best Practices GFOA Budget Award

This web page tells you about the List Serve categories

Sample topics are provided for most categories

If you scroll down, you'll eventually see what's on the **next** slide

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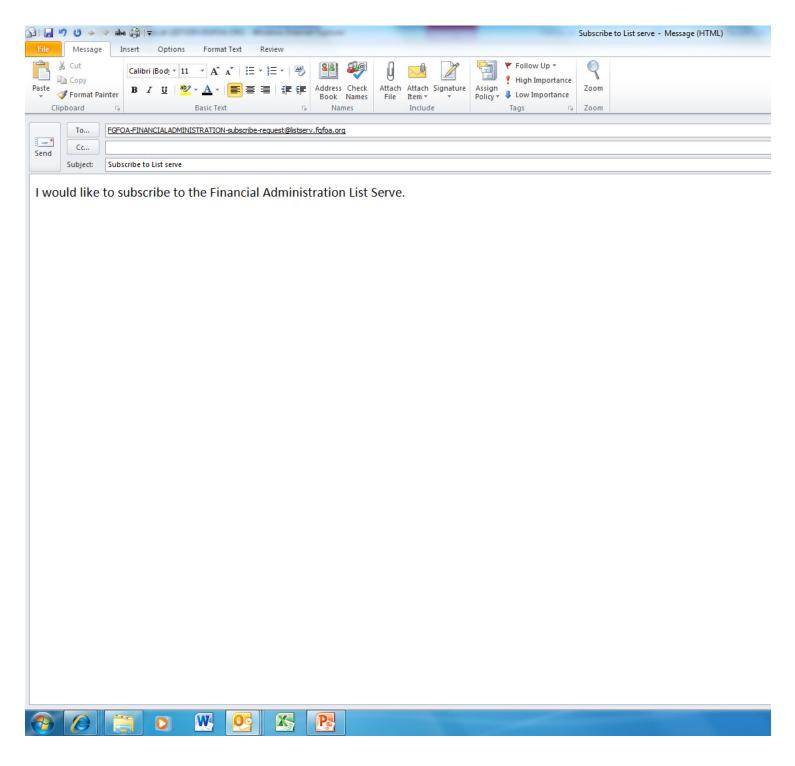
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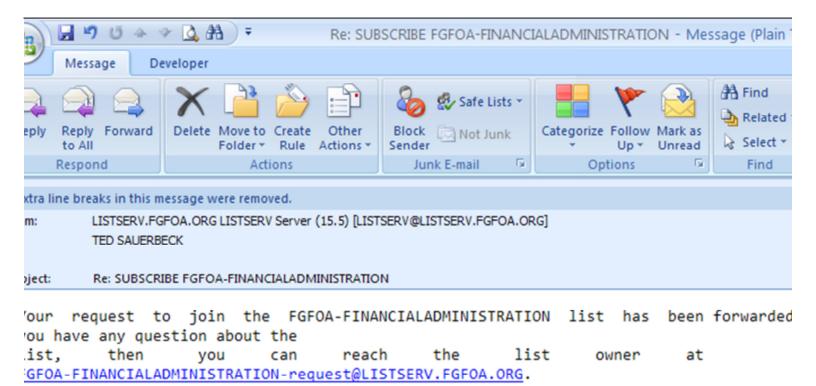
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To join a particular List Serve, you click on the link for the category you are interested in, which brings up an email (see next slide)



This is an example of an email sent to join the Financial Administration List Serve

After you send the email, you'll get a response email (see next slide)



This email will let you know that your request is being considered

After verification that you are an FGFOA member, you'll receive an email notifying you that you have been approved for the List Serve and are subscribed

You should receive this notification email in less than an hour (see next slide)

"To reduce the chance of servers blocking incoming listserv emails, we recommend that user's have their email administrator white list, at minimum, the following IP addresses:

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(We own all three blocks, and have outbound servers in each.)"



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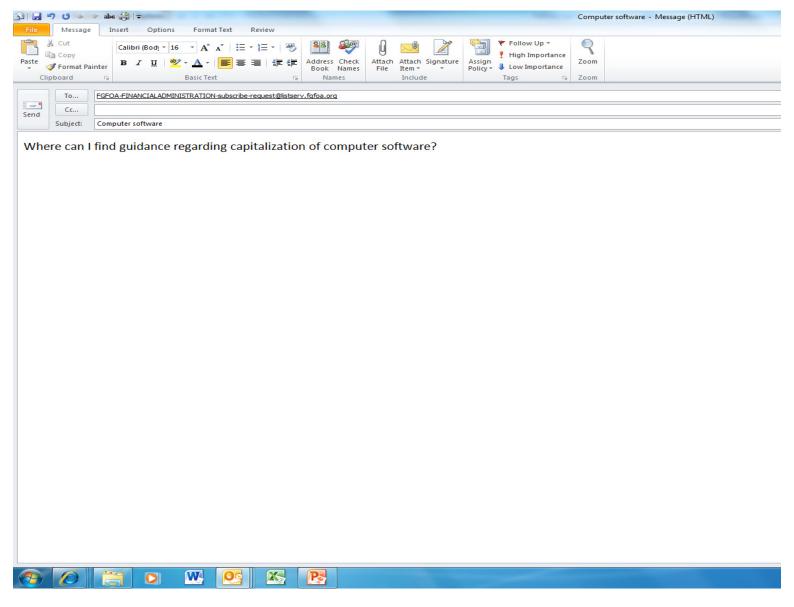
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There are two ways to post a question or message to the List Serve:

 You can go to the List Serve web page (see slide) and click on the link for the category you are interested in, which brings up an email

or

2. You can respond to emailed postings you receive



This is an example of an email with a technical inquiry (answer would be GASB Statement No. 51)

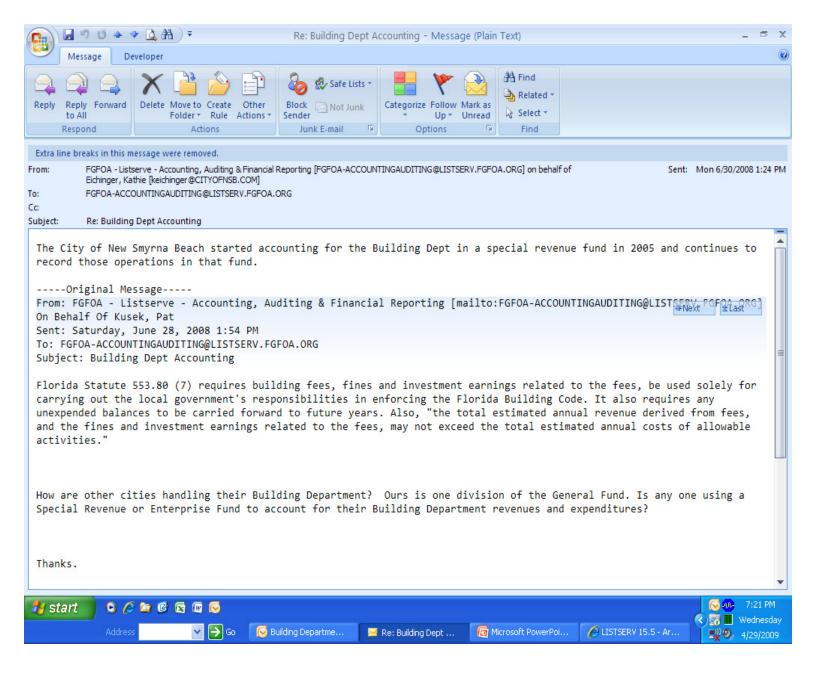
Since it relates to accounting/financial reporting, it would be posted to the Accounting and Auditing List Serve

It's important to put something in the subject category

Remember that there are five (5) List Serve categories

Guidelines as to what topics relate to each category are on the main List Serve web page





If you have elected to receive emails of all postings for the List Serves you've joined:

 You will receive an email showing each posting to those List Serves (see above example)

Otherwise, you would have to check the List Serve archives



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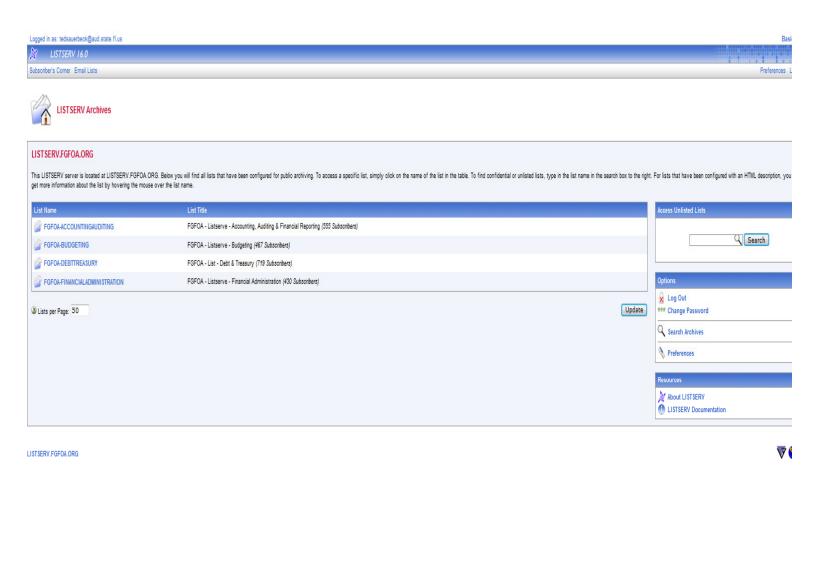
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To search the archives you need to click on the link http://listserve.fgfoa.org from the main List Serve web page (shown above)

This will take you to the LISTSERVE Archives web page (see next slide)



The first time you go to use the archives you'll need to get a password

To do this, click on "Get Password," which will take you to the "Register LISTSERVE Password" web page (see next slide)

Subscriber's Corner Email Lists

Register LISTSERV Password

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Please enter your email address and the desired password, then click on the "Register Password" button. If you already had a LISTSERV password but cannot remember what it was, this procedure will automatically replace your existing password with the new one you will be entering below.							
Email Address:							
Password:							
Password (Again):		(Verification)					
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On this web page, fill in the boxes and click "Register Password"

You'll then receive a notification that your request for a password has been granted, and you'll end up at the "LISTSERVE Archives" web page again (see next slide)



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From the LISTSERVE Archives web page, click on "Search Archives," which will take you to the "Archive Search" web page (**see next slide**)

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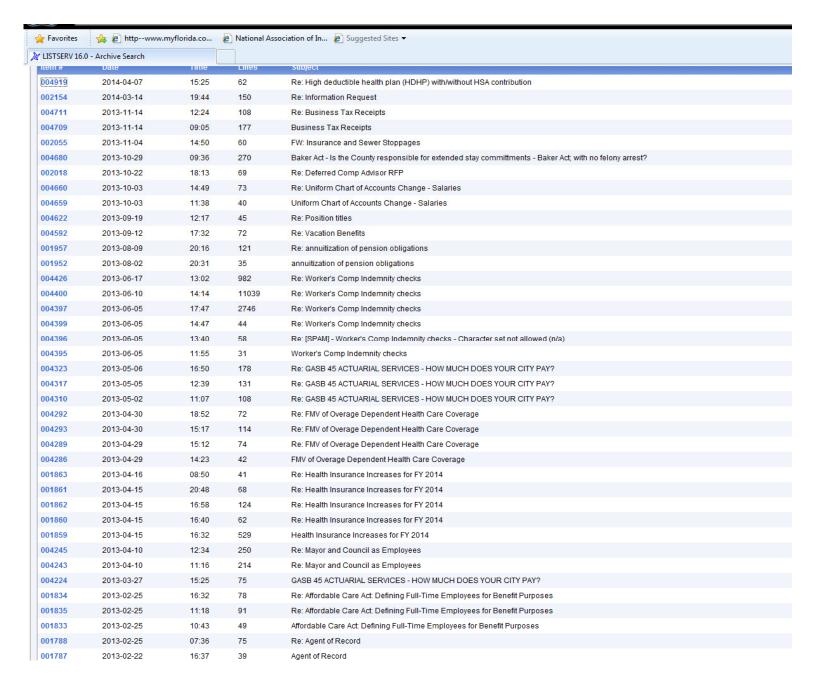
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On this web page, type in a keyword or words for the topic you are interested in in the search string box, and then select all List Serve categories you are interested in. **Note**: It is recommended that you select all categories because many times messages are not posted to the proper List Serve category

Then click on "Search," which will bring up a list of all posted messages matching the search string in the selected categories (**see next slide**)



The above is an example of a search for all posts relating to "insurance"

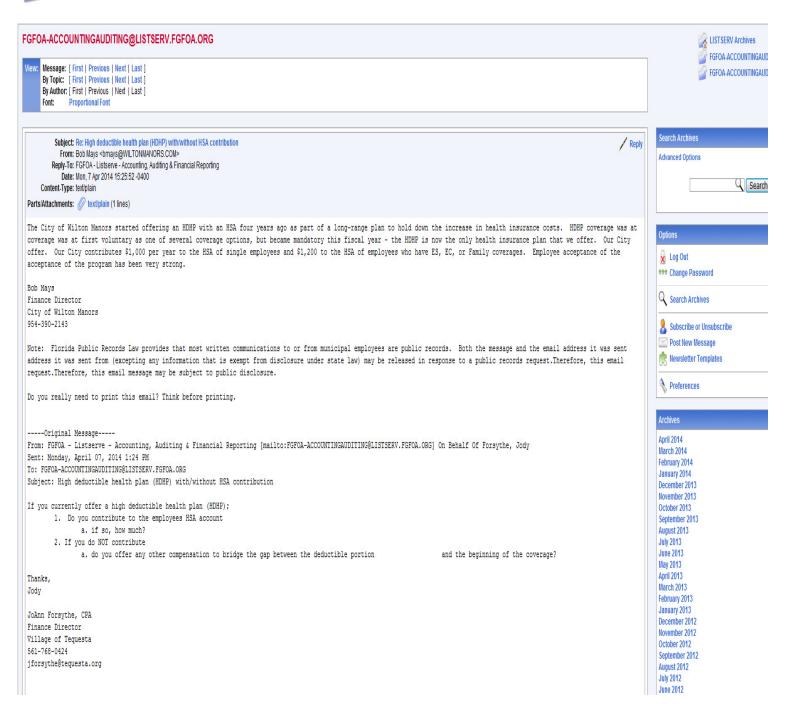
From here, click on the messages you're interested in

The subject field gives you an idea of what the message is about

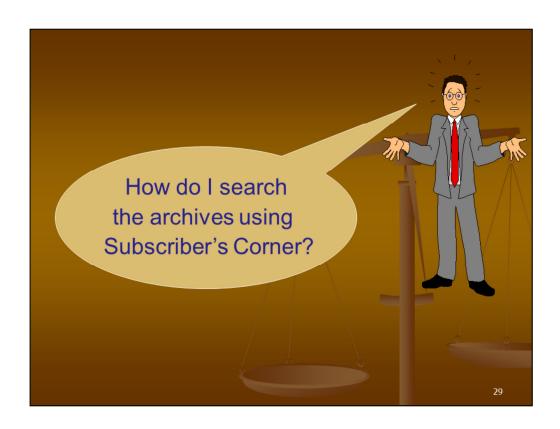
For example, if you clicked on message 4919, it would bring up a screen as shown on the next slide







This happens to be a question about a high deductible health plan



Another way to search the archives is to use Subscriber's Corner

To do this, from the main List Serve web page click on the link "http://listserve.fgfoa.org," which will take you to the "LISTSERVE Archives" web page (**see next slide**)

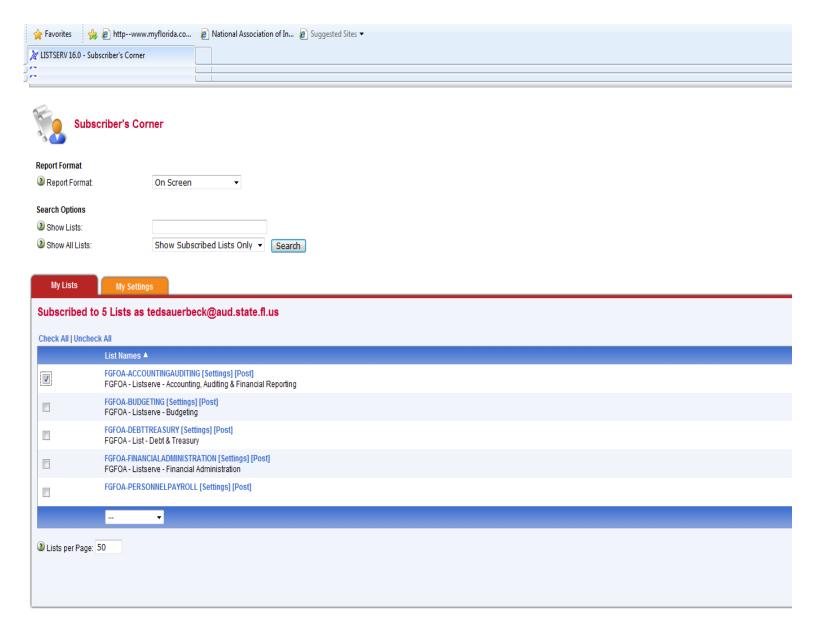






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From this web page, click on "Subscriber's Corner" (located in the upper left corner), which will take you to the "Subscriber's Corner" web page (**see next slide**)



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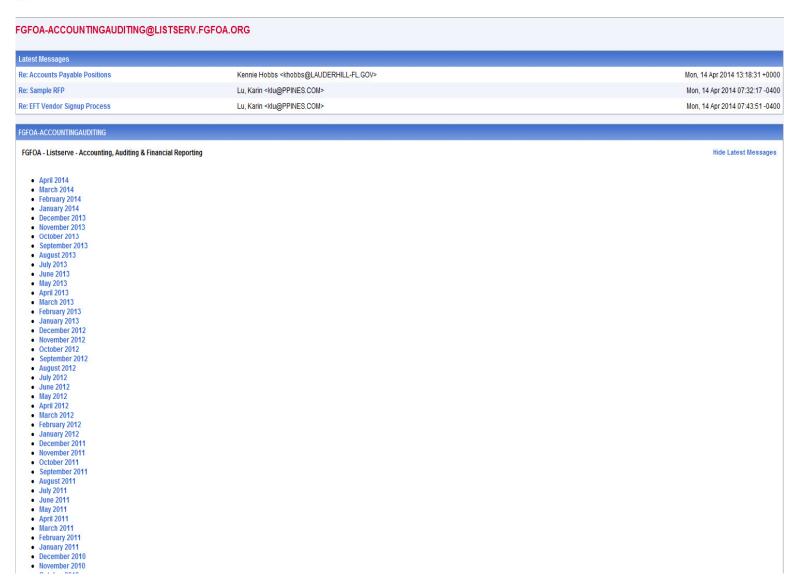
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This will bring up a web page for that List Serve category (see next slide)

Subscriber's Corner Email Lists

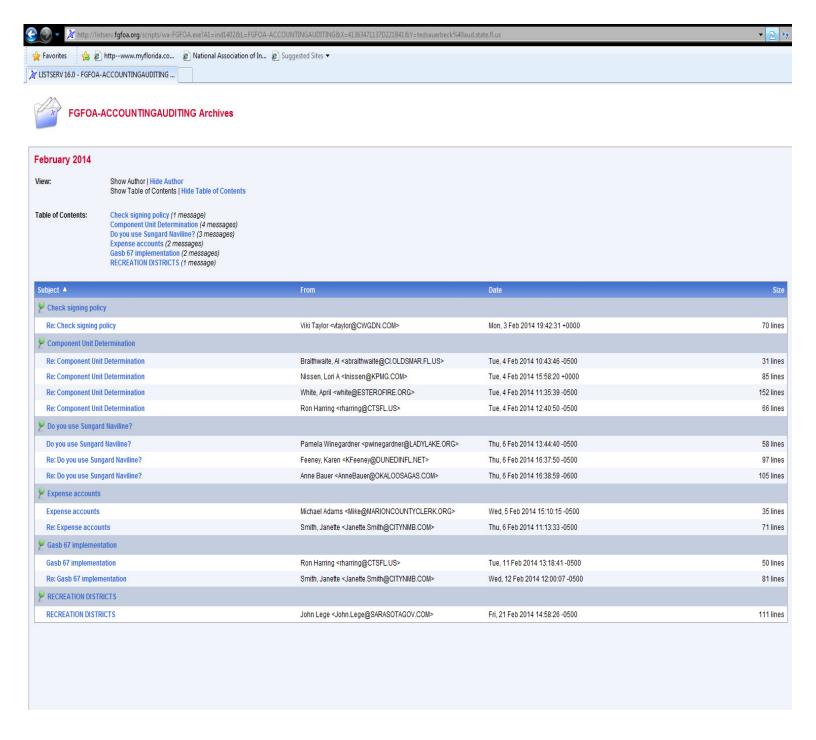


FGFOA-ACCOUNTINGAUDITING Home Page



This is an example of what you would see for the Accounting and Auditing List Serve category

Just click on a month and it will bring up a web page showing all the messages posted during that month for the selected category (see next slide)



From here, browse through the messages

The subject field gives you an idea of what the message is about

Just click on those messages you're interested in to view the entire posted message



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Back on the main List Serve page there are three links that provide information about using the List Serves, including what to do and what not to do

They are:

- List Serve Etiquette
- List Serve Policies
- List Serve Tips

Please read the information on these web pages the first time you begin register to use the List Serves

Examples of Improper Categories					
Message	Category Used	Correct Category			
Has anyone used zero based budgeting? How would you compare to line item budgeting?	Accounting & Auditing	Budgeting			
Does anyone have procedures regarding calculation of taxable fringe benefits they could share?		Financial Administration			
How do you determine what rates to charge for rental of your facilities?	Budgeting	Financial Administration			

The most prevalent problem is the use of the wrong List Serve category

It is important to use correct category to facilitate use of the archive search function and to ensure that those signed up only receive messages they interested in

The category most commonly used by mistake is Accounting and Auditing. Most of the messages in that List Serve should be in a different List Serve

The above are examples of incorrect categorization of postings

List Serve Usage - Things to Remember

- Use correct List Serve category
- Email Jeannie Garner at <u>jgarner@flcities.com</u> about email changes
- Don't respond to questions that have already been answered correctly
- Check sample documents on FGFOA web site before using List Serve to ask for a sample policy, contract, RFP, etc.
- Don't send a thank you to responder