

## Call for Nomination to First Coast Florida Local Chapter Board

At the 2023 Annual Conference, I spoke about my priorities for this year as President of the FGFOA. One of them, which is so important to me personally, is reinvigorating the Local Chapters. We have seen a decline in volunteerism, and a number of our local chapters are suffering. During Strategic Planning, the FGFOA Board determined that the ability of the FGFOA to execute its mission is largely dependent on the success of our local chapters.

Therefore, shortly after the conference, Past-President Jamie Roberson was formally appointed as Chair of the Local Chapters Ad-Hoc Committee, and we hit the ground running. Since then, we have facilitated the nomination and election of a new chapter board in Southwest Florida, a significant region that in recent years, has been underserved by their local chapter. We look forward to seeing the new Board Members and the Chapter flourish.

We have recently become aware that the Space Coast Chapter has become dormant, and we are also now working to facilitate resumption of the networking and activity that members in that area have traditionally enjoyed.

Lastly, the FGFOA Board and the Local Chapters Ad-Hoc Committee are working to restart the First Coast Florida Chapter. **This email serves as a formal call for nominations to serve on the Board of this local chapter,** which serves a major geographical and economic region and a significant number of local government finance practitioners. The FGFOA is conducting a Networking/CPE event in Jacksonville on November 3<sup>rd</sup> where we hope to nominate a full slate of Board members. Please **click here** to indicate your interest in serving. We are looking for energetic, passionate people who want to ensure the local chapter traditions of education and networking continue in the First Coast Florida region. An invitation to this networking session will be sent tomorrow to members in that area and we hope you will join us at the event.

Thank you for your membership in the FGFOA, and thank you for entrusting me to be your President.

Sincerely, Frank DiPaolo