

CHAPTER BYLAWS

FLORIDA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I – NAME

This Chapter of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FGFOA) shall be known as the Central Florida Chapter.

ARTICLE II – RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Chapter shall, at all times, be subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association.

ARTICLES III – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Chapter shall be to promote the improvement of government financial administration in Florida.

ARTICLE IV – CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Chapter membership shall consist of those eligible for membership in the Florida Government Finance Officers Association.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be at least four (4) meetings of the Chapter each year.

Section 2. One meeting shall be considered the annual meeting for the election of officers and directors. This meeting should take place no later than March 31st of each year

Section 3. The Secretary shall, prior to the annual meeting, provide written notices to all members of the Chapter indicating the time and place of such meeting and the names of the individuals nominated to serve as officers and directors. For the purposes of this section, electronic mail shall be acceptable as written notice.

Section 4. Six (6) members or ten percent (10%) of the membership entitled to vote, whichever is greater, of the Chapter who are present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting.

ARTICLE VI – VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. The voting rights of the Chapter shall be vested exclusively in active members, as defined by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association, and each shall have one vote in determining all questions to be decided by the membership.

Section 2. Associate members, as defined by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association, shall not hold office or chair committees, although they may serve as members of committees.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The officers of the Chapter shall be the President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. Additional members may also be elected from the membership of the Chapter. The officers and additional members, known as directors, shall constitute the Board of Directors, which shall serve as the governing body. The Board of Directors shall consist of a maximum of seven (7) members. No more than two members may serve from a single government. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation.

Section 3. Once a member has been elected by the membership to an officer position, that officer may, upon completion of the term for which he or she was elected, automatically serve successive terms in the next higher remaining officer positions. Officers and Directors will be elected for one-year terms; however, the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected to staggered, two-year terms. Officers and Directors elected in March 2004 shall serve until June 30, 2005.

Section 4. Officers elected at the annual meeting of the Chapter assume their respective offices on the following July 1st.

Section 5. The President, with the consent of the Board of Directors, shall have the right and power to appoint a member to the unexpired term of vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors of the Chapter.

Section 6. Nominations for officers and other members of the Board of Directors shall be made by the Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fix the time and place for each annual meeting and every other meeting of the Chapter.

Section 8. The Board of Directors may meet at such times and places as it may elect.

Section 9. For the transaction of any business by the Board of Directors, more than fifty percent (50%) of the members of said Board shall be present to constitute a quorum, and the majority vote of the Board members present will decide all issues. No proxy may be voted at any meeting of said Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. President: The President shall be the chief elected officer of the Chapter and may call meetings of the Board of Directors whenever it is deemed necessary. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter. The President shall enforce the Bylaws of the Chapter and the Constitution and Bylaws established by the Florida Government Finance Officers Association. The President shall keep the Board of Directors of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association fully informed of the affairs of the Chapter. The President shall also consult with the Association and the Board of Directors of the Chapter, whenever necessary, concerning the business of the Chapter and its activities.

Section 2. President-Elect: In the absence or inability of the President to act, the President-Elect shall exercise all powers and perform all of the duties of the President. The President-Elect shall develop a Chapter budget for the subsequent year for submission to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep all correspondence of the Chapter and minutes of all meetings of the Chapter and of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall maintain continuing professional education (CPE) attendance records and be responsible for CPE reporting to members. An annual report prepared by the Secretary covering activities for the calendar year will be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association by February 15th of the following year. In addition, at least annually, the Secretary shall transmit to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association: (1) copies of all notices sent to members of the Chapter; (2) a copy of the minutes of the annual meeting of the Chapter; and (3) a list of the Chapter's membership.

Section 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and deposit funds and pay out same as authorized by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing all necessary financial reports as may be required by the Florida Government Finance Officers Association to maintain local chapter status.

Section 5. Director: Each director may assist in the decision making of the Board and, at the President's request, serve as an individual liaison to, or chairperson of, one or more of the Chapter's standing committees.

ARTICLE IX – FISCAL MATTERS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall adopt a proposed budget covering the Chapter operations for the subsequent fiscal year.

Section 2. Dues and fees for Chapter members may be set at the discretion of the Chapter Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Board of Directors may establish a fee to cover the cost of any program sponsored by the organization, along with any corresponding meal charges.

Section 4. The Chapter shall be fully and solely responsible for its own financial affairs.

Section 5. The fiscal year of the Chapter shall coincide with the fiscal year of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association as set forth in its Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President, with the concurrence of other members of the Board of Directors, may appoint such committees as are necessary for the efficient operation of the Chapter. The following committees may be established :

- a) An Audit Committee consisting of one member who is not an officer or director.
- b) A Nominating Committee consisting of the President, President-Elect and one other member who is not a director. The President may serve as the Chairman of this committee.
- c) A Membership Committee.
 - 1) The Membership Committee shall be responsible for promoting interest in the Chapter, conducting membership drives, and recommending applicants for membership.
 - 2) The Committee shall keep records of pertinent information concerning each current and terminated member of the Chapter.
- d) A Program Committee.
 - 1) The Program Committee shall be responsible for recommending and preparing the Chapter programs and obtaining speakers for the programs.
 - 2) The Program Committee will work with the Career Development Committee of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association in developing continuing professional education seminars and promoting interest in such seminars offered by the Florida Government Finance Officers Association.
- e) Other committees as deemed necessary by the President.

Section 2. Committee chairs shall be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS

Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by an affirmative vote of a majority of the general membership at the annual meeting, provided that notice of any such amendment shall be mailed to the Florida Government Finance Officers Association at least ninety (90) days prior to the meeting.