

FLORIDA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2007
ROSEN SHINGLE CREEK RESORT
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The Board meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors took place on Friday, March 2, 2007 at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, Florida

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Amy Elliott, President, City of Melbourne
Mark Fostier, President-Elect, Orange County Comptroller's Office
Linda Davidson, Secretary/Treasurer, City of Boca Raton
Mary Anderson-Pickle, Director, City of Palm Beach Gardens
Bill Bogan, Jr., Director, City of Quincy
Jim Dwyer, Director, Auditor General's Office
Rick Helms, Director, Highlands County – BCC
Christopher Lyons, Director, City of Sarasota
Diane Reichard, Director, City of Temple Terrace

ABSENT

Pam Childers, Director, City of Pensacola
Francine Ramaglia, Director, Village of Wellington

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Donna Wright, Career Development
Mary Lou Pickles, Certification
Kristopher S. Shoemaker, Conference Host
Dona Newman, Conference Program

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Jeannie Garner, Florida League of Cities
Penny Mitchell, Florida League of Cities
Barbara Solis, Florida League of Cities

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:02 a.m., President Elliott called the meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors to order. A quorum of the Board was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The first order of business was the approval of the agenda. **Mr. Bogan moved, seconded by Mr. Fostier, to approve the agenda March 2, 2007. Motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The next order of business was consideration of the minutes for the meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors on January 26, 2007. Mr. Fostier corrected the time for the 2007-2008 Strategic planning from 10:00 a. m. – 4:00 p.m. to begin at 9:00 a.m. **Mr. Helms moved, seconded by Mr. Bogan, to approve the January 26, 2007 minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GFOA Representative-South Florida

Ms. Elliott reported that she has appointed the final GFOA Representative for the South Florida Region, Alan Owens, Finance Administrator, Palm Beach Gardens.

Property Tax Reform

Ms. Elliott opened the floor for discussion on Property Tax Reform. FGFOA Board consensus was to be an information resource without endorsing any particular position. The Board will make an effort to communicate information from the Florida League of Cities and Florida Association of Counties to members. Ms. Garner stated that it has been difficult to obtain information from the counties and Ms. Elliott invited county members to forward any information from the counties to FGFOA and we will distribute to members.

Booth Staffing for GFOA Annual Conference

Ms. Davidson requested volunteers to staff the GFOA booth at the Annual Conference in Anaheim in June. She said to contact her directly if interested.

Policy and Procedures Revision – Same Government

At the January 26, 2007 Board meeting, Ms. Elliott related the discussion of the January 19, 2007 meeting of the Nominating Committee regarding the question of what is meant by the *same governmental entity* when the Nominating Committee is charged with determining eligibility for nominations to be placed on the ballot. Mr. Fostier volunteered to draft clarification language. The following was proposed to be added to the Policies and Procedures in the Nominations and Election of Officers and Directors section.

"Any entity which is included as part of the reporting entity for a particular governmental entity for financial reporting purposes under GASB Statement No. 14 or any subsequently adopted standards related thereto (e.g., primary government, blended component units, discretely presented component units, etc.) would be considered to be from the same governmental entity. (For example, for counties, the board of county commissioners and the various elected county constitutional officers are currently part of the same reporting entity for financial reporting purposes and would, therefore, be considered to be from the same governmental entity. Similarly, any utility authority, airport authority, community redevelopment agency, etc. which are included as part of a city's reporting entity for financial reporting purposes would be considered to be from the same governmental entity.)"

Mr. Bogan moved, seconded by Ms. Davidson, to approve the amended Policies and Procedures. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT

Chapter President's Call

Mr. Fostier reported five chapter president were on the call. Property tax issues were discussed and members appreciated the information that was being sent by the FGFOA. Some Chapters had received Form 990 from the IRS and they were advised the forms should just be forwarded to FLC staff. The CGFO new reporting deadlines for alignment with CPA reporting periods were discussed.

2007-2008 Committee Chair Appointments

Mr. Fostier announced his Committee Chairs for 2007-2008:

Career Development – Katrina A. Laudeman, City of Orlando

Certification – Mary Lou Pickles, St. Johns River Water Management District

Conference Host – Karen Myers, St. Johns River Water Management District

Conference Program – Gary Perdew, St. Lucie County-Fire District

Legislative – Kent Olson, City of Jacksonville

Member Services – Ann Marie Ricardi, City of Naples

Barry Skinner – School of Governmental Finance, Orange Co. Comptroller's Office

Fazie Khan – Technical Resources, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority

Ms. Anderson-Pickle moved, seconded by Mr. Helms, to approve the Committee Chair appointments. Motion passed unanimously.

2007-2008 Future Board Meeting Dates

Mr. Fostier announced his future Board meeting dates:

Thursday, April 26, 2007 Orlando **Strategic Planning**

Wednesday, May 23, 2007 Orlando

Friday, July 20, 2007 St. Pete Beach

Friday, September 14, 2007 Orlando

Tuesday, November 13, 2007 West Palm Beach

Friday, January 18, 2008 Tallahassee

Friday, March 14, 2008 Jacksonville

Friday, May 16, 2008 Jacksonville

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to the timing of the meeting, there was not any updated information to report. Financials will be presented at the May meeting.

MEETING PLANNERS REPORT

Ms. Solis reviewed the room pickup and registration for the 2007 Annual Conference. There are approximately 508 rooms left. Registration will be reviewed to see how many

locals are registered that may not require a hotel room. (Note: Bill Bogan left the meeting during this item.)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Garner reviewed membership as of February 20, 2007. There are 2,366 active memberships and 393 associate/student members for a total of 2,759. IMIS, the new association management software is up and running.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Career Development Committee

Donna Wright, Committee Chair, provided the Committee report. The February seminar was a success with approximately 85 attendees. Speakers and brochures are ready for the March and April seminars. **Mr. Fostier moved, seconded by Ms. Reichard, to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Fostier suggested continuing with the same approximate dates and locations for 2008, with the possibility of scheduling one seminar in the Panhandle area.

Certification Committee

Mary Lou Pickles, Committee Chair provided the Committee Report. She discussed Mr. Rob Garner's proposal to provide sources/references for all questions on the CGFO exams. The total fees are \$5,200 broken down as follows: \$5,000 Professional Services at \$100 per hour and \$200 estimated out of pocket expenses. The estimated completion date is 30 days after notification of acceptance.

Mr. Fostier moved, seconded by Ms. Davidson, to retain the services of The Government Consulting Services Company to research CGFO exam questions for reference material. Motion passed unanimously. A final contract will be provided to President Elliot for signature. (Note_: This contract was fully executed on April 18, 2007.)

Ms. Pickles reported that 30 candidates will take the March 9, exam, offered in Jacksonville, Orlando and Miami. Orlando will offer the CPFO exam as well.

The new Ethics exam will be sent out on May 1st with the deadline for completion of July 31st.

There have been some requests for the percentage of pass/fail rates for the exam. **By consensus it will be the policy of the FGFOA Board to release percentages of pass/fail rate for the CGFO exam on request only.**

Conference Host Committee

The Committee met on Thursday, March 1st. Mr. Shoemaker, Committee Chair, reviewed final plans for the Annual Conference.

- Presidents Reception: will be held at the UCF Rosen Campus, the musician has been selected www.lowellklawson.com.
- Karaoke and foosball have been ordered for the hospitality suite.
- Association Night menu has been selected; hours will be 6:00 pm. – 7:30 pm.
- Buses will be scheduled for the Tuesday Night Event at SeaWorld, menus have been chosen.
- Pat Williams will serve as keynote speaker and Martha Haynie as welcome speaker. Singer and color guard have been selected.
- Conference bags and committee shirts have been ordered. Mr. Shoemaker passed around an example.
- Golf will offer prizes.
- The Committee is also looking into an outdoor activity possibly a fun run/walk.

Pricing Summary for Guests

\$20 Association Night

\$20 Monday Lunch (Note: Exhibitors get 2 free lunch tickets, additional tickets are \$20)

\$30 Tuesday Night Event (plus kids pricing)

\$50 “Guest Registration”, which includes Assn Night, Monday Lunch, and Tuesday Night event

Ms. Davidson moved, seconded by Mr. Helms, to approve the report. Motion passed unanimously.

Conference Program Committee

Dona Newman, Committee Chair, reviewed the conference program. Speakers for most sessions have been finalized. **Ms. Anderson-Pickle moved, seconded by Mr. Fostier, to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.**

Legislative Committee

Ms. Reichard, Board Liaison, presented the Committee Report. The Friday legislative conference calls will begin Friday, March 2 and continue until the end of session. “*Hot Topics*” will be determined from issues discussed on the conference calls. Ms. Elliott stated to keep in mind there are several more issues than just Property Tax. **Ms. Reichard moved, seconded by Mr. Fostier, to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.**

Member Services Committee

Ms. Elliott reported for the Committee. The newsletter is always in need of someone for the “It’s about You” section. **Ms. Davidson moved, seconded by Mr. Helms, to accept report. Motion passed unanimously.**

School of Governmental Finance Committee

Mr. Fostier reported the Committee will have their first meeting March 23, 2007. **Ms. Reichard moved, seconded by Ms. Anderson-Pickle, to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.**

Technical Resources Committee

Mr. Helms, Board Liaison, presented the report. The response to the GASB Exposure Draft (ED) on Accounting and Reporting for Intangible Assets was reviewed and some changes were recommended by the Board. The deadline for the response letter is March 23, 2007. **Ms. Reichard moved, seconded by Ms. Davidson, to approve the draft response to GASB, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.** (Note: The letter was mailed March 20, 2007.) (Note: Bill Bogan returned to the meeting during this item.)

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Fostier reported to the Board that the SEC has been on record that governments should be disclosing their OPEB liabilities as soon as known in official statements, CAFR's and 15c2-12 statements. Mr. Fostier was referring to a statement by Martha Haines, Chairman of the SEC. Mr. Fostier suggested that the FGFOA Board prepare a memorandum advising the membership of this statement. The Board agreed and Mr. Fostier volunteered to draft the memo and send to the Board members for approval. The memo would then be sent out via email and posted on the FGFOA website.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Friday, May 18, 2007, at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Elliott adjourned the meeting of the FGFOA Board of Directors at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Garner
Executive Director, FGFOA

ATTEST:

Amy Elliott, President

Linda Davidson, Secretary/Treasurer