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A Message From Your FGFOA
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SPOTLIGHT ON LEADERSHIP PRESIDENT-ELECT KELLY STRICKLAND



With more than three decades of experience in governmental accounting, finance, and budgeting, **Kelly Strickland** is a seasoned leader dedicated to public service and financial excellence. She currently serves as the **Director of Financial Administration for the City of Sarasota**, where she leads efforts in budgeting, accounting, cash management, debt issuance, and financial reporting.

Kelly's career has spanned across several Florida communities, including **Sarasota, Martin, Alachua, and Gilchrist counties**, where she has consistently demonstrated a commitment to fiscal responsibility and professional development. Her credentials include **Certified Public Accountant (CPA)**, **Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO)**, and **Certified Public Pension Trustee (CPPT)**. She earned her **Bachelor's degree in Accounting** from the **University of West Florida**.

[Click Here to Learn More About Kelly Strickland](#)

It's Time to Renew!
FGFOA & Local Chapter Membership Made Easy

Renewing your FGFOA and local chapter memberships has never been more convenient. Through the continued partnership between FGFOA and its local chapters, members now benefit from a centralized, streamlined renewal process with flexible options tailored to individual preferences.

Choose What Works for You:

- FGFOA State Dues only (\$90)
- Local Chapter Dues only (varies by chapter)
- Both FGFOA State and Local Chapter Dues (combined at checkout)

Renew by August 30th to continue receiving exclusive member benefits, including:

- Reduced registration fees for the Annual Conference and the 2025 School of Governmental Finance
- Eligibility to register for our Beginner Boot Camp
- Access to 14 free webinars throughout the year
- Opportunities for professional development and statewide networking

Renew your membership today and stay connected with your FGFOA community!

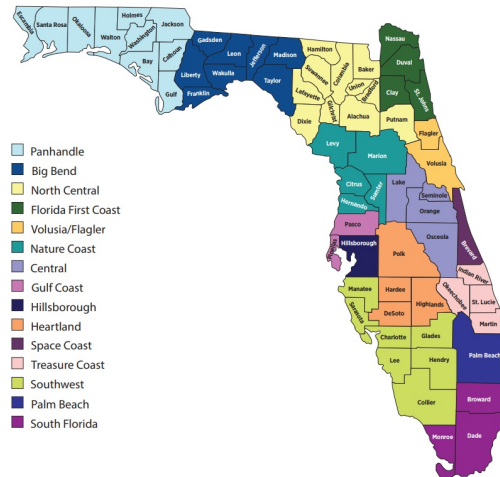
Don't Miss Out — Renew Your Chapter Membership Today!

Your local community chapter is buzzing with activity all year long! With **15 dynamic chapters** hosting epic events non-stop, there's no better way to stay connected, inspired, and in the know.

Be part of the excitement!

Renew now and dive into a year packed with possibilities.

Check out the **Local Chapter Event Calendar** and find your next big moment!



[Visit FGFOA.org](https://www.fgfoa.org) for more information or to renew

FGFOA MENTORING PROGRAM - GET READY TO IGNITE!!



Join Us for the First FGFOA Ignite! Mentoring Series Session

Are you ready to take the next step in your professional development or help someone else do the same?

Join Us for the First **FGFOA Ignite!** Mentoring Series Session
Discover the Power of Mentoring & Emotional Intelligence
Wednesday, August 20, 2025
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

[RSVP Now!](#)

Mentoring Program Now Accepting Applications Deadline Extended!

Take your leadership journey to the next level, the FGFOA Mentoring Program is now accepting applications for the 2025–2026 cycle, and the **application deadline has been extended to August 8th**

Designed to connect rising professionals with seasoned government finance leaders, this program offers:

- One-on-one mentoring relationships
- Support with career development and goal setting
- Opportunities to expand your professional network and build lasting connections

Whether you're looking to mentor or be mentored, this is your chance to engage in meaningful professional growth.

[Click Here to Apply to Be a Mentor](#)

[Click Here to Apply to Be a Mentee](#)



Join A Committee!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to contribute to FGFOA while expanding your professional network and enhancing your leadership skills? Serving on a committee is one of the best ways to do just that.

Why Join a Committee?

- Contribute to the advancement of the profession
- Help shape FGFOA programming and initiatives
- Connect with peers and build lasting relationships
- Gain experience and visibility

Applications are accepted year-round. Most meetings are held virtually. Check out our FAQ and committee descriptions on our website.

Make your voice heard. Be part of the momentum. **Join an FGFOA committee today!**

[FGFOA Committee Information & Application](#)

Shape the Future of the FGFOA Conference!

The **Conference Program Committee** is already cooking up next year's agenda—and we want your genius in the mix!

Got a hot topic or an inspiring speaker in mind? Share your idea through the

Call for Session Topics link below and help us build a program that *everyone* will be talking about.

Let's make it unforgettable—starting with YOU!



[Click Here to Submit a Topic](#)

Technical & Legislative Resources Committee

2025 Legislative Summary – Government Finance

The FGFOA Technical Resources & Legislative Committee has compiled a summary of passed legislation from the 2025 Session that impacts local government finance. This overview is designed to keep members up to date on the most relevant changes affecting our profession.

Stay connected! Visit the [Technical Resources & Legislative Committee](#) page regularly for updates, including:

- The IRS's first guidance on the Big Beautiful Bill
- A GASB survey on OPEB—if applicable to your government, you may wish to participate
- Additional timely and important resources for finance professionals

[2025 Legislative Summary](#)

Big News, Finance Pros! 2025 FGFOA School of Governmental Finance



The FGFOA School of Governmental Finance is back—and it's bigger than ever! Join us October 27-31 at the beautiful **Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa**

Mark your calendars: registration kicks off **August 25, 2025**.

Secure your spot early and lock in savings *and* a room at this popular venue! This is the conference everyone's talking about... don't let it happen without you!!

Calling All Newcomers to Government Finance!

Ready to build a strong foundation in public finance? Don't miss the **FGFOA Beginner Boot Camp**, designed specifically for professionals new to the field!

Where: Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs
When: October 30–31, held alongside the School of Government Finance

Registration will open August 18, 2025

Please NOTE: Seats for our Beginner Boot Camp are chosen by virtue of a randomized lottery. To register for the FGFOA Beginner Boot Camp Lotter or attend a Boot Camp, you must be an FGFOA Member!

Boot Camp Information

September Webinar: *Understanding Your Financial Statements*

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025

Time: 2:00–3:40 p.m. Eastern

CPE Credit: 1.5 hours (Technical/Business)

Registration is free for current FGFOA members. Look for the “Register Now” button on the FGFOA Webinar page or log in to your member portal under the “Events” tab

Stay Informed

Fiscal Forum Page

FGFOA keeps members informed through two key communication tools: **E-Bulletins** and the **Fiscal Forum Newsletter**.

The **Fiscal Forum Newsletter** is your monthly roundup of FGFOA news, events, and resources. Published on the **first Monday of each month at 2:00 PM**, the newsletter offers regular updates and highlights that help you stay connected to what’s happening across the organization.

E-Bulletins, on the other hand, are FGFOA’s fast-track communication tool. These brief, time-sensitive alerts are sent **as needed** to deliver urgent updates directly to members. Whether it’s a registration opening, deadline reminder, policy change, or last-minute event detail—if it can’t wait for the next newsletter, you’ll hear about it in an e-bulletin.

Stay Connected with FGFOA!

Follow the Florida Government Finance Officers Association on social media to get the latest updates, event announcements, and news that matters to government finance professionals.

Stay informed. Stay engaged. Be part of the FGFOA community.



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