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Florida Government
Finance Officers Association



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SHARE KNOWLEDGE.
BUILD FOUNDATION.



ELEVATE
INSPIRE GROWTH.
ENCOURAGE POTENTIAL.



EMPOWER
SUPPORT LEADERS.
STRENGTHEN OUR FUTURE.



As we celebrate Labor Day, the FGFOA Board of Directors extends our sincere appreciation to the dedicated public servants who work every day to strengthen Florida's communities. Your commitment to excellence, innovation, transparency, and stewardship of public resources helps ensure that local governments can effectively serve residents and meet the challenges of tomorrow.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your dedication, professionalism, and service.

A Message From FGFOA President Kelly Strickland



As summer winds down and we prepare for another busy fiscal year-end on September 30, it's a great time to reflect on the importance of ongoing professional education in governmental accounting. Our work as public finance professionals continues to evolve, and staying current isn't just beneficial—it's essential to serving our communities with excellence.

One of the most powerful tools we have is the FGFOA's suite of educational opportunities. Over the past year, our **FGFOA Boot Camps** have provided hands-on, practical training for emerging professionals and seasoned staff looking to refresh core skills. These sessions continue to be a foundational part of how we strengthen the pipeline of knowledgeable governmental finance experts across Florida.

Our **FGFOA webinars** have also become a cornerstone of continuous learning. They offer accessible, timely content on the topics that matter most—from GASB updates to budgeting strategies—allowing members to stay informed without leaving their desks. The engagement and participation we've seen from our membership clearly show how committed you all are to professional growth.

Looking ahead, I'm excited about the upcoming **FGFOA School of Governmental Finance**, which will expand our educational reach even further. This initiative reflects our commitment to developing a comprehensive and enduring learning environment for professionals at every stage in their careers. More information will be shared soon, and I encourage you to keep an eye out for announcements.

As we tackle year-end closeout activities and prepare our teams for audit season, let's also recommit ourselves to the ongoing pursuit of knowledge. Education strengthens our profession, elevates the quality of our work, and empowers us to face the challenges ahead with confidence.

Thank you for your dedication to FGFOA and to the communities you serve. As we move into this next fiscal year, let's carry forward our 2027 theme:

Educate, Elevate and Empower



Please join us in welcoming our newest FGFOA members!! We are excited to have you as part of a statewide network of government finance professionals dedicated to excellence, innovation, and public service.

New Member Tip: The best way to get the most from your FGFOA membership is to get involved. Join a local chapter & attend a meeting, volunteer for a committee, participate in educational programs, and connect with fellow members across the state. The relationships and experience you gain through FGFOA can be invaluable throughout your career.

Welcome to the FGFOA Family!!

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NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBER

Peter Napoli

Cypress Revenue Solutions LLC | Owner

Angela Dollens

Indian Harbour Beach | Comptroller

Connor Wallace

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines & Frank,
CPA, PL | Staff Accountant

Nick Bernate

CRA, City of Sarasota

Ashlynn Kicki

Wakulla County Clerk of Court | Deputy Clerk

Amanda Shaw

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office |
Grants and Financial Systems Manager

Jo Ann Bachman

Collier County Clerk of Circuit Court | Accountant

Pamela Mercado Rosario

Osceola Clerk of the Circuit Court and
County Comptroller | Comptroller Technician

Jeremy Sadick

Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller,
Palm Beach County | Financial Analyst

Craig Lofaro

Edgewater | Accountant

Angela Williams

Bellevue | Accounting Technician

Kayla Connell

Rizzetta & Company | Manager,
District Financial Services

Brian High

Boynton Beach | Budget Analyst

Thomas Connell

Collier Clerk Of Courts | Management Analyst

Derek Vandenburgh

Sarasota County Clerk and Comptroller |
Financial Reporting Analyst

William Bousman

Sarasota County Clerk of the Circuit Court and
County Comptroller | Manager of Financial Compliance

Brenda Angel

Volusia Sheriff's Office | Sr. Accounting Specialist

Patrick Horosco

Sarasota Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller |
Financial Reporting Analyst

Stephanie Swope

Manatee County | Senior Fiscal Analyst

Hailey Lamb

New Smyrna Beach Utilities Commission |
Finance Director

Angel Mccurdy

South Florida Water Management District |
Senior Accountant

Claudy Hernandez

Hillsborough Tax Collector Office |
Customer Service Representative

NEW MEMBER

Mickey Joseph

Greater Orlando Aviation Authority |
Senior Manager, Debt and Investments

Laurrie Rigaud

Hollywood | Senior Accountant

Schronie Allen

Rockledge | Finance & Risk Management Assistant

Evan Bycholski

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners |
Financial Analyst I

Teresa Stanis

Great Bay Distributors, Inc. | Junior Accountant

Rosemarie Two-axe

Hillsborough County BOCC | Accountant

Luke Beverly

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, Frank, McGuire &
Gonano CPAs PI | Staff Accountant

Sebastian Sims

Berger, Toombs, Elam, Gaines, Frank, McGuire &
Gonano CPAs PI | Staff Accountant

Cheryl Doriah

Broward College | Senior Accountant, Fixed Assets

Charles Brown

Hillsborough County Clerk of Courts |
Accounting Supervisor

Taquila Wells

Hillsborough County Clerk of Circuit Court | Accountant

Tabbatha Josephson

Hillsborough County Clerk of Circuit Court – Tampa, FL |
Principal Accountant

Ketty Edouard

Hillsborough County Clerk of Circuit Court |
Principal Accountant

Eliane Morales

CRA, Town of Davie | Accountant I

Andrew Howell

Office of Financial Management and Budget |
Budget Analyst I

Patricia Smith

Gainesville Regional Utilities | Sr. Accountant

My Tam Duong

Boca Raton | Student

Ivonne Berrios

Omni Community Redevelopment Agency |
Chief Financial Officer

Hannah Picott

City of Palmetto | Junior Accountant

Aliya Schuur

Polk County Clerk of the Circuit Court and
Comptroller | Senior Accountant

Spotlight on Leadership



Elizabeth Walter, CGFO, has dedicated more than two decades to public service and government finance, including the last 21 years as Budget & Grants Manager for the

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (Tri-Rail). She oversees the agency's operating and capital budgets, administers the Transit Asset Management Program, and manages federal reporting requirements.

A longtime FGFOA member since 2007, Elizabeth has served the association in numerous leadership roles, including committee member, sub-chair, and Chair of the School of Governmental Finance (SOGF) Committee for the past four years. She credits FGFOA with providing valuable professional knowledge, networking opportunities, and lasting friendships that have enriched her career and professional journey.

[Click Here to Learn More About Elizabeth](#)

Events & Deadlines

Reminder: Local Government Financial Reporting Deadline Approaching

Sections 129.03 and 166.241, F.S., require counties and municipalities to annually submit certain budget and economic information to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR). The 2026 reporting deadline is approaching. **If your city or county has not already submitted its report, be sure to do so by October 15th.**

The report requires information related to government spending, debt, employee salaries and benefits, and affordable housing expenditures. EDR provides the required forms, instructions, and additional information for completing the report. **[Click here for more information on the 2026 reporting material.](#)**

For information on other mandatory reporting requirements and upcoming deadlines, visit the [FLC Reporting Requirements webpage](#).



Get ready for a week of **learning, professional growth, networking, and fun** at the 2026 FGFOA School of Governmental Finance (SOGF)!

This year's program brings together timely topics affecting government finance professionals today—from **AI and cybersecurity to GASB updates, internal controls, career development, ERP implementation, and credit markets.**

Educational Highlights

Attendees can look forward to engaging sessions including:

- **Aligning Capital Budgets & Performance through AI & Integrated Strategies**
- **Cyber Risks & Resilience in 2026**
- **Internal Controls that Work!**
- **Staying Current: 2026 GASB Updates**
- **How to Advance Your Career to the Next Level**
- **ERP Implementation: One Year Later**
- **AI: Why Budgeting Still Needs a Human in the Loop**
- **Tales from the Credit Desk**

Whether you're looking to stay current on technical issues, explore how AI is changing government finance, or take the next step in your career, this year's educational lineup offers something for professionals at every level.

After the Sessions, the Fun Continues!

Learning is only part of the SOGF experience. Each evening, the **Hospitality Suite** will give attendees an opportunity to unwind, network, reconnect with colleagues, and make new connections.

Monday – Monday Night Football & Game Trivia

Rep your team! Wear your favorite sports shirt or jersey and join us for football, trivia, and friendly competition.

Tuesday – Games & Networking Night

Get ready for **Family Feud and Networking Bingo**—a fun way to meet fellow attendees and test your game-night skills.

 Wednesday – Blast from the Past Karaoke Night

Take a trip down memory lane! Sing your favorite throwback songs or simply cheer on your FGFOA friends.

 Thursday – The Great Budget Heist!

Put your investigative skills to the test during our mystery game. Can you help solve **The Great Budget Heist?**

From valuable educational sessions to memorable evenings with fellow government finance professionals, **SOGF is about more than continuing education—it's an opportunity to strengthen connections across the FGFOA community.** Pack your favorite team jersey, warm up those karaoke vocals, and get ready for a great week at the **2026 School of Governmental Finance! See You in Clearwater!**

[Register Here](#)

Final Call: Help Shape the 2027 FGFOA Annual Conference Program

Time is running out to submit your ideas for the 2027 FGFOA Annual Conference!

What topics are shaping the future of government finance? What challenges, innovations, best practices, or success stories would benefit your colleagues across Florida? The Conference Program Committee is making its final call for educational session topics and speaker recommendations.

Whether you have an idea for an emerging trend, practical solution, leadership discussion, technology innovation, or compelling case study, we want to hear from you. Your input plays an important role in creating a conference program that is timely, engaging, and valuable to finance professionals at every stage of their careers.

Don't miss this opportunity to help shape the conversations, learning experiences, and professional development opportunities that will define the 2027 conference.

Submit your session topic and speaker suggestions through the Call for Session Topics link below today!

Your ideas can make a lasting impact on our profession. We look forward to hearing from you.

[CLICK HERE to Submit a Topic](#)

Investing in Local Chapter Leadership

Strong Local Chapters begin with strong leadership. To help set our Local Chapter Presidents up for success, FGFOA recently hosted a comprehensive Presidents Training that provided an overview of the resources, responsibilities, and support available throughout their term.

The training covered the essential role Local Chapter Presidents play in advancing FGFOA's mission, including governance, financial reporting, compliance, member engagement, professional development, and communication with FGFOA. Presidents also received checklists, templates, and guidance to help them lead their chapters effectively and confidently.

One of the key resources introduced during the training was the new Local Chapter Liaison Program.

Introducing the FGFOA Local Chapter Liaison Program

FGFOA is excited to launch the new Local Chapter Liaison Program, an initiative designed to strengthen the connection between FGFOA and our Local Chapters through consistent communication, collaboration, and support.

Each Local Chapter Liaison is assigned one or more Local Chapters and will connect with Chapter Presidents on a monthly basis. These conversations are not intended to evaluate or oversee Chapters. Instead, they are an opportunity to listen, build relationships, and better understand each Chapter's unique needs and goals.

Monthly discussions will focus on topics such as what's working well, current challenges, member engagement, leadership development, upcoming priorities, and any support FGFOA can provide. By maintaining regular communication, Liaisons will gain a deeper understanding of each Chapter while helping ensure that Chapter Presidents have a trusted resource they can turn to throughout the year.

Ultimately, the Local Chapter Liaison Program is about building stronger relationships. Our goal is for every Local Chapter to know they have an advocate at FGFOA who understands their successes, recognizes their challenges, and is committed to helping them thrive. By serving as the bridge between Local Chapters and FGFOA leadership, the Liaison Program will help ensure we continue working together to strengthen our organization and Educate, Elevate and Empower allowing us to better serve our members.

Virtual Training Opportunities

Upcoming FGFOA Webinars – Mark Your Calendar!

Stay current and connected with FGFOA's lineup of professional development webinars! Each session is designed to provide practical insights, timely updates, and tools you can

apply directly in your daily work. Whether you're looking to strengthen your technical knowledge or expand your leadership skills, there's a webinar for you.

- September 17, 2026 – Revisiting Pensions & OPEB Disclosures (AA)
- October 15, 2026 – Cyber Risks 2026/PCI Readiness and Compliance (TB)
- November 19, 2026 – Review of GASB 87/96/101/103/104 and Current GASB Project Agenda (AA)

Visit the [FGFOA WEBINAR PAGE](#) and click “**Register Now**” or log in to your member portal and go to the “**Events**” tab.

Don’t miss these valuable learning opportunities!

Looking for additional ethics CPE opportunities?

The Florida Institute of CPAs (FICPA) is offering “FICPA Ethics: Protecting the Integrity of the Florida CPAs,” created with the DBPR and approved by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Sessions are available online, in-person, and on-site (live or virtually).

[Learn more and register](#)

Spotlight on Membership

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond? A mentor, colleague, or chapter leader who deserves to be recognized? **Nominate them for the FGFOA Member Spotlight!** It only takes a few minutes, and your nomination could help highlight the inspiring work of a fellow member.

[CLICK HERE to Nominate a Member](#)

Local Chapter News

Get Involved with Your Local FGFOA Chapter

FGFOA's local chapters are the foundation of our association, bringing government finance professionals together to connect, learn, and grow at the local level. Chapter events offer a variety of opportunities, including professional development programs, technical training sessions, networking events, and community engagement activities.

Joining and participating in your local chapter is one of the best ways to expand your professional network, exchange ideas, stay informed on industry trends, and build meaningful relationships with peers who share similar challenges and goals. Whether you are a new member or a seasoned professional, your local chapter provides valuable opportunities to engage, contribute, and enhance your FGFOA experience.

Get connected today by joining your local chapter and checking the [Local Chapter Calendar](#) for upcoming events and opportunities to engage with fellow members.

Stay Connected with FGFOA!

View all current and past **E-Bulletins** and editions of the **Fiscal Forum Newsletter** on the FGFOA website:

www.fgfoa.org/e-bulletins

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

