



MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

# MnGFOA NEWSLETTER

January 2010

*Excellence and Leadership in Government Finance*

[www.mngfoa.org](http://www.mngfoa.org)

## Message from the President

By Cathy Shuman

Best wishes to all MnGFOA members – active, associate, and student – as we enter the year of 2010. This will surely be a challenging year as many entities cut back on their budgets to deal with the decline in the economy. Although the economy is showing glimpses of hope, many of us will be working with limited resources for the coming year. In spite of this, I truly hope for a good year for our organization with participation from members in many aspects, whether it be serving on a committee, attending a monthly luncheon or training, or being part of the annual conference.

I'd like to introduce the 2010 MnGFOA Executive Board: Cory Kampf joins the board as our new Treasurer, Jessie Hart becomes Secretary, Ron Hedberg takes over as President-Elect, and Larry Jacobson will be our guiding light as Past President. Many thanks to Larry for the wealth of knowledge and years of service on the board and in our organization.

Jim Knutson will continue to serve as State Representative for 2010, and Sue Iverson and Tim Fahey have accepted positions as At Large members of the Executive Board. The 2010 committee chairs are: Dan Jordet (conference), Katie Reed (education), Shelly Kolling (program), Mark Beer (technology), and Dennis Sonnek (social). Each of these committees also has a vice chair who "learns the ropes" and moves to committee chair next year.

The general theme that I am promoting this year is "mentoring and sharing our knowledge for the next generation of government finance leaders." An excellent way to accomplish this is through participation on a committee.

Please consider joining one of our unique committees: conference (plan and organize format and speakers for the annual conference); education (plan, promote, organize half and full day trainings); program (select topics and organize speakers for monthly luncheons); technology (maintain, enhance, promote our website and electronic communication); and social (plan and organize various social events including annual conference activities). I am still seeking a vice chair for the Education Committee so please contact me for more information.

In closing, I would like to thank all of those who served on the Executive Board during 2009. A very special thank you to Robin Roland, our outgoing Past President. She is a great example of an excellent leader in government finance who willingly shared her experience and knowledge with the board and members of our organization. A hearty thanks to Jennifer Vucinovich and Daryl Sulander, who served as our At-Large members this past year. A great job by outgoing committee chairs for 2009: Dan Jordet (conference), Joel Merry (education), Tammy Wilson (program), Mark Beer (technology), and Tina Lannes (social).

## December Toys for Tots Collection



The Social Committee would like to thank everyone who brought toys or money for the 12th Annual Toys for Tots program. Many children had a happier, brighter Christmas from your generous donations. In addition, checks totaling \$70 were donated to the Toys for Tots program of Minneapolis.

# MONTHLY MEETING



## 2010 Important Dates

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 20, 2010  
**LOCATION:** Ramada Plaza, Minneapolis  
(Formerly Sheraton Four Points)  
**TOPIC:** Using Custody Services  
**SPEAKERS:** Darcy Kent, Wells Fargo, Jason Folken, US Bank, Dave Preiner, Marshall & Ilsley  
**TIME:** 11:30 am – Speaker  
12:00 pm – Luncheon  
**LUNCH:** Home style Lasagna  
**COST:** \$15

**Reservations:** It is preferred that you register on the MnGFOA website ([mngfoa.org](http://mngfoa.org)) – there is a link on the home page to go to register for the luncheon event. You can pay for the luncheon online also!! You could also send an email to Cory Kampf @ [cory.kampf@brooklynpark.org](mailto:cory.kampf@brooklynpark.org) or leave a voice mail for Cory at 763.493.8150 no later than Friday, January 15th. Please remember to register for the meeting to provide that enough meals are ordered and tables set up for the meeting. Thank you.

**Topic:** Using Custody Services. An overview of what Custody Services are, why people are using it in addition to how it relates to OPEB.

### Executive Board 2010 Planning Session

Wednesday, January 6, 2010 – 1 p.m.  
Brooklyn Park City Hall, “Brooklyn Township” room  
Attendees: Executive Board Members, Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs (please bring your calendars)

### CPFO Testing

The City of Forest Lake will be hosting the spring CPFO examination on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Forest Lake City Hall. For further information on the examination, please see the GFOA website.

For information about the test site, contact Ellen Paulseth, Finance Director, City of Forest Lake, 220 North Lake Street, Forest Lake, MN 55025, Telephone (651) 209-9725.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- January 6, 2010 – Executive Board 2010 Planning Session, Brooklyn Park City Hall
- January 20, 2010 Monthly Luncheon, Ramada Plaza Minneapolis
- February 17, 2010 – Monthly Luncheon, Ramada Plaza Minneapolis
- February 19, 2010 – Curling event, St. Paul Curling Club
- March 3, 2010 - CPFO Exam, Forest Lake City Hall
- March 17, 2010 – CAFR Review and Monthly Luncheon, Ramada Plaza Minneapolis
- April 21, 2010 – Monthly Luncheon, Ramada Plaza Minneapolis
- May 19, 2010 – Monthly Luncheon, Ramada Plaza Minneapolis
- June 2010 – Quarterly Training: TBD
- June 6-June 9, 2010 – National GFOA Conference, Atlanta, GA
- July 21, 2010 – Monthly Luncheon, Ramada Plaza Minneapolis
- August 18, 2010 – Monthly Luncheon, Lake Minnetonka
- September 22-24, 2010 – Annual Conference, Alexandria MN
- October 20, 2010 – Monthly Luncheon, Ramada Plaza Minneapolis
- October 2009 – Intermediate & Advanced Governmental Accounting, TBD
- November 17, 2010 – Quarterly Training (topic TBD), Ramada Plaza Minneapolis
- December 15, 2010 – Monthly Luncheon, Ramada Plaza Minneapolis

# COMMITTEE

## Executive Committee Update

The Executive Committee met on December 9<sup>th</sup> and took the following actions:

- Approved meeting minutes for November
- Approved check registers and Treasurer's reports for November
- Discussed the contract for the Annual Conference for 2010 and 2011.
- Look ahead for 2010 plans
- Discussed a request for member information in electronic format

## February Curling Event

You are invited to the 2nd Annual Curling Event at the St. Paul Curling Club on **Friday, February 19, 2010**, with room for up to 100 people. Last year was the first time we had this event and it was a huge success.

This is a great opportunity to try this sport and when you see it on the Olympics this winter on TV you'll have a better understanding of what's going on or maybe you'll get hooked and want to try out for the Olympics yourself in 2014.

Curling instruction begins promptly at 12:15pm and then we are free to enjoy the sport of curling from 1-3 pm. The cost for the event is \$28 and is sponsored by the MN GFOA and hosted by the Social Committee.

**Note:** we must leave the St. Paul Curling Club by 3:30pm.

**Important Notes:** Please bring and carry in clean shoes to wear on the ice –(recommendation: tennis shoes). Dress for 40 degrees - including gloves or mittens.

**You must register and submit payment by January 31, 2010.** Please check the MnGFOA website for more information and to register. **Social Event following at the Happy Gnome (cash bar) next door to the Curling Club on Selby Avenue.**

You can contact Tonya Weinert for more information or questions at [tlweinert@hotmail.com](mailto:tlweinert@hotmail.com) or call 651.269.7137. The St Paul Curling Club is located at 470 Selby Avenue, St Paul MN 55102. For directions, go to the "About" tab on their website at [www.stpaulcurlingclub.org](http://www.stpaulcurlingclub.org)

## CAFR Review – March 17th , 2010

The MNGFOA CAFR Review and Monthly Luncheon will be held at the Ramada Plaza Minneapolis on Wednesday, March 17th. The Education Committee is pleased to announce that HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd will be conducting the annual Certificate Review session. In order to create the most informative session, they are asking cities and counties to submit copies of CAFR comments received from the 2008 Annual Audit Financial Statements to be used as examples for the session. Please mail hard copies to: Peggy Moeller, HLB Tautges Redpath Ltd, 4810 White Bear Parkway, White Bear Lake MN 55110.

## Membership Renewals

You should be receiving your MnGFOA renewal notice in the mail anytime now. You can also complete the renewal process online on the MnGFOA website. Renewals and payments are due by January 31, 2010.

If you choose to not renew online you can mail the renewal form to: Cory Kampf, City of Brooklyn Park, 5200 - 85th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443.

Please note that you can help save on postage and printing by requesting your newsletter by email. Mark your membership renewal form in the appropriate spot.

## Membership Directory Ads

Mailings will be going out to associate members of the MnGFOA to solicit advertising for the 2010 membership directory. You can select the size of your ad and provide a camera ready copy for publishing. Don't miss this great opportunity to promote your business and support MnGFOA at the same time!

Ad Rates:	¼ page	\$300
	½ page	\$450
	Full page	\$600

Please email your ad file (PDF preferred) directly to [cory.kampf@brooklynpark.org](mailto:cory.kampf@brooklynpark.org). Payments should be mailed to: Cory Kampf, City of Brooklyn Park, 5200 - 85th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

For more information, contact Cory by email or call 763.493.8150.

## 2010 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

President  
Cathy Shuman  
City of Monticello  
763.271.3204

President Elect  
Ron Hedberg  
City of Apple Valley  
651.458.2540

Secretary  
Jessie Hart  
Township of White Bear  
651.747.2760

Treasurer  
Cory Kampf  
City of Brooklyn Park  
763.493.8150

Past President  
Larry Jacobson  
City of Robbinsdale  
763.531.1215

At-Large  
Tim Fahey  
Northland Securities  
612-851-4929

At-Large  
Sue Iverson  
City of Arden Hills  
651.792-7816

State Rep  
Jim Knutson  
City of Maple Grove  
763.494.6321

## 2010 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Conference  
Dan Jordet  
Brooklyn Center  
763.569.3345

Education  
Katie Reed  
Chanhassen  
952.227.1142

Program  
Shelly Kolling  
Savage  
952.882.2645

Social  
Dennis Sonnek  
Wells Fargo  
612.316.3618

Technology  
Mark Beer  
Mounds View  
763.717.4011

Selection  
Dennis Feller  
Lakeville  
952.985.4481

If you wish to know more about or help out on any of these committees, please contact the person listed above.



Ron Hedberg  
City of Apple Valley  
7100 147<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Apple Valley, MN 55124



## Message from the Editor

Hello to all members of the Minnesota GFOA. I am serving as the Editor of the newsletter for the 2010 year. Please send me any news for our newsletter: job openings, ads related to government finance, career moves, committee updates, or other noteworthy items.



The cutoff date is the 20th of each month, and the newsletter will be emailed or mailed about the first day of the upcoming month. Thanks.

Ron Hedberg, City of Apple Valley  
rhedberg@ci.apple-valley.mn.us  
7100 147<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Apple Valley, MN 55124  
Phone: 952-953-2540  
Fax: 952-953-2515