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Message from the President

By Chris Miller

From humble beginnings . . . to the MnGFOA of today. Back in January, I included this phrase as part of my suggestion to constantly rethink our purpose, and how we can do it better. I think we've made some great advancements during the past year. Thanks to your input, we added new half-day training sessions, brought in national speakers on a regular basis, and we've positioned ourselves to make more enhancements in the future. All in all, I think 2006 was another successful year. I'm confident that 2007 will be a great year as well when Greg Sticha takes over as your President. I wish him well, and I know all of you do too.

I would like to thank this year's Executive Committee for their energy and ideas, thoughtful discussions, and commitment to the MnGFOA. I would also like to thank the Committee Chairs and their members for their tremendous efforts. And, I would like to thank the entire membership for getting involved, sharing your knowledge, and staying committed to the profession. Finally, I would like to thank Ed Burrell, Tom Kuehn, and Ron Hedberg, who in 1991, 1994, and 1997 respectively, hired me on as their employee. These 3 individuals provided me the opportunity to take on new challenges, foster my own ideas and initiatives, and grow within this profession. Most important of all, they passed along their wisdom. From humble beginnings... it has been an incredible journey, and it has been my pleasure to serve as your President during this past year.



December Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2006
Location: Minneapolis Sheraton 4 Points
Speaker: David Gaither, the Governor's Chief of Staff
Topic: Various State & Local Government Issues
Meal: Marinated Chicken Teriyaki
Time: 11:30 a.m. – Welcome & Program
12:15 p.m. – Lunch & Business Mtg.
1:00 p.m. – Holiday Gathering
Cost: \$15.00



Reservations: You may leave your reservation with Larry Jacobson at the City of Plymouth at 763-509-5320 or on our website at www.mngfoa.org by Thursday, December 7th. (Vegetarian meal choice is available.)

Don't forget to bring a children's toy for the MnGFOA Toy Drive! And don't forget to stay around after the program to share some Holiday Cheer with your friends and colleagues. Hot apple cider and treats will be available!

SPEAKER BIO

David is a long time resident of the city of Plymouth. He graduated from Wayzata high school and the University of Minnesota, where he majored in Economics. David was a 4 time state champion and record holder in high school. He also was All-Big Ten and established records in the hurdles at the "U". David is married to Susan and has three children.

As a long time leader in his community, David's volunteer work has included service on his city's planning commission, membership in his school board's finance committee, and as chairman of his local youth football program, directing over 700 players and 150 parent volunteers.

David is the founding principal of Corporate Talent. He brings to his clients over 20 years of diverse business experience, including national sales manager of an early operating stage telecommunications company, regional sales manager of a pharmaceutical distributor, and CEO of a publicly held owner involved housing company. He has experienced success and challenge while working in start up ventures and mature industries. He has marketed both emerging, entrepreneurial technologies, and those constrained by government regulation. He knows first hand the challenges of meeting payroll and making aggressive sales plans.

David served as member of the Minnesota State Senate. David was elected in 2002 by over 20 percentage points over his competition. He was a member of the Commerce, E-12 Education Finance, Capital Investment, and Jobs, Energy and Community Development committees. He also served on the Legislative Electric Energy Task Force, Subcommittee on Employee Relations, Senate Technology Committee, and was the Vice Chair of the Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Alliance. David has also served on the executive leadership team within his caucus.

David resigned his Senate seat in 2005 for his current position as Chief of Staff to Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty. He had a previous role in the Pawlenty administration through serving on Governor-elect Tim Pawlenty's transition team, identifying and placing Cabinet level direct reports for the Governor.

2007 Meeting Dates

Monthly Meetings:

January 17th

February 21st

March 21st - Training

Committee

o Executive Committee Update

r At the November 15th meeting, the minutes of the
n October 19th meeting were approved. Highlights
e of those minutes include:

- Approved Minutes, Check Register, and Treasurer's report from October
- Discussed new contract with Arrowwood
- Set meeting dates for first half of 2007
- Reviewed 2007 Preliminary Budget
- Discussed 2007 Internship Grant

Thank You

The Social Committee would like to thank everyone who made a donation at the November Program for the local area food shelves. Your contribution is appreciated!



December Toy Drive



The Social Committee is once again sponsoring the 9th Annual Toy Drive. Please bring unwrapped toys to the luncheon and they will see that the collection is distributed to the Toys-4-Tots Program.

Message from the Editor

As always, if you have any job openings, career moves, or any items of note, please forward them to Robin Roland at the City of Farmington by the 20th of next month so she can put it in the next newsletter. Her email address is rroland@ci.farmington.mn.us. It has been an honor serving as your editor this past year even with the occasional slip up on my part.

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JOB POSTINGS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES Polk County, WI

Polk County is seeking a Deputy Director of Human Resources to administer an effective Personnel program by directing and coordinating human resources activities. Polk County is a growing, progressive, rural community of 45,000 located in west central Wisconsin 50 miles northeast of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Requirements include a Bachelor's degree from four-year college or university in Business Administration, Human Resources/Personnel Administration, Industrial/Labor Relations or related field; also requires a minimum of four (4) years progressively responsible work experience in personnel or labor relations. Public sector experience preferred, but not required. For complete job description, salary information, and application visit www.co.polk.wi.us or call 715-485-9270. Deadline to apply: December 5, 2006.

ACCOUNTANT CITY OF GREENFIELD

The City of Greenfield is accepting applications for the position of Accountant. This is a challenging full-time position reporting directly to the City Administrator. Responsibilities include day-to-day administration of the City finance function, financial reporting, intergovernmental reporting, budgeting, payroll, utility billing, and accounts payable and receivable. Qualified applicants should have a Bachelor's Degree in Finance, Accounting or a related field, two years of municipal experience and two years of governmental accounting experience. Application and job description are available at www.greenfield.govoffice.com. Submit application, resume and salary history to Jill Teetzel, City of Greenfield, 7738 Commerce Circle, Rockford, MN 55373. Application deadline: 4:30, December 8, 2006.

