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MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

# MnGFOA NEWSLETTER

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*Excellence and Leadership in Government Finance*

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## Message from the President

By Greg Sticha

Leadership in Government Finance. As our statement says on our letterhead and at the top of this newsletter, leadership is a key to any great organization's success. This organization is no exception. Just look at some of our recent leaders, Tom Kelly, Lori Webster, Tom Pepper, and Chris Miller. We have had outstanding leadership. This organization has had many other outstanding leaders over the years, but these individuals have had a significant impact on our organization and me. It is my great honor to follow in all of our past leaders footsteps. I would like to thank all of them for their dedication, and professionalism, as well as the outstanding work they did while in office and all they continue to do for our organization in a variety of capacities.

The executive committee this year will be made up of a number of dedicated individuals as well. With Robin Roland (president elect), Larry Jacobson (secretary), and our newest elected member Cathy Shuman (treasurer), it is comforting to know our future is also in good hands. In addition, the appointed members to this year's executive committee are Bruce DeJong (state representative), Joe Rigdon (at large member), and Fran Windschitl (at large member). The 2007 committee chairs will be Cory Kampf (conference), Cindy Rollins (education), Joel Merry (technology), Judy Moll (social), and Michelle Pietrick (program). I would like to thank all of you for your tremendous efforts you will be making for this organization over the next year.

Leaving us in a formal capacity on the board are Bonnie Burton (state representative), Fred Espe (at large member), and Aaron Nielsen (at large member). I would like to thank all of you for your service to this organization, and I know each of you will continue to be

ambassadors for our organization. I would especially like to thank Chris Miller who is leaving us as our president, but will still serve on the board as our past president. Chris is a good friend and his dedication and service to this organization is appreciated tremendously by all of us. Chris has been a relentless leader for us whether it was in promoting our organization to the graduating students of our local universities, or in the many other duties he has held with our organization. Thanks again Chris for everything you do to exemplify leadership.

Lastly, I would like to leave you with what I hope to accomplish for our organization over the next year. I am very aware that the past leaders I am following have abilities that I strive to someday have, with that in mind please give this "speak before you think on occasion leader" some room for error. As one of my goals for the upcoming year I would like to improve some of our technologies that we have and use for our membership, especially some major changes to our website. In addition, I would like to continue the promotion of our profession to the students graduating from our universities, as championed by Mr. Miller. I also am open to any other suggestions the membership may have as items of concern to address in the upcoming year. Please feel free to contact me. Sharing our thoughts and ideas will keep this organization as great as it is. Thanks for your time and have a happy New Year!!!!!!

## 2007 Meeting Dates

### Monthly Meetings:

March 21 – Training

May 16 – Quarterly training

### Annual Conferences:

GFOA – Anaheim, California

MnGFOA – Alexandria, MN

February 21

April 18

No June Meeting

June 10-13

Sept. 19-21

# January Meeting



Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2007  
Location: Minneapolis Sheraton 4 Points  
Topic: ***GASB 40 or AMERICAN TOP 40:  
Which is more fun?***  
Speakers: David Blumberg & Lynn Cornwell  
Time: 11:30 a.m. – Welcome & Speakers  
12:15 p.m. – Lunch & Business Mtg.  
Menu: Penne Pasta & Grilled Chicken  
Cost: \$15.00

## *Speaker Bio...*

David Blumberg is a Senior Manager HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd. He specializes in audit and management advisory services for local governments. He is a Special Review Committee member of the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting program. Dave received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin, River Falls and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Minnesota Government Finance Officers Association. He also is an active committee member with current roles on the MNCPA City Audit Task Force and GFOA Special Review Committee; and former roles on the MGFOA Conference Committee and the MNCPA City Audit Task Force. Dave is the current Treasurer of the Cottage Grove Basketball Association. Dave lives in Cottage Grove with his wife, Jennifer and has 2 children.

Lynn Cornwell is a vice president with Wells Fargo Institutional Brokerage with 19 years of investment experience. She specializes in providing investment solutions to Minnesota municipalities and corporations. Lynn is registered with the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) as a general securities representative. She has a bachelor's of arts degree (Summa Cum Laude) in marketing management from Concordia College in St. Paul, MN. She is the chair of an e-Mentoring program at Wells Fargo, a past member of the Executive Committee of the MN Government Finance Officers Association, and a member of the Minnesota Treasury Management Association. Lynn teaches part-time at the College of St. Catherine. She received the Wells Fargo Volunteer Service Award in 2002. Lynn enjoys reading, movies, boating and spending time with her husband.

**Reservations:** You may leave your reservation on our website at [www.mngfoa.org](http://www.mngfoa.org) or in an e-mail to Cathy Shuman ([cathy.shuman@ci.monticello.mn.us](mailto:cathy.shuman@ci.monticello.mn.us)) by Thursday January 11, 2007. (Vegetarian meal choice is available.)

# Committee

## o Executive Committee Update

r The following are highlights of the December 13th meeting:

- e • Approved Budget for 2007 totaling \$136,650 in revenues and expenses.
- r • Approved minutes, Check register and treasurers report from November.
- After discussion, approved moving checking account and money market to 4M Fund.
- Appointed Lee Krueger (Anoka County Treasury Manager) as a representative to the MAGIC (MN Association Governments Investing for Counties) Fund.
- Discussed a site for the Minnesota Welcome Reception at the National GFOA in Anaheim in June.

## From the Education Committee

The Education Committee is pleased to announce that Peggy Moeller and David Blumberg from HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd. will be conducting the annual Certificate Review session in conjunction with the March 2007 meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2007. This is a popular session that necessitates participation and assistance. Peggy is collecting CAFR comments received from the GFOA 2005 Annual Financial Statements, which will be used as examples for this session. Please forward copies of your 2005 CAFR and your GFOA comments to: Peggy Moeller, HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd., 4810 White Bear Parkway, White Bear Lake, MN 55110. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Membership Renewals

You should have received your MnGFOA membership renewal form via postal mail by now. To be included in the 2007 membership directory, fill out the application form and mail with your payment by January 31, 2007 to Cathy Shuman, City of Monticello, 505 Walnut Street, Monticello, MN 56362 or call her at 763-271-3204 with questions.

## IF YOU'RE INTERESTED...

Ehlers & Associates, Inc. proudly presents their 2007 Public Finance Seminar entitled "Financial RX....Your Prescription for Healthy & Vibrant Communities". The one-and-a-half day seminar will be held at the Earl Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center on Thursday, February 1 and Friday, February 2. For more information or to register, please visit the website at [www.ehlers-inc.com](http://www.ehlers-inc.com) or call Lorraine Swenson at 651-697-8560.

# JOB POSTINGS

## Finance Director – City of Oak Grove

The City of Oak Grove is seeking a Finance Director to perform complex supervisory, professional, administrative and technical accounting and finance functions in maintaining the fiscal records and systems of the City under the general direction of the City Administrator. Serves as chief financial advisor; oversees investment of City funds; develops short and long range plans, recommends financial policies; establishes and maintains internal control procedures and assures that state and national standard accounting procedures are maintained. Minimum qualifications: Graduation from an accredited 4-yr. college or university with degree in accounting, finance, business or public administration, or closely related field, and 5-yrs. of progressively responsible municipal finance work; possess valid state driver's license. Salary range is \$65,395 - \$78,478 depending on experience and qualification. For an application contact the City of Oak Grove, 19900 Nightingale St. NW, Cedar, MN 55011, (763) 753-1920. Application deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 5, 2007.

## Budget Manager - Ramsey County

Ramsey County is accepting applications for the position of Budget Manager. This is a challenging full-time position reporting directly to the County's Finance Director. Responsibilities include planning, managing and supervising the preparation and adoption of the County operating and capital budgets consistent with state law and guidelines established by the County Manager and County Board; administering and monitoring the budget in compliance with County policy, reporting material variations and recommending adjustments to the Finance Director; evaluating and recommending budget and financial management strategies to maintain or improve the financial condition of the County; and supervising professional staff.

Qualified applicants must have a Bachelor's Degree in accounting, business administration, economics, finance, public administration, or equivalent; CPA, CGFO, MBA or MPA preferred; plus six years experience in planning, analysis or administration of budgets, which include at least two years in a supervisory capacity. Relevant governmental or non-profit experience desirable.

Application and job description are available at [www.co.ramsey.mn.us/hr/jobs](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/hr/jobs). Submit Ramsey County application and resume online or by mail to Human Resources, attention Barbara Lawrence, 430 Government Center West, 50 West Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55102. Application deadline: January 31, 2007.

## Accounting Supervisor–Anoka County

Anoka County is accepting applications for an Accounting Supervisor who will supervise Fiscal Accounting staff. Position will prepare and monitor budgets, maintain general ledger, prepare monthly and year-end financial reports, and work with internal and external auditors. REQ: Bachelor's degree in Acctg, Bus. or rel field. SAL: \$51,503-\$62,050/yr DOE. Exc benefits. Submit an Anoka County Application for Employment (NO RESUMES) to Human Resources (763/323-5525) by 4:30 p.m. the day of closing. See [www.AnokaCounty.us](http://www.AnokaCounty.us) for application and job posting details. (TDD 763-323-5544) AA/EOE/ADA

## 2007 Executive Board Members

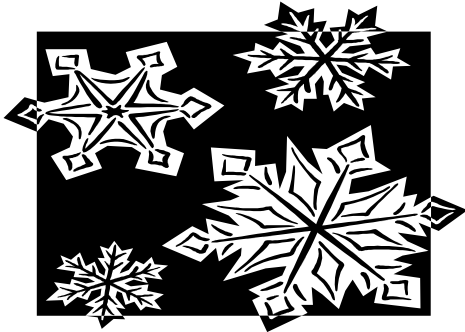
<b>President</b>	Greg Sticha City of Chanhassen	952-227-1149
<b>PresidentElect</b>	Robin Roland City of Farmington	651-463-1880
<b>Secretary</b>	Larry Jacobson City of Plymouth	763-509-5320
<b>Treasurer</b>	Cathy Shuman City of Monticello	763-271-3204
<b>Past President</b>	Chris Miller City of Roseville	651-792-7031
<b>At-Large</b>	Fran Windschitl Rice County	507-332-6122
<b>At-Large</b>	Joe Rigdon KDV Ltd.	763-569-5774
<b>State Rep.</b>	Bruce DeJong City of St. Louis Park	952-924-2511

## New Committee Chairs for 2007:

Conference	Cory Kampf	763-531-1215
Education	Cindy Rollins	952-563-4702
Program	Michelle Pietrick	715-381-4304
Social	Judy Moll	651-747-2759
Technology	Joel Merry	651-792-7036

If you have any questions, want to help out, or have suggestions for the Executive Board or for any of the committees for 2007, please feel free to give them a call.

Robin Roland  
City of Farmington  
325 Oak Street  
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## Message from the Editor

With the New Year, it's a new editor! Send me your job openings/ads, career moves, or other items of note, by the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month so I can put it in the next newsletter.

Thanks!

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