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Message from the President

By Chris Miller

The MnGFOA turns 43 this year. A lot has happened since that first meeting in 1963. Nationally, we landed a man on the moon, watched Hank Aaron set a new homerun record, observed the end of the Cold War, and realized the explosive growth of the Digital Age. During that same period, the MnGFOA went from holding meetings and training events at Nicklow's on Highway 100, to an Annual Conference at Alexandria. Our membership grew from 15 to over 550. Remarkable and historical changes at every turn.

A few years ago, a number of our past presidents compiled a book containing some of our history. It was rich with events and stories going back to 1963. I've read it many times, and although it's gratifying, it always leaves me wanting more. It also gets me thinking about how we record the events of today. I've come to the realization that as an organization, we lack any formal mechanism to record our history. And with each passing year it only gets harder to remember the significant and interesting events in the past.

One of my goals this year is to establish a means by which we formally record our history. I'm still sorting out the details on how we might do this, and that's where I need your help. To get started, I would like to extend an open invitation to all members to send me your stories, photos, and interesting artifacts. I also welcome any ideas on how we should record our history moving forward. Hopefully with your help, we can make sure that the valued contributions of the MnGFOA and its members are forever remembered.

June Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2006
Location: Minneapolis Sheraton 4 Points
Topic: Legislative Update
Speaker: Gary Carlson League of Minnesota Cities.
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$15.00
Meal: Roast Pork Loin and Vegetables, and salad

Reservations: You may leave your reservation with Larry Jacobson, City of Plymouth at 763-509-5320 or on our website at www.mngfoa.org by Thursday, June 15, 2006. (Vegetarian meal choice is available.)

Speaker Bio

Gary Carlson has been involved with Minnesota local government finance and taxation issues for over 20 years. Gary serves as the Director of Intergovernmental relations for the League of Minnesota Cities. As director, Gary's role is to coordinate efforts among league staff to represent the interest of member cities before the State Legislature and other levels of government.

Prior to his employment with the League, Gary worked for five years with the law firm of Briggs & Morgan, concentrating on state legislative affairs, public finance, and litigation support. He also worked from 1984 to 1986 for the City of Minneapolis, in the Legislative Liaison Office.

2006 Meeting Dates

Monthly Meetings:

July 19 August 16 October 18
November 15 (Quarterly Training) December 13

Annual Conference:

MnGFOA – Alexandria, MN Sept 20-22

Budget Library

The MnGFOA needs current (2006) award winning budget documents to update our budget library. If your budget document receives the award, no matter how many reviewer comments you received, please mail a copy to Tom Kelly at White Bear Township, 1281 Hammond Road, White Bear, MN 55110. The budget library is available by request to members looking to improve their entities budget documents. If you would like to request the budget library, have other question about the budget library or GFOA's budget award program; please contact Tom Kelly at (651)-747-2760.

Congratulations!!!!

A heartfelt congratulations goes out to Al Rolek at the City of Lino Lakes for being appointed to the GFOA Executive Board as an at-large member. Al was appointed at the 100th Annual Conference in Montreal, and will serve a 3-year term effective immediately. Al's appointment reflects his long-term commitment to the profession and his willingness to serve on various committees at both the local and national level. Again, congratulations to Al on a well-deserved appointment!

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Executive Committee Update

There was no Executive Committee meeting for May due to the National Conference.

Upcoming Events

The monthly lunch meeting for the month of August will be a boat ride on the St. Croix River, and will include an extended program and networking opportunity. The guest speaker will be Nancy Zielke, who is the past president of the National GFOA. The topic will be—Excellence & Leadership in Government Finance: Traditional Skills aren't enough anymore. More information will follow, but please join us for this special event.

Message from the Editor



As always, if you have any job openings, career moves, or any items of note, please forward them to me by the 20th of this month so I can put it in the next newsletter. Thanks,

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