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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By: Tom Kelly

Spring has arrived and I'm sure most of you, like myself, are putting the finishing touches on your CAFR's. As we complete that work, most of us are working with our Boards/Councils and other Departments to adjust our organizations current budget in anticipation of State budget cuts. Thanks to our April speaker, Mr. Gary Carlson who tried to shed some light on possible State budget cuts and the effects it could have on local government budgets. Mr. Carlson described many different legislative proposals including; aid reduction, property tax freezes, levy limits, limiting enterprise activities and wage freezes. It is obvious that Mr. Carlson and his staff will be very busy this spring, which hopefully will not spill into the summer.

As many of us deal with possible budget reductions, it reminds me of MnGFOA's function of providing members with not only information and training, but networking opportunities. By networking with peers it gives many of us a core group of individuals that we are comfortable with share ideas and strategies for dealing with many difficult issues. Sharing information with one another is one of MnGFOA's strong points and providing these opportunities is one that I'm extremely grateful for.

In the coming months we have many opportunities to share ideas with one another starting with the National Conference in New York in May and the State Conference in September. Networking opportunities include social activities, such as, the Saints game and the golf outing. Meeting with old friends and making new friends at these events allows my relationship with that person take on a much more comfortable stance from then on, which is a great benefit of our organization. Speaking of the National Conference in New York, due to time constrains with the hotels, various tours, and other events, MnGFOA will not be having a reception at this year's conference. Instead those interested can meet in the lobby of the Hilton New York (1335 Avenue of the Americas) at 9:00 a.m. for a Dutch treat (pay for your own) breakfast.

I hope to see you in the City that never sleeps. Otherwise, I'll see you in June at the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

MAY MEETING NOTICE

No regular May meeting – See you in June.

2003 MnGFOA DATES

Monthly Meeting Dates:

June 18	October 15
July 16	November 19
August 20	December 17

Conference/Training:

2003 National GFOA Conference	New York NY	May 18 – 21
2003 Fall MnGFOA Conference	Alexandria MN	September 16 – 19

NATIONAL GFOA CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

Reminder: You can still register for the National GFOA Conference in New York City. The conference is May 18 – 21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Past President Lyle Haney (1975-76) has been working with a few other retirees, collecting and identifying older photos of past GFOA members. They have also been trying to update our retiree mailing list. As part of their efforts they have located Past President, John Murphy (1969-70) John was President when he was employed with the City of Golden Valley. John and his wife Pat have relocated to Arizona and get to Minnesota about once a year. Their address is: 64375 East Coronado Court, Tucson, AZ 85739. Thanks for the update Lyle!

GFOA INTERNET TRAINING

The response to GFOA's Internet training on "Using the GFOA Checklist to Implement the New Model" has been so successful that it will be repeated one more time on June 16, 2003, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. This live, interactive training features Stephen Gauthier, GFOA's director of technical services. The material covers:

- Putting the new checklist to work—preparer perspective
- Avoiding common deficiencies and properly interpreting frequently misunderstood requirements
- Profiting from special transition provisions available to Certificate Program participants.

Internet Training: Using the GFOA Checklist to Implement the New Model – June 16 (1pm – 3pm EST). All you need is a speakerphone and a separate Internet connection. For more information, contact GFOA at 312/977-9700 or check their website at www.gfoa.org.

GOLF OUTING DATE SET

This year's golf outing will be on June 12th at the Chomonix Golf Course in Lino Lakes. Please contact Ron Hedberg at the City of Cottage Grove at 651-458-2382 or Jim Eichten at Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich at 952-545-0424 to register, or for more information. Registration form is also available on our web-site. www.mngfoa.org

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The committee approved of the minutes for the March 19, 2003 meeting. A summary of the minutes is as follows:

- Approval of the Check Register for February in the amount of \$1,242.18 and the Treasurer's report as of February 28, 2003.
- The Executive Committee received updates from the standing committees: Conference, College Connections, Program, Education and Social.
- Due to the lack of available sites, the National Conference Hospitality event will be changed this year to a brunch on Sunday morning at a hotel or restaurant as a gathering means for attendees. Those attending would pay their own way.

SAINT PAUL SAINTS GAME

The social committee has procured 60 tickets for this year's St. Paul Saints game. The outing is for Thursday, July 17th. Tailgating will commence before the game – come and network with your colleagues !

2002 RESULTS FOR 2001 BUDGETS

The 2002 Results annual report for Fiscal Years Beginning in 2001 for the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is also out. Congratulations to the following Award Winners !

Anoka County	Ramsey County
Bloomington	Richfield
Blue Earth County	Robbinsdale
Brooklyn Park	Roseville
Burnsville	St. Cloud
Coon Rapids	St. Louis County
Dakota County	Washington County
Duluth	White Bear Lake
Eden Prairie	White Bear Township
Farmington	Worthington
Hennepin County	
Maplewood	
Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Airport Commission	

2003 EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The 2003 MnGFOA Executive Board is as follows:

President	Tom Kelly	651-429-5827
	White Bear Township	
President-Elect	Lori Webster	651-480-2352

Secretary	City of Hastings Tom Pepper 651-675-5017
Treasurer	City of Eagan Chris Miller 651-490-2210
Past President	City of Roseville Sharon Legg 763-767-6433
At-Large	City of Coon Rapids Cathy Shuman 763-271-3204
At-Large	City of Monticello Rosemary Masloski 651-697-8530
State Rep.	Ehlers & Associates Ron Hedberg 651-458-2832 City of Cottage Grove

COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2003:

Conference	Michelle Pietrick	612-673-5122
Education	Julie Vogel	952-448-2851
Program	Joe Huss	952-563-4930
Social	Jim Eichten	952-545-0424
Selection	Lori Johnson	763-441-7420

If you have any questions, want to help out, or have suggestions for the Executive Board or for the committees for 2003, please feel free to give them a call.

2002 RESULTS FOR 2001 CAFR'S

The 2002 Results annual report for Fiscal Years Ended in 2001 for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program is out. Congratulations to the following Award Winners !

Albert Lea	Anoka
Anoka County	Austin
Blaine	Bloomington
Blue Earth County	Brainerd
Breckenridge	Brooklyn Center
Brooklyn Park	Burnsville
Carver County	Chaska
Columbia Heights	Coon Rapids
Cottage Grove	Crystal
*Dakota County	Deephaven
Detroit Lakes	Dilworth
Duluth	Duluth Teacher's RFA
Eagan	East Grand Forks
Eden Prairie	Elk River
Fairmont	*Falcon Heights
Faribault	Fergus Falls
Fridley	Golden Valley
Goodview	Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids Public Utl. Comm.	Hastings
Hennepin Co.	Hopkins
Hugo	Hutchinson
Ind. School District #624	Inver Grove Heights

Lakeville	Lino Lakes
Luverne	Mahtomedi
Maple Grove	Maplewood
Minneapolis	Mpls Comm Dev Agency
Mpls. Library Board	Mpls-St. Paul MAC
MN Public Employer RA	*MN State Lottery
MN State Retirement System	MN Teacher's RA
*Minnetonka	Moorhead
Mora	Morris
Mound	New Brighton
New Hope	New Ulm
North Mankato	North St. Paul
*Oakdale	Olmsted County
Orono	Plymouth
Ramsey	Ramsey County
Rice County	Richfield
Robbinsdale	Rochester
Rosemount	*Roseville
St. Cloud	St. Louis County
St. Louis Park	St. Paul
St. Paul HRA	Savage
Shakopee	Sherburne County
Shoreview	Shorewood
South St. Paul	State of Minnesota
Stillwater	
Suburban Hennepin Regional Park District	
*Twin Cities Area Metropolitan Council	
Wadena	Waseca
Washington County	Wayzata
West St. Paul	
Western Lake Superior Sanitary District	
White Bear Lake	White Bear Township
Winona	Woodbury
Worthington	

* Denotes award with GASB 34 Implementation

ADVANCED INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP

Is your budget for training being cut? Do you know an ambitious and up-and-coming finance person? Or maybe is it time for you to move to the next level? Now is the time for you to apply for the Advanced Government Finance Institute Scholarship. The application form is available on the MnGFOA web site or you can contact Tom Pepper at 651-675-5017. This scholarship covers the complete cost of the Institute except for your travel to Madison, WI.. Application deadline is May 30, 2003.

POPULAR REPORTING AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the City of Bloomington and the City of Eden Prairie – Minnesota's only winners of the popular reporting award !!

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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As always, we are looking for information to put in the newsletter of interest to the group. Please contact me with any retirements, job changes, promotions, certifications received or any other items you are willing to share with the group. Please give me a call or e-mail me by the 20th of the month to guarantee publication.

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MGFOA 2003 GOLF OUTING

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2003

Cost: \$44 per person, includes: greens fees, golf cart, contests, and prizes and lunch

Place: Chomonix Golf Course
Lino Lakes, MN

Visit their web site www.chomonixgolf.com
for info on the course, driving directions.

Time: Tee times beginning at Noon (Not a shotgun start)

This tournament is for golfers of all skill levels. You do not have to be a good golfer to participate. This is a team event. Just come prepared to have a good time!! To promote the social aspect of this event, entries will be grouped in foursomes, mixing skill levels. After golfing, we will meet in the clubhouse area for the presentation of prizes. The registration deadline is Friday, May 30, 2003.

We will not be having a shotgun start, so tee times will begin at noon and go off every 8 minutes after that. If you have a preference for a tee time, let us know and we will try and accommodate everyone. We will fax or email back a confirmation of your tee time. Please be at the course at least 15 minutes prior to your tee time. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Hedberg at the City of Cottage Grove, 651-458-2832 (email: [Rhedberg@cottage -grove.org](mailto:Rhedberg@cottage-grove.org)) or Jim Eichten at Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich at 612-545-0424

GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Fax # _____

(So we can fax back your tee time)

Organization _____

Email:

Average score for 18 holes _____

**Make checks payable to MGFOA and
mail your registration form and payment
to:**

Preferred Tee Time _____

City of Cottage Grove
Attn: Ron Hedberg/MGFOA
7516 80th Street South
St. Paul, MN 55016

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ for _____ golfers