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# MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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## Message from the President

By Chris Miller

To paraphrase a statement made by a former presidential candidate . . . I believe the best MnGFOA is yet to come.

Over the years, I've observed that as an organization, we've been steadily evolving for the better each and every year. I'm amazed at the high quality of the Fall Conference and educational events that our Committee members put on year after year. Our Program Committee keeps bringing in top speakers as well. And it just seems to keep getting better.

I've had the pleasure to have served on at least one MnGFOA committee every year since 1994. During this time, the MnGFOA has had dozens of different committee chairs, and well over a hundred different members serving on these committees. As an organization, we're involved and focused; constantly reshaping our purpose with new ideas and perspectives. Things just keep getting better. Indeed, the best MnGFOA is yet to come. A gold star to anyone that can name the former presidential candidate referenced above.

October featured two full-day training sessions on beginning governmental accounting featuring Paul Glick as our speaker. The Bloomington session had 44 participants, and the St. Cloud session featured 20 participants. A special thanks to Cindy Rollins and the Educational Committee for coordinating this event. Another full-day training session on internal controls will be coming in November.

In addition, we also held a monthly program meeting, which featured Bill Maclean and Clint Doroff from USBancorp. Bill and Clint presented an overview on investment fundamentals and strategies. The PowerPoint presentation made during the meeting is available on the MnGFOA website.

## November Meeting



There is no monthly lunch meeting for the month of November. Instead, please join us for a half-day training session on Internal Controls: More than Segregation of Duties.

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Location: Minneapolis Sheraton Four Points

Speaker: Steve McDonald from Abdo, Eick and Meyers, LLP

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Cost: \$60

Meal: Focaccia club sandwich, pasta salad, apple pie, assorted drinks.

Lunch Only: Those interested in joining us for lunch only may come to network for a cost of \$15. Please register through GTS for this option. Please go to our website ([www.mngfoa.org](http://www.mngfoa.org)) or to GTS ([www.mngts.org](http://www.mngts.org)) for more information and to sign up for this tremendous training.

***Don't forget to bring your non-perishable food items for the MnGFOA Food Drive!***

# Committee

## Executive Committee Update

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At the October meeting, the following highlights took place:

- Approved Minutes from August meeting
- Approved check registers and treasurers report for August and September
- Discussed annual conference venue
- Discussed banking services for MnGFOA
- Received update from Conference Committee
- Discussed purchasing new Quicken software
- Approved contract with GTS for 2007 services

## Reminder

Please try to sign up for the monthly meetings either online or by phone with Larry Jacobson by the Thursday before the meeting date. This allows us to make sure the proper accommodations are available for the meetings, thanks once again!!!

## 2006 Meeting Dates

Monthly Meetings: December 13



## November Food Drive

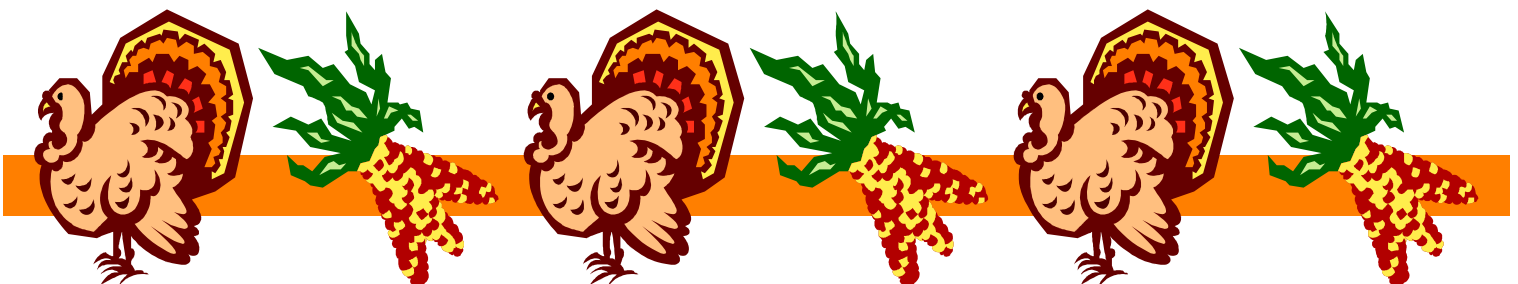
The Social Committee is once again sponsoring the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Drive. Please bring non-perishable food items to the luncheon and they'll see that the collection is distributed to local area food shelves.

## Student Resumes Available

On September 28, 2006, the MnGFOA participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Accounting & Auditing Student Conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Over 500 students stopped by the MnGFOA's exhibit booth to talk with members about careers in governmental accounting and finance.

In addition on October 11, 2006 the MnGFOA participated in career fair day at St. Cloud State University, trying to encourage juniors and seniors about considering a career in government finance.

Between the two events over 100 resumes were collected and are now available on the MnGFOA's website at [www.mngfoa.org](http://www.mngfoa.org). Many of these students are nearing graduation and have impressive GPA's and relevant work experience. Members are encouraged to consider these students for internships and entry-level positions.



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## **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 20<sup>th</sup> of this month so I can put it in the next newsletter.

Thanks

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