



MnGFOA Newsletter

August 2024

Excellence and Leadership in Government Finance

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President's Message

By: Mary Kaye Wahl

Strength in Numbers:
Connecting, Gathering,
Uniting

As we enjoy the warmth and festivities of summer, from family reunions to town days to county fairs, our organization also offers fantastic ways to continue connecting and uniting. Whether it's spending an afternoon with neighboring communities discussing important topics or enjoying an evening watching the Twins take on the Braves, we have opportunities for everyone and hope you'll join us.

Day to Unite

Our MNGFOA Day to Unite is just around the corner, featuring nine physical locations (an increase from last year!) and one virtual option (registration details further in the newsletter). This is our

second year hosting this event, and judging by the registrations so far, it promises to be another successful gathering.

New Website Forum

We also have new ways to connect and share information. Our new website features a Forum for members, located under the **Member Area-Forum**. Here, you can engage in discussions, ask questions, share information, and interact with others on similar topics. You can start new threads, reply to existing ones, and subscribe to threads to get notified of new comments. We've added categories to help organize conversations, and we're excited to see how our members use this space. Dig in, give it a try, and don't forget to subscribe!

Annual Conference in September

Lastly, while it's not in August, registration is now open for our 60th Annual Conference that will be held September 25th-27th. This event is a great opportunity to build on the connections we make in August and carry them forward into the fall. We have an exciting lineup of speakers and sessions planned, focusing on key issues and trends that impact us and our organizations.

As we look forward to these events, it's hard to believe that our next newsletter will be welcoming the fall season. Hope you enjoy your last **FULL** month of summer!



AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING

MNGFOA Day to Unite

Date: Wednesday, August 21st

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Various locations and a virtual option

Cost: \$8 (includes lunch)

Please register online on the [MNGFOA website](#) no later than August 14th



The Executive Board and the Program Committee are excited for the 2nd annual **MNGFOA Day to Unite**. Neighborhood Captains have volunteered throughout the state to host neighboring or overlapping communities to network and participate in discussions. These sessions will follow similar agendas on the same day at various locations scattered across the State of Minnesota and include lunch. We are continuing to finalize the agenda, but will include topics such as budgeting, employee retention and recruitment, legislative impacts and an opportunity for attendees to submit topics. Please reach out to Nate Reinhardt nreinhardt@shakopeemn.gov if you have any questions.

Locations this year are Alexandria, Carver County (Chaska), Champlin, Faribault, Lino Lakes, Orono, Shakopee, Springfield, St. Michael, and Virtual.

2025 MNGFOA Treasurer Selection

The MNGFOA Treasurer Selection Committee is now seeking nominations for the 2025 Treasurer. All members are encouraged to consider making a nomination, and you can nominate yourself. Officers of the MNGFOA provide direction and ongoing support for the organization. They are vital to keeping the MNGFOA a well-regarded and valuable association to its membership. Please help maintain the high quality of officers by nominating someone who is committed to the government finance profession and can provide leadership to the organization. The 2025 Treasurer will advance to the next Executive Board position each year and serve as President in 2028. Treasurer candidates must be an active member in the association for at least three years. Nominations are due by Friday, August 2nd, 2024, and should include the individual's name, contact information, past involvement with MNGFOA and/or national GFOA, and any other information you feel makes the individual a strong candidate. Please contact Selection Committee Chair, Josh Feldman at jfeldman@cityofeagan.com

Baker Tilly Scholarship

The MNGFOA Baker Tilly Scholarship honors Osman R. Springsted and is funded through the generosity of Baker Tilly each year. This scholarship provides the registration fees for two members at the annual MNGFOA Conference in September. Details and the application form are available [HERE](#). Applications are due by August 16th, 2024.

Thomas J. Moran Award

The Thomas J. Moran Award is given by the MNGFOA in recognition of extraordinary service rendered by an individual to advance the quality of public financial administration, promote the development and education of governmental accounting and accounting personnel and promote high standards in the field of government finance in Minnesota. This honor is awarded annually when, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, an individual has clearly demonstrated by outstanding effort that they are dedicated to the improvement of public financial administration as best exemplified by our past member and president, Thomas J. Moran. Any member of the MNGFOA may nominate a candidate for the award. Any person who is engaged in governmental finance or accounting in the State of Minnesota, whether an active or associate member of the MNGFOA, is eligible for the award. Nominations should be submitted by August 30th, 2024, to Mary Kaye Wahl at mwahl@carvercountymn.gov

AUGUST SOCIAL EVENT

MNGFOA Twins Game

Take me out to the ball game!



Come join us at the Twins game and cheer on the Twins as they take on the Braves.

Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Time: 6:40 p.m.

Location: Target Field - Corona Patio

Cost: \$20.00 includes a \$10 food/beverage credit

Please register/RSVP on the MN GFOA website at the link below

The METRO Blue Line and METRO Green Line offer fast, quiet light-rail service directly to Target Field Station from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Bloomington

Wear some Hall of Fame gear for Joe Mauer

Please contact Bob Cafarelli at robert.cafarelli@zionsbancorp.com with questions.

Click [HERE](#) to register!



MNGFOA Mentoring Program



“To help engage our members in developing our future and the future of local government finance in Minnesota.”

The MNGFOA Mentoring Program will run from approximately December 2024 to September 2025 and is a critical component to the future of local government finance leadership within our State. Please consider being a part of this program. We need your participation to make this a successful program! **We invite you to attend our Presentation at the MNGFOA Conference, Thursday September 26th at 3:30 p.m. (Minnewaska Room – Lower Level). Applications are due by October 7, 2024. We will be hosting an in-person Mentor Program Training Luncheon in November. Please stay tuned for updates.**

Mentor

- Gain personal satisfaction
- Facilitate growth in the mentee
- Share resources and networks
- Give back
- Build your leadership skills
- Improve your communication skills
- Build your network
- Share your knowledge & experiences

Mentee

- Build your network
- Learn new perspectives
- Advance your career
- Improve your communication skills
- Build your resume
- Develop greater self-awareness
- Help provide direction in your career
- Gain valuable advice

If you are interested or know of someone who would be an excellent mentor or mentee, please contact any of the Program Leadership Team Members for more information and an application. Appointments will be made in early October. For application and program dates, please visit www.mngfoa.org and select MNGFOA Mentor Program from the menu on the left side.

Program Leadership Team Members

Nate Reinhardt nreinhardt@shakopeemn.gov	Cory Kampf cory.kampf@anokacountymn.gov	Lynn Cornwell lynn.cornwell@moretoncm.com
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In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn.” – Phil Collins



MNGFOA 2024 60TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

**** NOW OPEN ****

Registration is now open for the 60th Annual MNGFOA Conference in Alexandria, Minnesota! Don't wait, register today!! We have another amazing session you won't want to miss at this year's conference featured below.

The conference will be held September 25 to September 27, 2024, at Arrowwood Conference Center in Alexandria, MN. Registration can be completed by clicking [HERE](#). Check out the Annual Conference page for all your conference information. Rooms must be booked directly through the Arrowwood hotel, and you can find the link on the annual conference info tab. A form is available for those booking townhouses, cottage or room sharing.

The Conference and Social Committees are working to make the conference fun and rewarding for all those that attend! A listing of the current sessions and speakers is listed on the following page. A finalized schedule and additional session descriptions will be provided as the sessions are finalized. We hope to see you there!

CORNELIUS LYCURTIS (CURT) BOGANAY

Curt Boganey is a retired City Manager who has served as the Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Director of Economic Development Authorities for several local governments in the states of Michigan, Texas, and Minnesota. Curt has spent most of his career serving diverse urban communities with populations ranging from 10,000 to 80,000. He has managed staffs of 70 to 700 employees and annual budgets of more than a \$100 million. Curt's knowledge and skill set is necessarily broad, but areas of expertise include strategic planning, economic and development planning, total quality management, capital planning, policy governance, project management, personnel management, and anti-racist policies and practices. Curt's session, "In the Spotlight, How did we get here and What did we learn", is about his time at the City of Brooklyn Center following the shooting of Daunte Wright. He will discuss what transpired when the city found itself responding to the restless glare of the national and international spotlight, the incessant demands of activists and fear throughout the community.



2024 MINGFOA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Diamond 60th Anniversary
Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center, Alexandria, MN

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

7:30-9:00AM

Trail Walk/Run

8:30AM

Registration Opens

9:15AM

Lower Level Miltona/Osakis
New Attendee Orientation

10:00-11:30 AM (90 minutes)

Lake Darling Ballroom - Upper Level

Welcome
Mark Kay Wahl

Keynote: Find your Day- Resetting Your
Perspective Baseline
Mark Mayfield

1:00-2:00PM (60 minutes)

Lake Darling Ballroom - Upper Level
Fraud Trends in Government
Jennifer Vucinovich & Nick Morgel

Miltona/Osakis - Lower Level
Investments
Corey Boyer, Danny Nelson & Kendra
Shelland

Minnewaska - Lower Level
Excel Session Part 1
Linda Muchow

2:15-3:15PM (60 minutes)

Lake Darling Ballroom - Upper Level
Morph (Managing Change)
Mark Mayfield

Miltona/Osakis - Lower Level
State Demographer
Jeff Howison

Minnewaska - Lower Level
Excel Session Part 2
Linda Muchow

3:30-4:30PM (60 minutes)

Lake Darling Ballroom - Upper Level
AI, My...Oh My: The Emerging AI
Landscape
Sam Collis

Miltona/Osakis - Lower Level
Small Cities Roundtable
Mark Ebensteiner, Mike Betker & Erin
Barnhart

Minnewaska - Lower Level
County Roundtable
Dalton Larson & Dave Kent

Thursday, September 26, 2024

9:00-10:15 AM (75 minutes)

Lake Darling Ballroom - Upper Level
Life- Undeferred: Escape the Waiting
Room and Experience a Life Fully-Lived
Jerrid Sebesta

10:30-11:30AM (60 minutes)

Lake Darling Ballroom - Upper Level
Legislative Update
Nathan Jesson

Miltona/Osakis - Lower Level
GASB Leases and SBITAs
Michele Levine

1:00-2:00PM (60 minutes)

Lake Darling Ballroom - Upper Level
Leadership through Crisis
Curt Boganey

Miltona/Osakis - Lower Level
Sales and Use Tax for Local Governments
Josh Sisterman

Minnewaska - Lower Level
Intro to Property Tax
Jeanne Vogt & Airabella Lepinski

2:15-3:15PM (60 minutes)

Lake Darling Ballroom - Upper Level
Mind your Monkeys: How to help people
solve their own problems
Jason Hunt

Miltona/Osakis - Lower Level
Economic Market Update
Matt Rudroff

Minnewaska - Lower Level
Special Assessments 101
Amy Koethe & Jeanne Vogt

3:30-4:30PM (60 minutes)

Lake Darling Ballroom - Upper Level
2024 GASB Update
Rebecca Petersen & Andy Hering

Miltona/Osakis - Lower Level
Net Investment in Capital Assets
Michele Levine

Minnewaska - Lower Level
Mentorship Program
Cory Kampf, Lynn Cornwell & Nate
Reinhardt

Friday, September 27, 2024

8:30-9:45 AM (75 minutes)

Lake Darling Ballroom - Upper Level
Shaking the Money Tree- New Funding
Sources
Dan Tienter & Jason Aarsvold

Miltona/Osakis - Lower Level
Cyber Security
Mark Pexa

10:00-11:00AM (60 minutes)

Lake Darling Ballroom - Upper Level
Capstone: Uncommon Leadership: How to
become a person of influence
Jason Hunt

Meal Schedule

Wednesday

Lunch 11:45-12:45PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM

Thursday

Breakfast 7:30-8:30AM
Business Lunch 11:30-12:45PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM

Friday

Breakfast 7:30-8:30AM
Networking Lunch 11:15-12:30PM

YOUR REGISTRATION FEES COVER
THE COST OF THESE SESSIONS,
MEALS AND BREAKS

Additional meal tickets may be purchased online
with registration for your guests.

Breakfast - \$25.00
Lunch - \$30.00
Dinner - \$40.00

Annual Conference Advertising

The 2024 Annual Conference is the Diamond Anniversary – the 60th Annual Conference for the MNGFOA. The Conference will be at Arrowwood Resort again this year, September 25 – 27, 2024.

Associate members are invited to achieve maximum results by sponsoring this year’s Conference. Your sponsorship will be seen by hundreds of finance officers and other finance professionals and will help to defray the costs of the Conference for all members. The MNGFOA Board has discontinued the printed directory and has enhanced this Conference sponsorship opportunity by printing the sponsorship ads in color. Note – this is the Minnesota GFOA’s only Associate member sponsorship opportunity! The related costs are as follows:

1/4 Page	(3 1/4 " W X 4 1/2 " L)	\$375
1/2 Page	(7 " W X 4 1/2 " L)	\$525
Full Page	(7 " W X 9 " L)	\$675

Please adhere to these sizes and orientations when submitting your ads. Email a “clean” color or black and white copy of your ad to George Eilertson at geilertson@northlandsecurities.com by **August 21, 2024**. If you helped to sponsor the Conference in previous years, we have your ad on file. If you would like to re-run the same ad please indicate. The quality of your program ad will only be as good as what you send us. Acceptable ads will be the appropriate size and acceptable in Adobe (.pdf); MS Word (.doc); MS Publisher or MS PowerPoint (.ppt).

Make your check **payable to “MnGFOA”** and forward to:

Northland Securities, Inc.
Attn: George Eilertson, Managing Director
150 South Fifth Street, Suite 3300
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

NOTE: if you would like to pay for your ad with a credit card, please contact me directly at 612-851-5906.

This is a great way to keep your name in front of the general membership and support the Association at the same time. Thanks to all of you who have purchased ads in the past. We are looking forward to a great conference and hope to see you at Arrowwood this fall.



2024 MN GFOA Networking Events



August 27, 2024

MN Twins Baseball game at Target Field Minneapolis



September 25-27, 2024

Annual Conference in Alexandria, MN - Fun networking events are being planned!



November 7, 2024

Tie Blanket Event - Autumn Grove Park Building 1365 Lydia Ave W, Roseville, MN Make blankets for metro area charitable organizations that serve at-risk teens.



Nov - Dec 2024

Second Harvest Heartland On-Line Food Drive

JOB POSTINGS

Summary of Job Openings:

Position Title	Entity	Closing Date
Payroll Specialist	City of Lakeville	Wednesday, August 7, 2024
Accounting Specialist	City of Shakopee	Monday, August 5, 2024
Administrative Assistant II	City of Windom	Until Filled
Finance and Information Analyst	City of Windom	Until Filled
Finance Director	City of Melrose	Friday, August 9, 2024
Finance Director	City of Hudson, WI	Thursday, August 15, 2024
Finance Manager	City of Owatonna	Friday, August 9, 2024

Links and further details can be found on the [Jobs & Volunteering](#) page



2024 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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DID YOU KNOW?

That if you have changed e-mail addresses you need to subscribe to the ListServ with your new email address. We have had a number of inquiries as to why members may not be receiving the ListServ e-mails. Since the ListServ is managed by a different platform than our membership renewals and newsletters, changes to e-mails need to be changed in both locations. The ListServ tab is at the top of the homepage.

2024 Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs

Conference Committee – plans and coordinates topics, speakers, and all other aspects of the annual fall conference

Co-Chairs Melissa Schlingman, City of Shakopee and 952-233-9329
Jackie Heinz, City of Montrose 763-575-7435

Social Committee – plans and organizes social activities for the membership through the year

Co-Chairs Kari Carlson, City of Bloomington and 952-563-8725
Michelle Hoffman, CliftonLarsonAllen 612-397-3269

Program Committee – plans and coordinates topics and speakers for the monthly meetings

Co-Chairs Hannah Lynch, City of Lino Lakes and 651-982-2405
Jennifer Vucinovich, US Bank 651-466-8750

Education Committee – plans and coordinates October accounting classes and other training sessions during the year other than the fall conference

Chair Joe Starks, City of Fridley 651-277-5230

Student Outreach Committee – The Student Outreach Committee is responsible for connecting with students to introduce them to career possibilities in government finance. Committee members attend career fairs and on-campus events, and also promote the John B. Lilja Undergraduate Scholarship.

Chair Justin Juergensen, City of Hutchinson 320-234-4256

Technology Committee – operate and improve the organization’s website and other technology

Co-Chairs Jeanette Boit-Kania, Ramsey County, 651-266-8057
Joe Rotz, City of Apple Valley and 612-986-4722
Janice Brandt, City of Coon Rapids 763-767-6442

Mentorship Committee – The committee helps engage our members in developing our future and the future of local government finance in Minnesota

Co-Chairs Cory Kampf, Anoka County, 763-324-1751
Lynn Cornwell, Moreton Capital Markets and 952-777-3227
Nate Reinhardt, City of Shakopee 952-233-9326

Please contact any member of the Board of the Committee chairs directly if you are interested in participating on any of the committees. Committee participation does not require a lot of time and is a great way to meet people and share ideas.

Message from the Editor

This is YOUR newsletter. If you wish to share items of interest with the membership, such as job openings, career moves, or retirements, please email them by the 21st of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter. Thank you!

Mark Ebensteiner
MNGFOA President Elect
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