



MnGFOA Newsletter

October 2024

Excellence and Leadership in Government Finance

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President's Message

By: Mary Kaye Wahl

Well, here we are—Q4 is already upon us! My to-do list hasn't shrunk quite as much as I'd hoped, and with only three months left in the year, it's starting to feel a bit daunting. But I'm trying to keep things in perspective, especially after hearing from our keynote speaker, Mark Mayfield, at last week's MnGFOA conference. He reminded us how important it is to figure out what really belongs in the stress pile and what's just an inconvenience. That was a real eye-opener for me since I tend to throw everything into the stress pile! Now, I'm focusing on

sorting things out more thoughtfully and managing those piles better.

For those of you who attended the conference, I hope you found it as valuable and enjoyable as I did. If you haven't already, please remember to submit your CPE form if you need the credit and complete the conference survey—your feedback is essential for us. And for those who couldn't join us, we've posted presentations (where permission was granted) on the [conference info](#) page. Be sure to check them out!

Lastly, we have some exciting news from the

annual business meeting—drumroll, please! Our 2025 MnGFOA Treasurer/2028 President will be Joel Merry! Joel has been an active member of MnGFOA for over two decades, serving on various committees and most recently as our State Representative on the Executive Board for the past three years. Congratulations, Joel!

Wishing you all an October filled with corn mazes, apple picking, cozy sweatshirts, and maybe even a few flip-flop days—because from my perspective, October really is the best month ever! 😊

2024 MnGFOA Executive Board- Annual Business Lunch, Alexandria MN



OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024
Time: 1:00 to 2:45 pm
Cost: Free to MNGFOA Members, \$20 for Non-Members
Location: Wherever you are
CEU: 2.0 Ethics Credits: Behavioral Ethics, CPE Credits: 1.0, Regulatory Ethics, CPE Credits: 1.0. Participants will need to answer polling questions to receive CPE.

Topic: Current Issues in Business Ethics

Boz Bostrom will provide participants with an update in accounting business ethics issues. There will be a focus on learning from real-world ethical violations involving accounting and finance professional, including examples from the governmental sector. Participants will be encouraged, but not required, to participate using audio and video.

After participating in this program, participants will be able to:

- Understand the attitudes of other related to ethics
- Understand laws, rules and regulations which apply to CPAs and finance professionals
- Understand consequences of violating the laws, rules and regulations
- Understand and learn from current ethical violations
- Understand benefits of ethical leadership

Speaker: Boz Bostrom, CPA

Boz Bostrom is a professor of accounting and finance at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. Boz teaches a variety of accounting and finance courses and speaks nationally on the topics of ethics and leadership. Boz is the author of three books also serves on the Board of Directors for the Minnesota Society of CPAs. Prior to becoming a professor, Boz was a senior manager in Deloitte's international tax practice.

October Government Accounting Classes

Spots still available! The October Accounting classes are posted and ready for registration on the MNGFOA website. The classes are taught by Government Finance Professionals who provide real world examples and insights. There are Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced classes available. The classes cost \$20/person. Classes run from 9 am to 3 pm and lunch and snacks are provided during the day. Please visit: Events/Upcoming Events by clicking [HERE](#) to register or for more information.

NOVEMBER NETWORKING EVENT



To kick off the season of giving, we will be making warm and fuzzy Tie Blankets for Tree House, a charitable organization that serves at-risk teens! Judy Moll is working hard to find us the best of the fleece choices. After blanket making, we will be heading over to La Casita Mexican Restaurant for happy hour. The Social Committee will host some appetizers.

Date: **Thursday, November 7, 2024**

Place: **Autumn Grove Park Building (Not City Hall)
1365 Lydia Avenue W.
Roseville, MN**

Time: 4:30 to 6:30 pm

We will start making the blankets at 4:30 pm but come as you are able to with your schedule and the traffic.

Other info: Materials will be provided. If you have any extra blankets, please bring them and we will donate them with the tie blankets. We will also be glad to donate dog blankets.

RSVP: Please send questions to Lynn.Cornwell@moretoncm.com and **RSVP to Lynn by Monday, October 28th.**

Happy Hour: La Casita Mexican Restaurant
1925 Perimeter Drive
Roseville, MN 55113

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! **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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2024 MN GFOA Networking Events



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
Assistant Finance Director	City of White Bear Lake	Wednesday, October 14, 2024
Chief Deputy Treasurer/Investment Officer	Cass County	Monday, October 21, 2024
Finance Director	City of Faribault	Friday, October 25, 2024
Finance Director	City of Shoreview	Monday, October 21, 2024
Chief Financial Officer	University of Minnesota	Until filled
Fiscal Supervisor I	Cass County	Friday, October 4, 2024
Deputy Auditor-Treasurer II	Cass County	Monday, October 7, 2024
Financial Analyst – General Ledger	Metropolitan Council	Thursday, October 3, 2024
Finance Director	City of Granite Falls	Until filled

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



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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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