



# MnGFOA Newsletter

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*Excellence and Leadership in Government Finance*

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## President's Message

By: Tina Lannes

Wow — it is June already, the halfway point of 2026. It seems the years go by faster. With summer finally here, our calendars will quickly fill with graduations, Father's Day, community festivals, car shows, time at the lake, golf, gardening, budget preparation, the national conference, and hopefully a little vacation time to enjoy everything summer brings. With all these activities, summer goes by fast, so don't forget to take time to enjoy and re-energize.

I want to thank the members of our committees. They have all worked hard at planning and implementing activities/events for the organization. For those heading to Chicago at the end of the month for the National GFOA Conference, I hope to see you at the MNGFOA reception on Sunday, June 28.

June 21 is Father's Day this year — a day to honor fathers, celebrate fatherhood, recognize the vital role paternal figures play in our lives, and express gratitude for the sacrifices, love, and guidance fathers provide. As I look back over the years, I miss my dad — his guidance, sarcasm and even the "dad jokes." Happy Father's Day to all.

I just returned from the "family vacation," although it should have been called a road trip. Back in 2014, we set a goal to visit as many of the lower forty-eight states as possible before the boys no longer wanted to vacation with their parents. I feel incredibly blessed that, at ages 21 and 18, they still want to spend time with us on vacation.

Each year, we usually try to visit two or three states over seven or eight days. This year, we visited Arizona and New Mexico. We started in Tombstone, traveled north of Flagstaff, then headed over to Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Our adventures included the usual vacation stops — museums, national landmarks, zoos, and more — but we also made a point to visit unusual places.

This year's unique stops included ghost towns, meteor sites, dinosaur tracks on the Navajo Reservation, and many other memorable experiences. What stood out the most, however, was a private lunch with capybaras — yes, capybaras, the world's largest rodents. It was one of those rare experiences that simplified life for a moment and reminded us about trust, connection, and genuine care. Franny, still just a baby at one year old and 70 pounds, loved sitting in our laps. To close our eyes for a moment, smile and

have this loving capybara sit in our laps was incredible. It was such a simple gesture, yet it created a magical hour and a half with the family.



Honestly, with 79 stops and 1,872 miles traveled (not including flights), it is hard to choose the best part of the trip. As of today, we have visited 27 states plus Washington, D.C. We will keep going if the boys still want to hang out with their parents.

I hope you take time for vacation, family, and moments that help simplify life. Slow down and enjoy the summer, because before we know it, fall will be here — along with the MNGFOA Annual Conference, which will be held at a new location this September: Cragun's Resort in Brainerd. It is important that you register for your room prior to August 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration for accommodation will start on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Have a great June everyone!!

# JUNE MONTHLY MEETING

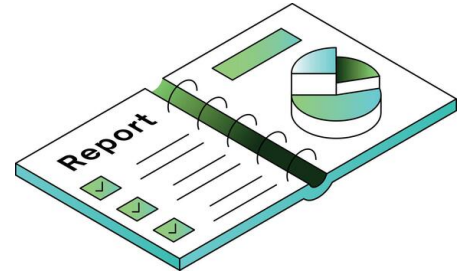
**DATE:** June 17, 2026

**TIME:** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ~ Zoom Meeting

**Cost:** Members: Free      Non-Members: \$10.00

**CEU:** 1.0 on request. Please complete the online form to request an emailed certificate: [CEU Request Form](#)

**Topic:** OSA TIF Reporting Form Redesign



This session will overview the forthcoming redesign of tax increment financing (TIF) annual reporting forms planned for next year. Understanding the changes will help authorities anticipate and prepare for the additional details and tracking improvements that they contain. The session will also include discussion of a 2026 law change pertaining to excess increment, which simplifies its reporting and calculation but also requires understanding of a new requirement.

**Speakers:** Jason Nord (OSA)

Jason Nord serves as the Director of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Division at the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor, providing oversight of the use of TIF by local governments across the state. Nord joined the OSA in 2012, bringing 17 years of experience in property taxation. Prior to joining the OSA, Nord worked as State Program Administrator Director at the Minnesota Department of Revenue where he managed the Tax and Aid Unit of the Property Tax Division; participated in policymaking; provided training and guidance; and oversaw state aid payments, state deed processes, state property tax collections, and county property tax reporting. Nord holds a Master of Planning degree from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Creighton University.

*HAPPY Retirement!*

## RETIREMENTS

**Brenda Pavelich-Beck** has retired from Anoka County after 29 years of service. Brenda has served as the Accounting Director for Anoka County, working to manage the annual audit process and preparation of the county's ACFR. She has served as a mentor on the MNGFOA mentorship committee for several years. She has also been an incredible teacher and mentor to her colleagues and peers, passing on her knowledge and expertise of governmental accounting. Her contributions to the county and to MNGFOA are truly appreciated and we wish her well as she starts this next chapter. Congratulations, Brenda!

**Gayle Bauman** is retiring from the City of Mounds View on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Throughout her career, she has served multiple communities in a variety of finance leadership roles. Her experience and guidance have made a lasting impact on her colleagues in the MNGFOA. As she begins this next chapter, we thank her for her many contributions to local government and wish her all the best in retirement. Congratulations, Gayle!

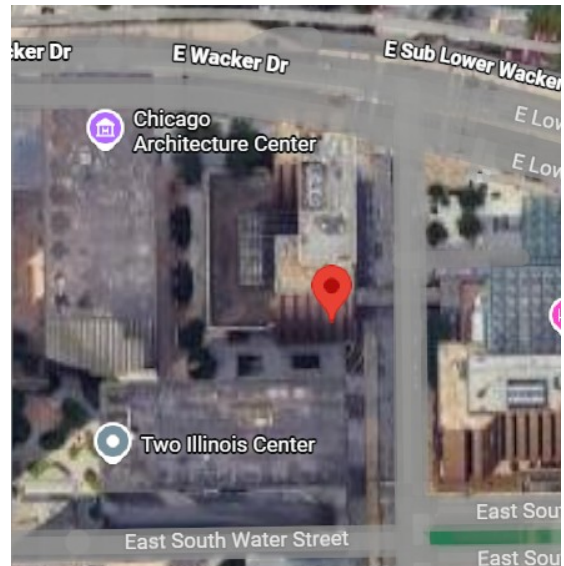
# MNGFOA Reception at National Conference



The Minnesota GFOA is hosting a reception during the National GFOA Conference in Chicago. Sponsored by PFM Asset Management. Relax and mingle with colleagues from across the state.

**Details:**

Date & Time: Sunday, June 28th, 2026, from 7 pm-10 pm  
Location: Hyatt Regency Chicago  
151 East Wacker Drive  
West Tower, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – The Living Room



Enjoy refreshments at our cash bar and some provided appetizers. If you have family or guests with you in Chicago, they're welcome to join us too. We're looking forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions before the reception, feel free to get in touch.

Please RSVP [MNGFOA Reception At National Conference](#)

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## The Technology Committee is Looking for New Members

If you have experience with website management - or if you're interested in learning how the MNGFOA website is maintained - we'd love to have you join us.

To get involved or ask questions, please email: [technology@mngfoa.org](mailto:technology@mngfoa.org)



# ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

The 2026 Annual Conference will be at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd this year, September 22 – 24, 2026. The theme this year is "Rock & Roll Hall of Fame – Keeping Government Finance In Tune."

Associate members are invited to maximize their visibility by sponsoring this year's Conference. Your sponsorship will be seen by hundreds of finance officers and other finance professionals while helping defray Conference costs for all members.

The MNGFOA Board has discontinued the printed directory and enhanced the Conference sponsorship opportunity by printing sponsorship ads in full color. In addition to the printed ad, sponsors will also have their logo displayed on the MNGFOA Annual Conference Sponsor webpage.

1/4 Page	(2" Wide X 3.5" Tall)	\$400
1/2 Page	(4.5" Wide X 3.5 " Tall)	\$550
Full Page	(4.5" Wide X 7.5 " Tall)	\$700

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](mailto:geilertson@northlandsecurities.com) by **August 14, 2026**. 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).

Please remit payment one of the following two ways (check or credit card):

1. Send a check **payable to the "Minnesota Government Finance Officers Association"** to the address listed below.

George Eilertson, Managing Director  
Northland Securities, Inc.  
150 South Fifth Street - #3300  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

2. Pay by Credit Card by going to the MngFOA website – [www.mngfoa.org](http://www.mngfoa.org) then click on the Annual Conference Info tab. At the bottom of the page, click to pay your advertising fee.

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 Cragun's this fall.

## Additional Sponsorship Opportunities

New sponsorship opportunities for the Annual Conference are also available this year. These opportunities can be viewed and purchased through the [MngFOA website](http://www.mngfoa.org) under the "Annual Conference Info" tab.

If you have questions or would like to see the full list of sponsorship opportunities for the fall conference, please contact: [sponsorship@mngfoa.org](mailto:sponsorship@mngfoa.org).

Additional sponsorship opportunities beyond the Annual Conference will be announced soon. If you would like to receive a complete list when available, please contact: [tinal@albertvillemn.gov](mailto:tinal@albertvillemn.gov).

## 2026 MNGFOA Networking Events: SAVE THE DATES!

The Social Committee is planning a great lineup of networking events for the second half of 2026. Mark your calendars and join your colleagues for opportunities to connect, recharge, and have fun:

- **July 23, 2026:** Lake Minnetonka Boat Ride
- **August 2026:** Service Project
- **September 22-24, 2026:** Attend the Annual Conference in Brainerd, MN with exciting networking events in store
- **November 5, 2026:** Service Project

## JOB POSTINGS

Summary of Current Job Openings:

Position Title	Entity	Closing Date
Executive Director	PERA	Until Filled
Finance Director	City of Benson, MN	Until Filled
Director of Finance & Administrative Services	Horizon Public Health	Until Filled

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



## 2026 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

<p><b>President</b> Tina Lannes City of Albertville 763.496.6802</p>	<p><b>At-Large</b> Dalton Larson Anoka County 763.324.1755</p>
<p><b>President-Elect</b> Gina Foschi City of New Brighton 651.638.2105</p>	<p><b>At-Large</b> Tyler See ABDO 952.939.3230</p>
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<p><b>Treasurer</b> Justin Juergensen City of Hutchinson 320.234.4256</p>	<p><b>Past President</b> Mark Ebensteiner City of Becker 763.200.4250</p>

# GFOA Academic Scholarship Winner

Nicole Hegge, senior manager of accounting at Anoka County, has been awarded the GFOA’s \$30,000 Goldberg-Miller Public Finance Scholarship for 2026. Nicole will be using the scholarship to pursue a master’s degree in Public Administration. Congratulations, Nicole!

## 2026 Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs

<p>Conference Committee – plans and coordinates topics, speakers, and all other aspects of the annual fall conference</p>	<p>Co-Chairs Jackie Heinz, City of Montrose Josh Kent, City of Buffalo</p>	<p>763-575-7435 763-684-5465</p>
<p>Social Committee – plans and organizes social activities for the membership through the year</p>	<p>Co-Chairs Kari Carlson, City of Bloomington Michelle Hoffman, Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority</p>	<p>952-563-8725 612-335-3513</p>
<p>Program Committee – plans and coordinates topics and speakers for the monthly meetings</p>	<p>Chair Hannah Lynch, Moreton Capital Markets</p>	<p>952-777-7930</p>
<p>Education Committee – plans and coordinates October accounting classes and other training sessions during the year other than the fall conference</p>	<p>Co-Chairs Brandon Zabel, Carver County Brent Foiles, City of Eagan</p>	<p>952-361-1938 651-675-5018</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Chair Dalton Larson, Anoka County</p>	<p>763-324-1755</p>
<p>Technology Committee – operate and improve the organization’s website and other technology</p>	<p>Co-Chairs Jeanette Boit-Kania, Ramsey County Joe Rotz, City of Apple Valley Janice Brandt, City of Coon Rapids</p>	<p>651-266-8057 952-953-2547 763-767-6442</p>
<p>Mentorship Committee – The committee helps engage our members in developing our future and the future of local government finance in Minnesota</p>	<p>Co-Chairs Cory Kampf, Anoka County Lynn Cornwell, Moreton Capital Markets Nate Reinhardt, City of Shakopee</p>	<p>763-324-1751 952-777-3227 952-233-9326</p>

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!

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