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OUR SLOGAN: "Excellence and Leadership in Government Finance"

OUR MISSION: Promote excellence and leadership in the government finance profession by providing quality educational opportunities, avenues for sharing knowledge, recognition of members' outstanding accomplishments, and by upholding high professional and ethical standards.

OUR PURPOSE: To assert leadership in the field of governmental finance administration in the State of Minnesota as developed and recommended by the Government Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada, the National Council on Governmental Accounting, Government Accounting Standards Board, and other recognized authorities in the field of governmental administration, which includes the development of mutually understandable procedures of accounting, budgeting and financial reporting; the encouragement of the use of common terminology, classification and principles in regard to those subjects; the encouragement of recruitment and training of qualified public officials and employees; the achievement of greater efficiency in governmental service; the development of mutual understanding among those concerned with public finance in Minnesota; and other objectives of interest to public finance officers.

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

61ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 24TH – SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2025

MENTORING PROGRAM
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (CPFO)
MNGFOA LEADERSHIP TEAM
MNGFOA STATE COMMITTEES
MNGFOA PAST PRESIDENT LISTING
RECIPIENTS OF THE THOMAS J. MORAN AWARD LISTING
THE CHAMPIONS- TEXAS HOLD'EM & BEAN BAG CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY SCHEDULES

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Conference Schedule (Back Cover)

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MNGFOA Mentoring Program

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

Program Overview

The MNGFOA Mentoring Program runs from December 2025 to September 2026. It is essential for the future of local government finance leadership. Your participation is crucial for its success.



Key Dates

- MNGFOA Conference Presentation: **Thursday, September 25th at 3:30pm (Minnewaska Room – Lower Level)**
- Application Deadline: **October 9, 2025**, please visit www.mngfoa.org and select MNGFOA Mentor Program from the menu on the left side.
- Mentor Program Training Luncheon: November 2025 (date TBD)

Benefits of Mentorship

- Gain personal satisfaction
- Facilitate growth in the mentee
- Share resources and networks
- Give back



"In learning, you will teach, and in teaching, you will learn." – Phil Collins

Program Leadership Team

- Nate Reinhardt - nreinhardt@shakopeemn.gov
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GFOA's Certified Public Finance Officers (CPFO) program is designed to prepare individuals for leadership positions in state and local governments by enhancing fundamental skills and increasing knowledge of best practices and standards in public finance. Individuals will be equipped to participate in decision-making efforts related to their government and community and lead projects and professionals in a substantive and significant manner.

The CPFO program supports the core beliefs of GFOA, including ethics, leadership and competencies in various finance matters and recognize members who have made the commitment to both obtain necessary knowledge and skills and remain current with industry best practices. The program encourages ongoing participation in and knowledge of GFOA's resources including best practices, publications, training, conferences, member networking groups, and partnerships with other organizations to prepare members to better serve their governments and communities.

See MNGFOA website for scholarship opportunities at https://mngfoa.org/

Additional information on the Certification Program is available on the GFOA's website at https://www.gfoa.org/cpfoor talk to one of Minnesota's active CPFOs:

Name	Title	Employer	Year earned
Daniel Jean	Deputy Auditor/Finance Officer	Roseau County	2025
Dalton Larson	Deputy Director of Finance	Anoka County	2025
Phillip Weix	Assistant Finance Director	City of Roseville	2025
Nicole Hegge	Senior Manager, Accounting	Anoka County	2024
Joshua Kent	Finance Director	City of Buffalo	2024
Kari Klages	Finance Director	City of Redwood Falls	2024
Trisha Pollock	Finance Director	City of Victoria	2024
Rob Voshell	Finance Director	City of Sartell	2024
William Wallo	Chief Financial Officer	St. Paul Public Housing Agency	2024
Julie Weiers	Accountant	City of Otsego	2024
Ashley Hansen	Finance Director	City of Coon Rapids	2023
Alison Egger	Finance Director	City of Oak Park Heights	2020
Kelsey Preisinger	Senior Accountant	City of Winona	2020
Sarah Rathlisberger	Finance Director	City of Monticello	2018

Jessica Wojahn	Finance Director	City of Winona	2018
Reidun Zollicoffer	Asst. Finance Director	City of Champlin	2018
Cheryl Jahnke	Financial Reporting Director	Minnesota State Retirement System	2017
Kelly Grinnell	Finance Director	City of Chanhassen	2016
Karina Carlson	Deputy Finance Officer	City of Bloomington	2012
Clara Hilger	Finance Director	City of South St. Paul	2011
Camille A. Iverson	Controller	Olmsted County	2008
Barbara A. Ruckheim	Statewide Accounting Director	MN Department of Management & Budget	2007
Kenneth F. Bauer	Finance Director	Dakota County CDA	2003
Jean M. Lane	Business Services Manager	Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission	2001
Michelle C. Pietrick	Finance Director	City of Roseville	2001
Robert Sundberg	Finance Director	City of Vadnais Heights	2001



2025 MNGFOA LEADERSHIP TEAM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Office	Name	Employer
President	Mark Ebensteiner	City of Becker
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Secretary	Gina Foschi	City of New Brighton
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Past President	Mary Kaye Wahl	Carver County
At Large	Dalton Larson	Anoka County
At Large	Chris Knopik	CliftonLarsonAllen
State Representative	Sarah Rathlisberger	City of Monticello

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Name		Employer
Melissa Schlingman	Co-Chair	City of Shakopee
Jackie Heinz	Co-Chair	City of Montrose
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Brad Falteysek		Abdo
Josh Feldman		City of Eagan
Avril Gibson		City of Minneapolis
Clarissa Hadler		Lake Elmo
Rebecca Hansen		Ramsey County
Jonathan Haskins		Ramsey County
Zach Hecksel-Schauer		City of Minnetonka
Nicole Hegge		Anoka County
Cory Kampf		Anoka County
Josh Kent		City of Buffalo
Hannah Kurkowski		Logis
Tonya Kusmirek		Logis
Candi Lemarr		Steele County
Nicole Meyer		City of Waconia
Nick Morgel		J.P. Morgan
Andrea Murff		City of Ham Lake
Michelle Pietrick		City of Roseville
Nate Reinhardt		City of Shakopee
Joe Rotz		City of Apple Valley
Joe Rueb		City of Maplewood
Mallory Schauer		City of Edina
Tyler See		Abdo
Jen Stanley		City of Maplewood
Dan Tienter		Ehlers & Associates
Kary Tillmann		City of Zimmerman
Grace Trocinske		Clifton Larson Allen
Heidi Tumberg		City of Detroit Lakes
Jennifer Vucinovich		US Bank
Mary Kaye Wahl		Carver County
Kelley Willemssen		Shakopee Public Utility
Tammy Wilson		City of Eden Prairie

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Lori Bartlett		City of St Joseph
Janel Bitzan		Creative Planning
Ashley DeBernardi		City of Hastings
Brent Foiles		City of Eagan
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Michelle "MJ" Johnson		Northland Securities
Chris Knopik		Clifton Larson Allen
Gina Foschi	Board Rep	City of New Brighton
Rebecca Petersen		Redpath & Company
Jeremy Vacinek		City of Baxter
Neal Younghans		City of St. Paul

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Name		Employer
Hannah Lynch	Chair	Moreton Capital Markets
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Robert Falk		City of Shoreview
Troy Gabler		Clifton Larson Allen
Amy Hove		City of Inver Grove Heights
Brian Johnson		Ehlers
Michelle "MJ" Johnson		Northland Securities
Tina Lannes	Board Rep	City of Albertville
Ryan Meyer		City of Sauk Rapids
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Chris Sullivan	Oppenheimer & Co.
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Bob Cafarelli		Zions Bank
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Averell Gibson		City of Minneapolis
Chris Hogan		Baker Tilly
Maggie Jin		City of Orono
Chris Knopik		CliftonLarsonAllen
Tina Lannes		City of Albertville
Joel Merry	Board Rep	City of Minnetonka
Nicole Pehrson		Huntington Bank
Blendi Rezniqi		US Bank
Bonnie Schwieger		Abdo Solutions
Lacey Shaw		City of Waconia
Teresa Walters		Hennepin County
April Weller		Ehlers & Associates
Brittany Wright		City of Waconia
Tria Xiong		City of Spring Park

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Justin Juergensen	Chair	City of Hutchinson
Gina Foshci	Vice-Chair/Bd Rep	City of New Brighton
Jeanette Boit-Kania		Ramsey County
Amy Hove		City of Inver Grove Heights
Joshua Kent		City of Buffalo
Dalton Larson		Anoka County
Erica Mattice		City of Chaska
Adam Owens		Abdo
Bonnie Schweiger		Abdo
Pa Thao		City of Edina
Rob Voshell		City of Sartell
Dave Wheeler		City of Minneapolis
Brandon Zabel		Carver County

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Name		Employer
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Janice Brandt	Co-Chair	City of Coon Rapids
Joseph Rotz	Co-Chair	City of Apple Valley
Joel Merry		City of Minnetonka
Nate Reinhardt		City of Shakopee
Joe Rueb		City of Maplewood
Mary Kaye Wahl	Board Rep	Carver County

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Name		Employer/Term	
Nicole Meyer	Chair	City of Waconia	2024-2025
Nate Reinhardt	Vice Chair	City of Shakopee	2025-2026
Jackie Heinz	Outstate	City of Montrose	2025-2026
Julie Stahl	Metro	City of Lakeville	2024-2025
Andy Hering	Associate	Redpath	2025-2026

MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE

Name		Employer
Lynn Cornwell		Moreton Capital Markets
Cory Kampf		Anoka County
Nate Reinhardt		City of Shakopee
Mary Kaye Wahl	Board Rep	Carver County

NATIONAL GFOA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name	Employer	Committee, Position
Sarah Brown	City of St. Paul	Committee on Economic Development and Capital Planning, Vice Chair
Jen Carlson	City of Duluth	Committee on Governmental Budgeting and Fiscal Policy
Kari Carlson	City of Bloomington	Committee on Governmental Budgeting and Fiscal Policy
Barry Fick	MN Higher Education Facilities Authority	Committee on Governmental Debt Management
Noel Graczyk	City of Chaska	Committee on Governmental Debt Management
Jeanette Boit-Kania	Ramsey County	Committee on Treasury and Investment Management
Korrie Johnson	City of Champlin	Committee on Treasury and Investment Management

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
PAST PRESIDENTS

Year	President	Organization
1963	Earl E. Hanson	St. Louis Park
1964	Robert Bullock	Brooklyn Center
1965	Miles D. Johnson	Crystal
1966	Donald LeBrasseur	Willmar
1967	Edward Moline	Richfield
1968	Norman J. Werner	Coon Rapids
1969	Paul W. Holmlund	Brooklyn Center
1970	John F. Murphy	Golden Valley
1971	Marvin C. Brunsell	Fridley
1972	Leslie Anderson	Burnsville
1973	Thomas J. Moran	Richfield
1974	Vernon C. Pederson	New Brighton
1975	Earl Arneson	Minneapolis
1976	Lyle Haney	Coon Rapids
1977	James F. Carufel	Shoreview
1978	Gary R. Norstrem	St. Paul
1979	Richard D. Schultz	Hennepin County
1980	Duane C. Schuck	Bloomington
1981	Charles Darth	Brooklyn Park
1982	Dallas L. Petersen	Minneapolis
1983	Dale L. Eggenberger	Minnetonka
1984	Richard L. Berg	MWCC
1985	Eugene J. VanOverbeke	Eagan
1986	Alan J. Erickson	Brooklyn Park
1987	Bonita J. Carlson	Chaska
1988	Fredric E. Christiansen	Maple Grove
1989	Daniel F. Faust	Maplewood
1990	Donald Brager	Mounds View
1991	Jeanne A. Haapala	Shoreview
1992	Dennis Feller	Lakeville
1993	Darrel Johnson	Winona
1994	John Norman	St. Cloud
1995	Diane Archer	Cottage Grove
1996	Beth Widstrom-Anderson	Metropolitan Council
1997	Michael Webster	MN Dept of Finance
1998	Steven Hauer	Maple Grove
1999	Lori Johnson	Elk River
2000	Al Rolek	Lino Lakes
2001	Ed Burrell	Roseville
2002	Sharon Legg	Coon Rapids
2003	Tom Kelly	White Bear Lake Twp
2004	Lori Webster	Hastings
2005	Tom Pepper	Eagan
2006	Chris Miller	Roseville
2007	Greg Sticha	Chanhassen
2008	Robin Roland	Farmington
2009	Larry Jacobson	Robbinsdale
2010	Cathy Shuman	Monticello
2011	Ron Hedberg	Apple Valley
2012	Jessie Hart (Jan-May)	White Bear Lake Twp
2012	Cory Kampf (June-Dec)	Brooklyn Park
2013	Cory Kampf	Brooklyn Park
2014	Daniel Jordet	Otsego
2015	Darin Nelson	Fridley
2016	Julie Vogel	Bloomington
2017	Michelle Pietrick	South St. Paul
2018	Michelle Pietrick (Jan-Jun)	South St. Paul
2018	Heidi Tumberg (Jul-Dec)	Sartell
2019	Heidi Tumberg	Sartell
2020	Joe Rueb	Maplewood
2021	Josh Feldman	Eagan
2022	Nicole Meyer	Waconia
2023	Nathan Reinhardt	Shakopee
2024	Mary Kaye Wahl	Carver County

Recipients of the Thomas J. Moran Award

Year	President	Organization
1981	John B. Lilja	Deloitte Haskins & Sells
1983	Paul W. Holmlund	City of Brooklyn Center
1984	Gary Norstrem	City of St. Paul
1986	Lyle Haney	City of Coon Rapids
1988	Eugene J. VanOverbeke	City of Eagan
1991	Alan J. Erickson	City of Brooklyn Park
1993	Linda Sheimo	City of Minneapolis
1999	Dale Eggenberger	City of Minnetonka
2000	Fred Christiansen	City of Maple Grove
2001	John Norman	City of St. Cloud
2002	Ed Burrell	City of Roseville
2005	Tom Kelly	White Bear Township
2009	Tom Pepper	City of Eagan
2010	Al Rolek	City of Lino Lakes
2015	Sue Iverson	City of Arden Hills
2016	Peggy Moeller	Redpath and Company
2016	Dave Mol	Redpath and Company
2018	Cory Kampf	Anoka County
2022	Ellen Paulseth	City of Maplewood

CONFERENCE LOCATIONS			
1963	Mankato	1973	Rochester
1964	Minneapolis	1974	Alexandria
1965	Unknown	1975	Duluth
1966	Moorhead	1976	St. Paul
1967	Rochester	1977	Golden Valley
1968	Duluth	1978	St. Paul
1969	Minneapolis	1979	St. Paul
1970	St. Paul	1980	St. Paul
1971	Duluth	1981	St. Paul
1972	Bloomington	1982 - Present	Alexandria

AND THE WINNER IS...

TEXAS HOLD'EM CHAMPIONS



2024 Joe Ingebrand, City of New Brighton

2023 Lena Scullard, Speaker: Stitch It up!

2022 Kyle Sawyer, Ehlers

2021 Brian Reilly, Ehlers

2020 No Conference

2019 Mike Betker, City of Isanti

2018 Doug Host, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

2017 Andy Hering, Redpath and Company

2016 Mike Betker, City of Isanti

BEAN BAG CHAMPIONS

2024 Jackie Heinz, City of Montrose & Brad Falteysek, Abdo

2023 Jackie Heinz, City of Hanover & Brad Falteysek, Abdo

2022 Cory Kampf, Anoka County & Josh Kent, City of Roseville

2021 Josh Feldman & Brent Foiles, City of Eagan



2020 No Conference

2019 Nate Reinhardt, City of Brooklyn Center & Brad Falteysek, Abdo

2018 Mark Ebensteiner, City of St. Louis Park & Brad Falteysek, Abdo

2017 Andy Reid & Justin Juergensen, City of Hutchinson

2016 Adam Flaherty, City of Otsego & Brad Falteysek, Abdo

2015 Adam Flaherty, City of Otsego & Brad Falteysek, Abdo

Disclaimer: This is an unaudited list compiled from past winner memories. We are sorry if any errors exist and will correct for future years if made aware of any.

First name	Last name	Organization	First name	Last name	Organization
Jason	Aarsvold	Ehlers	Josh	Feldman	City of Eagan
Katlyn	Adair	City of Crystal	Kaitlyn	Finkel	City of St. Louis Park
Kaitie	Adams	City of St. Louis Park	Alicia	Fischer	City of Waseca
Noel	Ahnemann	Freeborn County	Adam	Flaherty	City of Otsego
Jason	Ahrens	City of Alexandria	Patrick	Fobian	Anoka County
Claire	Alber	UMB Bank N.A.	Brent	Foiles	City of Eagan
Solomon	Alemu	St Paul Regional Water Services	Gina	Foschi	City of New Brighton
Janitta	Almquist	St Paul Port Authority	Bonnie	Friedrich	Redpath and Company
Danielle	Amira	City of New Ulm	Jill	Frisell	Douglas County
Nicholas	Anderson	Anoka County	Troy	Gabler	CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP)
Nick	Anhut	Ehlers	Hristo	Galiov	City of Lexington
Mary	Athey	Baker Tilly	Abigail	Garrard	Baker Tilly
Melissa	Barker	City of Spring Lake Park	Michele	Gelo	City of Alexandria
JJ	Bartlett	Wells Fargo	Riann	George	Schlenner Wenner & Co.
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Andy	Berg	Abdo	Tyler	Grabau	City of Wabasha
Elizabeth	Bergman	Baker Tilly	Heide	Grams	City of Maple Grove
Tessa	Beuning	ABDO Solutions	Ross	Grathwohl	City of New Ulm
Janel	Bitzan	BerganKDV	Jessica	Green	Northland Public Finance
Brittney	Lemke	BerganKDV	Tara	Greer	City of Staples
Brian	Bloch	City of Delano	Brian	Grimm	City of Minnetrista
Jeanette	Boit-Kania	Ramsey County	Kelly	Grinnell	City of Chanhassen
Corey	Boyer	PTMA Financial Solutions	Jake	Gross	Strada
Daniel	Boyers	U.S. Bank	Stacy	Grover	Polk County
Janice	Brandt	City of Coon Rapids	Clarissa	Hadler	City of Lake Elmo
Joshua	Brezinka	City of Roseville	Todd	Hagen	Ehlers
Brenda	Brooks	City of Baxter	Chris	Hall	City of St. Cloud
Sarah	Brown	City of Saint Paul	Marshall	Hallock	City of Red Wing
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Leslie	Brunfelt	City of Proctor	Lindsey	Hamers	City of Savage
Bridget	Bruska	City of Rogers	Megan	Hansen	Redpath and Company
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Travis	Byrne	City of Shoreview	Jennifer	Hanson	Dorsey & Whitney LLP
Lori	Cadden	JPMorgan Chase	Bob	Harnett	UBS
Robert	Cafarelli	Zions Bank	Joy	Harris	City of Rochester
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Drew	Carlson	City of Chaska	Jackie	Hays	City of New Brighton
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LaRae	Cassens	Freeborn County	Lindsey	Heeszel	City of Rochester
Lucas	Chase	Dakota County	Nicole	Hegge	Anoka County
Reid	Christianson	RBC Capital Markets	Mary Kay	Heinen	City of Bloomington
Brian	Ciarochi	Workday	Jackie	Heinz	City of Montrose
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Katy	Coyle	Anoka County	Kevin	Herbert	U.S. Bank
Keith	Dahl	Ehlers	Andy	Hering	Redpath and Company
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Tenzin	Dongchung	City of Edina	Jennifer	Hoffman	City of Golden Valley
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Ryan	DuMond	Anoka County	Allen	Hoppe	City of Minneapolis
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DeAnna	Fah	City of St. Cloud	Amy	Jirik	City of Belle Plaine
Brad	Falteysek	Abdo	Andrew	Johnson	U.S. Bank
Ashley	Feldewerd	ABDO Solutions	Brian	Johnson	Ehlers

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Rachal	Johnson	Bremer Bank/Old National Bank	Alexandra	O'Leary	City of Eagan
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Nicole	Jorgensen	City of New Ulm	Debra	Olsen	City of Worthington
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Joshua	Kent	City of Buffalo	Kindra	Papenfus	City of Faribault
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Proompohn	Khang	Ramsey County	Lisa	Paradise	City of Richfield
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Kari	Klages	City of Redwood Falls	Eric	Meulenberg	Huntington National Bank
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TONYA	KUSMIREK	LOGIS	Matthew	Rathlisberger	City of Rogers
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Tina	Lannes	City of Albertville	Teresa	Reisdorfer	Goodhue County
Dalton	Larson	Anoka County	Carolyn	Rempel	Cottonwood County
Kelsey	Larson	ABDO Solutions	Blendi	Rezniqi	US Bank
Mary	Lee	City of Bloomington	Andrea	Rich	City of Plymouth
Candi	Lemarr	Steele County	Kristin	Robertson	Steele County
Heather	Lemieux	Meeker County	Sheri	Robertson	City of Maple Grove
Rachel	Lieser	Anoka County	Haley	Rodriguez	White Bear Township
Krista	Listul	City of Granite Falls	Dean	Roles	City of Mankato
Amber	Lozier	City of Stacy	Isabella	Romano	Moody's Ratings
Brandon	Ludwig	Douglas County	Zachary	Rome	City of Plymouth
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Brenda	Malinowski	City of Cottage Grove	Samantha	Rux	Beltrami County
Maria	Mancilla-Diaz	MMCD	Jack	Samuels	UBS Financial Services
Kate	Manson	City of Circle Pines	Kyle	Sawyer	Ehlers
Kaily	Mateffy	Saint Paul Port Authority	Peggy	Schaak	Rice County
Heather	McCormick	Nicollet County	Scott	Schaefer	City of Mahtomedi
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 SCHEDULE

7:30-9:00AM Wednesday Morning Walk

Kickstart your conference day with fresh air and good company. Join us for a walk or run before sessions begin at beautiful Lake Brophy County Park. A shuttle will depart from Arrowwood at 7:30 AM sharp and return by 9:00 AM, just in time for the 10:00 AM Keynote. If you're new to the conference, Lynn Cornwell will be walking along and happy to share tips and insider info. We have space for 24 people on the shuttle, register for the event at https://mngfoa.org/meetinginfo.php. Prefer to meet us there? It's just a five-minute drive.

8:30AM Registration Desk Opens

9:15-9:45AM New Attendee Orientation – Miltona/Osakis (Lower Level)

10:00-10:15AM Welcome, MNGFOA President Mark Ebensteiner – Lake Darling Ballroom (Upper Level)

10:15-11:45AM *Daily Execution. Extraordinary Results* – Keynote Speaker – Scott Welle – Lake Darling Ballroom (Upper Level)

This interactive keynote is based on Scott's latest book, "Daily Execution. Extraordinary Results.", focusing on the strategy of goal setting, the execution of goal achieving, and the psychology of aspiring to big things. You will learn key strategies used by elite performers to be your best and thrive in this fun, high-energy session.

Discover how to implement a simple 3-step process that all top performers use to take ownership of their goals and achieve them with confidence. Learn how to stay on track consistently, even during periods of low motivation or focus. You'll explore how to leverage the latest science of habit formation to build powerful "peak performance routines" that drive lasting results. Avoid the common goal-setting mistakes that often sabotage success—mistakes many people make, including the speaker—and gain insight into the critical difference between focusing on goals versus systems to support sustainable growth and consistent achievement.

"Daily Execution. Extraordinary Results." will change the way you look at the performance potential for you, your team and your organization. See you there!

11:45-12:45PM Lunch – Tennis Center (Lower Level)

The Tuscany Buffet

Caesar Salad, Greek Pasta Salad, Lasagna Bolognese, Vegetable Pasta Primavera, Parmesan Roasted Red Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Garlic Breadsticks. Strawberry Shortcake and Chocolate Cake for Dessert.

1:00-2:00PM Concurrent Sessions:

Public Finance Staff Shortage **– Julie Blaha – Lake Darling Ballroom (Upper Level)**

To address the public finance staff shortage, the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor (OSA) formed the Audit and Reporting Group (AaRG) in 2024. AaRG's mission is to modernize local audit requirements, streamline regulations, and update oversight practices across county, city, town, school district, and special district levels. The presentation will focus on AaRG's work so far and what's to come.

Budget Panel Discussion, **Gina Foschi, Kari Carlson, Cat Piepho, Sarah Utsch – Miltona/Osakis (Lower Level)**

Join us for a panel discussion regarding Budgets featuring Cat Piepho (Washington County), Kari Carlson (City of Bloomington), Gina Foschi (City of New Brighton), and Sarah Utsch (Stearns County). From spreadsheets and software to tips and tricks, this discussion will provide insight into how your colleagues make it through the budget process (mostly) unscathed. Questions and ideas from attendees are encouraged!

Rating Agency Session, **Ben VanMetre & Andrew Bredeson – Minnewaska (Lower Level)**

Speakers from Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) and S&P Global Ratings (S&P) will provide insights into the annual surveillance process, including the types of questions they may ask or information they may request. The session will also address key credit considerations currently affecting local government ratings, including risk screening practices, the role of component units such as health care and hospital systems, and the potential credit impacts of tariffs and changes in immigration policy-particularly as they relate to Minnesota issuers.

2:00-2:15PM Break – Tennis Center (Lower Level)

2:15-3:15PM Concurrent Sessions:

2025 GASB Update, **Rebecca Petersen & Andy Hering – Lake Darling Ballroom (Upper Level)**

The 2025 GASB Update will provide a comprehensive overview of GASB Statement 102 - Certain Risk Disclosures, which must be implemented for 2025 calendar year financial statements. The session will also cover upcoming standards effective for 2026, including GASB Statement 103 - Financial Reporting Model Improvements and GASB Statement 104 -Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets.

Beyond the Budget: Strategic Capital Planning for Cities, **Pa Thao & Viktoriya Montik – Miltona/Osakis (Lower Level)**

This session provides city staff with practical guidance on creating and managing Capital Improvement Plans. Learn how to align projects with

financial resources, prioritize effectively, and see examples to simplify your city's capital planning process.

***Investments Stay out of the Rough: Fixed Income Tips from the Greenskeeper's Guide*, Lynn Cornwell, Brian Johnson, EJ Moberg – Minnewaska (Lower Level)**

Fore! Join us for a Caddyshack-themed session that blends laughter with serious insights into the world of local government investing. We'll walk the course of current economic trends, interest rate dynamics, and how they're impacting fixed income markets. You'll learn how to analyze your investment portfolio like a pro—evaluating risk, duration, credit quality, and compliance with confidence.

This session will deliver practical, analytics-driven strategies for improving your returns, staying policy-compliant, and preparing for what lies ahead on the economic fairway. We'll also hear firsthand from a Finance expert who's navigated the muni investing greens and roughs for both a county and a city—sharing lessons learned, near misses, and what it's like to manage public funds with a steady hand (and hopefully a low handicap).

This is an intermediate-level session. A working knowledge of basic investment terms and Minnesota Statute 118A is recommended. Expect a few gopher-sized surprises and plenty of takeaways that will help you avoid the sand traps of municipal investing.

Dress Code: Bushwood Country Club casual encouraged – golf shirts, khakis, and fairway flair welcome. Bonus points for visors or Caddyshack references!

3:15-3:30PM Break – Tennis Center (Lower Level)

3:30-4:30PM Concurrent Sessions:

***Elevate: How Exceptional Leaders Inspire Peak Performance*, Scott Welle – Lake Darling Ballroom (Upper Level)**

Leadership is not a role; it's a responsibility. It's not a selfie; it's service. It's not just talking the talk; it's walking the walk. Join Scott Welle, #1 Best Selling Author and Founder of Outperform The Norm, as he shares insights from his book, Outperform The Norm for Leaders, on what the most influential leaders do to inspire peak performance in an ever-changing world.

- Recruit great people by being a leader others WANT to follow
- Retain these great people by cultivating the four levels of the "growth elevator"
- Boost your personal productivity by turning lengthy to-dos into limited strategic priorities
- Deal with "difficult" people by balancing empathy, direction & accountability
- Enhance communication style and feedback to challenge and motivate team members

This content-rich session will give you tangible tools for your leadership toolbox that you can use to get the best out of you AND the best out of others.

***County Roundtable*, Cory Kampf – Miltona/Osakis (Lower Level)**
Roundtable discussion on a variety of Financial and organizational topics related to MN Counties, including Budget, Tax levy impacts, Tax Forfeiture, Vendor internal controls and fraud prevention, elections, financial policies, and purchasing cards.

***Transitioning to Digital: Embracing Electronic Payments Over Traditional Checks*, Sarah Brown, Nate Reinhardt, Tina Lannes, Nicholas Morgel, Jennifer Vucinovich, Nicole Hegge – Minnewaska (Lower Level)**
Hear from peers how they have successfully transitioned from paper checks to electronic payments to optimize their payment strategies. Explore the essential policies and procedures required to initiate this digital transformation. Understand the challenges these municipalities encountered during the shift to electronic payments and learn how this change has significantly enhanced their operational efficiency.

4:45-6:45PM Networking Events- Various Locations:

Texas Hold'Em Tournament 4:45-6:45PM – Rafters Lounge Back Room, 5th Floor
Ready to go all in? Join us for the Texas Hold'em Tournament in the back room of Rafters Lounge. Sign up at the registration table during the day and be sure to arrive by 4:45 PM sharp to secure your seat at the table. May the best hand win.

First Time Attendee Social Hour 5:00-6:00PM – LeHomme Dieu (Upper Level) (with appetizers and cash bar)
New to the MNGFOA Conference? Start your experience strong by joining this relaxed and welcoming social hour. Meet fellow first-time attendees, connect with seasoned members, and spark new friendships that could last throughout your career. Enjoy a casual atmosphere with helpful tips, great conversations, and a few appetizers to kick off your evening.

Carlos Creek Outing at Carlos Creek 5:00-6:30PM – shuttle departs from the Arrowwood Lobby
Unwind and sip in style. Hop on the shuttle at 5:00 PM or drive yourself for a trip to Carlos Creek. Explore the vineyard and brewery and enjoy the local flavors. The shuttle returns by 6:30 PM, just in time to prepare for the evening fun. We have space for 48 people on the shuttle, register for the event at https://mngfoa.org/meetinginfo.php. Or drive to: Carlos Creek Winery and Brewery, 6693 County Rd 34 NW, Alexandria

Rafters Lounge or Townhouse #603
Network with other attendees as you unwind from your day of sessions.

7:00-8:00PM Dinner – Tennis Center (Lower Level)

Join us for a casual and delicious dinner to fuel up before the evening festivities. Connect with fellow attendees over a great meal before diving into the games and entertainment.

Chain of Lakes Buffet

Parmesan Crusted Walleye, MN Wild Rice Chicken, Mediterranean Pasta Salad, Mandarin Orange Salad, Baby Red Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Artisan Bread Rolls with Butter, Coffee, Tea and Milk. Alternating: Moscato berry Tiramisu and Salted Caramel Cheesecake for Dessert.

8:00-11:00PM Evening Events- Tennis Center (Lower Level)

Game Night: Let the Spark Fly

Join us for a lively evening filled with games, music, and unexpected fun. The tennis center will be transformed into a pop-up arcade, complete with a mix of nostalgic classics and modern favorites designed to bring out your playful side and spark some friendly competition.

You'll also have a chance to get a glimpse into your future with professional psychics offering 10-minute readings, pre-scheduled at https://mngfoa.org/meetinginfo.php to help manage wait times. And don't miss the wildly entertaining NASCAN Racing, a hilarious experience where you can hop aboard motorized mini vehicles and zip around the space.

We'll wrap up the night with music and dancing, featuring a lively set from DJ Paul Young to keep the fun going.

11:00PM-1:00AM Late-Night Hangout – Rafters Lounge, 5th Floor or Townhouse #603

Keep the night going with a relaxed bonfire outside Townhouse #603, weather permitting, or stop by Rafters Lounge for continued connection and conversation. Bring your favorite beverage and let the spark of the evening carry into the night.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 SCHEDULE

7:30-8:30AM Breakfast – Tennis Center (Lower Level)

Sunrise Buffet

Scrambled Eggs with Cheese on the Side, Mini Belgian Waffles, Diced Seasoned Breakfast Potatoes, Bacon and Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Bagels and Cream Cheese, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice and Milk.

9:00-10:15AM *Fearless*, Kat Perkins – Lake Darling Ballroom (Upper Level)

Kat Perkins competed on season 6 of NBC's The Voice and finished as a top 4 finalist. She has been a number on rock artist on iTunes 5 times and her single Fearless topped the iTunes charts when it was released. She is a nationally recognized motivational speaker, world-touring entertainer, humanitarian and founder of her own non-profit organization and an aspiring author. Fearless is about making fearless choices, taking leadership and following the lead, becoming the most successful person you can be and how your attitude can help you rise above.

10:15-10:30AM Break – Tennis Center (Lower Level)

10:30-11:30AM Concurrent Sessions:

***Legislative Update,* Daniel Lightfoot & Pierre Willette – Lake Darling Ballroom (Upper Level)**

Representatives from the League of Minnesota Cities and Association of Minnesota Counties will discuss what happened during the most recent legislative session.

***MN Paid Family Leave,* Brenna Ramy – Miltona/Osakis (Lower Level)**

Minnesota's new Paid Leave law takes effect January 1, 2026, and organizations need to start preparing now. This session offers a clear, practical overview for HR, payroll, finance, and city management professionals. Learn what the law covers, how it differs from FMLA, who qualifies, how benefits are calculated, and what employers are responsible for—including contributions and compliance deadlines. You'll also explore how to align internal policies and payroll systems, get answers to common questions, and understand the next key steps to ensure a smooth transition.

11:30 - 12:45pm Business Lunch – Tennis Center (Lower Level)

Croissant Club (Plated Lunch)

The Croissant Club Sandwich, Garden Salad, Bistro Chips, Pickle, Coffee, Tea and Milk. Alternating: Old Fashion Apple Pie and Pecan Pie for Dessert.

1:00-2:00PM Concurrent Sessions:

***GFOA Federal Update*, Emily Brock – Lake Darling Ballroom (Upper Level)**

Some things change and some things stay the same – so they say. In 2025 with a new Congress and new administration, GFOA's Federal Liaison Center is advocating to maximize state and local flexibility and to minimize unfunded mandates. This session will include updates and timelines useful for your government from the 'One Big Beautiful Bill Act' to updates on federal rulemaking relief.

***Budgeting for the Breach: Current Trends, and Strategies*, Chris Lester – Miltona/Osakis (Lower Level)**

Today's organizations face an increasingly complex web of cyber risks. From financial losses to lasting reputational harm, the impact of a cyberattack or data breach can be both severe and difficult to measure—let alone prevent. In this session, Sean Lanterman, Principal of Digital Forensic Services, will explore the latest trends shaping the cybersecurity landscape, including the rise of deepfakes, the evolution of ransomware, and the critical role of human behavior in both enabling and preventing attacks. Sean will also share actionable strategies—both proactive and reactive—to help organizations strengthen their cybersecurity posture and better navigate today's high-risk digital environment.

***Introduction to Excel Power Query*, Bob Bruce – Minnewaska (Lower Level)**

Part 1 is an introduction to Excel Power Query. Power Query in Excel is a data transformation and preparation tool that allows users to import, clean, and reshape data from various sources with a user-friendly interface. It uses a step-by-step approach to apply transformations, which are recorded and can be modified or reused. Power Query supports a wide range of data sources, including Excel files, databases, web pages, and cloud services. It's especially useful for automating repetitive data tasks and preparing data for analysis in Excel or Power BI.

2:00-2:15PM Break – Tennis Center (Lower Level)

2:15-3:15PM Concurrent Sessions:

***Embracing AI: Transforming Government Operations in a Dynamic Landscape*, Erik Inderbitzen and Mike Van Wyk – Lake Darling Ballroom (Upper Level)**

The landscape is rapidly evolving, and AI is at the forefront of this transformation, compelling government agencies to adapt and embrace new technologies. Join us as we explore how AI is reshaping the current landscape, particularly in areas like core cash payments, checks, ACH, and cash posting. In the face of challenges such as natural disasters, cyber threats, and staffing shortages, AI offers innovative solutions that will revolutionize our operations over the next several years. We'll examine how our agencies will transform

over the next several years while needing to do more with fewer resources available at disposal.

***Debt 101*, Nick Anhut & Heather Casperson – Miltona/Osakis (Lower Level)**

Are you new to your role in local government and facing current or upcoming project financing needs? Or perhaps have limited experience with issuing debt and want to build your confidence and knowledge in this critical area? This introductory session is designed to provide you with a solid foundation covering the fundamentals of municipal debt. Two Municipal Advisors will provide an overview of the different types of statutory authorities available to Minnesota local governments. You will learn about the key players and steps involved in developing a comprehensive financing strategy, and questions to ask when considering debt. Along the way, the session will highlight considerations and best practices for managing the process before, during, and after debt issuance. Gain a practical insights that will empower you to effectively navigate the complexities of debt financing in support of your community's growth and infrastructure goals.

***Introduction to Excel Data Model*, Bob Bruce – Minnewaska (Lower Level)**

Part 2 is an introduction to the Excel Data Model. The Excel Data Model is a relational data source that allows you to integrate data from multiple tables, often from different sources. It enables you to create relationships between tables, similar to a database, which helps in building more powerful and flexible PivotTables, PivotCharts, and Power BI reports. You can manage the Data Model through Power Pivot, where you can define calculated columns, measures, and hierarchies using DAX (Data Analysis Expressions). This can eliminate the need to use vLookup to combine tables.

3:15-3:30PM Break – Tennis Center (Lower Level)

3:30-4:30PM Concurrent Sessions:

***Diversity*, Jonathan McGee – Lake Darling Ballroom (Upper Level)**

Crafting an effective Community Benefits Plan: How to proactively engage underserved and rural communities to drive economic opportunity. This presentation discusses the basics and the benefits of your municipality putting together Community Benefit Plan (CBP). A CBP is strategic framework which allows your community to articulate to potential development partners community priorities around diversity, equity, and inclusion. Having a CBP will assist your community in driving economic opportunities in disadvantaged and underserved communities. This session will also feature a case study from Baker Tilly and Ramsey County on a CIP Equitable Bond Review.

***Managing Bond Proceeds*, Kyle Sawyer & Kelly Horn – Miltona/Osakis (Lower Level)**

Perfect for finance staff new to public debt accounting, as well as those who want to refine their current practices, this session will explore the leading ways to manage bond proceeds, debt services funds, and the revenues required to pay for debt, including special assessments and property taxes. Ehlers' advisors will teach you how to prepare for external reporting requests, offer insights into managing debt with multiple funding sources, and provide answers for what to do with debt service funds that are either short or have excess funds.

***MNGFOA Mentorship Program*, Cory Kampf, Lynn Cornwell & Nate Reinhardt – Minnewaska (Lower Level)**

Cory Kampf, Anoka County, Lynn Cornwell, Moreton Capital Markets, Nate Reinhardt, City of Shakopee, will facilitate a round table discussion with mentors and mentees as the 13th year of this program kicks off in November 2025. The program is designed to help engage our members in developing our future and the future of local government finance.

SCHEDULE - Thursday

4:45-6:45PM Networking Events- Outside Townhouse #603

Dan Jordet Memorial Bags Tournament and Beverage Tasting

Celebrate the life and legacy of our friend and past MNGFOA President, Dan Jordet, in this meaningful beverage tasting and bean bag tournament. Bring a favorite beverage to share, whether it's beer, wine, seltzer, or a refreshing non-alcoholic option, and feel free to wear a fun bowtie in Dan's honor. If you plan to participate in the Bean Bag Tournament, be sure to sign up at the registration table during the day and arrive promptly at 4:45 PM.

7:00-8:00PM Dinner – Under the Tent by the Lake

Enjoy a delicious dinner in a relaxed outdoor setting. Good food, great company, and casual conversation set the stage for an evening of celebration.

The Southwest Dinner Buffet

Garden Salad, Seasoned Flank Steak and Chicken, Onions, Peppers, Flour Tortilla, Hard Shells, Salsa, Corn Bread Muffins, Coffee, Tea and Milk. Dessert: Assorted Cheesecakes

8:00-11:00PM Evening Events- Under the Tent by the Lake

Bingo and DJ Night: Keep the Spark Going

Kick off the fun with a spirited round of bingo followed by music and dancing under the stars. DJ Paul Young will return to keep the momentum going with a feel-good playlist perfect for any vibe. Bingo cards will be provided, so grab one, find your lucky seat, and enjoy an evening designed to help you shine.

11:00PM-1:00AM Late-Night Hangout – Rafters Lounge, 5th Floor or Townhouse #603

Wrap up the day with a final round of late-night connection. Whether you prefer a nightcap indoors or a fireside chat outdoors, bring your favorite beverage and unwind with friends old and new.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 SCHEDULE

7:30-8:30AM Breakfast – Tennis Center (Lower Level)

Snack Breakfast

Pastries, Rolls, Fruit, Small Breakfast Sandwiches, Juice and Coffee.

8:30-9:45AM Concurrent Sessions:

***Top 10 Audit Findings and How to Prevent Them*, Bonnie Schwieger – Lake Darling Ballroom (Upper Level)**

Audit findings often come as a surprise to even the most prepared finance staff. We will discuss common audit findings and preventative steps. The discussion will focus on four areas: financial transactions, compliance with state statutes, grant compliance and internal controls.

***TIF 101*, Keith Dahl & Schane Rudlang – Miltona/Osakis (Lower Level)**

Understanding the fundamentals of tax increment financing (TIF) is critical to help fill financial gaps and drive development initiatives forward. Join Ehlers' advisors as they discuss basic principles of TIF and explain how it can be used effectively. This session will explore the building blocks of TIF, different types of TIF districts and their establishment requirements, the public approval process, post establishment activities and where to turn if things get complicated.

10:00-11:00AM *Seize Your Well-Being- Navigate Beyond Burnout*, Capstone Speaker – Jasmine Brett Stringer – Lake Darling Ballroom (Upper Level) The modern workplace can be a source of significant stress and dissatisfaction, leading to burnout and a sense of disengagement. "Seize Your Well-Being" is a transformative program that encourages individuals to confront these challenges head-on and to find balance and joy in their professional lives. Jasmine offers insights and practical strategies for navigating workplace stressors, promoting resilience, and rediscovering the fulfillment that comes from meaningful work and personal achievement.

11:15-12:30PM Networking Lunch – Tennis Center (Lower Level)

BYO Salad & Baked Potato Buffet

Split Baked Potatoes, Mixed Greens, Toppings, Breadsticks and Homemade Cornbread and Assorted Cookies and Bars.

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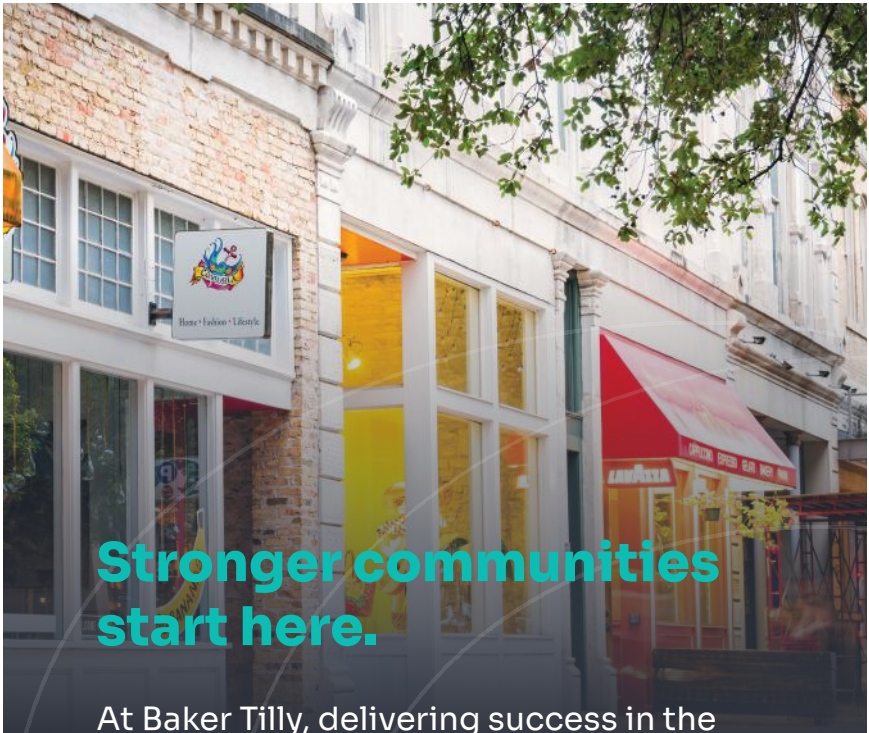
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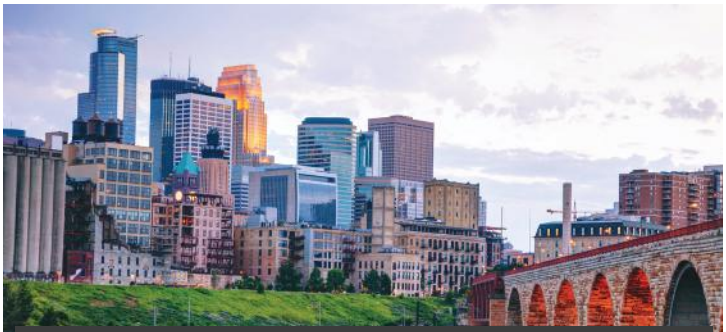


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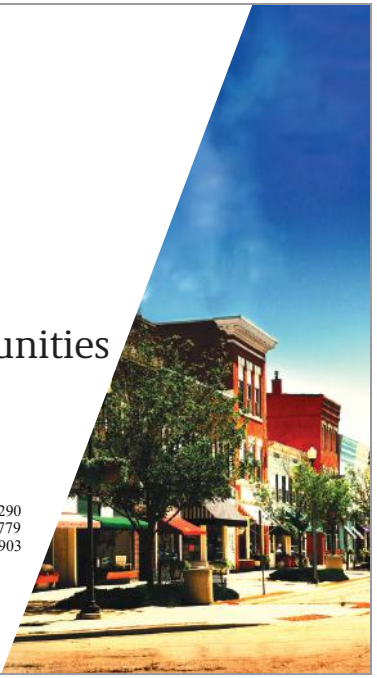
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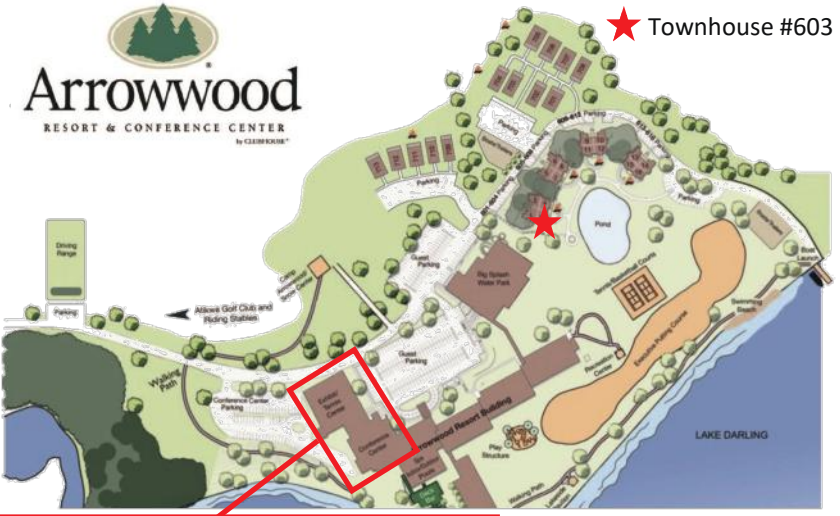
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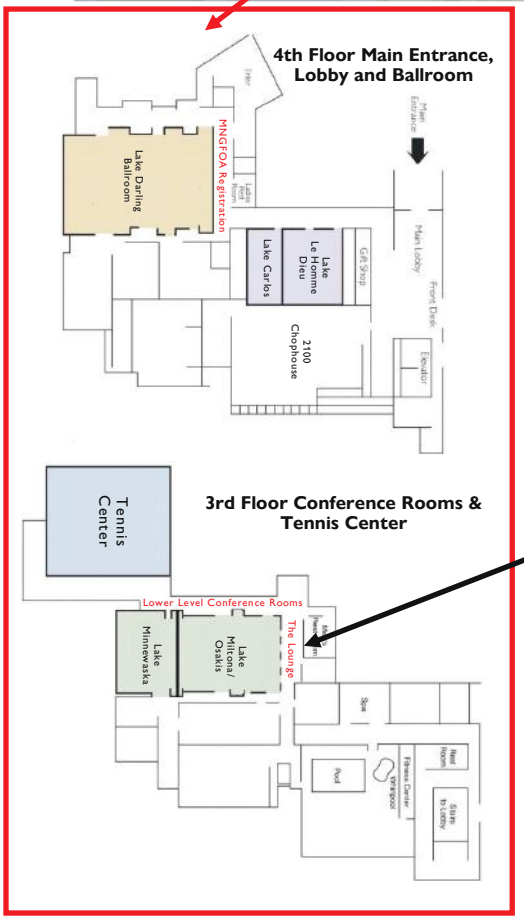
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Wednesday, September 24, 2025

7:30-9:00AM	Wednesday Morning Walk
8:30AM	Registration Opens
9:15AM	New Attendee Orientation (Miltona/Osakis)
10:00 AM	Welcome from MNGFOA President Mark Ebensteiner (Lake Darling Ballroom)
10:15-11:45AM	Keynote: Daily Execution. Extraordinary Results (Lake Darling Ballroom)
11:45-12:45PM	Lunch (Tennis Center)
1:00-2:00PM	*Public Finance Staff Shortage (Lake Darling Ballroom) *Budget Panel Discussion (Miltona/Osakis) *Rating Agency Session (Minnewaska)
2:15-3:15PM	*2025 GASB Update (Lake Darling Ballroom) *Beyond the Budget: Strategic Capital Planning for Cities (Miltona/Osakis) *Stay out of the Rough: Fixed Income Tips from the Greenskeeper's Guide (Minnewaska)
3:30-4:30PM	*Elevate: How Exceptional Leaders Inspire Peak Performance (Lake Darling Ballroom) *County Roundtable (Miltona/Osakis) *Transitioning to Digital: Embracing Electronic Payments Over Traditional Checks (Minnewaska)

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4:45-6:45PM	Networking Events- Various Locations Texas Hold'Em Tournament, First Time Attendee Social Hour, Carlos Creek Outing, Rafters Lounge, Townhouse #603
7:00-8:00PM	Dinner (Tennis Center)
8:00-11:00PM	Game Night: Let the Spark Fly (Tennis Center)
After 11:00PM	Networking (Rafters Lounge or Townhouse #603)

Thursday, September 25, 2025

7:30-8:30AM	Breakfast (Tennis Center)
9:00-10:15 AM	Fearless (Lake Darling Ballroom)
10:30-11:30AM	*Legislative Update (Lake Darling Ballroom) *MN Paid Family Leave (Miltona/Osakis)
11:30-12:45PM	Business Lunch (Tennis Center)
1:00-2:00PM	*GFOA Federal Update (Lake Darling Ballroom) *Budgeting for the Breach: Current Trends, and Strategies (Miltona/Osakis) *Introduction to Excel Power Query (Minnewaska)

Thursday, September 25, 2025 Continued

2:15-3:15PM	*Embracing AI: Transforming Government Operations in a Dynamic Landscape (Lake Darling Ballroom) *Debt 101 (Miltona/Osakis) *Introduction to Excel Data Model (Minnewaska)
3:30-4:30PM	*Diversity (Lake Darling Ballroom) *Managing Bond Proceeds (Miltona/Osakis) *MNGFOA Mentorship Program (Minnewaska)
4:45-6:45PM	Dan Jordet Memorial Bags Tournament and Beverage Tasting (Outside Townhouse #603)
7:00-8:00PM	Dinner Under the Tent (By the Lake)
8:00-11:00PM	Bingo and DJ Night: Keep the Spark Going (Tent by the Lake)
After 11:00PM	Networking (Rafters Lounge or Townhouse #603)

Friday, September 26, 2025

7:30-8:30AM	Breakfast (Tennis Center)
8:30-9:45 AM	*Top 10 Audit Findings and How to Prevent Them (Lake Darling Ballroom) *TIF 101 (Miltona/Osakis)
10:00-11:00AM	Capstone: Seize Your Well-Being- Navigate Beyond Burnout (Lake Darling Ballroom)
11:15-12:30PM	Networking Lunch (Tennis Center)