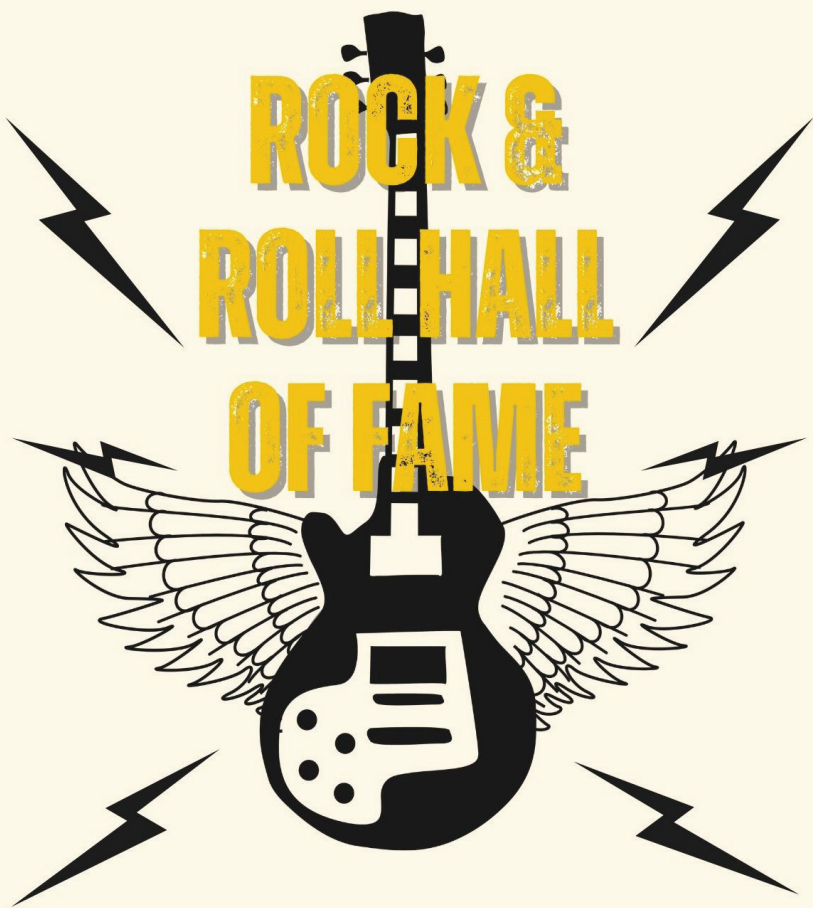




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OUR MISSION: Promote excellence and leadership in the government finance profession by providing quality educational opportunities, avenues for sharing knowledge, recognition of members’ outstanding accomplishments, and by upholding high professional 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
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**62ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 22ND – SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2026**

**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**

**TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY
SCHEDULES**

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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 2026 to September 2027. It is essential for the future of local government finance leadership. Your participation is crucial for its success.

Key Dates

- MNGFOA Conference Presentation:
Wednesday, September 23rd at 3:30pm (Cedar Ballroom-3)
- Application Deadline: **October 6, 2026**, please visit www.mngfoa.org and select MNGFOA Mentor Program from the menu on the left side.
- Mentor Program Training Luncheon: November 2026 (date/location TBD)



Benefits of Mentorship

- Gain personal satisfaction
- Learn new perspectives
- Share resources and networks
- Give back/gain valuable advice



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

Program Leadership Team

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Government Finance Officers Association Certification Program (CPFO)

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/cpfo> or talk to one of Minnesota's active CPFOs:

Name	Title	Employer	Year earned
Alyssa Landberg	Finance Director	City of Falcon Heights	2026
Jacob Seppelt	Assistant Finance Director	City of Farmington	2026
Daniel Jean	Accounting Analyst	City of Owatonna	2025
Kari Klages	Finance Director	City of Redwood Falls	2025
Candi Lemarr	Finance Director	City of Apple Valley	2025
Phillip Weix	Assistant Finance Director	City of Roseville	2025
Neal Younghans	Debt Administrator	City of Saint Paul	2025
Nicole Hegge	Finance Director	City of Brooklyn Center	2024
Joshua Kent	Finance Director / Asst. City Administrator	City of Buffalo	2024
Trisha Pollock	Finance Director	City of Victoria	2024
Rob Voshell	Finance Director	City of Sartell	2024
William Wallo	Finance Director	Dakota County	2024
Julie Weiers	Accountant	City of Otsego	2024
Ashley Hansen	Finance Director	City of Coon Rapids	2023

Dalton Larson	Deputy Director of Finance	Anoka County	2023
Kelly Grinnell	Finance Director	City of Chanhassen	2022
Alison Egger	Finance Director	City of Oak Park Heights	2020
Sarah Rathlisberger	Finance Director	City of Monticello	2018
Jessica Wojahn	Finance Director	City of Winona	2018
Cheryl Jahnke	Financial Reporting Director	Minnesota State Retirement System	2017
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	Minnesota - Department of Management & Budget	2007
Kenneth F. Bauer	Finance Director	Dakota County Community Development Agency	2003
Jean M. Lane	Business Services Manager	Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission	2001
Michelle C. Pietrick	Retired		2001
Robert Sundberg	Finance Director	City of Vadnais Heights	2001



Government Finance Officers Association
Certification Program (CPFO)

2026 MNGFOA LEADERSHIP TEAM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Office	Name	Employer
President	Tina Lannes	City of Albertville
President-Elect	Gina Foschi	City of New Brighton
Secretary	Joel Merry	City of Waconia
Treasurer	Justin Juergensen	City of Hutchinson
Past President	Mark Ebensteiner	City of Becker
At Large	Dalton Larson	Anoka County
At Large	Tyler See	Abdo
State Representative	Sarah Rathlisberger	City of Monticello

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Name		Employer
Jackie Heinz	Co-Chair	City of Montrose
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Corey Boyer		PTMA Financial Solutions
Heather Caspersen		Public Financial Management, Inc.
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George Eilertson		Northland Securities
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Josh Feldman		City of Eagan
Averell Gibson		City of Minneapolis
Clarissa Hadler		Lake Elmo
Jonathan Haskins		Ramsey County
Zach Hecksel		City of Chaska
Nicole Hegge		City of Brooklyn Center
Cory Kampf		Anoka County
Hannah Kurkowski		Logis
Tonya Kusmirek		Logis
Tina Lannes	Board Rep	City of Albertville
Candi Lemarr		City of Apple Valley
Nick Morgel		J.P. Morgan
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Janna Oman		Washington County
Nate Reinhardt		City of Shakopee

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Sarah Schmidt	City of Kasson
Tyler See	Abdo
Jennifer Stanley	City of Maplewood
Dan Tienter	Ehlers & Associates
Kary Tillmann	City of Zimmerman
Grace Trocinske	CLA
Heidi Tumberg	City of Detroit Lakes
Michael Twu	Saint Paul Regional Water Services
Shannon Veeraboina	City of Fridley
Jennifer Vucinovich	US Bank
Mary Kaye Wahl	Carver County
Phillip Weix	City of Roseville
Kelley Willemsen	Shakopee Public Utility
Tammy Wilson	City of Eden Prairie
Jill Zenzola	Washington County

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Mark Ebensteiner	City of Becker
Andy Grice	Creative Planning
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Ezra Koetz	CliftonLarsonAllen
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Rebecca Petersen	Redpath & Company
Jeremy Vacinek	City of Baxter

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Name		Employer
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Kieth Dahl		Ehlers
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Brian Johnson		Ehlers
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Tina Lannes		City of Albertville
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Jennifer Vuchinovich		US Bank
Mary Kaye Wahl		Carver County
Neal Youngmans		City of Saint Paul
Brandon Zabel		Carver County

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Name		Employer
Kari Carlson	Co-Chair	City of Bloomington
Michelle Hoffman	Co-Chair	Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority
Bob Cafarelli		Zions Bank
Lynn Cornwell		Moreton Capital Markets
Chris Daly		Huntington Bank
Averell Gibson		City of Minneapolis
Tara Geer		City of Staples
Matt Heslin		PTMA
Chris Hogan		Baker Tilly
Carl Jacobson		City of Little Canada
Maggie Jin		City of Orono
Justin Juergensen	Board Rep	City of Hutchinson
Chris Knopik		CliftonLarsonAllen
Tina Lannes	Board Rep	City of Albertville
Veronica Legan		Minnesota Department of Revenue
Joel Merry	Board Rep	City of Waconia
Blendi Rezniki		US Bank

SOCIAL COMMITTEE CONT.

Name	Employer
Bonnie Schwieger	Abdo
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Shannon Veeraboina	City of Fridley
Teresa Walters	Hennepin County
Brittany Wright	City of Waconia
Patria Xiong	City of Spring Park

STUDENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Name	Employer
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Gina Foshci Board Rep	City of New Brighton
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Ashley Hansen	City of Coon Rapids
Dave Wheeler	City of Minneapolis
Josh Kent	City of Buffalo
Justin Juergensen Board Rep	City of Hutchinson
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Erica Mattice	City of Chaska
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Katlyn Adair	City of Crystal
Bonnie Schweiger	Abdo
Pa Thao	City of Edina
Rob Voshell	City of Sartell
Brandon Zabel	Carver County
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Name	Employer/Term
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Mary Kaye Wahl Vice Chair	Carver County / 2026-2027
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Julie Stahl Metro	City of Lakeville / 2026-2027
Andy Hering Associate	Redpath / 2025-2026

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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Janice Brandt	Co-Chair	City of Coon Rapids
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Joe Rueb		City of Maplewood
Mary Kaye Wahl		Carver County
Kelly Horn		Ehlers
Nicole Hegge		City of Brooklyn Center
Zach Hecksel		City of Chaska

MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE

Name		Employer
Lynn Cornwell		Moreton Capital Markets
Cory Kampf		Anoka County
Nate Reinhardt		City of Shakopee

NATIONAL GFOA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name	Employer	Committee
Kari Carlson	City of Bloomington	Budget
Sarah Brown	City of Saint Paul	Capital Planning & Economic Development
Jeanette Boit-Kania	Ramsey County	Treasury & Investment Management
Nicole Hegge	City of Brooklyn Center	Treasury & Investment Management

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PAST PRESIDENTS**

Year	President	Organization	Year	President	Organization
1963	Earl E. Hanson	St. Louis Park	1996	Beth Widstrom-Anderson	Metropolitan Council
1964	Robert Bullock	Brooklyn Center	1997	Michael Webster	MN Dept of Finance
1965	Miles D. Johnson	Crystal	1998	Steven Hauer	Maple Grove
1966	Donald LeBrasseur	Willmar	1999	Lori Johnson	Elk River
1967	Edward Moline	Richfield	2000	Al Rolek	Lino Lakes
1968	Norman J. Werner	Coon Rapids	2001	Ed Burrell	Roseville
1969	Paul W. Holmlund	Brooklyn Center	2002	Sharon Legg	Coon Rapids
1970	John F. Murphy	Golden Valley	2003	Tom Kelly	White Bear Lake Twp
1971	Marvin C. Brunzell	Fridley	2004	Lori Webster	Hastings
1972	Leslie Anderson	Burnsville	2005	Tom Pepper	Eagan
1973	Thomas J. Moran	Richfield	2006	Chris Miller	Roseville
1974	Vernon C. Pederson	New Brighton	2007	Greg Sticha	Chanhassen
1975	Earl Arneson	Minneapolis	2008	Robin Roland	Farmington
1976	Lyle Haney	Coon Rapids	2009	Larry Jacobson	Robbinsdale
1977	James F. Carufel	Shoreview	2010	Cathy Shuman	Monticello
1978	Gary R. Norstrom	St. Paul	2011	Ron Hedberg	Apple Valley
1979	Richard D. Schultz	Hennepin County	2012	Jessie Hart (Jan-May)	White Bear Lake Twp
1980	Duane C. Schuck	Bloomington	2012	Cory Kampf (June-Dec)	Brooklyn Park
1981	Charles DARTH	Brooklyn Park	2013	Cory Kampf	Brooklyn Park
1982	Dallas L. Petersen	Minneapolis	2014	Daniel Jordet	Otsego
1983	Dale L. Eggenberger	Minnetonka	2015	Darin Nelson	Fridley
1984	Richard L. Berg	MWCC	2016	Julie Vogel	Bloomington
1985	Eugene J. VanOverbeke	Eagan	2017	Michelle Pietrick	South St. Paul
1986	Alan J. Erickson	Brooklyn Park	2018	Michelle Pietrick (Jan-Jun)	South St. Paul
1987	Bonita J. Carlson	Chaska	2018	Heidi Tumberg (Jul-Dec)	Sartell
1988	Fredric E. Christiansen	Maple Grove	2019	Heidi Tumberg	Sartell
1989	Daniel F. Faust	Maplewood	2020	Joe Rueb	Maplewood
1990	Donald Brager	Mounds View	2021	Josh Feldman	Eagan
1991	Jeanne A. Haapala	Shoreview	2022	Nicole Meyer	Waconia
1992	Dennis Feller	Lakeville	2023	Nathan Reinhardt	Shakopee
1993	Darrel Johnson	Winona	2024	Mary Kaye Wahl	Carver County
1994	John Norman	St. Cloud	2025	Mark Ebensteiner	Becker
1995	Diane Archer	Cottage Grove			

Recipients of the Thomas J. Moran Award

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

CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

1963	Mankato	1972	Bloomington
1964	Minneapolis	1973	Rochester
1965	Unknown	1974	Alexandria
1966	Moorhead	1975	Duluth
1967	Rochester	1976	St. Paul
1968	Duluth	1977	Golden Valley
1969	Minneapolis	1978-1981	St. Paul
1970	St. Paul	1982 - 2025	Alexandria
1971	Duluth	2026	Brainerd

And The Winner Is..

Texas Hold'Em Champions

2025 Nicholas Solberg, City of Isanti
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

2025 George Eilertson, Northland Securities, Tom Olinger, Abdo
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 Foils, 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



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	Company Name	First Name	Last Name	Company Name
Jason	Aarsvold	Ehlers	Mark	Ebensteiner	City of Becker
Marcel Dave	Abriol-Miller	City of Woodbury	Lori	Economy-Scholler	City of Bloomington
Katlyn	Adair	City of Crystal	Erin	Edel	Steele County
Jason	Ahrens	City of Alexandria	Chris	Etemiller	City of Hastings
Claire	Alber	UMB Bank N.A.	Heather	Ellis	Polk County
Jan	Almquist	Saint Paul Port Authority	Roberta	Ellison	City of Inver Grove Heights
Nicholas	Anderson	Anoka County	Jake	Emeott	Ehlers
Karla	Anderson	City of East Grand Forks	Lindsey	Erdmann	City of Mound
Nayrobi	Andrie	City Of Chaska	Taylor	Erickson	Stearns County
Nick	Anhut	Ehlers	Chrissie	Estrada	City of Buffalo
Katie	Anthony	Moody's Ratings	Leye	Fadahunsi	U.S. Bank Trust Company, N.A.
Karen	Apold	Computershare Corporate Trust	DeAnna	Fah	City of St. Cloud
Gregory	Baracy	S&P Global Ratings	Robert	Falk	City of Shoreview
Lori	Bartlett	City of St. Joseph	Brad	Falteysek	Abdo
JJ	Bartlett	Wells Fargo Securities	Umar	Farooq	Moody's Ratings
Andy	Berg	Abdo	Jessica	Fasching	City of Waconia
Elizabeth	Bergman	Baker Tilly	Stephanie	Feind	City of Eden Prairie
Liesel	Bergquist	Minnesota Valley Transit Authority	Josh	Feldman	City of Eagan
Tessa	Beuning	Abdo	Ashley	Finley	Wells Fargo
Levi	Blanchard	Plum Creek Library System	Adam	Flaherty	City of Otsego
Jeanette	Boit-Kania	Ramsey County	Patrick	Fobian	Anoka County
Christine	Boris	Northland Securities, Inc.	Brent	Foiles	City of Eagan
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Amanda	Bougetz	Metropolitan Council	Shayna	Forster	City of Anoka
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Matt	Burt	City of Savage	Gretchen	Gifford	City of Eagan
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Andrew	Carlson	Larkin Hoffman Public Affairs	Jessica	Green	Northland Public Finance
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Ashley	DeBernardi	City of Hastings	Michelle	Hayes	City of Stacy
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Ann	Henne	City of Moorhead	Sheena	Kurth	City of Savage
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Cindy	Jensen	Mower County	Valerie	Merta	City of Woodbury
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Lori	Johnson	City of Proctor	Lindsey	Meyer	Wright County
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Brian	Johnson	Ehlers	Dan	Miller	Old National Bank
Kristie	Jordan	Redpath and Company	Lindsey	Mooney	City of Columbus
Nicole	Jorgensen	City of New Ulm	Nick	Morgel	J.P. Morgan Chase
Justin	Juergensen	City of Hutchinson	Emylie	Morris	City of Fridley
Sheila	Jungwirth	City of Waseca	Kristie	Moseng	City of Albertville
Abbie	Kaber	City of Victoria	Abigail	Moser	Anoka County
Jack	Kahlhamer	City of Sauk Rapids	David	Mueller	Abdo
Cory	Kampf	Anoka County	Mercy	Munene	Ramsey County
Emma	Kasiga	Saint Paul Port Authority	Andrea	Murff	City of Ham Lake
Lisa	Kent	Abdo	Mary	Naden	Minnesota Valley Transit Authority
Joshua	Kent	City of Buffalo	Lisa	Nelson	City of Chaska
David	Kent	Anoka County	Danny	Nelson	Hennepin County
Amy	Kirk	Anoka County	Kelly	Nelson	Sibley County
Yvonne	Kirkeide	Anoka County	Xander	Nguyen	PMA Financial Network
Kari	Klages	City of Redwood Falls	Randy	Niemeyer	City of Saint Paul
Nicole	Klekner	City of Prior Lake	Justin	Nilson	Abdo
Sue	Kleppe	The Metropolitan Airports Commission	Jill	Nolan	Chisago County
			David	Offord	Wells Fargo
Angela	Kloempken	Carver County	Kayla	Oldridge	Nicollet County
Melanie	Knaus	Stearns County	Tom	Olinger	Abdo
Kevin	Knopik	City of Shoreview	Debra	Olsen	City of Worthington
Christopher	Knopik	CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP)	Paul	Olsen	Stearns County
Jill	Knutson	City of Elk River	Joe	Olson	City of St Louis Park
Michelle	Knutson	Big Stone County	Janna	Oman	Washington County
Kevin	Knutson	City of Woodbury	Tammy	Omdal	Northland Securities, Inc.
Melissa	Knutson	City of Andover	Amanda	Orloff	City of Waconia
Marie	Knutson	Hubbard County	Mitchell	O'Sell	City of Chaska
Ezra	Koetz	CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP)	Landon	Padrnos	Renville County
Melanie	Koski	Mille Lacs County	Jenny	Palmer	City of Excelsior
Reed	Kottke	City of Corcoran	Lisa	Paradise	City of Richfield
Dalton	Kraay	City of Shorewood	Lauren	Pavey	Anoka County
John	Kramolisch	J.P. Morgan Chase	Rachel	Petersen	Old National Bank
Hannah	Kurkowski	LOGIS	Rebecca	Petersen	Redpath and Company

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Tracy	Peterson	City of Granite Falls	John	Stachel	Abdo
Navee	Phav	City of Newport	Will	Steck	U.S. Bank
Catherine	Piepho	Washington County	Annette	Storm	Abdo
Ben	Pietrek	Northland Securities, Inc.	Donald	Strehlo	Ramsey County
Elizabeth	Poate	City of Monticello	Jessi	Sturtz	Abdo
Trisha	Pollock	City of Victoria	Caroline	Stutsman	BerganKDV
Danyel	Post	City of Apple Valley	John	Sufka	City of Maple Grove
Charlie	Praska	State Street	Chris	Sullivan	Oppenheimer & Co.
David	Preiner	UMB - Institutional Custody	linda	sutton	Ramsey County
Paul	Prokosch	Metro Bus St. Cloud	Jeff	Swenson	Stearns County
Sharon	Provos	City of Stillwater	Linda	Sze	City of St Louis Park
Erika	Pudas	City of Elk River	Diaa	Tahoun	City of Robbinsdale
Greta	Pudas	City of Medina	Pa	Thao	City of Edina
Mike	Puskar	Computershare Corporate Trust	Mitchell	Thiesfeld	City of Norwood Young America
Brenna	Ramy	Abdo	Tracy	Thoma	City of Lino Lakes
Haley	Ranum	White Bear Township	Dan	Tienter	Ehlers
Sarah	Rathlisberger	City of Monticello	Grace	Timmer	Jackson County
Matthew	Rathlisberger	City of Rogers	Anika	Tokhi	Baker Tilly
Reed	Rediske	City Of North Branch	Rebecca	Toso	Cass County
Andrew	Reid	City of Hutchinson	Jackie	Traut	Benton County
Brian	Reilly	Ehlers	Alex	Trippel	Abdo
Nathan	Reinhardt	City of Shakopee	Grace	Trocinske	City of Minnetonka
Maggie	Reisdorf	SouthWest Transit	Morgan	Tucker	Zions Bank
Teresa	Reisdorfer	Goodhue County	Michael	Twu	Saint Paul Regional Water Services
Blendi	Rezniqui	U.S. Bank	Sarah	Utsch	Stearns County
Grant	Ringdahl	City of Chaska	Jeremy	Vacinek	City of Baxter
Kristin	Robertson	Steele County	Ryan	Vadnais	City of Plymouth
Dean	Roles	City of Mankato	Annette	VanBeck	City of Grand Marais
Brian	Roth	Wright County	Shannon	Veerabooina	City of Fridley
Schane	Rudlang	Ehlers	Karla	Virnig	City of Waite Park
Joe	Rueb	City of Maplewood	Amy	Vogel	City of Springfield
Natalie	Santillo	City of St. Francis	Jeanne	Vogt	Ehlers
Kyle	Sawyer	Ehlers	Lauren	Volz	Baker Tilly
Trenton	Sax	City of St Anthony	Rob	Voshell	City of Sartell
Peggy	Schaak	Rice County	Justice	Voss	Mille Lacs County
Scott	Schaefer	City of Mahtomedi	Jennifer	Vucinovich	U.S. Bank
Kevin	Schafer	BS&A Software	Ka	Vue	Metropolitan Airports Commission
Tracy	Schafer	City of Mayer	Mary Kaye	Wahl	Carver County
Steven	Scharff	Baker Tilly	Jon	Walstrom	Washington County
Jonathan	Schatz	American Deposit Management	Margaret	Webb	City of Maple Lake
Amanda	Scheiber	City of Clear Lake	Deb	Wegeleben	City of Big Lake
Jason	Schirmacher	City of Woodbury	Julie	Weiers	City of Otsego
Melissa	Schlingman	City of Minnetonka	Patricia	Weitgenant	City of Plymouth
Benjamin	Schmeling	Wells Fargo	Phil	Weix	City of Roseville
Abby	Schmidt	Abdo	Miranda	Wendlandt	Abdo
Matthew	Schmidt	PFM Asset Management	Denise	Wethor	City of Worthington
Sarah	Schmidt	City of Kasson	Jacalyn	Wilkes	City of Buffalo
Jeanne	Schmuck	City of Shorewood	Jennifer	Willems	City of Delano
Mandy	Schroeder	City of Princeton	Eaman	Wink	Ehlers
Bonnie	Schwieger	Abdo	Nate	Winter	CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP)
Tyler	See	Abdo	Kimberly	Wodarz	SouthWest Transit
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Jacob	Seppelt	City of Farmington	Sharon	Wright	City of North Branch
Amy	Sevig	City of Bloomington	Brittany	Wright	City of Waconia
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Mahagony	Shaffer	City of St Louis Park	Joua	Yang	City of Woodbury
Gavin	Shubert	City of St. Louis Park	Mayka	Yang	City of St Paul/SPRWS
Brittany	Sibell	City of Ramsey	Teresa	YU	City of Bloomington
Jonathan	Simon	Minnesota Counties Computer	Brandon	Zabel	Carver County
		Cooperative	Jill	Zenzola	Washington County
Eric	Smedsrud	CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP)	Jackie	Zillmer	City of New Brighton
Bradley	Smith	City of Prior Lake	Pete	Zimmerman	City of Wayzata
Michael	Solomon	Saint Paul Port Authority	Reidun	Zollicoffer	City of Champlin
Lisa	Sova	League of Minnesota Cities			
Barbara	Sparr	Federal Home Loan Bank			
		Des Moines			

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 SCHEDULE

7:00AM-7:00PM Conference Lounge – Aspen/Birch & Spruce Rooms “Bang The

Drum All Day” ZIONS BANK | Corporate Trust

Whether you need to recharge yourself, your phone, or your email inbox, take advantage of our conference lounge in the Aspen/Birch and Spruce rooms located near the event session rooms. Quiet activities, light snacks, and charging stations will be provided to help you get ready to take in your next conference session.

7:15-9:15AM Tuesday Morning Trot - “Walking on Sunshine”

Kickstart your conference with some fresh air and good company! Join us for a walk or run at the beautiful Northland Arboretum in Baxter. Arrive at 7:30, then the shuttle will depart promptly from Cragun’s Resort at 7:45 AM and return by 9:15 AM, in plenty of time for the 10:00 AM keynote. New to the conference? Lynn Cornwell will be joining the walking group and is happy to share tips, answer questions, and give you the inside scoop on making the most of the conference. We have space for 24 people on the shuttle, register for the event at <https://mngfoa.org/meetinginfo.php>. Prefer to meet us there? Northland Arboretum is approximately a 20-minute drive from Cragun’s Resort.

8:30AM Registration Desk Opens – Main Lobby

Breakfast Bites: Located just outside Pine Ballroom “Donut City”



Beverage refreshments (regular coffee, hot tea, and decaf upon request, assorted Pepsi products, bottled water)

Snacks: Assorted donuts, muffins, and fruit

9:15-9:45AM *New Attendee Orientation* – Cedar Ballroom 1 “New Kid In Town”

10:00-10:15AM *Welcome* - MNGFOA President Tina Lannes – Pine Ballroom “Welcome Back”

10:15-11:30AM *Quarter Turns, Change, Opportunity & the Next Normal* – Keynote Speaker – Tim Furlong – Pine Ballroom “Changes”

For today's government finance leaders, change is no longer an occasional event. It's the environment we lead in every day. From evolving regulations and technology to workforce challenges and increasing public expectations, the ability to adapt has become a leadership competency, not just a survival skill. In this engaging and practical keynote, Tim Furlong shares proven strategies to help leaders navigate uncertainty, embrace opportunity, and build

resilient teams that thrive through constant change. Participants will leave with practical tools to lead confidently, stay focused under pressure, and create momentum in "the next normal."

11:30-12:45PM Business Lunch – Tamarack Event Centre “Taking Care Of Business” J.P.Morgan

Fresh Herb Chicken Breast: basmati rice, herb chicken pan jus, seasonal vegetables (GF, DF)

1:00-2:00PM Concurrent Sessions:

Legislative Update – Troy Olsen, Mike Lund, & Joe Bagnoli – Pine Ballroom “Come Together”

This Legislative Update will provide an overview of key actions from the most recent legislative session and highlight issues expected to receive attention in the upcoming session. The presentation will examine how recent and proposed legislation may affect government entities, including potential impacts on budgeting, operations, compliance, and long-term planning. Attendees will gain insights into the evolving legislative landscape and the considerations most relevant to public sector organizations.

Auditing 101/Internal Controls – Bonnie Schwieger – Cedar Ballroom 1 “Control”

A strong understanding of the audit process and internal controls is essential for effective financial management in cities and counties. This session will provide a practical overview of the annual audit process, including auditor responsibilities, management responsibilities, risk assessment, and common areas of audit focus.

Participants will also explore the fundamentals of internal control, segregation of duties, documentation requirements, and strategies for preventing and detecting errors and fraud.

Through real-world examples, attendees will gain practical insights and best practices to strengthen financial oversight, improve compliance, and prepare for a successful audit.

Municipal Cannabis Operations – Brenda Springer & Shane Mikkelsen – Cedar Ballroom 3 “Mary Janes Last Dance”

In this session you will hear from cities that have opened, or are considering opening, a municipal cannabis operation. Discussion will center on the decision to get into the cannabis business, the process for application, hiring, and opening, as well as a discussion on current on-going operations. We will also review some of the hurdles a city might face as they look to start a municipal cannabis operation.

2:00-2:15PM Break – Located just outside Pine Ballroom “Afternoon Tea”



Beverage refreshments (regular coffee, hot tea, and decaf upon request, assorted Pepsi products, bottled water)

2:15-3:15PM Concurrent Sessions:

MN Paid Leave & OT Lessons Learned – Brenna Ramy – Pine Ballroom ***“Working For A Living”***

New state and federal requirements have created significant changes for local government employers—and the real work begins when policy meets payroll, HR, employee communications, and day-to-day operations.

This session will bring together local government leaders to share practical lessons learned from implementing Minnesota Paid Leave and adapting to the new federal qualified overtime compensation deduction created by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Minnesota Paid Leave launched statewide in January 2026, while the federal overtime provision requires employers to navigate new reporting and payroll considerations as employees become eligible for the deduction.

Through real-world examples and peer discussion, attendees will explore what worked and what proved more complicated than expected.

GASB Update – Rebecca Peterson & Andy Hering – Cedar Ballroom 1 ***“Livin On A Prayer”***

The 2026 GASB Update will provide a comprehensive overview of GASB Statements that must be implemented for December 31, 2026 financial statements, with a focus on GASB 103 - Financial Reporting Model Improvements. Additionally, the session will cover upcoming standards and projects on the GASB's horizon.

Fundamentals of Collective Bargaining & Union Negotiations – Greg Butler & Ryan Chester – Cedar Ballroom 3 ***“Hold The Line”***

The presenters will provide an overview of local government collective bargaining, with an emphasis on the role of the finance officer in the collective bargaining process. The presentation will cover the basics of impasse resolution, approaches for costing of union and management proposals, messaging of financial condition, perspectives on compensation comparability, and conclude with a discussion of potential information asymmetry between union and management negotiation teams.

3:15-3:30PM Break – Located just outside Pine Ballroom “Cheese Please”



Beverage refreshments (regular coffee, hot tea, and decaf upon request, assorted Pepsi products, bottled water)

Snacks: Crudites with hummus and ranch dip, cheese and crackers

3:30-4:30PM Concurrent Sessions:

Large City Roundtable – Matt Burt, Pa Thao, & Amy Hove – Pine Ballroom “In The City”

Join your peers from Minnesota’s larger cities for an interactive roundtable discussion on the evolving landscape of local government finance. Topics may include budgeting, staffing, capital planning, technology, economic development, and other emerging trends affecting communities across the state.

The roundtable brings together panelists and attendees to exchange experiences, ask questions, and share ideas. Panelists will offer perspectives from their organizations, while attendees will help shape the discussion through their own questions, insights, and lessons learned. Through this exchange, participants will gain new perspectives and practical takeaways they can apply in their own communities.

Small City Roundtable – Mark Ebensteiner & Greta Pudas – Cedar Ballroom 1 “Small Town”

Mark Ebensteiner and Greta Pudas will facilitate a roundtable where presenters will share some best practices and welcome participants to share their own experiences on various small city financial operations.

County Roundtable – Dalton Larson & Dave Kent – Cedar Ballroom 3 “Darlington County”

Dalton Larson and Dave Kent will host an interactive roundtable discussion focused on the latest challenges, regulations, and developments impacting Minnesota counties. Topics will include ongoing GASB implementation, ADA compliance, county legislation, property tax levy and budgeting, ERP and automation initiatives, artificial intelligence, and the current economic and market outlook.

Designed as an informal, open forum, this session encourages active participation and the exchange of ideas, experiences, and practical insights. Attendees are invited to share successes, lessons learned, and innovative approaches while engaging in meaningful discussions with colleagues from across the state. Whether you're seeking solutions, looking to stay informed, or hoping to connect with peers, this collaborative session offers valuable opportunities for learning and professional networking.

3:30-6:45PM Networking Events – Various Locations:

3:30-4:30PM – Gull Lake Boat Cruise: Cruise Dock (boarding starts at 3:00) **“Come Sail Away”**

Set sail and unwind on beautiful Gull Lake! Join fellow conference attendees for a relaxing 60-minute cruise featuring beautiful lake views, fresh air, and plenty of time to connect and socialize. Enjoy the open-air upper deck or relax inside as we cruise Gull Lake in the early evening.

The cruise departs right from Cragun’s, so no shuttle is needed. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot by signing up at the conference registration desk.

4:45-6:45PM – Texas Hold’Em Tournament: Willow Room **“Poker Face”**

Ready to go all in? Join us for the Texas Hold’em Tournament at Tamarack Event Centre. 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.

5:00-6:00PM – First Time Attendee Social Hour: Shoreline Room **“Tuesday Afternoon”**

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 and cash bar to kick off your evening.

5:00-7:00PM Hospitality Suite: Room #371 **“Come As You Are”**

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Sessions are done for the day! Stop by the Hospitality Room to unwind, catch up with fellow attendees, and enjoy some casual conversation before the evening activities begin.

7:00-8:00PM Dinner – Tamarack Event Centre **“That’s Amore”**

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Tuscan Dinner Buffet: Italian sausage with peppers, grilled chicken alfredo with penne, lasagna bolognese, caesar salad, caprese tomato salad, parmesan cheese, garlic bread sticks, Mediterranean vegetable blend

8:00-11:00PM Evening Events: **“Casino Night”** – Tamarack Event Centre **“Viva Las Vegas”**

Join us for a rockin’ Casino Night filled with games, music, and plenty of friendly competition! Try your luck at the casino tables, mingle with fellow attendees, and enjoy an evening of fun as we bring a little Las Vegas excitement to Cragun’s.

In honor of this year's Rock & Roll Hall of Fame theme, **wear a T-shirt featuring your favorite band or artist** and show off your musical allegiance. From classic rock and country to pop, punk, and everything in between, anything goes! Whether you're playing the tables, cheering on your friends, or just enjoying the music and atmosphere, it's sure to be a fun night. No casino experience needed - just bring your best poker face and rock & roll spirit!

11:00-1:00AM Late-Night Hangout: Hospitality Suite (Room #371) "Livin After Midnight" **OLD NATIONAL BANK**

Not ready to call it a night? Keep the fun going at the Hospitality Suite, our late-night social gathering spot located in Presidential Suite #371. Bring your favorite beverage, unwind with fellow attendees, and keep the conversation and laughs going after the evening activities. Light snacks and appetizers will be provided. Stop by for a short while or stay until the night winds down!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 SCHEDULE

7:00AM-7:00PM Conference Lounge – Aspen/Birch & Spruce Rooms “Bang The

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7:30-8:30AM Breakfast – Sunrise Room/Pool Area “Breakfast In America”

Cragun’s Breakfast Buffet: fresh fruit, yogurt & granola bars, pastries, bagels & bread, assorted cereals with milk, Belgian waffles, breakfast potatoes, chef’s choice of eggs, breakfast meat and breakfast entrees

8:30-8:45AM An Update from the Office of the State Auditor and a Thank You from the State Auditor – Julie Blaha – Pine Ballroom “Thank You”

State Auditor Julie Blaha will provide an update on the work of the Office of the State Auditor and express her gratitude to members for their dedicated service during her time in office.

8:45-9:00AM Break – Sunrise Room “Cupajoe” 

Beverage refreshments (regular coffee, hot tea, and decaf upon request, assorted Pepsi products, bottled water)

9:00-10:15AM Powered by Energy – Rock Steady Through Change – Keynote Speaker – Kristen Brown – Pine Ballroom “Rock Steady”

The accounting profession is evolving fast. New regulations, changing financial systems, and rising expectations are reshaping how work gets done. To stay rock steady through change, you and your team need practical ways to stay focused, motivated, and adaptable when the pace accelerates.

In this keynote, Hall of Fame speaker Kristen Brown introduces the research-backed 7 Energies framework of Vision, Strategy, Communication, Relationships, Confidence, Creativity, and Motivation. These practical tools will help you stay engaged, productive, and open to change even when pressure is high.

With humor, audience interaction, and actionable strategies, this session celebrates the vital role you and your peers play while offering a fresh way to approach change, burnout, and disengagement. Just like great music, when the right elements come together, everything flows. This session helps you find your rhythm through change and keep the results rocking.

Key Takeaways

- Activate the 7 Energies of Results to stay engaged and effective through industry change
- Reset focus and motivation with practical energy hacks that work in high-pressure moments
- Leave energized, appreciated, and ready to keep the momentum going

10:15-10:30AM Break – Sunrise Room “Caramel”

Beverage refreshments (regular coffee, hot tea, and decaf upon request, assorted Pepsi products, bottled water)

Snacks: Cinnamon or caramel rolls

10:30-11:30AM Concurrent Sessions:

Economic Update – Graham Acheson – Pine Ballroom “Money”

This Economic Update will provide an overview of the key policy, economic, and market developments shaping the current financial landscape. Topics include interest rates, tariffs, taxes, geopolitics, and the regulatory environment; trends in GDP, consumer finances, the labor market, and business conditions; and year-to-date market performance and the outlook for equities, fixed income, and alternative investments. The session is designed to help government finance professionals better understand the economic forces influencing public sector financial planning, budgeting, and long-term decision-making.

Create Inspiration and Engagement with Charisma: Communication Tactics All Finance Leaders Should Master – Ulrich Jensen – Cedar Ballroom 1 “Every Breath You Take”

Being an effective leader of government finance isn’t just about the numbers; it’s about leading people, conveying how government finance impacts society, and ensuring transparency and trust among community members. In this session, participants will learn a set of proven communication tactics that all leaders in government finance can use to create inspiration and engagement among their team and communicate effectively with external stakeholders.

Website ADA Compliance – Jay Wyant – Cedar Ballroom 3 “Land Of Confusion”

Have you heard of the recent update to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that mandates all state and local government websites, digital documents, and other online services must be accessible?

Jay Wyant, the State of Minnesota’s Chief Information Accessibility Officer, will present on:

- Why digital accessibility matters, and how the new ADA rule creates urgency for all cities, their employees, and residents.
- Fundamentals of digital accessibility, along with how to determine if your current content is accessible.
- Where to obtain up-to-date information and training on digital accessibility relevant to your role.

11:30-12:45PM Lunch – Sunrise Room/Pool Area “Bread And Butter”

Southwest Buffet: Taco seasoned beef, shredded chicken, flour tortillas (corn tortillas available for GF), lettuce, pico de gallo, salsa, cheese, guacamole, sour cream, tortilla chips, cilantro lime rice, black beans

1:00-2:00PM Concurrent Sessions:

Stress to Strength: Keep Your Cool When the Pressure’s On – Kristen Brown – Pine Ballroom “It’s My Life”

The accounting profession demands accuracy, responsibility, and trust. Add in regulatory updates, new financial systems, deadlines, and client expectations, and it’s no surprise that even the most experienced professionals can feel the pressure.

In this actionable session, you will learn simple, science-backed techniques to help professionals regulate their nervous system, maintain calm under pressure, and protect their energy during demanding work cycles.

Participants will learn quick mental resets, focus strategies, and stress-management techniques they can use during busy seasons, complex projects, and high-stakes moments without adding more to their to-do list. Just like the greatest musicians know how to stay steady on stage when the spotlight is on, this session shows accounting professionals how to stay calm, focused, and confident when the pressure rises.

Key Takeaways:

- Understand how pressure impacts the brain, focus, and decision-making
- Learn quick mental reset techniques to regain clarity in demanding moments
- Protect personal energy during busy seasons and high-pressure cycles

Excel Basics – Philli Granley – Cedar Ballroom 1 (LAPTOP NEEDED) “High Hopes”

This introductory session is designed for participants with little or no prior experience using Microsoft Excel. Through hands-on instruction and practical examples, attendees will develop foundational spreadsheet skills they can immediately apply in their daily work. Topics include:

- Navigating the Excel interface with confidence
- Entering, organizing, and formatting data
- Using essential formulas and functions, including SUM and AVERAGE
- Sorting and filtering data to locate and analyze information
- Creating basic tables and charts to present data effectively
- Applying common shortcuts and productivity features to work more efficiently

By the end of the session, participants will have a solid understanding of Excel's core features and the confidence to use them in everyday workplace tasks.

Investments 101 – Corey Boyer, Annette Storm, & Nate Reinhardt – Cedar Ballroom 3 “Money Talks”

This high voltage presentation cranks the amp up on public funds investing in Minnesota. We'll rip through the legal riffs that shape how public money can be invested, shred our way through the most common investment strategies, and spotlight the core investment goals that keep the show on track. Then we'll bring it all home with the accounting and financial reporting requirements that make sure every note is documented and every dollar hits the right beat.

**2:00-2:15PM Break – Sunrise Room “Have A Cuppa Tea” **

Beverage refreshments (regular coffee, hot tea, and decaf upon request, assorted Pepsi products, bottled water)

2:15-3:15PM Concurrent Sessions:

Create Inspiration and Engagement with Charisma: Communication Tactics All Finance Leaders Should Master (REPEAT) – Ulrich Jensen – Pine Ballroom “Every Breath You Take”

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Excel – Intermediate/Advanced – Dane Seelen – Cedar Ballroom 1 (LAPTOP NEEDED) “Don't Stop Me Now”

Designed for users who are comfortable with Excel fundamentals, this hands-on session explores intermediate and advanced features that can be applied immediately to improve efficiency and data analysis. Participants will gain practical experience with tools and techniques such as:

- Logical and lookup functions, including IF, COUNTIF, SUMIF, XLOOKUP, and VLOOKUP
- Creating and using PivotTables and PivotCharts to summarize and analyze data
- Applying conditional formatting to highlight key information

- Using data validation and drop-down lists to improve data entry and consistency
- Managing and analyzing larger datasets
- Leveraging time-saving features and productivity tools to streamline everyday tasks

The final 10–15 minutes of the session will introduce Microsoft Copilot as a practical resource for ongoing Excel learning and problem-solving. Participants will learn how to effectively communicate with Copilot by providing relevant context, describing their data, clearly explaining their objectives, and asking meaningful follow-up questions. This demonstration will equip attendees with strategies for continuing to build their Excel skills beyond the conference while highlighting the growing role of AI as a workplace productivity tool.

Cybersecurity/Fraud Prevention – Charles Banks – Cedar Ballroom 3 ***“Who Are You”***

Hear from U.S. Bank Information Security Lead Charles Banks as he discusses current and emerging cybersecurity risks that may endanger assets and investments, and the actions you can take to navigate these risks.

3:15-3:30PM Break – Sunrise Room “Savory Truffle”

Beverage refreshments (regular coffee, hot tea, and decaf upon request, assorted Pepsi products, bottled water)

Snacks: Pretzels, chef’s choice of cookies and bars

3:30-4:30PM Concurrent Sessions:

The Local Government Revenue Toolbox – Jason Aarsvold & Kelly Horn – Pine Ballroom “Take The Money And Run”

Explore innovative revenue and financing tools that can help local governments fund community priorities, strengthen financial flexibility, and reduce pressure on the property tax levy. Learn about franchise fees, statutory funding tools, internal financing and fund balance strategies, grants, and other creative approaches to supporting local services and infrastructure.

Debt 201: Building on the Basics of Local Government Financing – Nick Anhut & Heather Casperson – Cedar Ballroom 1 “Peace Of Mind”

Whether new to local government finance or looking to sharpen your skills, this session is designed to build upon basic knowledge of municipal debt issuance. These two Municipal Advisors will guide you through various considerations to help inform decision-making on topics such as: debt structuring, credit ratings and credit enhancement strategies, managing various pledged sources of repayment, monitoring debt service fund activity, and on-going compliance obligations. Our experts will also offer strategic

insights on bond refundings and how a refunding strategy can be used to improve your organization's debt portfolio. You will leave with a stronger understanding of debt management practices and greater confidence in navigating the world of municipal finance.

MNGFOA Mentorship Program – Cory Kampf, Lynn Cornwell, & Nate Reinhardt – Cedar Ballroom 3 “Lean On Me”

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 14th year of this program kicks off in November 2026. The program is designed to help engage our members in developing our future and the future of local government finance.

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

4:45-6:45PM – Bags Tournament: North Lawn (Under Tent) “Got Me Under Pressure” 

4:45-6:45PM - Dan Jordet Memorial Beverage Tasting: North Lawn

(Under Tent) “Tutti Frutti” 

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**.

5:00-6:00PM – Gull Lake Boat Cruise: Cruise Dock (boarding starts at 4:30) “Rock The Boat”

Set sail and unwind on beautiful Gull Lake! Join fellow conference attendees for a relaxing 60-minute cruise featuring beautiful lake views, fresh air, and plenty of time to connect and socialize. Enjoy the open-air upper deck or relax inside as we cruise Gull Lake in the early evening.

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5:00-7:00PM Hospitality Suite: Room #371 “Come As You Are”

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Sessions are done for the day! Stop by the Hospitality Room to unwind, catch up with fellow attendees, and enjoy some casual conversation before the evening activities begin.

7:00-8:00PM Dinner – Sunrise Room / Pool Area “Coming To Dinner”

Gull Lake Buffet: BBQ chicken breast and ribs. Includes house salad, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, corn, corn bread with honey butter, brownies, and seasonal fresh fruit

8:00-11:00PM - Rock & Roll Variety Night: Irma’s Kitchen “Turn UpThe Radio”

Get ready for a night of music, games, and plenty of laughs! In keeping with our Rock & Roll Hall of Fame theme, join us for a variety night featuring karaoke, bingo, and other fun, interactive activities led by Cragun’s staff. Grab the mic and channel your inner rock star, test your luck at bingo, or jump into one of the other activities throughout the evening. Whether you’re ready to take center stage or would rather cheer from the crowd, there will be something for everyone.

Wear your favorite band or artist T-shirt, bring your rock & roll spirit, and get ready for a fun night with fellow conference attendees!

11:00-1:00AM - Late-Night Hangout: Hospitality Suite (Room #371) “The Night Owl”



Not ready to call it a night? Keep the fun going at the Hospitality Suite, our late-night social gathering spot located in Presidential Suite #371. Bring your favorite beverage, unwind with fellow attendees, and keep the conversation and laughs going after the evening activities. Light snacks and appetizers will be provided. Stop by for a short while or stay until the night winds down!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 SCHEDULE

7:00AM-11:00AM Conference Lounge – Aspen/Birch & Spruce Rooms “Bang

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7:30-8:30AM Breakfast – Pool Area “Breakfast At Tiffany’s”

Cragun’s Breakfast Buffet: fresh fruit, yogurt & granola bars, pastries, bagels & bread, assorted cereals with milk, Belgian waffles, breakfast potatoes, chef’s choice of eggs, breakfast meat and breakfast entrees

8:30-9:45am Concurrent Sessions:

AI in Local Government: Practical, Safe, and Effective – McKaia Dykema, Luke Hemken, & Shaylan Hurely – Pine Ballroom “Mr. Roboto”

This session will explore how artificial intelligence is transforming the work of local government and public finance professionals while emphasizing the importance of responsible, secure, and ethical use. Participants will learn practical strategies for integrating AI into everyday workflows, including how to write effective prompts, recognize appropriate use cases, and protect sensitive government information. Through real-world examples and a live demonstration using public documents, attendees will gain a better understanding of where AI can improve efficiency, where human judgment remains essential, and the best practices for safely incorporating AI into municipal operations. Attendees will leave with practical resources, including prompt-writing guidance, safe-use principles, and actionable techniques they can immediately apply in their organizations.

TIF 201 – Schane Rudlang & Keith Dahl – Cedar Ballroom 1 “Money For Nothing”

Creating a tax increment financing district is often the easy part. The greater challenge is protecting public resources through sound project evaluation, thoughtful deal structuring, and disciplined oversight after the district is established. This session will explore both the art and science of successful TIF administration. The art involves evaluating requests for assistance, identifying funding gaps, and structuring public participation in a way that balances project feasibility, community objectives, and taxpayer interests. The science involves the administrative practices that keep districts on track, including tracking increment, monitoring eligible costs and obligations, managing reporting and decertification requirements, and administering development agreements, lookback provisions, and obligation payments. Attendees will leave with practical tools and a stronger understanding of how to manage risk, protect public resources, and help projects succeed.

9:45-10:00AM Break – Sunrise Room “Chocolate Cake”



Beverage refreshments (regular coffee, hot tea, and decaf upon request, assorted Pepsi products, bottled water)

Snacks: Assorted dessert bars

10:00-11:00AM *Linked for Impact – Hall of Fame Teamwork* – Keynote

Speaker – Erik Therwanger – Pine Ballroom “Hall Of Fame”

Erik Therwanger, author of the Think GREAT Collection, and international speaker, shares that great teams don't happen by accident — they are built intentionally. This high-impact closing keynote uncovers the true power of teamwork by strengthening communication, cultivating a team-first mindset, overcoming adversity, and elevating collaboration. Participants will discover how communication is more than the exchange of information — it is the foundation of trust, clarity, and execution. Members will learn how to eliminate silos, reduce misunderstandings, and speak with purpose to drive alignment and results. The session emphasizes adopting a true team mindset — shifting from individual performance to collective responsibility. Attendees will challenge limiting beliefs, develop greater accountability, and learn how to support one another in pursuit of shared goals.

Adversity is inevitable in business and in life. Strong teams don't crumble under pressure — they grow stronger. This workshop provides tools to navigate change, conflict, and obstacles with resilience and composure, transforming setbacks into opportunities for growth.

Finally, participants will experience the power of authentic collaboration — leveraging diverse strengths, building mutual respect, and creating a culture where every voice matters and every contribution counts.

Outcomes Include:

- Improved clarity, confidence, and effectiveness in team communication
- A strengthened team-first mentality and shared ownership
- Practical strategies to overcome challenges and adapt under pressure
- Increased trust, cohesion, and collaborative execution

The result: a more unified, resilient, and high-performing team ready to achieve extraordinary results — together.

11:15-12:30PM Networking Lunch – Pool Area / Sundeck “Mashed Potato”

Soup and Sandwich Buffet: Constructed turkey and pepperjack, and ham and cheddar sandwiches on brioche. Served with pickles, potato chips, mixed greens salad with assorted dressings, and chicken wild rice soup.

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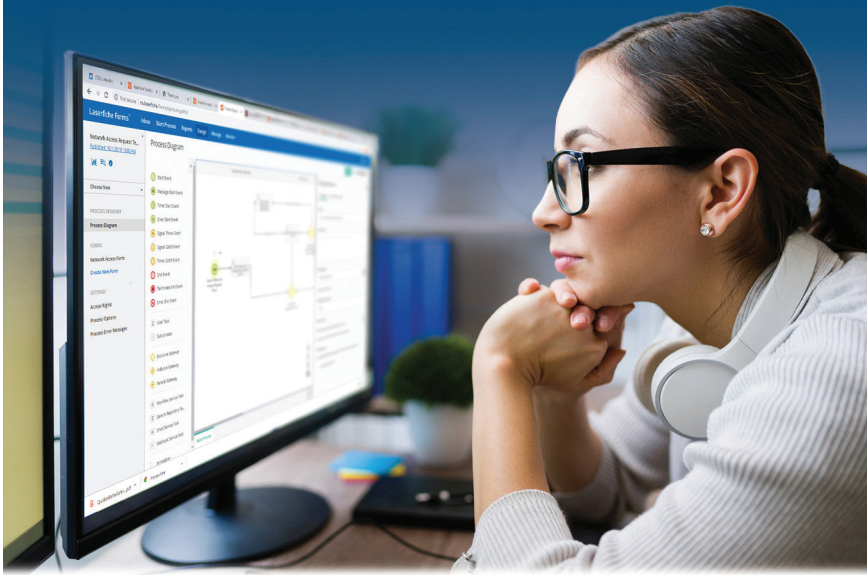
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8:30AM Registration Opens - Main Lobby	Cedar Ballroom - 1 GASB Update
9:15AM Cedar Ballroom - 1 New Attendee Orientation	Cedar Ballroom - 3 Fundamentals of Collective Bargaining and Union Negotiations
10:00AM Pine Ballroom Welcome from MINGFOA President Tina Lannes	3:30-4:30PM (60 minutes) Pine Ballroom Large City Roundtable Cedar Ballroom - 1 Small City Roundtable Cedar Ballroom - 3 County Roundtable
10:15-11:30AM (75 minutes) Pine Ballroom Keynote: Quarter Turns, Change, Opportunity&the Next Normal	4:45-6:45PM Networking Events - Various Locations *Gull Lake Boat Cruise (7:30-4:30PM) *Texas Hold Em Tournament *First Time Attendee Social Hour *Hospitality Suite Room #371
11:30-12:45PM Lunch - Tamarack Event Centre	7:40-8:00PM Dinner - Tamarack Event Centre
1:00-2:00PM (60 minutes) Pine Ballroom Legislative Update Cedar Ballroom - 1 Auditing 101/Internal Controls Cedar Ballroom - 3 Municipal Cannabis Operations	8:00-11:00PM Evening Event - Tamarack Event Centre Casino Night

After 11:00PM
Following Dinner and Entertainment
Hospitality Suite Room #371

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

7:30-8:30AM Breakfast - Sunrise Room / Pool Area	2:15-3:15PM (60 minutes) Pine Ballroom Create Inspiration and Engagement with Charisma: Communication Tactics All Finance Leaders Should Master (REPEAT SESSION) Cedar Ballroom - 1 Excel - Intermediate / Advanced Uses Cedar Ballroom - 3 Cybersecurity / Fraud Prevention
8:30-8:45AM (15 minutes) Pine Ballroom An Update from the Office of the State Auditor and a Thank You from State Auditor Julie Blaha	3:30-4:30PM (60 minutes) Pine Ballroom The Local Government Revenue Toolbox Cedar Ballroom - 1 Debt 201: Building on the Basics of Local Government Financing Cedar Ballroom - 3 MINGFOA Mentorship Program
9:00-10:15AM (75 minutes) Pine Ballroom Powered by Energy - Rock Steady Through Change	4:45-6:45PM Networking Events - Various Locations *Bages Tournament and Dan Jordev Memorial Beverage Tasting *Gull Lake Boat Cruise (7:500-6:00PM) *Hospitality Suite Room #371
10:30-11:30AM (60 minutes) Pine Ballroom Economic Update Cedar Ballroom - 1 Create Inspiration and Engagement with Charisma: Communication Tactics All Finance Leaders Should Master Cedar Ballroom - 3 Website ADA Compliance	7:40-8:00PM Dinner - Sunrise Room/ Pool Area
1:00-2:00PM (60 minutes) Pine Ballroom "Stress to Strength: Keep Your Cool When the Pressures On" Cedar Ballroom - 1 Excel Basics Cedar Ballroom - 3 Investments 101 (Accounting for Investments)	8:00-11:00PM Evening Event - Irmis Kitchen "Rock & Roll Variety Night" - Bingo, Karaoke, Guitar Hero

After 11:00PM
Following Dinner and Entertainment
Hospitality Suite Room #371

Thursday, September 24, 2026

7:30-8:30AM Breakfast - Pool Area	2:15-3:15PM (60 minutes) Pine Ballroom Create Inspiration and Engagement with Charisma: Communication Tactics All Finance Leaders Should Master (REPEAT SESSION) Cedar Ballroom - 1 Excel - Intermediate / Advanced Uses Cedar Ballroom - 3 Cybersecurity / Fraud Prevention
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