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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

It is hard to believe that a year has already passed. This is my final address as the President of GFOAA. I guess it is like the old saying goes, time flies when you are having fun. However, the older I get, I am finding that time flies simply because I am getting older.

My years of service to GFOAA have been filled with many fun memories, and I have made lifelong friends in the process. I have learned so much from those I have been blessed to serve with over the years. GFOAA is a wonderful organization with so much to offer its members. I want to encourage those who have never served in a leadership capacity within the organization to get involved. You will be glad you did. I would like to express my thanks to all the Officers and Directors that served with me this year. I appreciate your patience and hard work, and I look forward to continuing my service with you in the years to come.

The Annual Governmental Accounting and Auditing Forum held in Birmingham a couple of months ago was a huge success. GFOAA was well represented, and I wanted to take a minute to thank the past presidents of GFOAA who served on the planning committee. The GFOAA 29th Annual Conference is coming up in a few weeks. This year's conference will be held in Montgomery at the Renaissance Hotel & Spa on February 27 – March 1, 2013. It is not too late to register. Please visit the GFOAA website for more information. Thank you to Sarah Williams, Judy Kamnikar and the conference planning committee for all the hard work you have put into planning this year's conference. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Finally, I would like to leave you with a couple of thoughts. I often find myself saying "this too shall pass" when faced with an uncomfortable or difficult situation. I am a firm believer that the most important thing we can possess in life is a good attitude. I try to practice what I preach. I don't always get it right, but I try to laugh often, and I try to make those around me laugh. LIFE is constantly coming at us, and sometimes it seems like it never eases up, which is why our attitude is so important.

I have two quotes pinned to a corkboard in my office, which sits right above my computer. The first is by Charles Swindoll, and it's his famous quote regarding attitudes. A portion of it reads, "The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past, we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way, we cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it." The second and equally famous quote hanging above my computer comes from the great philosopher, Forrest Gump. It simply says, "Stupid is, as stupid does." Sometimes you just have to accept that as a fact, and move on. We should all strive to live each day with a positive attitude, regardless of who or what comes our way.

See you in Montgomery.

Russell Raney

IN MEMORY OF DALE WEAVER



GFOAA Emeritus Member, Dale Weaver, passed away January 12, 2013. Mrs. Weaver retired from the Retirement Systems of Alabama with thirty-nine years of service. Dale was a long time member of GFOAA. She faithfully attended the GFOAA Annual and Summer Conferences and would often bring her husband, Otis, with her. They always enjoyed the attending the conferences and the fellowship with everyone. Dale was a kind, gentle lady who will be missed by all who had the privilege to know her.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

GFOAA Quarterly Board Meeting

February 27, 2013

9:30–11:30 a.m.

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the
Convention Center
201 Tallapoosa Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

GFOAA 29th Annual Conference

February 27–March 1, 2013

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GFOAA Quarterly Board Meeting

August 14, 2013

9:30–11:30 a.m.

Hampton Inn and Suites
25518 Perdido Beach Boulevard
Orange Beach, AL 36561

GFOAA Summer Conference

August 14-16, 2013

Hampton Inn and Suites Orange Beach/Gulf Front
25518 Perdido Beach Boulevard
Orange Beach, AL 36561

Accommodations:

Conference rates: \$129/night (inland), \$139 (side) and
\$159/night (beachfront);

the group block dates are August 13 thru 16.

For Hampton Inn and Suites hotel reservations call
251-923-4400 or use the link below:

<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/M/MOBOBH-X-GFO-20130814/index.jhtml?WT.mcid=POG>

After clicking on the reservation link, click on

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to select your arrival and departure dates
and to select your room type.

*Don't worry when you are not
recognized, but strive to be worthy
of recognition.*

-Abraham Lincoln

QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HAMPTON INN & SUITES
ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA
AUGUST 15, 2012

The Quarterly Board of Directors meeting was held August 15, 2012 at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Orange Beach, Alabama. First Vice-President Derek Reeves called the meeting to order. The minutes of the February 29, 2012 Board Meeting were approved as amended. The minutes of the May 4, 2012 Board meeting were also approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was distributed by Carole Heggeman. It was reviewed and approved. The audit report was also distributed and discussed.

Certification Board

Sarah Williams reported that Travis Hulseley had contacted her to request how to keep his CGFO Certificate from being revoked. Sarah gave him the information, but has not heard from him about reinstatement.

Governmental Relations

Charla Doucet went through the bills from the regular and special sessions, prepared a summary, and sent the information to Sarah Williams to be posted to the website.

Membership

Derek Reeves reported that the Hampton Inn and Suites provided two nights in the hotel as the prize for the person who got the most members during our membership drive. Pat Aldrich from the City of Mobile got three members and is the winner of the membership drive.

Scholarships and Service

Charles Clack reported that two applications had been received, but they don't meet the qualifications.

2012 Summer Conference

Derek Reeves reported that there are 83 attendees, 11 sponsors/exhibitors, and 10 guests regis-

tered.

Discussed new fee schedule. Derek was pleased with how the conference came together.

2013 Annual Conference

Sarah Williams and Judy Kamnikar will co-chair the event, which will take place February 27 – March 1, 2013, at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery. Our theme will be "Developing a Successful Financial Strategy". Eleven sessions are scheduled. Registration is on the website. Reception will be at the Young House and the Dinner will be held at the Alley Station.

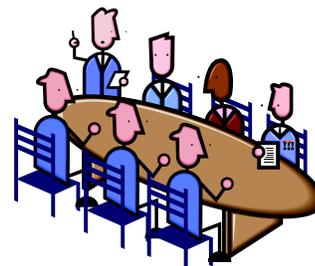
Old Business

Request for Emeritus status by Marlene Furgerson was approved. Proposed Changes to the Articles of Incorporation concerning how board member terms stagger terms. Will go before the full membership and, if it passes, the board will file it with the Secretary of State.

New Business

Proposed change to the By-Laws. The board approved removing the sentence pertaining to the Secretary chairing the Strategic Planning Committee. Motion to go before the full membership for approval.

For a complete copy of the minutes, contact Russell Raney or any of the committee chairs.



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COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall promote and encourage membership in GFOAA and is responsible for the annual membership directory.

Government Relations Committee

The Government Relations Committee shall monitor and report on legislative action affecting governmental finance and promote intergovernmental cooperation.

Education Committee

The Education Committee shall establish, organize and promote educational programs within the membership.

Scholarship, Awards and Service Committee

The Scholarship, Awards and Service Committee is responsible for the administration of the scholarship and awards program. The committee is also responsible for implementing and monitoring service projects as assigned.

Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee is responsible for preparing the long-range plans to meet the organization's goals and objectives. The committee is also responsible for communicating the plan to each committee. The committee will serve as the monitoring entity for the committee projects associated with the strategic plan.

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