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I recently had an experience that represented our organization and its membership. This was at our annual golf tournament. I have very little experience golfing and even less experience golfing with someone other than my brothers. Each year I contemplate attending the tournament and each year I talk myself out of it due to anxiety and fear of ridicule by others. I knew I wouldn't be booed, kicked off the course or purposely abandoned during a restroom break, but it was still scary to participate in an event that required me to seek guidance on nearly every action I took. I was comforted immediately when my cart buddy (pretty sure that is the technical golf term) assured me we were going to have a great time. My entire foursome was supportive, patient and provided kind correction and guidance. My fabricated nightmare turned into an experience I will remember for a very long time. It also helps to have a first place trophy sitting in my office!

It was great to see so many of you at the GFOA conference in May! It was a record breaking conference and the sessions were amazing. I want to thank all those who volunteered to help stuff bags, assist with tours and moderate sessions. A special thanks to all of the speakers and panelists. Thank you so much for sharing you knowledge, experience and talents.

I wish you all a great summer filled with Colorado memories.

Take Care,

Jeff Edwards
City of Aurora
CGFOA President



The 2017 Annual CGFOA Golf Tournament was a great success, as usual. The weather was beautiful, the course was challenging, and everyone had a good time!

First place went to Jeff Edwards (CGFOA President), Tony Giardina, Justin Noll, and Keith McLaughlin! Longest Drive went to Tammy Hitchens and David Walters, while Closest to the Pin was won by Lisa Horn and Lore Nusser for the women; and Ryne Scholl and Chris Blackwood for the men. The last place team included Kathy Velzen (CGFOA Administrator), 'nuff said!

Special thanks to Jeff Hansen who has been coordinating the CGFOA Golf Tournament for 14 years. We couldn't do it without his leadership and patience!

A big THANK YOU is also sent out to all of our sponsors:

Contest Holes:	UMB Financial Corporation
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And finally, a bit of serious discussion...each year we have associate members who are concerned about being part of a foursome that is all associate members. Jeff works really hard at trying to ensure that does not happen, but here are the challenges:

- 1.) More associate members register to golf than government members.
- 2.) Many associate members request to play with another associate member from their own office.
- 3.) Many government members request to play with co-workers or other government members.

How can you help to alleviate these challenges?

- 1.) Associate members can invite government members to register to golf.
- 2.) Associate members can request a government client be placed in their foursome rather than an office co-worker.
- 3.) Government members can request to play with an associate member instead of a government member.

Jeff will keep striving to create foursomes that are a mix of government and associate members; please consider assisting us but embracing the three suggestions above.

Next year's tournament will be in June again, we'll send out the RFP in the fall and are hoping to schedule the tournament for June 8, 2018!

CGFOA Calendar of Events



July, 2017

CGFOA Western Slope Coalition Summer Workshop, July 20. Mt. Crested Butte, CO. [Calendar of Events](#)

CGFOA 3rd Quarter Luncheon, Board Meeting and Networking Event, July 21. Mt. Crested Butte, CO. [Calendar of Events](#)

CGFOA Budget and Audit 101, July 27. Loveland, CO. [Calendar of Events](#)

National Mutt Day, July 31. Also known as National Mixed Breed Dog Day, National Mutt Day is all about embracing, saving, and celebrating mixed-breed dogs. (It's also celebrated on Dec. 2.)

August, 2017

Lughnasadh, August 1. A Gaelic festival marking the beginning of the harvest season.

CTAC Workshop, August 4. Brighton, CO [Calendar of Events](#)

National Psychic Day, August 4. If you're psychic, you already knew about this.

Colorado Day, August 7. Colorado Day is an annual tradition of celebrating Colorado's acceptance into the statehood. Colorado was first recognized as a state on August 1, 1876, and now we celebrate Colorado Day on the first Monday of every August.

CGFOA Demographic and Economic Trends Webinar, August 9. [Calendar of Events](#)

National Book Lovers Day, August 9. The official day to profess your affection for paperbacks and hardcovers alike.

World Elephant Day, August 12. The elephant is loved, revered, and respected by people and cultures around the world, yet we balance on the brink of seeing the last of this magnificent creature.

CGFOA Budget 101 Webinar, August 16. [Calendar of Events](#)

CGFOA Advanced Series #2: Grant Management (AM) and Financial Reporting Issues (PM), August 17. [Calendar of Events](#)

National Honeybee Day, August 19. Started by beekeepers in the United States to build community awareness of the bee industry through education and promotion.

CGFOA Audit 101 Webinar, August 21. [Calendar of Events](#)

Future, 2017

CGFOA Annual Conference, November 14 - 17, 2017. Hotel Elegante', Colorado Springs, Colorado. Sponsorship and registration open on September 1.

Go to www.cgfoa.org - Opportunities - Calendar of Events for more events and to register!

Have You Thought about Joining One of GFOA's Standing Committees?

Applications to become a GFOA standing committee member are being accepted through **July 28, 2017**. Serving on a standing committee is an excellent opportunity for GFOA members to contribute their experience and knowledge to the entire membership.

GFOA's seven standing committees meet twice each year and develop best practices, advisories, and policy statements for the approval of the Executive Board and membership. GFOA associate members from the private sector can also apply to be advisors to one of the committees.

GFOA's seven standing committees are: Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting; Canadian Issues; Economic Development and Capital Planning; Governmental Budgeting and Fiscal Policy; Governmental Debt Management; Retirement and Benefits Administration; and Treasury and Investment Management.

- Complete the application [here](#).
- If you are a current GFOA committee member please complete the application for re-appointment [here](#).

If you have any questions about the committee application, please contact [Emily Brock](#).

Have you received a GFOA Award this year?

[Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program](#)
[Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program](#)
[Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award Program](#)

To earn any of these awards you had to substantially conform to the program's demanding criteria and the award serves as an example and encouragement to others for the same high standards in their own financial reports. So apply and let us know when you have received the award so that we can give you the recognition you deserve for all of your hard work. Colorado GFOA is honored to present your award at an elected officials meeting. Contact Kathy Velzen or Jeff Edwards and we will arrange to have someone present your award as a recognition of your dedication and leadership!



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GFOA CONFERENCE

The GFOA Conference was a great success. Thank you to the 30+ volunteers who helped stuff bags prior to the conference. Thanks also to the many volunteers who volunteered at the CGFOA booth during the conference. There were over 800 attendees from around the state of Colorado! The committee was told the 2017 Denver conference attendance included the highest attendance in recent history! We heard lots of positive comments. The Monday night event co-sponsored with Chandler Asset Management had over 300 in attendance and was deemed once of the best social events of the week.

Again, thank you to everyone who ensured that the GFOA conference in Denver will be remembered as a fabulous national conference!

Grants and Scholarships

CGFOA has generous grant and scholarship programs available to members:

Education Grants are available to those taking advantage of CGFOA education throughout the year

[Apply here](#)

CPFO Reimbursement Grants

[Apply here](#)

George A. Nielsen Public Investor Scholarship

The George A. Nielsen Public Investor Scholarship is awarded to an employee of a local government or other public entity who is enrolled or plans to enroll in an undergraduate or graduate program in public administration, finance, business administration or a related field. This is a \$2,500 scholarship (may be awarded as two \$1,250) given in honor of George Nielsen, a friend, supporter, and educator of public finance officials around the state of Colorado. Application Deadline is August 15 with an award date of September 15.

[Full requirements and application PDF](#)

CGFOA Careers and Outreach College Scholarship

The Careers and Outreach Scholarship is awarded to a Junior in college who is preparing for a career in state or local government finance. Application Deadline is September 30 with an award date of October 30.

[Full requirements and application PDF](#)