



The verse in a popular George Strait song explains it best, "The last goodbye is the hardest one to say." What a privilege it has been to serve as your President over the past year! I would like to thank the Board of Directors, committee chairs, Becky Brooks, Lavern Gaines, and all of the TML staff for their support. You are AWESOME!

A tremendous accomplishment of the Board over the past year was the implementation of a strategic partnership with the Business Professionals' Network and the Accounting CPE Network to offer a catalog of CPE courses in webcast format. Continuing education credits can be granted for both CGFOs and CPAs. The amount of participation in this program will be the true measure of its success. I encourage you to view the catalog at [catalog of courses](#). By using the code GFOAT16 at checkout, you will receive a \$79 credit towards any purchase prior to June 30, 2016. Watch for additional content and live webcasts in the future.

If you were not able to attend GFOAT's Spring Institute, you missed an exceptional series of speakers and exhibitors. You can still gather information from many of the sessions by visiting the GFOAT website ([handouts](#) and [videos](#)).

The GFOAT Fall Conference will be held October 26-28 at the Arlington Convention Center. We plan to open registration in August. If there is a topic that you would like to share with our membership, please fill out the [online topic proposal form](#).

I leave you in the very capable hands of incoming President Clifford Blackwell. Cliff will provide effective leadership as we continue our outreach to members and non-members alike. You can assist the cause by joining a committee.

Have a great summer. I will see you in Arlington.

"This is where the cowboy rides away."

Michael Rodgers
GFOAT President
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