

## **GFOAT Executive Board Meeting**

**November 1, 2017**

**3:00PM – 5:00PM**

### **1 – Call to order and opening remarks**

Meeting Called to Order at 3:04PM

Martie introduced special guest Bennett Sandlin, who presented a brief update on SB1004 and similar legislation introduced in the US Congress.

Martie thanked the Conference Planning Committee and reminded the Board of the Opening Reception, Board Dinner logistics, Concurrent Session for first time attendees, and Social Event.

### **2 – Action Items**

#### **2.1 – Approve the minutes from the Board on June 22, 2017**

Motion – Sidney, Second – Clifford; Approved

#### **2.2 – Accept the Treasurer’s Report (Katina)**

Presented by Katina; Motion – Sandy, Second – Lorie; Approved

#### **2.3 – Introduce GFOAT TML Board Representative and Resolution Committee Representative Mike Rodgers (Martie)**

Mike introduced in absentia as TML Representative

#### **2.4 – Introduce the East Representative (Martie)**

Cheryl introduced as East Representative

### **3 – Administrative Reports**

#### **3.1 – Resource development/sponsor update (Becky)**

Becky provided an update and mentioned two new sponsors

#### **3.2 – TML Update (Lavern)**

Lavern provided a conference update and an update on the new CGFO software

### **3.3 – TML Board Representative update**

No report

### **3.4 – TMRS Advisory Board Representative update**

Casey provided a written update on meetings attended, and Bob and Keith added additional context about the complexity of TMRS as a system. Bob also mentioned that TMRS will be providing material for OPEB reporting of Supplemental Death Benefits next year.

### **3.5 – GFOA National Representative update**

Janina mentioned GFOA's upcoming conference will be in St. Louis and talked about GFOA's new Facebook Group. She also mentioned the following Texas governments honored by GFOA – Canutillo ISD, City of Celina, City of Nassau Bay and Santa Rosa ISD (1<sup>st</sup> Time CAFR Awards); City of Alamo, City of Hudson Oaks (1<sup>st</sup> Time Budget Awards); Travis County and Travis CAD (PAFR's); and also mentioned that Thomas Shepard of TCDRS received the CPFO certification.

### **3.6 – ACPEN update and discussion (Mike)**

No report

## **4 – Discussion Items**

### **4.1 – Discuss sponsor solicitation by board members (Martie/Bob)**

Martie shared an article about an ethics situation with a Dallas County official and shared the organization's Code of Ethics. Bob shared that GFOAT's policy is to coordinate sponsorship opportunities through Becky and reminded that as Board members, we are under greater scrutiny.

### **4.2 – Discuss Regional Directors, regional outreach and training (Martie)**

Martie introduced the topic and asked the Board's thoughts as to how each region was faring and how to improve regional activity.

Monika Arris will draft a letter that can be sent out to the membership that can invite members to be more involved in their region.

#### **4.3 – Discuss ways in which GFOAT can continue to promote the profession of government finance (Martie)**

Martie introduced the topic – Scholarship & Fellowship Committee mentioned that they have started to build a database of statewide universities and contacts and is working on ways to match universities with potential ambassadors/speakers. Also, the Committee would like to develop a database of cities that are able to offer internships.

#### **4.4 – Discuss a plan to allow GFOAT to send representatives to present GFOA awards to entities upon request (Janina)**

Janina presented the item and the Board agreed to provide future funding to reimburse mileage and travel expenses as needed. An action item to amend the budget will be brought forward at the January board meeting.

#### **4.5 – Discuss possible assistance to the communities affected by the hurricanes and floods (Martie)**

Martie introduced the item and discussion took place on how to offer financial support to communities impacted. Scholarship & Fellowship Committee mentioned that they were focusing scholarship efforts on attendees from the impacted area.

#### **4.6 – Discuss GFOAT Financial Policy (Clifford and Katina)**

Clifford indicated that a final policy would be presented at the Winter Meeting for approval. The existing draft policy will be cleaned up and the GFOAT Foundation will not be included based on discussions from the Summer 2017 Meeting.

#### **4.7 – Review hotel selection for GFOAT Fall 2020 conference (Lavern)**

Lavern reviewed options for the San Antonio area and discussed bids from Westin Riverwalk and Embassy Suites San Marcos. Lorie made a motion, and Katina seconded, for Embassy Suites San Marcos (November 4-6, 2020); approved.

#### **5.1 – CGFO**

There are over 100 candidates in the program, and over 40 taking tests at the conference. The new CGFO Exam software went live at this conference.

#### **5.2 – Conference planning**

Pre-conference seminar on CIP was well received; 403 people attending the conference.

### **5.3 – Communications**

The new conference app was introduced. There are giveaways to encourage attendees to use the app. The Board was asked to promote the app and social media to the membership.

### **5.4 – Ethics**

A brief discussion was had on the direction of the Committee. A future Board item will be added to the Winter Meeting.

### **5.5 – FRRR**

No report

### **5.6 – Legislative**

The Committee gave a recap of the 2017 Legislature.

### **5.7 – Membership**

Committee discussed ways to compare GFOA membership lists to GFOAT's database and identify potential new members. Also, a potential GFOAT printed brochure or email blast was discussed for TML.

### **5.8 – Scholarship & Fellowship**

The Committee announced the recipients of the fall scholarships and fellowship awards.

### **5.9 – Foundation**

No report

## **6 – Future meetings of Board of Directors**

### **6.1 Meeting Dates**

Winter Meeting – Friday, January 26, 2018, Landmark Lofts, New Braunfels

Spring Meeting – Sunday, April 15, 2018, Austin (conference)

Summer Meeting – Friday, June xx, 2018, Austin (TBD)

## **7 – Future agenda items requested by the Board of Directors**

A brief discussion was held on ways to honor the retirement of Dan Parker – a plaque will be presented at his retirement ceremony as well as a lifetime honorary membership.

The Board will research video recording of conference speakers by ACPEN rather than GFOAT.

## **8 – Adjourn**

Motion by Clifford, second by Sidney; approved at 5:00PM.

### **Attendance:**

#### **Board Members:**

Martie Simpson, City of New Braunfels

Cliff Blackwell, City of Bedford

Bob Scott, City of Carrollton

Katina Hampton, City of Friendswood

Keith Dagen, City of Richardson

Lorie Lankford, City of Round Rock

Cheryl Dowden, City of Nederland

Sidney Kirk, City of Weatherford

Sandy Mattick, City of Boerne

Chris Sharp, City of Canyon

Janina Jewell, City of Euless

#### **GFOAT/TML Staff:**

Becky Brooks, GFOAT

Lavern Gaines, TML

Rachael Pitts, TML

#### **Committee Chairs/Other Guests:**

Monika Arris, Collin County

John Zagurski, Town of Trophy Club

Lisa Haines, City of Round Rock  
Meg Jakubik, City of Bedford  
Wendy Gholson, City of Granite Shoals  
Bret Starr, City of Irving  
Matthew Garrett, NewGen Strategies  
Lou Ann Heath, Hilltop Securities  
Debbie Mol, City of Mesquite  
Stormy Johnson, City of Burleson  
Wes Vela, City of Fulshear  
Becca Krusell, City of Waco  
Laura Chiota, City of Waco  
Don Jennings, City of Perryton  
Kate Boatler, Lake Cities MUA  
Elizabeth Saegert, E. A. Sanders CPA