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## CGFOA Website Changes On the Way...

During the November 2019 Business Meeting the board discussed the issues we have been facing with the current provider of our technological needs. There were several provider presentations reviewed by the board from February to December 2019 with multiple discussions of must haves; we'd like it but could live without; and that would be really cool to have. At the January 2020 board meeting at Westminster City Park Recreation Center, the board decided to switch our provider over to StarChapter.

*StarChapter is a member friendly association management software company serving local chapters of professional and trade associations in the United States and Canada. StarChapter's mission is to help local leaders grow their chapter's attendance, membership, and revenue. The software combines event registration, membership management, email marketing, responsive website layouts, web services, and eCommerce tools. New and transitioning board members have access to StarChapter Support Advisors, 24/7 online or live support, phone support, and ongoing board training webinars. [StarChapter.com/about-us](http://StarChapter.com/about-us)*

Developed out of a concept began in 2004, StarChapter has been helping local associations since 2008. They are members of several organizations including:

- National Council of Nonprofits
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Better Business Bureau
- Society for Nonprofits

And many more. Feel free to visit their website [Starchapter.com](http://Starchapter.com) and see what all they have to offer us.

With this change, as in all change, there will be some initial loss in functionality. You may have noticed our website has not had its full function lately. Employment postings can still be made. Other areas may not be as reliable as in the past. But as always if you need something communicated with members please contact Kathy at [Administrator@CGFOA.org](mailto:Administrator@CGFOA.org).

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**CGFOA Website Changes On the Way...** *(continued from page 1)*

- We expect the launch of our new website by early May
- We expect this conversion to result in notable cost savings for CGFOA

If you have any other concerns or questions, please contact me directly. Thank you & have a Fabulous February!

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***News from the Technical Issues Committee ...***

As many of you have heard, the GASB has appointed a new chair, Mr. Joel Black, CPA. While we want to send best wishes to Mr. Black in his new role, there are also concerns which have been raised.

The GFOA, along with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT), and the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST), released a joint statement expressing concern of this historic and unprecedented decision by the Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF). The link to the news release is: <http://www.estoregfoa.org/StaticContent/staticpages/NL01092020.html>.

The joint statement outlines that this is the first time in GASB's 35-year history that the chair of the GASB will not be a representative from state or local government. All previous GASB chairs have been state auditors. Importantly, state auditors will now be left without any representation on the GASB. The joint statement expresses concern that the appointment fundamentally compromises the diversity of the GASB.

NASACT, together with its affiliate the National State Auditors Association (NSAA), NAST, and GFOA, will consult with other government organizations to develop a response to the FAF on its unilateral change to the long-standing composition of the GASB and determine an appropriate path forward.

The CGFOA board is aware of these concerns and has directed the technical issues committee to reach out to GFOA for possible inclusion into their response. Stay tuned to CGFOA's

## 2020 CGFOA Rate Sheet

### Seminars/Class Registration Fees

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Non-member</b>
A. Full day seminars	\$100.00	\$150.00
B. Three Quarter Day seminars	\$50.00	\$75.00
C. Half Day seminars	\$40.00	\$60.00
D. Webinars	\$25.00	\$40.00
E. Western Slope Summer Workshop	\$50.00	\$75.00
F. Colorado Tax Audit Coalition Meetings (CTAC)	\$30.00	\$50.00
G. Ethics (Web-based or Conference)	\$40.00	\$65.00
Fees subject to change based on instructor fees		
H. Special classes (Leadership Trainings, Multi-day trainings, etc.)	Variable	Variable
Fees will be set based on course length and cost of offering the course.		

### Refunds

Cancelled more than 7 days prior to start of class	Full refund
Cancelled within 7 days prior to start of class	75% refund

The Executive Board may from time to time adjust fees to reflect the cost of providing education and other organizational factors.

### Membership Dues

- **COLORADO GOVERNMENT MEMBERS:** \$50.00  
 A government member shall be any government employee or appointed or elected official of a governmental entity in the State of Colorado who has paid membership dues for the current membership period. Government members are eligible for full participation in the Association, including voting and holding office.
- **OUT-OF-COLORADO MEMBERS:** \$55.00  
 An out-of-Colorado member shall be any government employee or appointed or elected official of a governmental entity outside Colorado who has paid membership dues for the current membership period. Out-of-Colorado members are eligible to vote, but not hold office in the Association.
- **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** \$75.00  
 An associate member shall be any person not eligible for government membership who is interested in the principles and practices of governmental finance, who subscribes to the purpose of this Association, and who has paid membership dues for the current membership period. Associate members shall be ineligible to vote or hold office in the Association.
- **INACTIVE MEMBERS:** \$0.00  
 An inactive member shall be any previous government employee or appointed or elected official of a governmental entity in the State of Colorado who was a Colorado Government Member of the Association, has paid dues and is currently retired (not working at all) or unemployed. Inactive members shall be ineligible to vote or hold office in the Association. Past Colorado Government members may petition the membership committee chair for Inactive membership status based on other unique circumstances.
- **AFFILIATE MEMBERS:** \$ 0.00  
 An affiliate member shall be any individual with an interest in government finance who does not fall under one of the previous categories. Affiliate members shall be ineligible to vote or hold office in the Association.

## **GFOA Announces Changes to CPFO Certification Program**

The Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) Program was started by GFOA in 1997 as a Certification Program for governmental finance professionals. Since that time, more than 800 professionals have earned the designation, which requires testing in five discipline areas and ongoing education requirements. There are currently more than 500 active CPFOs, including 41 in the State of Colorado (a high number for one state!).

GFOA recently announced changes to the program in 2020. These changes will impact eligibility, allowing members not currently working in a governmental position to participate in the program. Testing will be updated to offer more targeted exams with fewer questions in addition to better self-study and exam preparation opportunities. Topics areas will be reviewed and updated and continuing education requirements will be revised to include additional options.

### *What does this mean for active CPFOS?*

If you currently hold an active CPFO designation, there are no changes that will impact your designation status. The primary changes that will impact you will be regarding continuing education requirements. The number of continuing education credits required to maintain your certification will not change, but there will likely be more ways to earn continuing education credits under the new program.

### *What does this mean for CPFO candidates currently testing for certification?*

Those currently enrolled in the program will continue testing under the current format through December 31, 2020. If a candidate takes and passes all exams by that date, they will earn their designation under the current program criteria. GFOA will be revising and replacing exams, and starting in 2021, only the new exam format will be available. Those partially through their testing at the end of 2020 will take any unpassed exams in 2021 under the new format. Credit for passed exams appears to carry forward.

If you are hoping to complete your certification in 2020 prior to the changes taking place, remember that CGFOA offers two opportunities to take CPFO exams at the annual conference in November as pre-conference sessions (Tuesday morning and afternoon).

### *What does this mean for those not yet enrolled in the program?*

If you are interested in beginning the CPFO program, you must apply by February 28<sup>th</sup> to be accepted under the current format. After that, you will need to wait for the new program to be launched in Spring/Summer of 2020.

For more information on the CPFO program, the upcoming changes, and to see scheduled testing dates, please see GFOA's Certified Public Finance Officer Program website at <https://www.gfoa.org/cpfo>.

**Calendar of Events - CGFOA**

Tuesday, March 10, 2020	2020 Government and Nonprofit Training Academy
Thursday, April 10, 2020	Conference Committee Meeting (Grand Junction)
Thursday, April 16, 2020	Education Seminar, Lunch, Board Meeting (Lakewood)
Friday, May 1, 2020	CTAC Quarterly Workshop (Westminster)
Wednesday, May 6, 2020	Introduction to Governmental Accounting (Colorado Springs)
Friday, May 8, 2020	Introduction to Governmental Accounting (Grand Junction)
Friday, May 15, 2020	Beginning Governmental Accounting (Grand Junction)
May 17 - 20, 2020	GFOA's 114th Annual Conference (registration is open <a href="#">here</a> ) Ernest Memorial Convention Center New Orleans, Louisiana <b>Colorado Delegate Event 8:00 - 10:00 PM 5.17.20 TBD</b>
Tuesday, May 19, 2020	Beginning Governmental Accounting (Colorado Springs)
Thursday, May 21, 2020	Intermediate Governmental Accounting (Grand Junction)
Monday, June 1, 2020	Intermediate Governmental Accounting (Colorado Springs)
Friday, June 5, 2020	Annual CGFOA Golf Tournament Coal Creek Golf Course, Louisville
Tuesday, June 23, 2020	Introduction to Governmental Accounting (Longmont)
Thursday, July 23, 2020	Western Slope Summer Workshop (location TBD)
Friday, July 24, 2020	CGFOA Board Meeting (location TBD)
Tuesday, July 28, 2020	Beginning Governmental Accounting (Longmont)
Tuesday, August 4, 2020	Intermediate Governmental Accounting (Longmont)
Friday, August 7, 2020	CTAC Quarterly Workshop
Thursday, August 27, 2020	Conference Committee Meeting (Lafayette)
November 17 - 20, 2020	CGFOA Annual Conference (Grand Junction)

I hope to open registration for all of the May classes in the next week or so. Classes not scheduled until June will be opened after we move to the new website and platform with StarChapter.

[For more information on any of the events above go to the CGFOA Calendar of Events:](#)

<http://www.cgfoa.org/Opportunities/Calendarofevents.aspx>

## Outreach Committee Rejuvenated

During the CGFOA November Business Meeting Jeff Hansen of Golden brought up the possibility of members providing outreach to local post-secondary education institutions. He has been doing so on his own, but felt it would be something the membership as a whole could participate in.

I think it is a Fabulous idea, especially with the new student chapters of GFOA highlighting the importance of getting the word out on what government finance is all about. Everyone knows we are facing a huge loss in staff in the not so distant future. It's never too early to begin recruitment. I know I'm not getting any younger, & I'm pretty sure none of you are either (if you are we Really need to talk).

I fell in love with governmental accounting while working on my bachelor's degree in a class I was required to take. That was a long time ago, and I'm not sure business majors are still required to take a governmental class. If they're not, it is way more important than ever to get the word out about the good we do, and the impact we make in our communities.

The Board discussed the options to facilitate this outreach and decided on bringing back the Outreach Committee would be the most advantageous. I agreed to chair it and am working on updating the documentation previously used.

If you would like to help in any manner with this, please let me know. I'm excited about the potential with this program, and I hope you are too.

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CTAC just wrapped up our first quarter session, as hosted by the City of Thornton. Even considering the weather, we had a great turnout and lively discussion throughout the day. We began with a panel discussion aimed at helping auditors and associate members alike understand what all has been going on at the Capitol and Colorado Municipal League, including: updates on the Simplification Task Force, GIS Database & Standard Definitions, as well as updates on Marketplace Facilitator & Economic Nexus. Thanks a ton to Curt Osborne, Trevor Vaughan & Sophia Hassman for facilitating this discussion! In the afternoon, we learned about the changing landscape of food delivery services and wrapped up learning about manufacturing exemptions with Aurora and Hot Topics. Thanks to everyone for braving the weather and making this an informative and interactive session!

Stay tuned for further details, but we are already planning our second quarter session: hosted by the City of Westminster on Friday, May 1, 2020. Expect the agenda to be made available and registration open in April. Additionally, CTAC has been hard at work planning for some great CTAC sessions at this year's GCFOA annual conference in November in Grand Junction – be sure and mark your calendars today!

As always, CTAC is in need of speakers, topics and moderators for both the quarterly sessions and the annual conference! In order to keep CTAC a dynamic and informative group, we need your help – we welcome any and all ideas for relevant topics, as well as speakers and host locations. We would also like to encourage participation in an Education Committee that we are looking to revamp as well as potential new Co-Chairs to lead the group for the coming years. Don't hesitate to contact Dave Standifer ([dave.standifer@thorntonCO.gov](mailto:dave.standifer@thorntonCO.gov)) or Sophia Hassman ([Sophia.hassman@denvergov.org](mailto:Sophia.hassman@denvergov.org)) with anything you may contribute to CTAC!



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### Valentine's Day Facts

- Every year, more than 36 million [heart shaped boxes of chocolates](#) are sold across the country.
- Sorry men, it looks like you'll be spending twice as much as women this year on gifts. The average man spends \$130 on [Valentine's Day](#), while women spend about \$70.
- Don't forget about your pets! Every year, around 9 million people buy their pets a Valentine's Day gift.
- February 14th is the second largest card giving day of the year, just after Christmas. This year, it's expected that 1 billion cards will be exchanged around the world.
- Teachers receive the most

Valentine's Day cards, followed by kids, mothers, wives and girlfriends.

- Hallmark was one of the first to mass produce a Valentine's Day card, all the way back in 1913.
- More than one-third of men are comfortable not receiving anything from a lover on Valentine's Day.

### Flower Facts:

- It's estimated that the U.S. alone is going to spend \$3.3 billion on flowers for loved ones this year.
- The only other day that beats Valentine's Day in floral sales is Mother's Day.
- Of the 124.6 million households in the U.S., it's predicted that 43 million of them will purchase flowers.
- And the most likely flower to be purchased? Red roses of course!
- Would you believe that young people are leading the trend in floral sales? In 2016, 63% of floral-buying households were under the age of 35.
- Who says you can't be your own Valentine? In 2015, 18% of women sent themselves flowers.
- Ordering a bouquet? Have it tied in lace. The word "lace" comes from the Latin *laques*, meaning "to snare or net," as in to catch a person's heart.