

# February 2019 GFOA Rep Report

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## Washington Update

- GFOA to help Issuers Prepare for New Disclosure Requirements
  - Effective Feb 27, 2019, new amendments for disclosure
  - GFOA will be developing additional resources to help issuers prepare for these responsibilities. This will include a webinar about the new Amendments and what they mean for issuers.
- November 1, GFOA released a new resource on the issue of remote sales tax
  - Report *Brining Sales Tax into the 21st Century* provides a broad overview of why sales taxes are important to state and local governments, what the current landscape of sales tax administration looks like, and why 2018 is proving to be a landmark year for the issue.
- *Mt. Lemmon Fire District v. Guido*
  - Supreme Court ruled 8-0 that the federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act applies to state and local government employers with less than 20 employees.
- GFOA as an Advocate
  - Understanding Financing Options Used for Public Infrastructure - A Primer
  - Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds and Infrastructure: Over 100 Years of Building Together
  - Infrastructure Funding in the New Budget Environment
- Bipartisan bill introduced to repeal the 40 percent excise tax on employer-provided health benefits that was included as part of the Affordable Care Act. The implementation of this tax has already been delayed several times.

## GFOA Ethics Taskforce

- Seeks to overhaul the current GFOA's code of professional ethics
- Efforts include writing an Ethics Code that is both universal and flexible, that serves as a statement of identity and as a resource, and that encourages a professional culture of principled action.
- Member-wide survey to be developed that will address the broad range of ethical challenges that GFOA members face on a day-to-day basis.

## Items submitted for the Blog:

- Montgomery County receives recognition by the Government of Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of Washington Metropolitan Area for Excellence in Government Finance.
- 2019 GFOA Academic Scholarship Applications - due January 18
- GFOA Annual Conference Dates/Locations
- New CPFO's from Maryland:
  - Shahnaz Ariff, Accountant, Bowie Maryland;
  - Alvin Bratton, City Treasurer, Glenarden MD;
  - Darcy Good, Tax Billing Manager, Anne Arundel County MD

## GFOA's 113th Annual Conference

- May 19 - 22nd at the Los Angeles Convention Center
- Discounted Registration Fee for Presidents - \$420. Will be held open through the span of the conference
- Encourage members to apply for the first time annual Conference Attendee Scholarship
  - Awards up to 50 scholarships per state to GFOA members who have never attended.
  - State Representative and President Meeting at Conference - Is there anything MDGFOA wants to bring up?

## CPFOs

- 775 individuals that have received the CPFO designation

## Other Items:

- Submitted request for GFOA Promotional Items for the Summer Conference
- Requested GFOA to add the following conferences to GFOA Website
  - Spring 2019 Conference
  - Summer 2019 Annual Conference
  - Fall 2019 Conference
- If interested in having someone from GFOA to speak at an upcoming event, let me know.
  - Length of presentation
  - Topic area (Financial Policies; Fiscal Sustainability, Performance Management, Treasury & Investment Management, Capital Finance & Debt Administration, etc.)
  - What costs would be covered by organization
  - Known GFOA team member you want to speak, if known