

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
8:00 a.m.	Bruce Testa Semiannual Golf Outing	Star Ranch Golf Club
10:00 a.m.–Noon	Certified Government Finance Officer's (CGFO) Exam Study Group	Sabine, Lower Level
Noon–1:30 p.m.	Committee Meetings Show YOUR commitment to GFOAT and your career; attend a committee meeting and get involved. The informal nature of these meetings allows you to experience more than one committee. You can pick the committee that best suits you.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGFO Committee (restricted to CGFO members only) 	Guadalupe
1:00–3:00 p.m.	Conference Planning Committee	Wedgwood Ballroom
1:30–3:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics Committee • FRRR Committee • Membership Committee • Legislative Committee • Communications Committee • Scholarship, Fellowship, and Foundation Committee 	Canadian Boardroom Colorado Boardroom Pecos, Lower Level Bosque Frio San Marcos, Lower Level
1:30–6:00 p.m.	Registration	The Arbor Foyer
3:00–5:00 p.m.	GFOAT Executive Board Meeting	Wedgwood Ballroom
2:00–4:30 p.m.	CGFO Testing	Sabine, Lower Level
5:00–6:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception	Glass Oaks Ballroom
8:30 p.m.–Midnight	Texas Hold 'Em	Tree House Kitchen

MONDAY, APRIL 16

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00–7:55 a.m.	Networking Breakfast [0.0 CGFO/CPA]	Rio Grande Exhibit Hall B, Lower Level
7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	Registration	The Arbor Foyer
8:00–9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Opening General Session [1.5 CGFO/CPE] The Honorable Craig Morgan , Mayor, City of Round Rock	Ballroom A
	Legislative Update Bennett Sandlin , Executive Director, Texas Municipal League	
9:30–10:25 a.m.	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS [1.0 CGFO/CPE]	
	GFOAT – Learn About Our Organization GFOAT Board and Committees	Sabine, Lower Level
	 Basics of Municipal Finance [repeats at 10:45 a.m.] Leela Fireside , Assistant City Attorney, City of Austin	Ballroom A
	Economic Development Tools Panelist: Michael Morrison , Deputy City Manager, City of Irving; and Jon Hockenyo s, President, TXP, Inc.	Ballroom B
	Texas Water Development Bond Programs Mark Evans , Statewide Outreach Team Lead, Texas Water Development Board	Wedgwood Ballroom
10:25–10:45 a.m.	Refreshment Break/Sponsor Networking	
10:45–11:40 a.m.	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS [1.0 CGFO/CPE]	
	 Economic Development Administration Panelists: Peter Braster , Director of Special Projects, City of Plano; and Chris W. Allen , Senior Vice President, Hilltop Securities	Ballroom A
	Basics of Municipal Finance [repeated from 9:30 a.m.] Leela Fireside , Assistant City Attorney, City of Austin	Ballroom B
	Civil Service Payroll Pitfalls Julia Gannaway , Partner, Lynn Ross & Gannaway, LLP; and Dori Lee , SHRM-SCP IMPA-CP, Director of Human Resources, City of Lancaster	Sabine
	FEMA Grants/Reimbursement Shari Ramirez-MacKay , Deputy Assistant Director, Texas Division of Emergency Management; and Cheryl Dowden , Director of Finance, City of Nederland	Wedgwood Ballroom
11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.	Networking Lunch and Sponsor Networking	Rio Grande Exhibit Hall B, Lower Level
1:00–2:15 p.m.	Business Meeting, Awards, and General Session [1.5 CGFO/CPE]	Ballroom A
	 GFOA National Update Chris Morrill , Executive Director/CEO, Government Finance Officers Association Presiding: GFOAT President Martie Simpson , Director of Finance, City of New Braunfels	
2:15–2:30 p.m.	Refreshment Break/Sponsor Networking	
2:30–3:45 p.m.	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS [1.5 CGFO/CPE]	
	 Grants Administration and Single Audits Robert R. Belt , CPA, Managing Partner, Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP	Ballroom A
	Purchasing Advanced Topics [repeats at 4:00 p.m.] Diane-Palmer Boeck , Director Procurement and Project Management, City of Plano	Ballroom B
	Leadership Skills for the Finance Officer Chris Morrill , Executive Director/CEO, Government Finance Officers Association	Wedgwood Ballroom
4:00–5:00 p.m.	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS [1.0 CGFO/CPE]	
	 Impact of Federal Tax Law on Municipalities Christopher L. Breaux , Partner, Government Services, Whitley Penn, LLP	Ballroom A
	Purchasing Advanced Topics [repeated from 2:30 p.m.] Diane Palmer-Boeck , Director Procurement and Project Management, City of Plano	Ballroom B
	Hot Topics GFOAT President Martie Simpson , Director of Finance, City of New Braunfels; and Sidney Kirk , Assistant Finance Director, Accounting, City of Weatherford	Sabine
6:30–9:30 p.m.	Networking Event	County Line on the Lake

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Agenda at-a-Glance*

2018 GFOAT Spring Institute • April 16–17, 2018
 2018 GFOAT Post-Institute Events • April 17–18, 2018

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 Unless otherwise noted, all events will be held at the Renaissance Austin Hotel in Austin.



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TUESDAY, APRIL 17

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00–8:00 a.m.	Breakfast [0.0 CGFO/CPA]	Rio Grande Exhibit Hall B, Lower Level
8:10–9:05 a.m.	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS (1.0 CGFO/CPE)	
	When Ethics Take Flight Miykael Reeve, County Auditor, Ellis County	Sabine, Lower Level
	Financial Reporting: Beating the Six Month Mindset Pamela M. Hodges, City Controller, City of Carrollton	Ballroom A
	Trends in Treasury Management Holger B. Ebert, Senior Vice President and Division Manager-Treasury Management, Wells Fargo	Ballroom B
9:20–10:35 a.m.	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS (1.5 CGFO/CPE)	
	Investment Policy Development Corrine L. Steeger, Treasury Manager, City of Dallas	Ballroom A
	Developing Trust Through Transparency: The Comptroller's Transparency Star Program Robert B. Scott, ACM/Chief Financial Officer, City of Carrollton Panelists: Greg Conte, Senior Data Analyst, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; Keith A. Dagen, CPA, Director of Finance, City of Richardson; and Rhonda Covarrubias, Director of Finance, Texas Municipal Retirement System	Ballroom B
	GASB Update Deborah Beams, Director, BKD	Wedgwood Ballroom
10:35–11:00 a.m.	Refreshment Break/Sponsor Networking	
11:00 a.m.–Noon	CLOSING SESSION (1.0 CGFO/CPE) Growing Business Relationships, Result, and Revenue with Emotional Intelligence Marcel Brunel, Lumina Learning Moderator: GFOAT President Martie Simpson, Director of Finance, City of New Braunfels,	Ballroom A
Noon	Adjourn	

GFOAT POST-INSTITUTE WORKSHOPS

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
	PFIA (Public Funds Investment Act)	
Noon–5:30 p.m.	Part I • Tuesday, April 17 [Separate fee of \$140] Lunch served at Noon in the meeting room	Wedgwood Ballroom
9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.	Part II • Wednesday, April 18 [Separate fee of \$140]	Wedgwood Ballroom
	Influencing Behavior and Impacting Results: People Working Together in an Emotional Economy	
1:00–5:00 p.m.	Tuesday, April 17 [Separate fee of \$150] Marcel Brunel, Lumina Learning	Ballroom B

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