



GFOAT – LEARNING THE ROPES

GFOAT Spring Institute

April 10, 2017



GFOAT Mission Statement

The mission of the Government Finance Officers Association of Texas (GFOAT) is to enhance the quality of local government finance, to assist and support local government finance professionals in Texas, and to promote the public service profession.

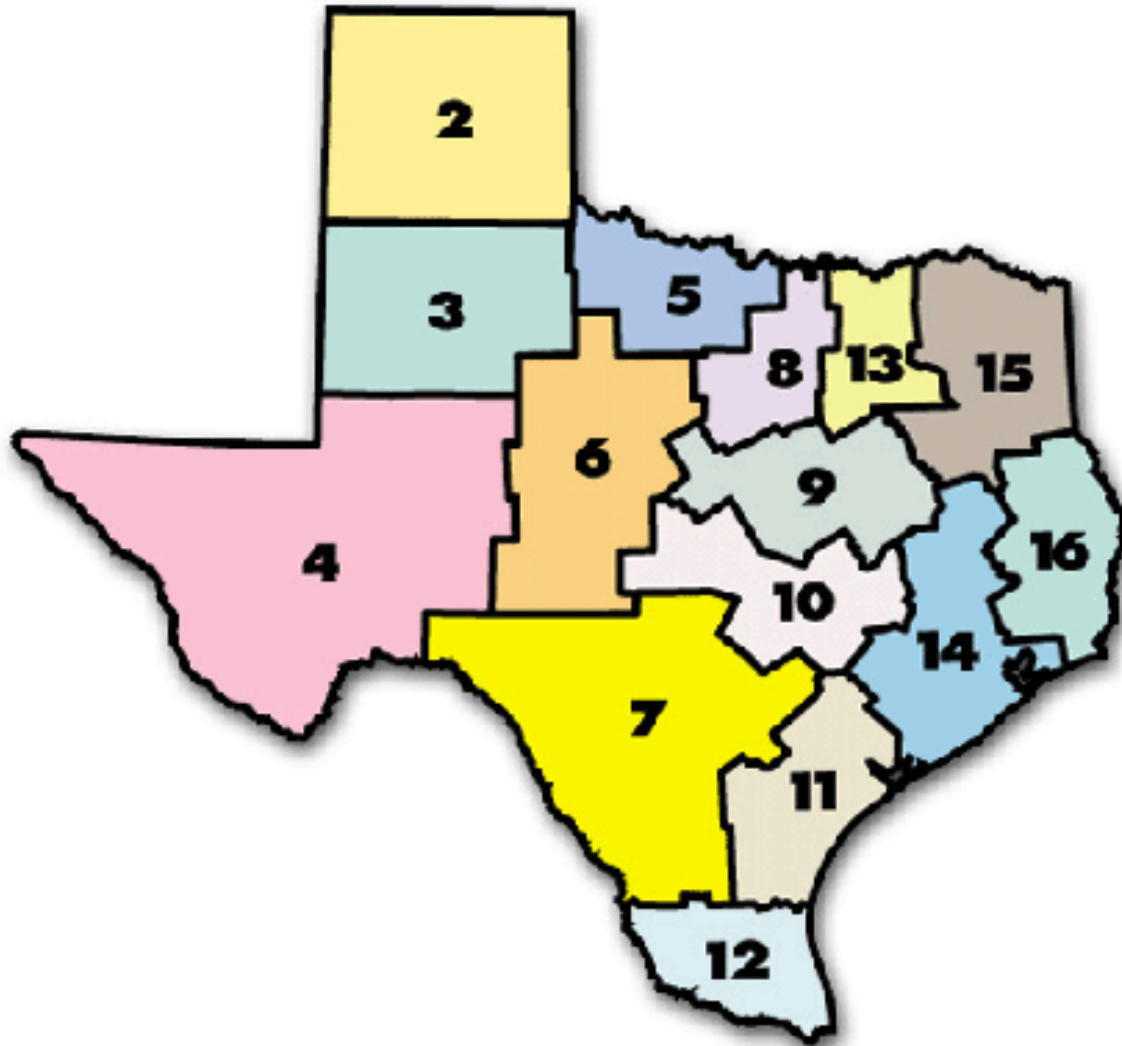


About GFOAT

- Organized in **1933** to promote, encourage, and advance professional development of financial management
- Non-profit organization, (*complete with a board of directors and By Laws that govern its operations*)
- Not formally affiliated with the **GFOA of the United States/Canada**, BUT shares many of the same goals, programs, and interests.
- Affiliated with the **Texas Municipal League (TML)**
- Subdivided into 15 regions (TML regional divide)



About GFOAT





More About GFOAT

- **Currently utilizes a TML representative to serve as GFOAT's liaison.**
- **Sponsors several educational meetings held each year at conferences, institutions & regional roundtable seminars.**
- **Consistently promotes informational trends in governmental financial management through social media, forums, publications & seminars**



GFOAT Code of Ethics

- All government finance officers are enjoined to adhere to legal, moral and professional standards of conduct in the fulfillment of their professional responsibilities for:
 - I. Personal Standards
 - II. Responsibility as Public Officials
 - III. Professional Development
 - IV. Professional Integrity-Information
 - V. Professional Integrity-Relationships
 - VI. Conflict of Interest



Board of Directors

- **President - Clifford Blackwell**
- **Immediate Past President - Mike Rodgers**
- **President Elect - Martie Simpson**
- **Treasurer - Katina Hampton**
- **Secretary - Collin Boothe**
- **Central Representative - Lorie Lankford**
- **East Representative - Vacant**
- **North Representative - Miykael Reeve**
- **South Representative - Sandra Mattick**
- **West Representative - Michelle Bonner**



GFOAT

GFOAT Support Team

- **Becky L. Brooks – Director of Resource Development-Sponsorships**
- **Lavern Gaines – TML (Administration, Membership, Conferences)**
- **Joe Foster – TML (Financial)**
- **Nicole Little – TML (CGFO)**
- **Tommy Lype – TML (Accounting)**
- **Rachael Pitts – TML (Administration)**

TML Board Representative

- **Kent Pfeil, City of Richardson**

GFOA Representative

- **Janina Jewell, City of Euless**



GET INVOLVED





Committee Involvement

- **Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO) Committee**
- **Communications Committee**
- **Conference Planning Committee**
- **Ethics Committee**
- **Financial Reporting & Regulatory Response (FRRR) Committee**
- **Legislative Committee**
- **Membership Committee**
- **Scholarship, Fellowship & Foundation Committee**



Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO) Committee

- **Mission: To provide assistance in the pursuit of maintaining competence, enhancing competence of colleagues and encouraging others in the field of government finance.**
 - ✓ **Manages the Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO) Program**
- **Co-Chairs:**
 - **Renita Bishop, City of Azle**
 - **Lisa Haines, City of Round Rock**



Communications Committee

- **Mission:** The primary responsibility of the Communications Committee is to facilitate the distribution of information to members through the GFOAT website and social media.
- **Co-Chairs:**
 - Meg Jakubik, City of Bedford
 - Brad Kearney, City of Irving



Conference Planning Committee

- **Mission: To plan and execute valuable educational programs for GFOAT members to meet their educational, professional development and technical needs.**
- **Co-Chairs:**
 - **Martie Simpson, City of New Braunfels**
 - **Sidney Kirk, City of Weatherford**
 - **Susan Morgan, City of Round Rock**



Ethics Committee

- **Mission:** To encourage professional ethics through information and training to GFOAT members.
 - ✓ Lewis F. McLain, Jr. Ethics in Leadership Award
- **Co-Chairs:**
 - Miykael Reeve, City of Red Oak
 - Monette Fisher, City of Decatur



FRRR Committee

- **Mission:**
 - Proactively respond to proposed regulation of government with the goal of both protecting governments from bad regulations and promoting positive, common sense disclosure.
 - Promote and encourage our member governments to improve their financial reporting and financial disclosure practices.
 - Coordinate with the legislative committee regarding state and federal legislation of a financial reporting or financial compliance nature.
 - Actively participate in GFOAT conferences by suggesting session topics on financial reporting and speaking at those sessions.
- **Co-chairs:**
 - Bob Scott, City of Carrollton
 - Keith Dagen, City of Richardson



Legislative Committee

- **Mission – To monitor the legislative activities at the state and federal level that have an impact on governmental finance. Act as a facilitator to bring interested members together to discuss legislative issues and serve as a liaison between the organization and the TML Legislative Program.**
- **Chair:**
 - **John Zagurski, City of Trophy Club**



Membership Committee

- **Mission – To promote active membership for GFOAT**
 - ✓ *Serve as ambassador for GFOAT in order to share information throughout the regions*
 - ✓ **Recognize tenured members for their length of service**
 - ✓ **Actively recruit new members through networks and outreach**
 - ✓ **Promote active participation among current membership**
- **Chair:**
 - **Monika Arris, Collin County**



Scholarship, Fellowship & Foundation Committee

- **Mission:** To encourage the development of government accounting and finance throughout Texas. This committee is charged with the responsibility of developing and administering the funds provided for instructional development and professionalism within the industry of government finance.
 - ✓ Lynn F Anderson Fellowship
 - ✓ GFOAT Fall & Spring Conference Scholarships
 - ✓ Outstanding Service Awards/ Innovation Awards
- **Chair:**
 - Adrienne Lothery, City of Colleyville



GFOAT

THANK YOU

- www.gfoat.org
- [Facebook.com/gfoatexas](https://www.facebook.com/gfoatexas)
- www.linkedin.com/gfoat