



**MGFOA is the premier organization of government finance professionals in Michigan.  
Our goal is to promote excellence in government finance.**

## **Key Messages**

### **Our Mission:**

MGFOA's mission, as the premier organization of government finance professionals in Michigan, is to unite finance professionals for the purpose of providing effective and professional financial management of public entity resources; to promote and support the professional development of its members; and, in partnership with other organizations, collaborate to promote the use of financial and governance best practices in the management of Michigan public entities.

### **Who Are We?**

Established in 1938, the Michigan Government Finance Officers Association (MGFOA) is a professional association of public officials and finance professionals, striving to promote excellence in government finance.

### **Who Are Our Members?**

MGFOA members are involved in all areas of local government finance and hail from both public and private sector.

Public Sector members are practitioners in all areas of finance in state and local government. Associate members are CPA's, bankers, brokers, consultants, lawyers, educators and others concerned with local government finance and committed to promoting the objectives of MGFOA. MGFOA averages over six hundred members representing nearly five hundred communities.

### **MGFOA is:**

- **The premier organization of government finance professionals in Michigan.**
- **Affiliated with the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA)**

## **What Can We Do For You?**

- Peer to Peer Resources & Support
- Training and Professional Development
- Standing Committees and Board Involvement
- Professional and Social Networking

## **What Are Some of the Benefits of Membership?**

- High quality educational programs in public finance at affordable cost;
- Analysis of pending legislation and updates on new public acts;
- Information on new federal and state regulations impacting local government finance;
- Details on newly proposed accounting standards and implementation guidance on all existing standards;
- News on technological advances and collaborative initiatives in the public sector;
- Opportunity to interact with other public finance professionals throughout the State of Michigan;
- Multitude of professional and social interaction opportunities;
- Jobs board housed on MGFOA website

## **Where Do Meetings and Events Take Place?**

- Throughout the state of Michigan as well as a social event at the annual GFOA conference
- MGFOA is now also offering webinars

## **Why Do I Need to Join?**

- To stay current on all topics related to government finance in the State of Michigan
- To create relationships, mentor and be mentored by professionals within the Michigan government finance community
- Professional development and best-practices within the field of government finance in the State of Michigan

## **How Can You Help Me Be Better at My Job?**

- Training and professional development
- Briefings and current news and reports on changes within federal and state government
- The resources and knowledge of other members within our industry
- Professional and social networking
- Job board housed on the MGFOA website

## What Educational Opportunities Exist?

- The following cost effective in-class continuing education opportunities are available throughout the year:
  - The annual one-day Spring Seminar
  - The annual three-day Fall Training Institute
  - Introduction to Public Finance (Half-Day Session preceding Spring Seminar)
  - Back-to-Basics (a package of three one-day seminars) covering:
    - Fundamental Elements of Governmental Accounting
    - Governmental Budgeting
    - Public Financial Statements
  - Advanced Governmental Finance (a package of four one-day seminars covering topics targeted by the GFOA Certified Public Finance Officer Program), including:
    - Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting
    - Cash Management and Investments
    - Operating and Capital Budgeting
    - Capital Planning and Debt Management
  - Other Current Topics
  - Periodic webinars and member forums

## How and When Should You Join??

- MGFOA allows members to join at any time during the year
- Membership renews annually each October 1<sup>st</sup>
- A membership application is available on the MGFOA website

## What is the MGFOA website address?

[www.migfoa.org](http://www.migfoa.org)