

**ILLINOIS GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Friday, February 7, 2003**

***Call to Order***

President Jeff Rowitz called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM.

**Executive Board Members Present:**

President – Jeff Rowitz  
President Elect – Brian Barnes  
Vice President – Brian Caputo  
Treasurer – Robert Fialkowski  
Secretary – Kathryn Booth  
Past President – Mary Dankowski  
Member-at-Large – David Richardson  
Member-at-Large – Mark Nannini  
Chicago Metro Chapter Representative – Sue Stanish  
Downstate Chapter Representative – Delora Siebrecht  
South Metro Chapter Representative – Scott Bordui  
Associate Representative – Gary Karshna

**Executive Board Members Absent:**

GFOA State Representative – Leonard Flood

**IGFOA Staff Present:**

Executive Director – Marianne Shank

***Consent Agenda***

A motion to approve items under the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

Items covered included:

- Executive Board minutes – December 5, 2002
- Treasurer's report as of December 31, 2002
- Bank Resolutions to name authorized signatures for bank accounts
- Revisions to Credit Card Authorization Policy
- Authorization to secure credit cards through Fifth Third Bank

***President's Report***

President Rowitz updated the Board on the status of the web site proposal. He particularly noted the assistance provided by Neil Witek of Sikich Group. He planned to send a letter of appreciation to Sikich and provide some special recognition at the conference this year. The President also welcomed back Scott Bordui as the new South Metro Chapter Representative to the State Board.

### ***Executive Director Report***

Executive Director Shank provided an overview of the Financial Management Association and the possibility of providing some sponsorship for their conference in Chicago. The group is an association for business professors with a graduate student “division”. The conference is for students in throughout the Midwest. They do not solicit corporate sponsorship. The only sponsorship they have is from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. IGFOA has provided speakers in the past and plans to do so again this year. The question for the Board was whether to provide some monetary support as well. A discussion ensued as to the benefits of such sponsorship, including the contacts that could be established with local universities. It would also further a goal of IGFOA to encourage students to go into the government finance profession. A motion was made and seconded to contribute \$500 plus in-kind services to the Chicago conference with the stipulation that IGFOA get access to their list of Illinois members.

### ***Chapter Reports***

*Chicago Metro* – The Board has expanded their scholarship program to include two additional opportunities. One would provide up to \$500 towards expenses to prepare for and sit for the GFOA certification exams. The second addition would provide up to \$1,500 towards attendance at the National GFOA conference. Criteria are being developed. Their meeting schedule for the year includes hot topic sessions on 2/27/03, 5/1/03, and 6/26/03. The networking day will be 8/7/03. They have also decided to start charging nonmembers more for the hot topic events and associates more for the networking day.

*South Metro* – The meeting schedule has been set for February, April, August, and December. There will be a ½ day seminar in October. The golf outing will be held in June. They still have some concerns about scheduling conflicts, especially with Chicago Metro, and communication of meetings to the expanded membership.

*Downstate* – Their April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in Mt Vernon. The topic will be monitoring financial health. The annual meeting and golf outing will be held in August. They continue to try to get participation from members in the far south of the state.

### ***Committee Reports***

*Career Development* – The committee had established a schedule that includes 7 core programs and have targeted \$20,000 for net revenue from them. TARC is continuing its hands-on GASB34 training opportunities that Career Development is helping to organize.

*Conference* – Most of the major programs are coming into place. The program committee is nearly formed. The topics for two full tracks were established based upon the results of a survey that over 100 members participated in. Pam Figolah is heading up the budget track and Gary Szott is heading up the “you asked for it you got it track”. Bob Reis is coordinating the computer training that will occur on

Saturday and Sunday. A meeting of the full program committee is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Legislative – Limited activity in this area until the legislative structure shakes out. The primary focus will be to keep from losing any more revenues. IGFOA is also concerned about the township effort to exempt them from GASB34 through state legislation.

Membership – The IGFOA reception at the national conference will be May 18<sup>th</sup> at Tuscan Square.

Ad-Hoc Past Presidents – A meeting will be scheduled in the spring or summer when more past presidents are in the area.

TARC – The GASB34 training sessions continue. The committee is meeting next week to discuss an exposure draft. The committee is also planning a GASB34 readiness survey

Technology & Communication – Six responses to the website RFP were received. The committee interviewed 3 and recommends accepting the proposal of Net On-Line. Their proposal is within the budget provided. They specialize in association websites and have experience interfacing with Member Clicks. It was moved and seconded to authorize the Executive Director and Technology Committee to negotiate a contract with Net On-Line to design and host the IGFOA website. The motion passed unanimously.

### ***Associate Representative Report***

Gary Karshna reported on two meetings held by the associates to discuss ways to improve state conference experience for associate members. A number of ideas have been offered, including changing the conference dates to Wednesday through Friday. It was suggested that a survey of the membership could be helpful in directing changes. The group will continue to review options and bring them to the Board for further consideration.

### ***Other Business***

These were part of the consent agenda, including bank resolutions, credit card policy amendments, and credit card application.

### ***Adjournment***

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM.