

**ILLINOIS GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Friday, May 3, 2003**

***Call to Order***

President Jeff Rowitz called the meeting to order at 9:50 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 – Mark Nannini  
Chicago Metro Chapter Representative – Harry Sakai  
Downstate Chapter Representative – Delora Siebrecht  
South Metro Chapter Representative – Scott Bordui  
Associate Representative – Gary Karshna

**Executive Board Members Absent:**

GFOA State Representative – Leonard Flood  
Member-at-Large – David Richardson

**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 – February 7, 2003

***President's Report***

President Rowitz referred to the status report on Board goals and objectives. He indicated that the major focus has been on developing the new web site. A thank you note was passed around from the Financial Management Association, expressing appreciation for IGFOA assistance with their Chicago conference. He also reported on a meeting he had with a delegation from Azerbaijan. The delegation was looking to develop information on setting up local governments.

***Executive Director Report***

Executive Director Shank discussed an inquiry from Wisconsin GFOA to provide limited administrative support and work with them to mimic our web site so we could more readily share information, including job openings. They are prepared to pay for the administrative support. The consensus of the Board was to wait until our

web site redesign is completed when we can better assess what it would cost. If they are prepared to pay for the additional time and perhaps a little more, we may consider it further.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Treasurer Fialkowski distributed a report as of March 31, 2003. He explained that the accounting software was installed only on the IGFOA network to which he did not have access. He and staff are working on some alternatives to provide access to both so that reports can be developed and reviewed more timely. Checks are now being mailed to the Treasurer for signature before sending to vendors.

In response to questions from the Board, it was explained that the Technology Committee expenses included the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the new web contract and remaining payments to Vision 21. The Membership Committee expenses were for the up-front and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter payments to Member Clicks. Dues revenue for the public sector is tracking with last year and the budget. Associate member dues are down about \$18,000 from last year at this time. The Membership Committee will be addressing this issue at its meeting next week.

A motion was made by Mark Nannini and seconded by Harry Sakai to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

### ***Chapter Reports***

Chicago Metro – Harry Sakai reviewed the written report submitted by the Chicago Metro Chapter. The GFOA annual conference scholarship was awarded to Kevin Wachtel, Assistant Village Administrator, Village of Palos Park. The annual networking day has been moved to July 31<sup>st</sup>.

South Metro – Scott Bordui announced that Kim Mathias resigned from the South Metro Board. Traditionally, this position has been held by an appointee of the South Suburban Mayors & Managers. They will be looking for a replacement. Their golf outing will be held at the new Bolingbrook golf course this summer.

Downstate – Delora Siebrecht reported that attendance was down at their April meeting which generally happens when they have the meeting further south. It was in Mt. Vernon. Their next meeting is August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Committee Reports***

Career Development – The Basic Governmental Accounting seminar was cancelled due to lack of registrations. The Understanding Government Finance has been rescheduled. Attendance at the Pension Institute was down, but evaluations were very good. TARC continues to work on its GASB 34 technical seminars.

Conference – Brain Caputo distributed an updated tentative conference schedule and indicated that plans were being firmed up. He is still working on the game card

arrangement for Monday's dinner and entertainment. Kathy Booth explained that the conference session planning was going well. The computer training programs needed some attention. The keynote program has had some set backs with two people having been unavailable as moderator. Jeff Rowitz offered assistance in getting someone from the Daily Herald to moderate the keynote panel.

Legislative – The Legislative drive down took place Wednesday. Members participating were told unofficially to be prepared for the possibility that a reduction in the income tax sharing from the state may yet be raised. IGFOA is preparing to offer assistance to the Illinois Department of Revenue should there still be difficulties with the telecommunications tax collections. In April, everyone received about 1/3 of the amount they received prior to the simplification act.

Membership – The Committee is meeting Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in Bartlett.

Nominating – Mary Dankowski reported that letters to solicit nominations will be sent out at the end of June. She encouraged Board members to submit nominations.

Ad-Hoc Past Presidents – Mary Dankowski reported that she was trying to set up a meeting in June.

TARC – The GASB34 training sessions continue. The committee has a meeting planned for May 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

Gary Karshna reported that no further meetings had been held since the last Executive Board meeting. He is hoping to have another meeting in May.

### ***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 12:00 PM.