



# the dispatch

members' update from the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association



**Save the date!**  
**September 16–18**  
**at the Peoria Civic Center**

IGFOA members will once again gather in Peoria for the 2018 Annual Conference. The Conference Planning Team and Partners' Forum are working hard to create an excellent overall conference experience for IGFOA members in 2018!

See [page 6](#) for exciting news on the second General Session speaker.

## Legislative update

*The Illinois Municipal League prioritizes protecting municipal revenues and sustainable local budgets*

The General Assembly convened the 2018 legislative session on January 30, 2018. Governor Bruce Rauner delivered his fourth State of the State address to a joint session of the General Assembly the following day.

Legislative activity is usually subdued during the second year of a two-year legislative cycle as lawmakers facing re-election become more cautious and focused on their election campaigns. This year is no exception, with legislators returning to their districts for most of March and not returning until the second week of April. The absence of legislators during what is typically an active month

during the legislative year significantly reduces the number of session days before a key April deadline for advancing bills out of committees in their chambers of origin. This dearth of session days means far fewer bills are likely to advance through the legislative process compared to last year.

The Illinois Municipal League (IML) is advocating to protect municipal revenues and reduce municipal cost-drivers. IML's legislative activities are focused on playing both offense and defense to accomplish these aims.

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# Legislative update from the IML

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Several of the 15 legislative initiatives approved by the IML Board of Directors and presented to legislators are targeted toward enhancing or protecting municipal revenues. The IML initiatives summarized below should be of interest to municipal finance officers.

**HB 4101** (Rep. DeLuca, D-Chicago Heights) and **SB 2249** (Sen. Hastings, D-Tinley Park) would roll back the 2% state administrative fee on locally-imposed sales taxes enacted as part of the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018 state budget. If approved, the bill would reduce the administrative fee to 1% and return an estimated \$30 million to local governments.

**HB 4532** (Rep. Moylan, D-Des Plaines), **HB 4584** (Rep. McCombie, R-Savanna) and **SB 2645** (Sen. Bertino-Tarrant, D-Plainfield) would make several funds collected by the state on behalf of local governments subject to continuing appropriation. These funds include Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), video/casino gaming, Use Tax and 9-1-1 revenues. If approved, these critical funds would be released without the need for annual budget enactments.

**HB 4365** (Rep. Fortner, R-West Chicago) would make municipalities providing utility services to state facilities eligible for interest payments on overdue utility payments in the same manner as private sector service providers. The interest payments would provide an incentive for prompt payment of municipal utility bills by the state.

**SB 2336** (Sen. McConnaughay, R-St. Charles) would create due process rights for municipalities contesting property tax challenges in circuit court that would reduce the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of individual properties by \$100,000 or more. Municipalities would be provided a right to intervene in the circuit court to present evidence that could uphold the assessed value of property.

**HB 4680** (Rep. Welch, D-Westchester) would close a tax loophole that prevents non-home rule municipalities from imposing a use tax on out-of-state natural gas providers. If approved, non-home rule municipalities

would have the same authority to impose this tax as their home rule counterparts.

In addition to these IML legislative agenda bills, IML supports legislation to create a Marketplace Fairness Act in Illinois so that sales taxes owed from online purchases can be collected.

**SB 2577** (Sen. Castro, D-Elgin) would establish a mechanism to collect sales taxes from online purchases should the United States Supreme Court decide in favor of South Dakota in the case of *South Dakota vs. Wayfair*. This important case is scheduled to be heard in April. SB 2577 was approved by the Senate Revenue Committee and will next be considered by the full Senate.

While pursuing a proactive and aggressive legislative agenda, IML is also working against efforts to reduce local revenues.

In his February Budget Address, Governor Rauner proposed to continue the 10% reduction in Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) payments enacted as part of the SFY2018 state budget. IML opposes the extension of this cut into SFY2019 and is already advocating for a restoration of LGDF distributions to the amount received by cities and counties prior to the SFY2018 reduction.

Over the last several years, Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax (CPPRT) revenue has been diverted away from local governments to fund various obligations of the state. In January, IML provided testimony against **SB 2260** (Sen. Tracy, R-Quincy), which proposes to divert up to \$4 million from local governments in order to reallocate the money to fund schools. The bill was passed out of the committee and, as of this writing, was awaiting a vote by the full Senate. IML will continue to oppose this bill and any other proposed CPPRT diversions.

IML is committed to opposing any emergent property tax freeze legislation that would impact local revenues. No significant property tax legislation is advancing at present, but IML will continue to watch for and oppose property tax freeze bills throughout the 2018 legislative session.

IML is pursuing legislation to limit financial

obligations that stress municipal budgets.

Public safety pension fund consolidation would achieve this objective by creating administrative efficiencies and the prospect of higher investment returns as a result of expanded investment authority. Sen. Althoff (R-McHenry) introduced five IML-drafted bills that present various options for full or partial consolidation. These bills are: **SB 3422**, **SB 3423**, **SB 3424**, **SB 3425** and **SB 3426**. IML is pursuing a cost study of these bills by the independent Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA).

IML remains involved in working to advance legislation that allows municipal governments to continue filing annual audit statements with the Comptroller's Office using cash basis accounting standards.

**HB 4104** (Rep. DeLuca, D-Chicago Heights) and **SB 2258** (Sen. Righter, R-Mattoon) would preserve the ability to file annual audit statements on a cash basis. Cash basis accounting statements are presently permissible under Illinois statute and are less expensive for municipalities than the more complicated and, in many cases, unnecessary accrual based accounting statements.

Municipal revenues continue to be at risk as long as the state is experiencing budget challenges and imposing new unfunded mandates. IML remains committed to advocating against revenue reductions/cost increases and is actively supporting legislative measures that facilitate sustainable municipal budgets and appropriately funded local priorities.

For a complete list of legislation being followed by IML, please visit the "tracked bill" section of the [IML website](#). To receive the latest updates on legislation and policies affecting municipalities at the state and federal levels, be sure to [subscribe](#) to the *IML Statehouse Briefing and Federal Focus*.

*As always, IML staff will continue to monitor any prospective legislative developments and aggressively advocate on behalf of our membership. Should you have any questions, please contact the IML Legislative Department at 217-525-1220 or [IMLLegislation@iml.org](mailto:IMLLegislation@iml.org).*

## Partners' Forum Corner

The IGFOA Partners' Forum supports IGFOA's Sustaining and Associate Partners through its outreach efforts. The Forum also represents Partners' interests and concerns to the IGFOA Executive Board as well as the Annual Conference Planning Team.

### Annual Conference update

Each year, the Partners' Forum reviews the IGFOA Annual Conference survey responses from vendors hosting exhibitors' booth in the Vendor Showcase. Based on the responses, the Forum recommends improvements for the Vendor Showcase to the Conference Planning Team. For 2018, the Forum recommends modifying the layout of the Vendor Showcase to better drive traffic throughout the Showcase and to simplify communication from Forum members and IGFOA staff to the exhibitors.

### Partner vendor booth selection

As a reminder, Sustaining Partners will have priority choice for exhibitor's booth selection from the opening date (still TBD) until May 16. On May 17 at the Partner's Appreciation event, booth selection will open to Associate Partners.

Look for more information on the Vendor Showcase in outreach emails from your Partners' Forum liaison and in the June 2018 issue of the *Dispatch*.

### Partners' Forum Members

Jessica Govic, *Chair, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc.*  
Chris Daly, *BMO Harris Bank N.A.*  
Monica Gutowski, *Johnson & Bell*  
Jill Hagen, *MB Financial Bank*  
Sue Kling, *Promontory Interfinancial Network, LLC*  
Danielle Melone, *Siemens Industry*  
Matt Prozaki, *Forecast5 Analytics, Inc.*  
Bill Sarb, *RSM US LLP*

## PEC/CPFO Team offers CPFO exams across Illinois in 2018

The role of the Professional Education Committee/CPFO Team is to support IGFOA members seeking the CPFO Certification. In addition to evaluating options for materials and review support for CPFO candidates, the Team is hosting the CPFO exam at various dates and locations throughout the State in 2018.

- ▶ Friday, April 20: Village of Vernon Hills, Village Hall
- ▶ Thursday, May 31: City of Springfield, Wyndham Springfield
- ▶ Monday, July 9: Village of Woodridge, Village Hall
- ▶ Saturday, September 15: Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette
- ▶ Sunday, September 16: Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette
- ▶ Friday November 16: Village of New Lenox, Village Hall

Although IGFOA is approved to host the CPFO exam, the national GFOA, in conjunction with Radford University, administers the CPFO program. Registration forms can be found at the links below. Candidates should mail registration forms and documentation of eligibility to the address on the application. The fee for taking the first exam in the program is \$295. The fee for subsequent exams is \$145.

[2018 Application for GFOA Certification Examinations – New Candidate](#)

[2018 Application for GFOA Certification Examinations – Continuing Candidate](#)

### Illinois Certified Finance Public Finance Officers as of March 2018

Nadine Alletto, Director of Finance, Village of Woodridge	Nicole Larson, Finance Director, Village of Vernon Hills
Christopher Black, Finance Director, Rock River Water Reclamation District	Diane Lembesis
Rita Boserup, Director, Finance and Administration, IRMA	Stephanie Masson, Finance Director, City of Rock Island
Eric Burk, Director of Finance, Village of Deerfield	Bonnie McLeod
Brian Caputo, VP for Admin. Affairs & CFO, College of DuPage	Kent Newton, Director of Administration, Sanitary District of Decatur
Pat Chamberlin, Executive Director of Budget, Rockford Public Schools	Steven Noble, Finance Director, Village of Northfield
Paul Christensen, Finance Director, City of Woodstock	Spencer Parker, Finance Director, Village of Westmont
Julie Ciesla, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, County of Peoria	Gail Paul, City of Countryside
David Clark, Village of Glencoe	Harry Sakai
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Timothy Ervin, Director of Finance, Bloomington and Normal Water Reclamation District	Peter Stefan, Finance Director, DeKalb County Government
Kristina Farnum, Finance Assistant, Frankfort Fire Protection District	Patrice Sutton, Finance Director, Village of Libertyville
James Ghedotte, Finance Director, City of Joliet	Gary Szott, Finance Director, Village of Bloomingdale
Susan Griffin	Kevin Wachtel, Finance Director, Village of Villa Park
William Hannah, Finance Director, Village of North Aurora	Patricia Wesolowski
Stan Helgerson	Tina Ward, Budget & Financial Reporting Manager, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
Mark Horton, Director of Finance, Village of Oswego	Bradley Wilson, Finance Director, City of Wood Dale
Kristin Kazenas, Chief Financial Officer/ Human Resources Director, Village of Hawthorn Woods	
Michael Kumbara, Asst. Village Manager, Village of Algonquin	

\*List provided by the GFOA. If you are an IGFOA member who has earned the CPFO designation and your name is not on the above list, please contact the IGFOA at [execdir@igfoa.org](mailto:execdir@igfoa.org).



# Automation: Bringing local governments into the 21st Century

by Jeffrey J. Delwiche, *Azavar Government Solutions*

Remember the first time you used a personal computer, or saw an ad for a smartphone? If you're like most of us, you were immediately dismissive. "Why would I need that? Why would anyone need that?"

Today, computers and smartphone are ubiquitous – helping us connect throughout the day, at work and at home, on the road and even in the air. Technology provides new ways of doing business, and automation helps everyone in the workplace do more with less. Over time, today's dismissive attitude becomes tomorrow's normal, even necessary.

Automation is prevalent in the workplace today, helping employees get more done – and helping employers and local governments save time, money, and hassle while providing even better services for your customers.

## Governments overworked

It's no secret that local governments are being stretched thin. In fact, 40 percent of local government employees report feeling overworked and exhausted on a daily basis. The sad reality is that as local budgets have shrunk, the need for local services has grown.

Enter the power of automation.

Automation can take care of the mundane tasks that eat up your employee's time and efforts, freeing them up to work more efficiently and effectively. When they're doing more rewarding work, you'll see the benefits – increased productivity, stronger work performance, improved morale, and most importantly, better results for your government services.

## Benefits for governments and taxpayers

Think of the time and brainpower spent each day on the mundane tasks at your office: processing checks, entering data, filling out and submitting forms, etc. Automation can take care of those tasks, giving your employees more time and incentive to focus on the bigger picture that will change your local government's fortunes, from economic development and capital improvements to stronger budgets and special projects.

Technology now makes it possible, even easy, to automate these tasks. Eliminate the need for paper forms, processing and interpreting handwritten forms, and tracking who has and has not paid. An online portal securely stores taxpayer data while auto-calculating amounts due, including penalties and interest for late filings. Your employees will face less stress, time, and hassle to get the payments your government is owed. Taxpayers appreciate not having to wait in long lines and go through cumbersome paperwork.

Automation also offers your community a unique way to connect with residents and businesses. It's more than paying bills or fines online – you can use this software to apply for various permits and licenses, report issues (potholes, malfunctioning traffic lights, etc.), or find out the latest news and updates from Village or City Hall such as the upcoming ribbon festival or concert at the park. Residents not only will appreciate fewer headaches, they'll be more informed and engaged.

## Overcoming obstacles

One of the hesitations with technological advancements and automation is: How do I know this will work? Sometimes, it doesn't. And you need to be prepared for that.

Employees can push back on automating the workplace. Frequent training seminars can help them better understand how the technology works, why it's beneficial – and most importantly, how they will mesh with it.

Your community needs to understand the new way of doing business. Consistent, focused and clear communication is essential. Informational campaigns and town hall meetings can help answer their questions and get them on board. If users are struggling to understand how to use the new technology, a kiosk and having someone available to assist and answer questions would solve many of those problems. You could also partner with other local governments for joint seminars centered on automation.

Some people distrust technology, and prefer to have their information and finances handled by humans. It's critical that you clearly explain how their taxpayer data is

collected, stored and protected, and how the technology is safer and more secure than human collection. It will take time, vigilance and reassurance every time a data breach hits the news, but you will earn their trust.

Regardless of the benefits, some will be adamantly opposed to automation. You can hold automation workshops and public meetings to walk them through each step of the process, providing detailed explanations. The more assurance you can provide upfront that you've planned for the worst-case scenario, the more persuasive you will be that automation is the best path forward in your community.

Automation works: in our daily lives, at home, and in the workplace. Every day, new technology is developed to make workflows easier, more reliable, and less consuming of our valuable time and resources. With the right partner and the right software, automation could be the best hiring decision you've ever made.

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## IGFOA Member Social Event at the GFOA Conference in Saint Louis at Kemoll's on Monday, May 7

Are you attending the 2018 national GFOA Annual Conference in Saint Louis? If so, plan to gather at Kemoll's Monday, May 7 between 6:30 pm and 10:30 pm for hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Kemoll's is at 211 North Broadway, Saint Louis, within walking distance of the America's Center Convention Complex.

This IGFOA social event is an excellent opportunity to catch up with colleagues and friends and network with other Illinois government finance professionals. IGFOA members and their guests (age 21 and over) are invited to attend at no cost. Please sign-in and register at <http://www.igfoa.org/events/event/520/1/igfoa-member-social-reception-at-gfoa-national-conference>

# Volunteer Spotlight



## Jon Beckmann

**Superintendent  
of Finance and  
Administration,  
Waukegan Park District**

**IGFOA Professional  
Education Committee  
(PEC)**

"I was never all that involved in groups in college, but this is totally different," says Jon Beckmann, an IGFOA member since 2014. "Getting involved with an organization like IGFOA is how finance professionals learn more and grow their careers. At the same time, you know you're making a difference for others in your field."

"IGFOA has taught me to be more aware of what's going on in the field, and has given me valuable relationships with people I can call with a question," he continues. "For a new member, even handing out flyers at a conference is a great way to meet people."

Seeking a way to volunteer, Jon started by putting together payroll trainings with PEC. He has since worked on HR and Workers' Compensation, and assists with the Pension Institute. "I've enjoyed organizing speakers, setting agendas and learning objectives, and moderating," he says. "I appreciate the opportunity to lend a hand, and I know the committee chair and staff understand when I say I can't take something on right now. They're happy to find something that fits what I'm looking for."

Jon has undergraduate degrees in both Finance and Insurance Risk Management, and an MBA with a focus on organization development and strategic leadership. During his school years, he worked at his local park district. "Right out of college I worked in corporate finance, but I missed parks and recreation. So I left that sector and put it all together in park district finance," he explains. A recent project was construction of a \$9.5 million indoor aquatic center, and next up is a \$9.7 million outdoor pool/administration center. "I enjoy the challenge of working with these projects while staying fiscally responsible," he says.

In his spare time, Jon is busy with an eight-month old baby and fundraising for youth recreation scholarships.



## Partner Appreciation & Volunteer Recognition

On May 17, 2018, IGFOA will once again host its **Partner Appreciation/Volunteer Recognition event**. If you are both a Partner and a volunteer, register as a volunteer!

When: Thursday, May 17, 2018

Where: Cantigny Park – Red Oak Room, 27W270 Mack Road, Wheaton

Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

What: Networking, appetizers, cocktails, program, and more networking!

### IGFOA appreciates its Partners!

IGFOA will recognize all Sustaining and Associate Partners for their contributions to the Association. As a reminder, exhibitor booth selection in the Annual Conference Vendor Showcase will open to Associate Partners at the start of the Partner Appreciation event. See [Associate Partners](#) on page 6 and [Sustaining Partners](#) on page 8 of this *Dispatch*.

### IGFOA recognizes its Volunteers!

IGFOA will honor all IGFOA members who volunteer their time and expertise to the benefit of the Association. This includes Chapter Board Officers and Regional Coordinators, Committee and Task Force members, speakers for seminars and webinars, Annual Conference volunteers including speakers, moderators, registration desk assistants, CPE monitors and anyone else who has given their time and talent to IGFOA.

**Partner Appreciation registration:** Sustaining Partners receive two complimentary registrations and Associate Partners receive one complimentary registration.

Additional registrations are \$35. Please [RSVP](#) and register additional guests at <http://www.igfoa.org/events/event/535/1/igfoa-partner-appreciation-reception>

**Volunteer Recognition:** Registrations are complimentary for IGFOA volunteers but please [RSVP](#) at <http://www.igfoa.org/events/event/549/1/igfoa-volunteer-recognition-reception>

## Call for volunteers!

The IGFOA could not accomplish so much without its dedicated volunteers. If you are considering becoming more involved in IGFOA, check out these opportunities.

**Downstate Chapter Board:** The Downstate Chapter is seeking enthusiastic, public sector members interested in becoming more involved in Chapter activities and leadership by serving as a Member-at-Large on the Board. The Downstate Chapter is also seeking either public sector or Partner members to serve as Regional Coordinators for the Central, Quad Cities, or Southern Regions. To learn more, contact Molly Talkington, Chapter President, [molly.talkington@cityofdekalb.com](mailto:molly.talkington@cityofdekalb.com)

**Professional Education Committee:** Looking for a way to exercise your creativity? PEC is seeking a volunteer to work with PEC and IGFOA staff to begin a marketing program for PEC events. No experience necessary; just enthusiasm to get the word out on PEC training events. For more information contact Rachel Musiala, PEC Chair, [rachel.musiala@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:rachel.musiala@hoffmanestates.org)

## IGFOA Associate Partners

Many thanks to the IGFOA Associate Partners for their continuing support and collaboration.

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Tyler Technologies, Inc.  
Wells Fargo  
Zions Bank  
  
Learn more about the IGFOA  
Partners program at  
[www.igfoa.org/membership](http://www.igfoa.org/membership)

## New Associate Partners – 2018

The Horton Group  
Ice Miller LLP  
Invoice Cloud  
John Kasperek Co., Inc.  
Piper Jaffray & Co.  
Seldon Fox  
Wells Fargo

## New Individual Members – 2018

BerryDunn  
Commerce Bank  
Information Services Group  
Stifel  
World Data Systems

## New Public Sector Members

Mary Ann Denning, Accounting Manager, City of Carbondale  
Agnes Podbial, Financial Accounting Specialist, City of Des Plaines  
Deborah Johnson, Director of Finance & Administrative Services, City of Kewanee  
Jeff Fiegenschuh, City Manager, City of Rochelle  
Allison Knox, Accountant, City of Rockford  
De'Anna Larsen, Accountant, City of Rockford  
Allyse Schiller, Finance Supervisor, Fountaindale Public Library District  
Ron Salski, Executive Director, Lake Bluff Park District  
Michele Slav, Finance Manager, Lake County  
Illiana De La Rosa, Finance Manager, Park District of Oak Park  
Karen Dylak, Budget/Internal Control Manager, Rockford Park District  
Victoria Montbriand, Accountant, Village of Addison  
Rennie Melarkey, Financial Analyst, Village of Elk Grove  
Anne Marrin, Village Administrator, Village of Fox Lake  
Neringa Shapiro, Billing Coordinator, Village of Glencoe  
Olga Golubeva, Interim Senior Accountant, Village of Oak Park  
Karen Plaza, Finance Director, Village of Pingree Grove  
Linda Mennenga, Accounting Specialist, Village of Rantoul  
Angie Schultz, Finance Manager, Village of Rantoul  
Emily Voellinger, Accounting Specialist, Village of Swansea  
Brent Woods, Village Administrator, Village of Willow Springs  
Larisa Freimanis, Accountant, Village of Wilmette  
Troy Wayland, Accountant, Village of Wilmette

See details on the IGFOA Partner Appreciation Event on page 5



## Carla Harris announced as Conference 2nd General Session Keynote speaker

IGFOA is pleased to announce its 2nd General Session Keynote Speaker: Carla Harris, Vice Chairman of Wealth Management and Senior Client Advisor, Morgan Stanley.

Ms. Harris was Chair of the Morgan Stanley Foundation from 2005 to 2014 and sits on the boards of several community organizations. In August 2013, Ms. Harris was appointed by President Barack Obama to chair the National Women's Business Council. Ms. Harris joined Morgan Stanley in 1987 after completing an AB in Economics from Harvard University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.



# IGFOA offers a variety of training opportunities

## GAAP Update for Illinois Governments – Webinar

**Thursday, March 22, 10:00 am – Noon**  
(Note the webinar is two hours)

How do the latest GASB pronouncements impact Illinois local governments? Build on generic GAAP Update presentations by joining Lisa Parker, Senior Project Manager, GASB, and Fred Lantz, Partner in Charge, Government Services, Sikich LLP for a webinar on March 22, 2018 from 10:00 am – Noon. The webinar includes a detailed discussion of new GASB pronouncements followed by hands-on case studies to learn how the pronouncements will impact governments in Illinois. Register at <http://www.igfoa.org/events/event/496/1/gaap-update-for-illinois-governments-webinar>

## Downstate Chapter – Central Region: Half-Day Professional Development

**Wednesday, March 28, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm**  
Normal IL

Are you located near Central Illinois? The Downstate Chapter – Central Region is sponsoring a half day of professional education at the Town of Normal, City Hall. Three timely and relevant topics are on the program. Participants will earn approximately 4.0 CPE credit hours.

- ▶ Prepping for the World of Tomorrow: Automation in Local Government
- ▶ Impact of GASB Statement No. 87, Leases
- ▶ Regulatory (and Other) Changes Impacting the Municipal Bond Market

For more information and to register, go to <http://www.igfoa.org/events/event/531/1/downstate-chapter-central-region-professional-education-training>

### **\*New! \$25 Student rate for Basic Governmental Accounting Seminar:**

The IGFOA is offering a special rate of \$25 to full-time students enrolled in an accredited university. To register or for more information, email [execdir@igfoa.org](mailto:execdir@igfoa.org).

## Joint Event by Downstate ILCMA and IGFOA/Growth and Engagement Network – Workforce of the Future

**April 27, 9:30 – 2:00 pm**  
Bloomington/Normal Marriott Hotel

Are you Ready for the Workforce of the Future? Speaker Patrick Ibarra, Mejorando Group, will lead this interactive workshop where participants will learn the 8-step approach to becoming a talent-centric organization. The workshop will include progressive and practical strategies and tools to attract, retain, and optimize talent. Learn more and register at <http://www.igfoa.org/events/event/544/1/igfoa-gen-downstate-ilcma-workforce-of-the-future>

## IGFOA Utility Billing Seminar – Call for Regional Host Sites

On Wednesday, June 13, IGFOA will host the Utility Billing Regional Webinar. If your community would like to serve as a host site, please contact the IGFOA at 630-942-6587 or [info@igfoa.org](mailto:info@igfoa.org).

Each regional site is asked to provide:

- ▶ Conference or training room with capacity of at least 20
- ▶ Phone line with speaker phone
- ▶ Reliable high-speed internet access
- ▶ Laptop, projector, and screen
- ▶ Coffee and water for participants
- ▶ Coordinate the delivery of lunch for attendees, cost to reimbursed by IGFOA

Your site will also need a moderator to guide participants through group discussions on utility billing topics. The moderator from your government entity will receive a complimentary registration.

## Other IGFOA “Don’t Miss” Opportunities

Friday, April 6: South Metro Chapter Lunch & Learn – Property Valuation & Data Collection: Knowledge is Savings  
Balagio of Mokena

Thursday, April 12 – Control is Everything: Building a Strong System on Internal Controls in Your government (NIU Naperville)

Friday, April 20 – CPFO Exam (am & pm)  
Vernon Hills Village Hall

Monday, May 7 – IGFOA Member Social Reception at the national GFOA Conference  
Kemoll’s, St. Louis

Thursday, May 17 – Partner Appreciation/Volunteer Recognition Event  
Cantigny Park, Wheaton

Thursday, May 24 – Downstate Chapter Rock River Region Lunch & Learn  
Tavern on Clark, Rockford

Thursday, May 31 – Basic Governmental Accounting \$25 Student Rate\*  
Wyndham Springfield

Thursday, May 31 – CPFO Exam (pm ONLY)  
Wyndham Springfield

### **Save the date**

Tuesday, May 29 – Chicago Metro Chapter Lunch & Learn

Wednesday & Thursday, June 20 & 21 – Illinois Government Finance Professionals’ Academy 2  
Hyatt Place Champaign

Wednesday, June 27 – Quad-Cities Lunch & Learn

**Details at [igfoa.org](http://igfoa.org)**

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