

Illinois Government Finance Officers Association
Technical Accounting Review Committee
Thursday, February 25, 2010 10:00 am
Location: NIU / Naperville

Members Present:

Linda Abernethy, McGladrey & Pullen LLP
David Farmer, McGladrey & Pullen LLP
Melissa Gallagher, City of Rolling Meadows
Irwin Lyons, Miller, Cooper & Co Ltd.

Members Absent:

Fred Lantz, Sikich LLP
Bonnie McLeod, Lake County Forest Preserve
Susan Coletta, City of Waukegan
James Spice, City of Kankakee
Rita Trainor, Wheaton Park District
Christine Torres, Crowe Horwath LLC
Justin VanVooren, Village of Sugar Grove
Kelly Zabinski, Zabinski Consulting Services
Sherry Lauterbach, Lauterbach & Amen LLP
James Savio, Sikich LLP
Jamie Wilkey, Lauterbach & Amen LLP
Barbara Ramsey, Champaign Unit 4
Tim Sloth, Gurnee Park District
Tom Kuehne, Village of Arlington Heights, Board Liaison

Guests: None

AGENDA

Old Business:

1. Discussion of Position/White Paper on Statement No. 54 – *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, Effective date: For periods beginning after June 15, 2010

NOTES: The members discussed the position paper written by Linda Abernathy and David Farmer. Fred Lantz offered excellent feedback (please see attached). Rita Trainor also offered comments via email (please see attached). The committee discussed the following:

- § Developing a bulletin board/blog on the TARC webpage for members to access, ask their questions on GASB 54 and receive responses. Send Melissa Gallagher an email if you are interested in fielding some of these responses.

- § Incorporating in the introduction as to what reporting entities GASB 54 will impact
- § Expanding the Appendix to include a question/answer and example area. TARC will need assistance from the members on this one.
- § Defining the term “substantial” as GASB 54 does not explicitly define it. After a lengthy discussion, members agreed that a table might be useful in helping users further their understanding without providing authoritative guidance.
- § Continuing the 2/3rd majority vote section on page two. Members reviewed GASB 54 in detail and agreed as Linda writes in the updated article, “The level of action required will vary from government to government but should include legislation that can only be overturned by new legislation requiring the same type of voting consensus.”
- § Incorporating specific information on the flow assumption and how it relates to TIFs. Irwin Lyons will be drafting information on the split of the revenue source such as TIFs.
- § Incorporating a check list at the end. Let TARC know if a checklist is useful.
- § Linda Abernathy and Irwin Lyons will forward the article to the ICPAS.
- § The paper will be posted on the IGFOA member page under TARC.
- § TARC will post a link to entities who have early implemented and policies that have been developed for GASB 54.
- § TARC members not present at the 2/25 TARC meeting are invited to comment on the attached paper. Please submit your comments to TARC by March 31, 2010.
- § A special note of thanks TARC goes to Linda Abernathy and David Farmer for their work and continued revisions.
- § **AFTER MEETING NOTE:** Tom Kuhne, TARC Board Liaison, will forward to the GFOA for review and comment.

1. Set 2010 Quarterly Meeting Dates and Locations – *The May meeting date is to be determined.*

May 2010	Date/Location – to be determined
August 12, 2010	Location – to be determined
November 12, 2010	Location – to be determined

New Business:

1. Discussion of GASB Exposure Draft

a. Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements (Comment Deadline: July 31, 2010) (Exposure Draft) January 29, 2010

NOTES: The committee members agreed with the GASB proposal for Codification of Accounting and Financing Reporting Guidance in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AIPCA Pronouncements. Members present at the meeting do not express any changes to the proposal. Members would like to respond by expressing their agreement in reducing the need to rely on sources outside of the GASB's literature is advantageous to those who prepare and audit financial statements or for reference for state and local governments.

We will continue this on the agenda until the next meeting to ensure other TARC members add their responses. If anyone has responses prior to the May meeting please email Melissa Gallagher. Once all comments are received Melissa Gallagher will prepare this response, circulate the response to TARC and then submit to GASB.

2. IGFOA Fall Conference

NOTES: IGFOA is asking TARC to present one or two sessions at the fall IGFOA conference – one intermediate and one advanced. TARC members discussed an intermediate session to cover “intangible assets” (Summary of Statement No. 51 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets*) and an advanced session to include “commonly missed areas in financial reporting” (capitalized interest, refunding/split, easements and other topics). We will need contributors to these sessions. Please respond to TARC with your thoughts by March 15, 2010.

Both sessions would be 45 minutes and set up as a panel discussion. TARC is looking for volunteers by mid-April.