

ILLINOIS GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Thursday, June 1, 2006

I. Call to Order

President Kathryn Booth called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM.

II Roll Call

Executive Board Members Present:

President – Kathryn Booth

President Elect – Bob Fialkowski

Vice President – Mark Nannini

Past President – Brian Caputo

Secretary – Rita A. Trainor

Treasurer – Dallas Whitford

Member at Large– Peg Hartnett

Member at Large–Tom Kuehne

Member at Large-Kathy Carr (*via teleconference*)

Chicago Metro Chapter Representative – Sue Griffin

South Metro Chapter Representative – Bob Sterkowitz

Associate Representative – Fred Lantz

Executive Board Members Absent:

Downstate Chapter Representative – Ron Eldridge

GFOA State Representative – Mary Dankowski

IGFOA Staff Present:

Executive Director – Marianne Shank

III Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Dallas Whitford, seconded by Mark Nannini to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

IV Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2006

A motion was made by Peg Hartnett, seconded by Sue Griffin to approve. Motion passed.

V President's Report

President Booth turned to Brian Caputo to lead a discussion of the Executive Director's agreement. Brian explained that he has been working on the agreement for 1 ½ years. Brian circulated a draft version of the agreement, a list of proposed revisions there to and a table that provided an overview of significant points of the proposed contract, the terms of the original letter of agreement, the current practice and notes thereto. Considerable discussion was held regarding the various points and Brian agreed to incorporate discussion into the work and proceed with developing the agreement and to bring it back to the board for approval.

VI Executive Director's Report

A discussion was held regarding staff participation in the IMRF pension plan. There is not a opportunity to get Ruth on the IMRF plan and if a new director were to come on board, we would probably establish a defined contribution plan, not a defined benefits plan for them. The issue that is a potential sticking point in the current situation is the difficulty, or rather the significant cost in providing disability coverage for Ruth. An individual policy is very expensive. However in attempting to explore the possibility of providing comparable benefits for Ruth to those offered to Marianne, who is in the IMRF plan, disability benefits would need to be provided.

Rita Trainor moved and Mark Nannini seconded a motion that the IGFOA establish for/enroll Ruth Limpers in a defined contribution plan, with the IGFOA providing a match of up to 5% of her salary. Discussion was held and a vote conducted, all were in favor of the motion.

There was further discussion on the disability coverage issue and a suggestion was made to gather information on what was done for Marianne previously. Bob Fialkowski will get options and costs for both 401k and disability coverage.

Marianne explained that IGFOA staff will be putting more time in over the summer to get all the operational policies in one place. The Executive Board handbook is being worked on and will hopefully be online by the end of the summer.

VII Treasurer's Report

Dallas reported that the 990 has been filed. There was some discussion on how this report has been filed late several times and that perhaps a better method of reviewing it needs to be established. One suggestion made was that the financial review of the 990 could be performed by an ex-president and they could be given a stipend for the work, another suggestion was to have a retired auditor perform the same function. Fred Lantz, Kathryn Booth and Marianne Shank will follow up on this item.

VIII GFOA Representative Update

Mary Dankowski was not present, so no report was given.

IX IGFOA Chapter Representative Update

Sue Griffin reported that the Chicago Metro Chapter has 594 members. They have made a number of changes in the roles and responsibilities of the board members over the past year. They have been dealing with the same issues as IGFOA regarding membership and training and getting members involved and engaged. They are seeing that members have limited time and competing interests, as well as limited budgets.

They have found a good home with their luncheon events at Maggiano's. They host four meetings a year. A February/March hot topic; a networking day 8/4 and they are working with Mark Horton on the Gift Ban Act's impact; a legislative day on 10/20 and the holiday luncheon on 12/8. She had asked her board if they had any issues to bring to the state board and they had not indicated any. She did offer that the Chicago Metro is pricing their events to cover costs, not to make any money.

Bob Sterkowitz reported that the South Metro Chapter held a session on 4/7 on the Importance of Audit Committees and that a good discussion was held.

He discussed their upcoming events and handed out a flyer on the summer conference at Starved Rock on 8/10-8/11.

The Downstate Chapter representative was not present and Dallas had no additional information to report.

X Committee Chair Update

The Career Development committee is scheduled to meet next week.

The 2006 Conference committee report that the conference will be held 9/24-9/26 (Sunday-Tuesday) and that there will be three tracks: Management, Hot Topics and Accounting.

Also there have been conversations held with Peoria convention center about the possibility of them providing a stipend as the Springfield convention center had in the prior year. They had indicated that they were not willing to do so unless the IGFOA was willing to commit to an additional future year of holding the conference in Peoria. Marianne recommended to the board that this might not be in the association's best interests given the difficulties that we have experienced with the Peoria location. Normal and Champaign are possible sites for future conferences given some of the facilities that are being developed there.

Kathy Carr reported the retirement groups have been working on addressing Madigan's requests that the retirement plans not invest in anything that partakes in predatory lending practices.

The 1816 DROP proposal didn't pass in the Spring session, but is anticipated to come back in November. Galesburg, East Moline and Moline all engaged an actuary to determine what this proposal would cost them, should it pass. For these entities it would result in a 10% increase in the property tax levy.

The membership committee reported that the IML has indicated that they were more interested in having the IGFOA participate in the sessions than having a booth. The topics they wanted us to participate in were covering GASB 43 & 45

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for elected officials (9/29) and the latest and greatest in revenue management, particularly ones with new revenue sources.

They are also considering regional meetings where finance staff, both IGFOA and non-IGFOA members are invited and they give a short blitz on what IGFOA can provide and hit some hot topics (something to make their trip worthwhile).

Peg Hartnett reported that the TARC has developed the auditor's guide and is working up a Q&A on GASB 40, 43 & 45. They are also working on an hour long web cast on these topics, which is slated for mid-July.

The assistant's session was well attended, but they were disappointed that more of the director's didn't attend with their assistants.

Fred Lantz reported that the associate memberships are shrinking with the number of combinations that have occurred.

Mark Nannin moved and Tom Kuehne seconded a motion to adjourn. All in favor.