

IGFOA 2023 DOWNSTATE CHAPTER CONFERENCE

February 16-17, 2023

President Abraham Lincoln Springfield, A DoubleTree Hotel
701 East Adams Street, Springfield IL 62701

AGENDA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

9:30 – 10:00 AM **Check-in and Networking**

10:00 – 10:10 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Courtney Kouzmanoff, Financial Services Manager/Budget Officer, City of Champaign and Vice President, IGFOA Downstate Chapter

10:10 – 11:25 AM **Developing Your Team: Moving to the Next Level**

Speaker: Katy Rush, Vice President, GovHR USA

Explore practical suggestions on how to re-energize and raise the performance of your department with a focus on “connecting the people to their purpose.” Suggestions will go beyond attending to compensation, offering more training and engaging in more oversight. Learn about on-boarding, culture-building, and building excellence throughout your operations!

Learning Objectives: Participants completing this session will be able to:

- Assess your organization;
- Identify strategies and techniques that can move your organization forward; and
- Feel inspired and share your enthusiasm for your work.

CPE: About 1.5 hours **Field of Study:** Personal Development – Non-Technical **Level:** Overview

11:25 – 11:40 AM **Break**

11:40 AM – 12:30 PM **Smart Security for Smart Government: An Informational and Interactive Workshop**

Speaker: Heidi Leonard, Senior Vice President, Government & Institutional Banking, Regions Bank

Learn about current fraud strategies in banking and finance that are impacting local governments. Discover the role of a bank in the cyber fight, learn tips and resources to judge cyber preparedness, and take away some of the best practices in cyber security.

Learning Objectives: Participants completing this session will be able to:

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- Understand cyber security prevention from a bank’s perspective;
- Learn how local governments can arm themselves against the latest fraud strategies in the marketplace; and
- Look at cybersecurity and fraud prevention from a practical perspective, working through an interactive scorecard to get your organization’s cyber-score, and discuss ways to tighten gaps in cyber security.

CPE: About 1.0 hours

Field of Study: Finance – Technical

Level: Overview

12:30 – 1:30 PM Networking Luncheon

1:30 – 3:20 PM Citizens Response to Active Shooter/Violent Incidents Events

Speakers: **Sergeant Steven Formenti**, Will County Sheriff’s Department

Deputy Jeff Jerz, Will County Sheriff’s Department

Recent national tragedies remind us that the risk is real; an active shooter incident can happen in any place at any time. Mass shootings start and end very quickly; first responders often cannot get to a scene in time. Sixty-three percent of active shooter events are concluded by the 15-minute mark, either by police action or by suspect suicide. The best ways to make sure you and your loved ones stay safe are to prepare ahead of time and be ready. Taking a few steps now and mentally rehearsing what to do can help you react quickly when every second counts.

Learning Objectives: Participants completing this session will be able to:

- Discuss statistics as they relate to active shooter events as well as other incidents that are causing mass casualties;
- Understand why advance preparation is essential;
- Develop a survival mindset; and
- Learn options on how to respond during an active shooter incident.

CPE: About 2.0 hours

Field of Study: Personal Development - Non-Technical and Personnel/Human Resources - Non-Technical

Level: Overview

3:20 – 3:30 PM Break

3:30 – 4:45 PM Legislative Update

Speakers: **Brad Cole**, Executive Director, Illinois Municipal League (IML)
William D. McCarty II, Director – Office of Budget and Management, City of Springfield, IGFOA Past President and Legislative Committee Chair

This session will provide participants with an update on State legislative matters relevant to Illinois local governments.

Learning Objectives: Participants completing this session will be able to:

- Gain knowledge of new Illinois Public Acts significantly affecting local governments;

- Understand pending Illinois General Assembly legislative proposals that may significantly affect local governments; and
- Explore recent developments in proposed legislation.

CPE: About 1.5 hours **Field of Study:** Business Law – Technical **Level:** Update

4:45 – 5:00 PM **Open Discussion/Q&A**
Courtney Kouzmanoff, Financial Services Manager/Budget Officer, City of Champaign and Vice President, IGFOA Downstate Chapter

5:30 – 7:30 PM **Networking Dinner at Saputo’s Restaurant**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023

8:00 – 8:50 AM **Breakfast**

8:50 – 9:00 AM **Announcements**
Sandy Evans, Director of Finance, City of O’Fallon and Past President, IGFOA Downstate Chapter

9:00 – 10:15 AM **GATA Talk – What’s New with GATA**
Speaker: Lori Beeler, CPA, CGMS, Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit Director, Illinois Governor's Office of Management and Budget

When it comes to grant requirements – GATA do it! This presentation will focus on GATA enhancements shaped by stakeholder feedback and changes in federal guidance. Hear how input from local governments and others are simplifying forms and workflows to improve how Illinois carries out grant requirements.

***Learning Objectives:** Participants completing this session will be able to:*

- Understand revisions to GATA due to 2020 revision to 2 CFR 200;
- Determine if your government is required to report under GATA;
- Understand the revised audit requirements under GATA;
- Develop an understanding of the enhancements electronic filing system (portal) for GATA; and
- Gain a basic understanding of the various deadlines and due dates applicable to Illinois municipalities.

CPE: About 1.5 hours **Field of Study:** Accounting (Governmental) – Technical **Level:** Overview

10:15 – 10:30 AM **Break**

10:30 – 11:45 AM **Cost Savings and Revenue Optimization for your Organization**
Speakers: Michelle Binns, Senior Managing Consultant, PFM Asset Management

David Cook, Executive Director, IPBC
Rachel Culp, Enterprise Fleet Management
Alyssa Hynes, Enterprise Fleet Management
Jason Perry, President, Azavar Government Solutions

Join four knowledgeable and experienced IGFOA Partners as they share practical information on how you can optimize revenues and/or cost savings in local government operations.

Azavar Government Solutions - Discover how to adapt new revenue streams while safeguarding your community.

Enterprise Fleet Management - Determine the impact of leasing and effective vehicle management on an originations budget.

IPBC - Learn how to mitigate the costs of medical insurance...your #2 operating expense.

PFM Asset Management - Explore the current investment markets and review key strategies that municipalities can implement to help maximize potential investment income in this new rate environment.

Learning Objectives: *Participants completing this session will be able to:*

- ***Azavar Government Solutions*** - Learn about new streams of revenue – i.e. Cable Streaming Tax
- ***Enterprise Fleet Management*** - Maximize the impact of capital via leasing and reduce the total cost of ownership while creating operational efficiencies.
- ***IPBC*** - Understand the options for helping to keep medical costs lower and to budget for future years.

PFM Asset Management - Learn how to make the most of higher interest rates to maximize investment income for your municipality.

CPE: About 1.5 hours

Field of Study: Finance – **Technical Level:** Overview

11:45 AM – NOON

Open Discussion and Closing Remarks

Sandy Evans, Director of Finance, City of O'Fallon and
Past President, IGFOA Downstate Chapter

NOON – 12:45 PM

Luncheon with the IGFOA Executive Board