

IGFOA Professional Education Committee Academy Team presents:

**Illinois Government Finance Academy I:
Introduction to Government Finance Webinar Series
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 - Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Speaker Bios**

Christina Coyle, Director of Finance, City of Elmhurst

Christina Coyle became the Director of Finance for the City of Elmhurst in February 2022. She oversees the City's \$200 million annual budget, accounting, financial reporting, and financial planning. Prior to joining the City, Christina was the Assistant Finance Director and subsequently the Finance Director at the Village of Glen Ellyn, where she worked for 10 years. Previously, Christina was a government Audit Manager at Baker Tilly, LLP. Christina serves as Chair of IGFOA's Technical Accounting Review Committee (TARC) and is a Certified Public Accountant. She graduated from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, with a double-major in Finance and French.

RuthAnne K. Hall, CPPO, Purchasing Manager, Lake County

RuthAnne K. Hall, CPPO, has worked in municipal and county government for 22 years, serving as the Purchasing Manager for Lake County since 2011. As Purchasing Manager, RuthAnne oversees a staff of purchasing officers and contract administrator that procures over \$250 million annually on various goods, contracted services, construction and professional services for various county departments and independently elected officials. RuthAnne is the President of the Midwest Association of Public Procurement (MAPP), has served as a Board Member for the Illinois Association of Public Procurement Officials (IAPPO), is an active member the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), and has participated as a member of the Standard Setting Panel for the NIGP-CPP. RuthAnne is a member of IGFOA's Professional Education Committee where she advises on and provides purchasing training to finance professionals. RuthAnne is a graduate of Augustana College in Illinois and holds a MS degree from Columbia University in New York.

Elizabeth Holleb, CPA, Finance Director and Treasurer, City of Lake Forest

Elizabeth Holleb is the Finance Director and Treasurer for the City of Lake Forest, Illinois, having joined the City staff in June of 2012. She is a Certified Public Accountant with more than 30 years of work experience in municipal finance. Previous employers include the Government Finance Officers Association, the Village of Northbrook, the Village of Oak Park and the City of Highland Park. Elizabeth has a BS in Accounting from Ball State University, where she was a Cum Laude graduate of the Honors College.

In January 2020, Elizabeth was appointed by Governor Pritzker to the Illinois Police Officers Pension Investment Fund Transition Board as a Municipal Representative and was subsequently elected to the Permanent Board effective January 2021. Elizabeth is the Vice-President of the IGFOA Executive Board, a member of the GFOA Education Advisory Council, and a member of the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency's Board of Directors. She has previously served on the IGFOA Chicago Metro Chapter Board and the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund Board of Trustees.

Frederick G. Lantz, CPA, Director, Government Services, Sikich LLP

Frederick G. Lantz, a Certified Public Accountant, is Director of Government Services at Sikich, LLP. He is responsible for providing technical services to Sikich's clients in all areas of governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, budget development, revenue and expenditure forecasting, and cash and debt management. Prior to joining Sikich, Fred was an assistant director for the Technical Services Center of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), where he was a nationally recognized expert in the state and local government industry. At GFOA, he managed the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program, providing governmental accounting, auditing and financial reporting guidance to state and local government officials and their auditors, and served as a liaison to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Fred is a member of the Illinois CPA Society, serving on the Governmental Report Review Committee; the IGFOA, serving on the Technical Accounting Review Committee; the Association of School Business Officers, serving as a panel review chair for the Certificate of Excellence Program; the GFOA serving on the Special Review Committee for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program; the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association.

Brian Nichols, Principal, Baker Tilly US, LLP

Brian Nichols is a Principal in Baker Tilly's Risk Advisory and Cybersecurity Practice. He has close to 15 years of experience assisting clients with assessing their cybersecurity programs, defining program strategies, and implementing security solutions. He has worked for clients across a variety of industries, including financial services, healthcare, state and local governments, higher education, retail, and transportation. He holds various certifications, including his Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US).

Julie Zolghadr, Budget Division Manager, City of Springfield

Julie Zolghadr has been a member of the budget staff for the City of Springfield since 1989 and has served as the budget division manager since 1995. Her division oversees the activities of 12 city agencies with a total annual budget of approximately \$260M across 40 funds. The division reviews all spending documents, personnel transactions, pending legislation, and provides key support to the City's labor relations function through analyzing collective bargaining economic requests.

Julie is a regular presenter for IGFOA, Illinois Municipal League, Illinois Municipal Clerks Association, Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association, and the Illinois Association of County Board Members. Most recently, she served as a presenter for the June 2022 Austin Texas national GFOA convention where she spoke to the looming issue of what happens after ARPA. She is an advocate of making budget information not only accessible to the public but also easily understandable to all citizen stakeholders.