

IGFOA Professional Education Committee Support Staff Team presents:

New to Government Finance: The Essentials – January 25, 2024

Speaker Bios

Bill Hannah, Director of Finance, City of St. Charles

Bill Hannah has worked in the field of government finance and local government for 28 years. Currently, Bill serves as Director of Finance for the City of St. Charles, Illinois, a position he has held since January, 2022. Prior to this position, Bill served as Finance Director/Treasurer for the Village of North Aurora, Illinois for 16 years. Bill also worked for the City of Wheaton for 4 years and the Village of Barrington for 7 years in various finance, budget and administrative functions.

Bill graduated from Northern Illinois University in De Kalb in 1996 with a Master of Public Administration (MPA). He graduated from Illinois Benedictine College in 1994 with a major in Business Economics. Bill maintains a Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) designation from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Bill is an active member of GFOA, IGFOA and other organizations and has been a frequent speaker and instructor on various topics including governmental accounting, revenues, budgeting, pensions, and other related topics. Bill previously was chair of IGFOA's Technical Accounting Review Committee (TARC), served on the IGFOA Executive Board for 6 years, and was President of IGFOA during 2019-20. Bill also served as a budget reviewer for GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Panel for 14 years.

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 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.

Rita Kruse, CPA, Finance Director, City of Geneva

Rita Kruse has been the Finance Director for the City of Geneva since 2015 and is a licensed CPA. Rita's career path in local government includes the Village of Downers Grove, Village of Addison, and Batavia Park District. Rita is also an IGFOA Past President and currently sits on the IGFOA Ruth Limpers' Scholarship Fund committee. Rita earned her MPA from Northern Illinois University.

Frederick Lantz, CPA, Director, Sikich LLP

Frederick Lantz, a Certified Public Accountant, is a Director at Sikich, LLP. In his 30+ years with Sikich he provided technical services 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; the IGFOA, serving on both the Technical Accounting Review Committee and the Professional Education Committee; the Association of School Business Officers; 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.