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**Today's Objectives**
- Share information about GFOA;
- Resources that are available
- Food for thought

**Topics**
- Major Trends and Changes in Our Professional World
- Background on GFOA
- Structure, Mission, Committees, Staff
- Professional Development
- Membership and Benefits
- Intervention at the National Level
- Us as Leaders in Our Organizations

**Major Trends and Changes in Our Professional World**
- Significant changes
- Leadership and advisor
- Financial police officer to strategic business partner
- Activities to Decision Support
- Sustainability to Resilience

**Background on GFOA**
- 1906 U.S. and Canada
- 18,000 members
- Keep us informed
- Leadership role finance issues and topics
- Respond to changes on the horizon

**Structure, Mission, Committees, Staff**
- 18 member board
- 7 committees
- Best practices and advisories
**Professional Development**
- Live training sessions
- Webinars
- Immersion Training
- E-Learning coming - interactive
- Annual Conference
  - First 50 and first time attendees
- AGFI
- CPFO
- GFR Magazine

**Membership and Benefits**
- Open to everyone – finance
- GFOA staff
- Technical Services Center
- Research and Consulting
- Gates Grant – K-12 & CC
- Awards Programs
- Intervention national level

**As Leaders in Our Organizations**
- Bankruptcies
  - Call from Globe and Mail
- Recessions
- Personal Credibility Index
  - Bad news Bob
- Be visible
  - Bad news will they listen

**As Leaders in Our Organizations**
- It is not always the numbers
- Succession Planning is and is
- No matter how good we are it is constant continuous improvement
- The strength of our state organizations and GFOA

**www.gfoa.org**
- [http://www.gfoa.org/sites/default/files/u2/MembershipFeeSchedule.pdf](http://www.gfoa.org/sites/default/files/u2/MembershipFeeSchedule.pdf)
- Personal thoughts about our work
- I hope to see you next year in Philadelphia
  - May 31 – June 3