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Name Change, 2008 CSMFO Board Objectives, Administrative Services Support Change

Ballot Results for Proposed Name Change

On October 8, 2007 ballots were counted for the proposed name change from CSMFO to Cal-GFOA. Out of approximately 1,100 ballots sent out, 609, or just over 55%, were returned. 242 votes were in favor of changing the name to California Government Finance Officers Association. 367 votes were against changing the current name. In order to change the name 2/3rds of the votes cast needed to be in favor of the change.

were reviewed to determine experience in providing association administration, amount of resources that would be dedicated in providing services and cost.

At the October 3, 2007 Board meeting the Administration Committee recommended, and the Board approved, entering into a contract with DMH Management Services.

Thanks to the Administration Committee, comprised of Rob Burns, Joan Michaels

"242 votes were in favor of changing the name to California Government Finance Officers Association. 367 votes were against."

In this case the "No" votes won and our organization will continue to be called the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers.

Many thanks to the League staff and Janet Salvetti and Cathy Lucas of the City of Stockton for counting the ballots.

Administrative Services Support

Because of CSMFO's growth the
Board recognized a need for additional
professional administrative services. In
order to review all options the Board
approved issuing a Request for Proposal
to potential service providers. In August
2007 the Administration Committee sent
out a Request for Proposal to four vendors.
Three responses were received and they

Aguilar, Cathy Lucas, Stephen Dunn, Stephen Conway, Bob Biery, David Cain and Karen Brust, for all their hard work.

Please read the article in this issue from the Administration Committee that provides additional details about DMH Management Services.

CSMFO Board Objectives For 2008

On October 2, 2007 the annual CSMFO Board retreat was held at the Disneyland Hotel, which is the conference site for the 2008 annual conference.

The purpose of the annual retreat is for officers, directors and standing committees of CSMFO to plan the organizations objectives for the upcoming calendar year.

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President's Message, Continued from cover

The one-day retreat was very successful thanks to Karen Brust organizing the event and Don Maruska providing the facilitation.

The "Action Objectives" that will be the focus of the Board for 2008 are as follows:

1. Expand awareness of local government finance profession and CSMFO's value.

- 2. Engage commercial members effectively.
- 3. Enhance training.
- 4. Improve information exchange.
- 5. Broaden leadership on state actions and issues.
- 6. Enhance execution and accountability.
- 7. Attract talent into the profession.

- Brad Grant

City of Merced, Finance Officer 2007 CSMFO President



Pictured above are the participants who attended the CSMFO Board retreat.

Pictured: Front row-l to r; Teri Anticevich, Thomas Fil, Viki Copeland, Laura Nomura,

Paula Chamberlain, Janet Salvetti,
Margaret Moggia & Mark Moses. Second
row-l to r; Bob Biery, Ronnie Campbell,
Gina Schuchard, Cindy Guziak, Carolyn
Dominguez, Christy Pinuelas, Joan
Michaels-Aguilar & Steve Chapman. Third
row – l to r; Don Maruska, Rob Burns,
Cathy Lucas, John Adams, David Cain,
Dennis Danner & Brad Grant.

Not pictured: Mark Alvarado, Scott Johnson, Chu Thai, Agnes Walker, Pauline Marx, Debbie Michel, Sandra Schmidt & Pamela Arends- King.



2008 CSMFO Annual Conference

CSMFO CONFERENCE 2008

Tuesday, March 4 - Friday, March 7, 2008

Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim California

"Hope" is not a topic that you commonly see in conference programs or hear discussed in the hallways outside the meeting rooms. However, you have an exciting opportunity waiting for you at the annual conference in Anaheim.

Andrew Razeghi will present ideas from his book, *Hope, How Triumphant Leaders Create the Future*, at the closing session of the conference on Friday, March 7th. Be sure to make your travel plans accordingly to ensure that you can stay for this inspiring presentation.

Here are what a few people have to say about Andrew and his book:

"If you want to know what it takes to believe – to hope- when no one else does, read this book."

- LANCE ARMSTRONG, cancer survivor and Tour de France champion

"Andrew Razeghi convinces us all that hope is a mighty power and when wisely used can bring great results. Don't miss this splendid book!"

> KEN BLANCHARD, Co-author The One-Minute Manager® and The Secret

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 JAMES BELASCO, Ph.D., coauthor of the best selling books: Teaching The Elephant to Dance, Flight of the Buffalo and Soaring With The Phoenix; Executive Director, Knowledge Dialogue

"This book has guts. In Hope, Andrew Razeghi courageously dives head first into an unexplored virtue that quietly makes successful people tick."

- PAUL ORFALEA, Kinko's founder and author of Copy This!

"Andrew Razeghi has done a fantastic job of using a wide variety of real life success stories to illustrate the power of hope. Hope offers an inspiring read to all.

JACK CAKEBREAD, chief executive, Cakebread Cellars

In addition, while you are planning for the conference, you may want to think about attending one of the pre-conference sessions we are offering: "Getting Things Off Your Mind and Getting Them Done – the Zen of In-Basket Maintenance" by The David Allen Company and "Reading People From the Outside In" by Dr. Harry Perdew. More about these next month!

— Viki Copeland, Co-Chair 2008 Host Committee

2008 CSMFO Annual Conference



Tuesday, March 4 – Friday, March 7, 2008 Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California



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Your 2008 CSMFO Annual Host Conference Committee is busily at work preparing for "The Wonderful World of Finance." We are honored to introduce you to this amazing group of volunteers:

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Mark your calendars now to attend the **2008 CSMFO Annual Conference**. Visit the CSMFO website at www.csmfo.org for hotel information. Disneyland Hotel reservations are open. Be sure to book your room now to ensure your stay at the happiest place on earth. Watch for additional information in months to come. We look forward to seeing you in Anaheim.

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Welcome CSMFO's New Administrative Services Team! DMH Management Services

CSMFO continues to reach new heights in its efforts to provide meaningful professional growth resources and opportunities for its members. As part of this effort, CSMFO evaluated its increasing complex need for professional administrative services and has hired DMH Management Services. DMH has been in business for more than 15 years and has over 10 years of association management and event planning experience. DMH will be utilizing this experience in providing CSMFO administrative support, financial management support, as well as, meeting and conference support.

Devon Hood will be the primary contact for CSMFO with services also provided by Allie Fuller and Dayna Lee. The DMH team is dedicated to helping CSMFO grow and expand its member services. Devon's commitment is reveled in her statement: "Our clients can count on us



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Devon's current and past clients include the Oregon Municipal Finance Officers Association, the Oregon Business Travel Association, and the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. CSMFO looks forward to this new business relationship as we strive for the next level.

The DMH team is dedicated to helping CSMFO grow and expand its member services.

CSMFO greatly appreciates the tremendous efforts of the League of California Cities and their staff over the last 27 years. The League's administrative support over the years has helped CSMFO reach its current professional status as a premier member association. CSMFO looks forward to a continued mutually beneficial relationship with the League in the years ahead.

DMH will begin servicing CSMFO members on December 1, 2007. Please continue to send your membership renewal payments to the League Office through November 30th.

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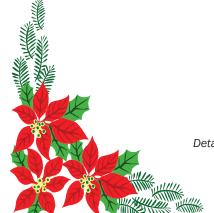
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Choice of Grilled Salmon
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Details and registration information will be mailed in early November.





Congratulations!

Carolyn Dominguez, Finance Manager for the city of San Luis Obispo, will retire on December 5, 2007. CSMFO would like to congratulate Carolyn on her many years of public service and thank her for all she has contributed to CSMFO!

A bit about Carolyn:

She began employment with the City of San Luis Obispo after 15 years with two Bakersfield CPA firms. Carolyn has been active with CSMFO since 1995, most recently serving on the Board of Directors. Carolyn is also Past-President of the Institute of Management Accounts.

Carolyn has been involved in public service off and on since she was twelve years old and volunteered at the library to read stories to children. At age 18 she enlisted in the Navy and met her husband, John, while stationed in San Francisco. She later worked as a relief dispatcher for the Atwater Police Department.

Carolyn and John have been married for forty years and have two fabulous sons and two wonderful grand children. They are looking forward to traveling and visiting family and friends.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, City of Pico Rivera. Salary: \$8,038

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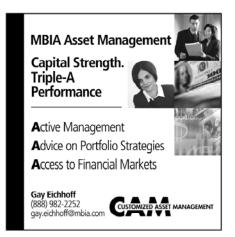
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