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## President's Message

Laura Nomura, *City of Riverside*



### WHAT A YEAR!!

I can't believe the time has come for me to pass the baton to the new leadership of CSMFO. At our upcoming 2013 Annual Conference in Oakland, California, I will present the gavel to Pauline Marx who will become our new President. Joining Pauline as President-Elect will be Pamela Arends-King, and two new Board Members, Joan Michaels Aguilar and Margaret Moggia.

Being the CSMFO President has been an amazing experience and will always be something that I cherish dearly. Having spent the last two years, as President-Elect and President, I have seen first-hand the tremendous work and dedication that goes into making CSMFO the great organization that it is today. There are so many dedicated members who commit time and energy: the Board of Directors, Committee Members; Chapter Chairs, and our League Policy Appointees. I am humbled to be associated with such an outstanding group of individuals.

In addition to our great volunteers noted above, we are fortunate to have a phenomenal Executive Director, Melissa Dixon, and her outstanding staff at Smith Moore & Associates. I would like to personally thank Melissa for the tremendous administrative support she provided me this past year. She always made sure I shined in my role as President... [Continue Reading](#)

## Executive Director's Message

Melissa Dixon, CAE



The CSMFO Annual Conference is almost upon us! I have it on good authority that this is shaping up to be the largest Northern California conference

CSMFO's ever seen. I, for one, cannot wait to be on-site at the Oakland Marriott to see our year's worth of planning finally come to fruition. I have to say, I am particularly excited for this year's Thursday night banquet. We're taking the convention center and creating a "Street Party"—complete with food trucks, street performers, caricature artists, even park benches and streetlamps to complete the "look". Remember to dress casual!

One of my favorite parts of the conference is that I get to meet so many of our wonderful attendees! I always feel, though, that I'm constantly running to some thing or other, and I never ... [Continue Reading](#)

## CSMFO 2013 Annual Conference

Pauline A. Marx, Chief Assistant Treasurer City and County of San Francisco

With the Superbowl now behind us, we can focus on the event that REALLY matters—the CSMFO 2013 Annual Conference!

As you must already know we will be in Oakland this year for our 53rd Annual Conference "California Finance...And All That Jazz". The conference is being held February 20–22, 2013, at the Oakland Marriott City Center. Online registration closes on February 5, 2013, but on-site registration will be available during the conference.

This will be the third conference that our organization has held in Oakland. Some of you may remember the 1979 conference (I am not one of them!). If anyone can tell us about that one or the 1969 Oakland conference, please share your recollections. ... [Continue Reading](#)



## COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Brent Mason,**  
*Finance Director/  
Treasurer, City of  
Riverside*

## CSMFO Annual Conference *California Finance...And All That Jazz*



**February 20-22, 2013**  
Marriott City  
Center Hotel and  
Convention Center  
**Oakland, CA**

### Highlights Include:

- Alan Milligan, *Chief Actuary, CalPERS*
- Michael Coleman, *League of California Cities' Principal Fiscal Policy Advisor*
- Tim Schaefer, *Founder and Principal Owner – Magis Advisors*
- Christopher Thornberg, *Founding Partner – Beacon Economics*
- 36 concurrent educational sessions
- Earn up to 18.5 CPEs
- Network with over 600 peers and vendors

## Chapter Chair Breakfast ~Reminder~

**CSMFO Annual Conference**  
– February 21, 2013

The CSMFO Chapter Chair Breakfast is an annual event that allows fellow Chapter Chairs to meet with one another and discuss Chapter operations, exchange thoughts and strategies, as well as meet their Board Liaisons for the coming year.

Breakfast will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2013, from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP by COB Friday, February 8, 2013 to [Chase Wymore](#).

## Career Center

**Buyer, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District**  
Salary Range \$4,838 – \$5,993/month  
Application Deadline: February 18, 2013

**Accountant, City of Montebello, CA**  
Salary Range \$3,976 – \$5,075/month  
Application Deadline: February 21, 2013

**Budget & Operations Analyst III, City of Oakland, CA**  
Salary Range \$6,577 – \$8,076/month  
Application Deadline: February 22, 2013

**Director of Administrative Services, City of Arroyo Grande, CA**  
Salary Range \$8,600 – \$10,457/month  
Application Deadline: February 22, 2013

**Chief Financial Officer, City of Fresno, CA**  
Salary Range Depends on Qualifications  
Application Deadline: February 25, 2013

**Accountant II, City of Banning, CA**  
Salary Range \$42,697 – \$57,764/year  
Application Deadline: February 28, 2013

**Budget Manager, Orange County Fire Authority**  
Salary Range \$7,174.27 – \$11,398.40/month  
Application Deadline: February 28, 2013

**Chief Fiscal Officer, City of Gardena**  
Salary Range \$9,272 – \$11,835/month  
Application Deadline: February 28, 2013

**Purchasing Services Manager, City of Napa, CA**  
Salary Range \$69,732 – \$84,240/year  
Application Deadline: March 1, 2013

**Senior Management Analyst, City of Berkeley, CA**  
Salary Range \$7,409 – \$8,958/month  
Application Deadline: March 4, 2013

**Finance Director, City of Blythe, CA**  
Salary Range \$94,000 – \$117,000/year  
Application Deadline: March 29, 2013

**Finance Director, City of Chowchilla, CA**  
Salary Range \$94,312 – \$114,996/year  
Application Deadline: March 28, 2013

**Finance Officer, City of Angels Camp**  
Salary Range \$74,885 – \$97,906/year  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

**Financial Analyst, Placer County Water Agency**  
Salary Range \$61,320 – \$78,262/year  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

## Welcome New Members!

Check out the 55 new members that joined CSMFO during the month of January.

## Be a Host for CSMFO's Accounting and Fiscal Policy Classes

Do you want to be more involved with CSMFO? Consider hosting one of our classes in 2013! In case you didn't know, CSMFO offers Introductory, Intermediate Governmental Accounting and Fiscal Policy Training classes throughout the year...[Continue Reading](#)

## Education Opportunities

**Introduction to  
Government Accounting**  
– March 6

### *A One-Day Workshop*

The course is designed for either an individual with some accounting background who is just entering the governmental field or an individual with governmental experience but not in the finance/accounting area.... [Continue Reading](#)

## Coaching Corner

**“Make 2013 Your Best Year Yet”**  
– *special sessions at Annual Conference*  
**Don Maruska, Director, CSMFO**  
**Coaching Program**

Wherever you are in your career, CSMFO has resources to help you make some big strides in both performance and satisfaction. Be sure to take advantage of these special sessions at the Annual Conference:

***Pre-Conference Workshop: How to get to... You're hired!***

**8:00-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 20**

Sign up for this hands-on, interactive workshop that will address the following:

- What core skills do you need to progress in your career?
- How do you package yourself in an effective cover letter and resume?

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