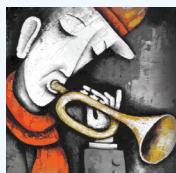




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President's Message

Pauline Marx, *City and County of San Francisco*



Annual Conference "California Finance...And All That Jazz"

Last year President Laura Nomura described "coming down from a high" after the conference. Now I completely understand what she was taking about—it was a peak experience for me! You can find an interesting explanation of the term "peak experience" at Wikipedia.

Our conference in Oakland was our largest ever in Northern California. Thank you to those who attended and to those who helped to make the conference a success.

It "takes a village" to produce the Annual Conference. I want to again acknowledge the effort of the Host Committee and the Program Committee, who worked to ensure that the conference met our organization's expectations: education/training, networking, fun! I also want to again acknowledge our commercial sponsors and exhibitors, whose support is so vital to us.... [Continue Reading](#)

Executive Director's Message

Melissa Dixon, *CAE*



Happy March to you all! What a fabulous conference we had in Oakland a couple weeks ago. So fabulous, in fact, we've broken records all over the place. Anaheim still holds the top spot for biggest conference (2012 is number 1; 2008 is number 2), but Oakland is now not only the largest Northern California conference, but the third largest conference ever, with 823 total registrants. Congratulations to everyone that worked so very hard to make this a success!

We tried a few new things this year, and while I know you'll be getting a survey soon and can share your thoughts there, I am always looking for direct thoughts, ideas, or comments. Email me at melissa.dixon@staff.csmfo.org if you have any comments on:

1. New Member Orientation. An idea borne from the Membership Committee, this was a session designed to provide an overview on the conference and the Society in general to both new members... [Continue Reading](#)

CSMFO Annual Conference in Oakland Presents "Golden" Opportunity

This year's CSMFO conference in Oakland from February 20–22, 2013, not only presented a great chance to network, hear finance professionals share their knowledge on a variety of timely topics, check out the Exhibit Hall, and for a lucky group to get the scoop... [Continue Reading](#)

Bay Bridge Seismic Retrofit Tour

Prior to the official kick-off of the Annual Conference, 24 attendees embarked on a tour of the new east span of the Bay Bridge. The staff at the project's Public Information Office provided a very informative video presentation ... [Continue Reading](#)

Pre-conference Cannabis Dispensary Visit

At one of the pre-conference field trips on Wednesday morning before the start of the 2013 Annual Conference, a small group of attendees had the opportunity to get an inside look of the business and operational sides of Blúm, ... [Continue Reading](#)

Chapter Meetings

San Gabriel Valley Chapter Luncheon

– March 20

ACA's Employer Shared Responsibility: What Employers Need to Know about Health Care Reform

- Daniel Kopti – *Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA*

Inland Empire & CMTA Div 8 Meeting

– March 21

California's Fiscal Condition

- Honorable John Chiang, *California State Controller*

Channel Counties Chapter Meeting

– March 21

New Pension Standards – GASB 68

- Gary M. Caporicci – *Pun & Mcgeady, LLP*
- Kenneth H. Pun – *Pun & Mcgeady, LLP*

Education Opportunities

Power of Fiscal Policies (Morning)

– April 11, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Bill Statler

Power of Fiscal Policies / Long Term Financial Planning (All Day)

– April 11, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- Bill Statler

Power of Fiscal Policies (Afternoon)

– April 11, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

- Bill Statler

Introduction to Government Accounting

– May 1, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- Ahmed Badawi – *Badawi & Associates*

Power of Fiscal Policies (Morning)

– May 9, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Career Center

Financial Systems Analyst, City of Santa Monica, CA

Salary Range \$7,130 – \$8,803/month
Application Deadline: March 15, 2013

Finance Director, City of Williams, CA

Salary Range \$60,000 – \$75,000/year
Application Deadline: March 18, 2013

Accountant II, City of Culver, CA

Salary Range \$5,341 – \$6,519/month
Application Deadline: March 21, 2013

Utility Billing Supervisor, City of Santa Barbara, CA

Salary Range \$66,441 – \$80,760/year
Application Deadline: March 21, 2013

Budget & Fiscal Manager, County of San Bernardino, CA

Salary Range \$79,310 – \$101,524/year
Application Deadline: March 22, 2013

Account Manager, City of Ventura, CA

Salary Range \$81,256 – \$108,884/year
Application Deadline: March 24, 2013

Finance Director, City of Chowchilla, CA

Salary Range \$96,312 – \$114,996/year
Application Deadline: March 28, 2013

Finance Director, City of Blythe, CA

Salary Range \$94,000 – \$117,000/year
Application Deadline: March 29, 2013

Finance Director, City of Clearlake

Salary Range \$6,957 – \$8,456/month
Application Deadline: April 5, 2013

Finance Director, City of Redondo Beach, CA

Salary Range \$8,273 – \$11,699/month
Application Deadline: April 2, 2013

Principle Accountant, City of Pasadena, CA

Salary Range \$80,682.78 – \$100,854/year
Application Deadline: April 11, 2013

Finance Director, City of West Covina, CA

Salary Range Up to \$146,460/year
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Chief Finance Officer, City of Surprise, AZ

Salary Range \$96,359 – \$163,810/year
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Welcome New Members!

Check out the 23 new members that joined CSMFO during the month of February.

CSMFO's Accounting and Fiscal Policy Classes

CSMFO offers Introductory, Intermediate Governmental Accounting and Fiscal Policy Training classes throughout the year. Each class is taught separately by highly respected instructors. We are thankful to our instructors for their time and commitment. One of our long time instructor's, Kathryn Beseau, for the Intermediate Governmental Course, retired and we want to thank her for her years of service to CSMFO. In February the Board approved a new contract with Susan Mayer who will assume the role of instructor. We are excited to have her on board to teach this important intermediate course, and will begin to schedule courses soon. We have also been busy scheduling courses for the upcoming years but we are still looking for host agencies. To date, we are excited to offer the following Accounting and Fiscal Policy Classes. Please look to see where you or your staff can benefit from these courses. ... [Continue Reading](#)

Coaching Corner

Webinar – "Managing Employee Compensation — Issues and Options"

– Co-sponsored with Cal-ICMA

March 20, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. PST

[registration details will be distributed by March 6 via the email list]

Key topics:

1. What are major developments in compensation issues that affect local government? (CA and elsewhere)?
2. What further developments are likely?
3. What innovative employee compensation strategies have local governments pursued? ... [Continue Reading](#)