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President's Message

Pamela Arends-King, *City of Tustin*



It has been an honor to serve for the past twelve months as the President of California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO). While representing CSMFO at the Washington Finance Officers Association, the Oregon Finance Officers Association and the Alaska Government Finance Officers Association I was proud to learn that CSMFO is highly regarded among our peer organizations. That reflects the dedication and talents of our members who have worked so hard to make CSMFO the quality organization it is. Moving into the role of Past President I look forward to working with the Chapters.

CSMFO produces an annual report summarizing its accomplishments for the year. Each Committee, Chapter and Executive Committee member contributes to the report by discussing their accomplishments...[Continue Reading](#)

Executive Director's Message

Melissa Dixon, CAE



I know it's still two weeks away, but all I can think of is Conference Conference Conference. It's All Conference All The Time around here at the CSMFO office these days. I'm happy to share with you that we closed preregistration for the conference with over 900 registrations. Between the educational lineup and the draw of the central coast, it's no wonder this is the largest Northern California Annual Conference to date!

I have to remember, however, that we're also in the midst of membership renewals. And it's my job to remind you all to renew for 2015...[Continue Reading](#)

Get the CSMFO Conference App!

The CSMFO Conference mobile application is available again this year! It is on Guidebook and will again simplify and enhance your conference experience! In one place you have the maps of the facility, the session descriptions, speaker biographies and a place to design your own schedule! In addition, we have expanded the exhibitor information. Read what all the companies can provide to assist you in your operations, check out their web site and locate their space in the exhibit hall...[Continue Reading](#)

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2015 CSMFO Annual Conference
February 17-20, 2015

ATTEND the 2015 CSMFO Annual Conference!

Your 2015 CSMFO Annual Conference Host Committee requests you to ATTEND! If you already have signed up, please ATTEND. If you have yet to sign up, there is still chance to ATTEND.

This year's conference promises to be a great success...[Continue Reading](#)

Welcome New Members!

Check out the 57 new members that joined CSMFO last month.



COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Will Fuentes, CPFO, MBA,
City of Union City,
Vice Chair of Career
Development Committee

Special Discounted Registration fee on GROA's 109th Annual Conference

As mentioned in recent postings to Group Hub, we would like to offer GROA's state/provincial representatives and presidents the government member early discounted registration fee of \$380 on the GROA's 109th Annual Conference.

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Chapter Meetings

Orange County Chapter and CMTA Division IX

– February 26, 11:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Reducing Unfunded Liabilities

– Speaker: Lori Ann Farrell, Finance
Director for the City of Huntington Beach

Education Opportunities

Investment Accounting Training & Latest Developments - Union City, CA

– March 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Debra Goodnight, Managing Director PFM
- Ken Al-Imam, CPA, Shareholder Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

Intermediate Governmental Accounting - Irvine, CA

– March 12, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- Susan Mayer

Introduction to Government Accounting - Lake Forest, CA

– March 25, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- Ahmed Badawi, Partner with Badawi & Associates

Career Center

Principal Accountant (Payroll Supervisor), City of Beverly Hills

Salary Range: \$86,461 - \$107,417/year

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Senior Accountant, City of Petaluma

Salary Range: \$6,184 - \$7,517/month

Application Deadline: February 9, 2015

Management Analyst, City of Sunnyvale

Salary Range: \$86,370 - \$101,611/year

Application Deadline: February 13, 2015

Finance Manager, City of Encinitas

Salary Range: \$78,686 - \$121,097/year

Application Deadline: February 20, 2015

Public Sector Finance Professional, Regional Government Services

Salary Range: \$40 - \$80/hour

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Accounting Supervisor, Clovis

Salary Range: \$77,244 - \$93,900/year

Application Deadline: February 9, 2015

Section Manager III-General Accounting,
Orange County Transportation Authority

Salary Range: \$80,329 - \$101,483/year

Application Deadline: February 18, 2015

Accountant, City of Hercules

Salary Range: \$62,642 - \$79,949/year

Application Deadline: February 16, 2015

Accounting Technician II, City of Hercules

Salary Range: \$53,706 - \$68,544/year

Application Deadline: February 16, 2015

Senior Accountant, City of Hercules

Salary Range: \$66,290 - \$84,605/year

Application Deadline: February 16, 2015

Payroll Technician III, City of Albany, CA

Salary Range: \$3,989 - \$4,848/month

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Accountant III, Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District

Salary Range: \$31.86 - \$39.11/hour

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Assistant Manager, Treasurer-Tax Collector, San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector

Salary Range: \$76,564 - \$93,059/year

Application Deadline: February 8, 2015

Finance Director, Sierra Madre

Salary Range: \$97,323 - \$121,543/year

Application Deadline: February 8, 2015

Finance Director, Koff & Associates

Salary Range: \$13,375 - \$14,746/year

Application Deadline: February 9, 2015

The Value of Attending the 'Wrong Meetings'

During my 29 year career as a Finance Director and Assistant City Administrator/Manager for a number of local agencies in California, I had multiple opportunities to attend the League of City Manager's conference, but never attended. Instead, I focused exclusively on CSMFO or other "finance" training and networking opportunities...[Continue Reading](#)

Coaching Corner

"Take Some Time to Brush Up on Your Accounting and Reporting"

Are you up to date on important accounting and financial reporting issues? In a highly rated CSMFO webinar on January 21, over 250 people gained important clarifications and tips on key issues such as how to handle the number and types of funds, transfers, special vs. extraordinary items, deferred revenue, preparing your MD&As, OPEB, and more.

If you missed this session with national expert, Greg Allison, you can tap a high-quality digital video recording at the "Agendas & Archives" tab of www.csmfo.org/training/webinars.

Principal Accountant, City of San Bernardino
Municipal Water Department

Salary Range: \$6,776 - \$8,648/month

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Account Clerk/Office Assistant, Pico Water District

Salary Range: \$4,603 - \$5,595/month

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Payroll and Finance Manager, City of Redondo Beach

Salary Range: 77,352 - 99,936/year

Application Deadline: February 8, 2015

Administrative Services Director, Bear Valley Community Services District

Salary Range: \$100,000 - \$121,551/year

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Manager or Analyst, Government Accounting, OpenGov.com

Salary Range: DoE

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Finance Director/ Treasurer, City of Hawaiian Gardens

Salary Range: \$102,828 - \$124,992/year

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled