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President's Message

Jesse Takahashi - "The Changing Tides of California Finance"



I hope those of you that were able to attend our 55th Annual Conference in Monterey last month enjoyed it as much as I did. We had a record attendance this year (approximately 950) with most of the increase coming from our Government attendees. The Conference offered some 35 general and concurrent sessions covering a wide range of technical and non-technical topics with two preconference sessions on Tuesday this year and an early-bird session on Wednesday morning featuring a conference favorite, GFOA

Technical Services Director Stephen Gauthier...[Continue Reading](#)

Executive Director's Message

Melissa Dixon, CAE



"The world is full of people too petrified to be silly. Don't you be one of them."

This is something my high school choir director used to say. It stuck with me, because I was absolutely "one of them" in high school—shy, quiet, scared of how other people saw me. The older I get, the less concerned I am about how I might look. Which is why, if you were around the bar on Thursday night at the Annual Conference, you saw me up at the front of the room, hogging the microphone. I love to sing, and while I may not have always been perfectly on pitch or right on beat, I sure did enjoy myself! I wanted to take a moment to commend everyone who participated in karaoke on Thursday night (particularly those I coerced)...[Continue Reading](#)

Update Your Information with CSMFO!

Did you change jobs? Get a new email address? Make sure your information is correct with CSMFO! We will be pulling information for the CSMFO 2015-16 Membership Directory in the next couple weeks. Deadline to edit your information is Friday, March 13. (Not sure how to update your information? Contact Melissa Dixon: melissa.dixon@staff.csmfo.org.)

Get Your Own CSMFO Sweater or Polo TODAY!



See the Photos from the 2015 Annual Conference!



Welcome New Members!

Check out the 21 new members that joined CSMFO last month.

Chapter Meetings

Central Coast Chapter Meeting

– March 12, 12:00pm - 1:30pm

–*Speakers: Central Coast Chapter Members Conference Attendees*

San Gabriel Valley Chapter Meeting

– March 18, 11:30am - 1:30pm

–*Instructor: Bryan Cook, City Manager, City of Temple City*

Inland Empire & CMTA Div 8 Chapter Meeting, Dave & Buster's

– March 19, 11:30am - 1:30pm

–*Instructor: Michael Maurer, Best Best & Krieger, LLP*

Channel Counties Chapter Meeting, Los Robles Greens Golf Course

– March 26, 11:45am - 1:30pm

–*Speaker: Ernie Cooper, JD, CPA/CFE, CFE, Vicenti, Lloyd & Stutzman LLP*

Orange County Chapter and CMTA Division IX, Dave & Buster's

– April 9, 11:30am - 1:30pm

–*Speaker: Paula Cone/Andy Nickerson, HdL Companies*

Education Opportunities

Investment Accounting Training & Latest Developments, Kennedy Community Center

– March 10, 9:00am - 3:00pm

–*Speaker: Debra Goodnight & Ken Al-Imam, C.P.A.*

Introduction to Governmental Accounting, Livermore Area Recreation & Park District

– March 18, 9:00am - 4:30pm

–*Speaker: Ahmed Badawi, Partner with Badawi & Associates*

Career Center

Senior Accountant, City of Berkeley
Salary Range: \$7,191 - \$8,693/month
Application Deadline: March 30, 2015

Assistant Finance Director, City of Morgan Hill
Salary Range: \$8,956 - \$11,462/month
Application Deadline: March 30, 2015

Buyer I/II, City of Santa Cruz
Salary Range: \$3,593 - \$5,573/month
Application Deadline: March 15, 2015

Finance Director, City of Avalon
Salary Range: \$82,824 - \$133,608/year
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Principal Accountant, City of Pomona
Salary Range: \$5,903 - \$7,173/month
Application Deadline: March 12, 2015

Managment Analyst, Regional Government Services
Salary Range: \$45,000 - \$65,000/year
Application Deadline: March, 15, 2015

Finance Director, Prothman
Salary Range: \$100,000 - \$140,000/year
Application Deadline: March 29, 2015

Finance Director, Millbrae
Salary Range: \$12012 - \$14,600/month
Application Deadline: Until Filled

Financial Analyst II, Southern California Regional Rail Author
Salary Range: \$53,706 - \$68,544/year
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Controller, Avery Associates
Salary Range: \$100,600 - \$150,900/year
Application Deadline: March 6, 2015

Senior Accountant, Wheatland
Salary Range: \$4,523 - \$5,598/month
Application Deadline: March 31, 2015

Director Finance/City Treasurer, City of Buena Park
Salary Range: \$124,308 - \$166,166/annual
Application Deadline: April 23, 2015

Controller, San Mateo County Transit District
Salary Range: \$2,573 - \$3,731/week
Application Deadline:

Senior Accountant/Grants, Gardena
Salary Range: \$66,204 - \$84,492/year
Application Deadline: March 16, 2015

Assistant Auditor-Controller, County of Nevada, CA
Salary Range: \$88,996 - \$108,646/year
Application Deadline: March 13, 2015

Finance Manager, City of Walnut Creek
Salary Range: \$97,709 - \$136,778/year
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled



COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Chu Thai,
City of Monterey Park,
Committee Chair of
Technology Committee

Opportunity Is Knocking, Do You Hear It?

With the U.S. economy not quite on the path to full recovery, it should come as no surprise that cutting costs and generating revenue have become priorities for institutions, such as municipalities, banks, insurance companies and credit unions. What is surprising is that many of these institutions are eschewing their investment portfolio as a means to generate revenue...[Continue Reading](#)

Coaching Corner

"Boosting Your Career with CSMFO Member Benefits"

March 12, 2015 - 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Are you getting the most from your CSMFO membership? Find out what you (and employees who aren't members of CSMFO) are missing.

Webinar Topics:

- Where is CSMFO headed and how is it serving entire local government finance teams?
- What are key CSMFO member benefits?
- What career development opportunities are available to help you succeed?
- How can valuable recognition opportunities enhance your career and your agency?
- How can you get involved to enjoy the benefits CSMFO offers?

Accountant, City of Manhattan Beach
Salary Range: \$5,029 - \$6,634/month
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Finance Director, Prothman Company
Salary Range: \$110,335 - \$155,915/year
Application Deadline: March 22, 2015

Assistant General Manager, Finance, Zone 7 Water Agency
Salary Range: \$170,851 - \$207,667/year
Application Deadline: March 10, 2015

Accounting Unit Manager - Finance Services Supervisor, Marin County
Salary Range: \$6,945 - \$8,396/month
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled