

ALASKA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Association shall be ALASKA GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (“AGFOA”).

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the AGFOA shall be to promote professionalism and excellence in governmental financial management by fostering growth through support, education, and recognition and by actively participating in the advancement of the discipline through influencing and improving standards, policies, and legislation for the benefit of AGFOA members and communities.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. Memberships

- (1) Government Member (“Government Member”): Any duly acting finance, accounting, budget, audit or administrative related employee whether elected, appointed or employed by any unit of a local, state, tribal, federal, or other government instrumentality in the State of Alaska.
- (2) Associate Member (“Associate Member”): Any other person not eligible for government membership but who is interested in the principles and practices of governmental finance, and who subscribes to the purposes of AGFOA.
- (3) Honorary Member (“Honorary Member”): Any former Government Member or Associate Member who has made an outstanding contribution to AGFOA and to the advancement of governmental finance or accounting that has been awarded honorary membership by the Board (see SEC. D).
- (4) Membership vests in the individual and, as such, is nontransferable.
- (5) “In Good Standing”: A Member is “in good standing” if the Member is current on membership dues.

SECTION B. Dues and Assessments

- (1) Dues shall be determined no less than annually by the Board. Dues will be payable annually

and will be due by the first day of the AGFOA annual conference. Dues for Associate Members shall not exceed dues for Government Members.

- (2) No assessments, other than dues, may be levied except by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of Government Members in good standing. Said vote shall be taken by mailed ballot or at any regular meeting.

SECTION C. Voting

- (1) Only Government Members in good standing are entitled to vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the Members.
- (2) Associate Members in good standing are entitled to vote only in the election of Associate Members.
- (3) Nothing in this section is intended to limit the voting duties and responsibilities of Government or Associate Board Members. (See ART. IV, SEC. D (3)).

SECTION D. Honorary Membership

- (1) Benefits: Formal acknowledgement of contributions to AGFOA and membership dues waived for life.
- (2) Nomination Procedure: Awarding of an Honorary Membership shall be considered by the Board after a nomination from a Government Member has been submitted in writing to the Board. The Board shall vote on the nomination. Typically, nominations are not submitted to the Board until after the retirement from government service, or after termination of service in the state of Alaska, by the member being nominated.
- (3) Termination of Benefits: The designation and benefits of being an Honorary Member can only be terminated by an action of the Board after voting that the member has, by their actions, discredited AGFOA or discredits AGFOA by being a member of it.
- (4) Criteria To Be Considered In Awarding Honorary Membership: In considering a nomination, the Board should use a broad approach in its deliberations, as no two members' contributions to AGFOA will ever be the same. Specific items or contributions that shall be considered, however, include the following: service as a board member, service as a committee(s) member, length of time as an AGFOA member, contributions to the AGFOA as a Government Member, and the contribution of some distinguished service rendered to the AGFOA. The nominee's contributions to the professionalism and excellence in governmental financial management should also be considered. This may be demonstrated by fostering growth through support, education, recognition, and by active participation in the advancement of the discipline through influencing and improving standards, policies, and legislation for the benefit of AGFOA members and committees.

ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OFFICERS

SECTION A. Number and Qualification

- (1) The affairs of AGFOA shall be governed by an Executive Board (“Board”) of not less than eleven (11) Members. Eight (8) of the Members shall be Government Members, and three (3) shall be Associate Members. At least one (1) of the Associate Members shall be a delegate residing in Alaska. Any Associate Board Member shall have been a member of AGFOA for at least two (2) years.
- (2) All Past Presidents who are Government Members (as defined in ART. III, SEC. A (1)), shall be “Ex-Officio” members of the Board. For AGFOA’s purposes: Ex-Officio members are board members whose input and historical experience is sought but who do not cast votes at board meetings.
- (3) Government Members shall always constitute a majority of the total voting membership of the board.

SECTION B. Selection

Government Members shall be elected at-large for a term of three years. Associate Members shall be: (1) selected by the Nominating Committee (“Nominating Committee”) and (2) elected at-large by both the Government Members and the Associate Members for a term of three years.

SECTION C. Officers

- (1) Officers of AGFOA must be Government Members and shall include a President (who shall automatically assume the office after serving one year as President-Elect), a President-Elect, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
- (2) All officers shall assume office following their election at the fall meeting. The President-Elect will serve one year as President following one year as President-Elect and the Secretary and Treasurer will be elected to a two-year term, or until their successors have been duly elected.

SECTION D. Duties and Responsibilities

- (1) Duties of officers shall correspond generally to those duties that normally devolve upon such officers. The Board shall be the governing body, act on behalf of AGFOA, and set policies and administrative procedures not specifically covered in these Bylaws.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Board to transact the business of AGFOA which includes resolving policy issues, providing notification to all board members and committee members of all board meetings, to make the arrangements for meetings as to time, place and program; to study all matters referred to it by the members of AGFOA; and to perform such other duties as may be deemed to pertain to the advancement, welfare and the best interests of AGFOA and its members.
- (3) Government Board Members and Associate Board Members shall have voting authority at Board meetings.
- (4) The outgoing Treasurer will be responsible for closing out the financial records after the fall conference and will turn the books over to the incoming treasurer within 30 days of the election.

SECTION E. Standing Committees

- (1) The recognized standing committees of AGFOA shall include:
 - Bylaws Committee

- The purpose of the Bylaws Committee is to review AGOFA’s bylaws and policies to ensure they remain clear, consistent, and aligned with Association’s mission. The Committee recommends updates or amendments to the Board and membership as needed.
- Communications Committee
 - The purpose of the Communications Committee is to manage and improve AGFOA’s outreach by coordinating announcements and other media. The Committee works to keep members informed and to promote AGFOA’s programs and activities to the broader community.
- Membership Committee
 - The purpose of the Membership Committee is to recruit and support new and current members of AGFOA. The Membership Committee is also responsible for administering AGFOA “Conference Scholarships.” (See ART. VII, SEC. A).
- Education Committee
 - The purpose of the Education Committee is to promote professional development and provide educational opportunities that strengthen the knowledge and skills of government finance professionals.
- Nominating Committee
 - The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to identify qualified candidates for open Board and officer positions, publicizing upcoming vacancies to the membership, and preparing a list of nominees for consideration at the annual meeting.
- Scholarship Committee
 - The purpose of the Scholarship Committee is to solicit, receive, and review college scholarship applications with the purpose of making recipient recommendations to the AGFOA Board of Directors.

Additional standing committees may be created only by amendment of these Bylaws. The President, with Board approval, may establish special or ad hoc committees as needed for specific purposes.

- (2) The President shall appoint the Chair of each committee, subject to Board confirmation. Each Committee Chair shall appoint the members of their committee, subject to board approval. Committee members may be either Government or Associate Members. AGFOA encourages committees to include a strong representation of Government Members whenever possible.
- (3) The President shall serve as a nonvoting Ex-Officio Member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President may cast a deciding vote in the event of a tie.

SECTION F. Quorum

A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of the members of the Board, and not fewer than seven (7) persons.

SECTION G. Termination

- (1) Each member of the Board is subject to automatic termination from the Board upon sustaining three consecutive absences from business meetings, or conference planning sessions, of the Board.
- (2) The President, with concurrence of the majority of the Board, may request the resignation of a Board Member who is not fulfilling the responsibilities of the position.

SECTION H. Vacancies

- (1) Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board; the person selected shall serve during the remainder of the unexpired term of the person's predecessor.
- (2) A vacancy of a Government Member shall be considered to exist when a Board Member or representative is no longer a Government Member.
- (3) In the case of the vacancy of the President, the following priorities for filling the vacancy shall be adhered to: 1st) the President-Elect shall fill the position of the President for the unexpired term, and for the upcoming term. 2nd) the immediate Past President, 3rd) any past President in good standing, after appointment by the Board, and 4th) any Board Member with at least two years current experience on the Board, after appointment by the Board.
- (4) In the case of a vacancy of the President-Elect, the following priorities for filling vacancy shall be adhered to: 1st) a Past President in good standing will be appointed by the Board to serve the unexpired term of office. 2nd) any Board Member with at least one year current experience on the Board, after appointment by the Board.
- (5) In the case of a vacancy of both the President and President-Elect, the most recent Past President available will fill the President position until the next regular election and the Board will appoint a President-Elect until the next regular election. Should these, or a position remain unfilled, look to (3) and (4) above for guidance.
- (6) Voluntary vacancies shall become effective upon the receipt of, and the acceptance of, a written resignation letter by the Board.

SECTION I. GFOA Representative

The Board shall recommend to the President of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada ("GFOA") that the immediate Past President (or other Past President in good standing, if the immediate Past President cannot serve,) be appointed as the State Representative to the GFOA for a term of two years.

SECTION J. AML Representative

The Board shall recommend to the President of the Alaska Municipal League ("AML") that the non-GFOA-appointed Past President be appointed as the Representative to the AML for a term of two years.

SECTION K. Review

All actions of the Board are subject to review by a vote of Government Members in good standing, and may be revoked by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Government Members in good standing present at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD

SECTION A. Nominating Committee

The President shall appoint every year a Nominating Committee consisting of three persons who are Government Members in good standing, who are in attendance at the annual meeting. This committee shall elect not less than one name from the membership in good standing as a candidate for each office and each place on the Board, which is to be filled at the annual meeting. The committee chair shall publicize to all Government Members what positions will be coming available in enough time prior to the annual meeting that members may make recommendations to the committee. A notification in the newsletter shall meet this requirement. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting by any Government Member in good standing.

SECTION B. Elections

The manner of holding elections, including the various forms to be used, the methods of voting, the counting of ballots and the rules of procedure pertaining thereto, shall be prescribed by the Board.

ARTICLE VI - ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

SECTION A.

AGFOA shall hold one annual meeting each year. An appropriate notice shall be given to each Government Member at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting. The election of the Officers and the Board shall be conducted at the annual meeting held in the fall of the year.

SECTION B.

Special meetings may be held upon the call of the President at such times as the President deems it advisable for the general welfare of AGFOA, provided, however, that written notice shall be given to Government Members at least 10 days in advance of such meeting. At special meetings, only those matters specified in the call may be considered.

ARTICLE VII – SCHOLARSHIPS

It shall be the policy of AGFOA to encourage membership in the organization and in the profession of government finance. To that end, AGFOA shall offer as organizational finances permit, the following scholarships, the number and amounts being determined by the Board.

SECTION A. Conference Scholarships

AGFOA shall annually offer scholarships to first time attendees of an AGFOA conference. These scholarships shall be known as the AGFOA Conference Scholarships. The selection of candidates to be awarded scholarships shall be conducted by the Membership Committee. The AGFOA Treasurer and the Chair of the Membership Committee shall be responsible for maintaining scholarship records and preparing reports. Scholarships shall be awarded by the AGFOA Board, based upon the recommendation of the Membership Committee. Scholarships will cover the costs of registration fees only. Successful applicants will be responsible for their own transportation, accommodations, and other conference expenses.

SECTION B. College Scholarships

AGFOA shall annually offer scholarships to college students preparing for a career in state and local government finances. The selection of candidates to be awarded scholarships shall be conducted by the Scholarship Committee. The AGFOA Treasurer and the Chair of the Scholarship Committee shall be responsible for maintaining scholarship records and preparing reports. Scholarships shall be awarded by the AGFOA Board, based upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

SECTION A.

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular annual meeting of AGFOA by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Government Members present, providing that written notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all Government Members at least thirty (30) days before the meeting.

SECTION B.

In the absence of specific text in these articles as to the conduct of the affairs of AGFOA, Robert's Rules of Order (revised) shall prevail, as may be applicable in the premises.

Adopted: November 9, 2004

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Last

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