

# KSGFOA Newsletter

Kansas Government Finance Officers Association



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## President's Message

**Maureen Rogers, Accounting Manager/City Treasurer •  
City of Olathe**

Another KSGFOA year is coming to a close, and I'm excited about the progress we've made. On August 30, there was a full house at Cabela's again this year for the GAAP update session. Thanks to Ron Ahsmuhs for his work in putting that excellent session together!

There are 207 members registered for KSGFOA for 2007—one of the highest totals ever. Thanks to Ben Hart and the Membership Committee for all their efforts, and thanks to all of you for spreading the word about what KSGFOA has to offer.

I am really looking forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Conference at the Sheraton in Overland Park! We are very thankful for the return of Lisa Dodson to the Wichita State team to help us with the conference, since Mac Manning is now the City Administrator at Kechi. Lisa is serving on a temporary contract basis with WSU. We have a great lineup of presentations this year (check out the desk yoga – how fun!) plus the customary reception and plenty of opportunities to catch up and network. Thanks again to Ron Ahsmuhs, the KSGFOA board, and all the other members that played a role in putting this conference together.

I have truly been honored to serve as your President this year. KSGFOA is a great organization, and I will continue to do whatever I can to help us move forward. You have a very dedicated group of people serving as your board, and I'm looking forward to seeing what exciting things take place in the future!

Maureen Rogers is the 2007 President for KSGFOA and is the Accounting Manager/City Treasurer for the City of Olathe. Maureen can be contacted by phone at (913) 971-6488 or e-mail to [msrogers@olatheks.org](mailto:msrogers@olatheks.org).

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# Bust Stress!

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## courtesy of Lockton Benefits Corporation

Any change, large or small, forces adaptation. Whether nudged or forced outside of its comfort zone, the body responds with the “flight or fight” mechanism, activating all systems and senses needed to adjust and return the body to normalcy as quickly as possible. When stretched to its limits by ongoing, frequent, and/or overwhelming changes, the “flight or fight” response goes into overdrive, with visible side effects.

Emotional signs may potentially lead to relationship problems in and outside of the workplace:

- Anxious
- Depressed
- Easily distracted
- Restless
- Worrisome
- Place undue pressure on self

If emotional signs of stress are not identified and acted upon, physical symptoms begin to appear:

- Extreme fatigue
- Trembling
- Headaches
- Stomach and/or intestinal distress
- Chest pain or pressure
- Feeling dizzy or flushed
- Rapid heart beat

Usually, these symptoms disappear when the causes of stress are acknowledged and addressed: know your limits! Deep breathing, journaling or talking about stressors, and exercising regularly are common, proven ways to manage stress.

If stress continues to build, more serious problems can develop. Contact a physician immediately if you or someone you know expresses a desire to harm themselves or someone else; experiences severe chest pain or headaches; feels prolonged, rapid, or irregular heart beats; or exhibits any other condition that may cause harm if not immediately treated.

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## KSGFOA 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Professional Conference

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### KSGFOA 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Professional Conference “The Ever Expanding Role of the Finance Officer”

*October 17-19, 2007  
Sheraton Overland Park Hotel  
Overland Park, KS*

The 2007 Fall Conference agenda is currently available on the KSGFOA website. Please make plans to join us for the main conference on October 18-19, as well as a choice of two pre-conferences on October 17.

Highlights include:

- Keynote speaker: Mitch Holthus, Voice of the Kansas City Chiefs

- Luncheon speaker: Bill Buchanan, County Manager, Sedgwick County, KS—CFO Relationships: How to keep your job!
- Two pre-conference seminars: Intermediate Accounting: Building Skills Beyond the Basics, and Financial Trend Analysis
- National Incident Management System (NIMS): Paula Phillips, Training Manager, Kansas Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
- Accounting for Disasters: Anne Jarret, City Treasurer, City of Winfield, KS
- Environmental Issues & Alternative Fuels: Jack Maybee, Director of Sanitation, Johnson County, KS; and James Joerke, Air Quality Program Manager, Mid-America Regional Council
- Chair Yoga for the Busy Executive: Diane Rosecrans, Directory of Finance/City Clerk, City of Winfield, KS
- An opportunity to learn about a wide variety of vendors and sponsors
- Plus much more!

Online registration is now available on the KSGFOA website. The Fall Conference is a great time for networking and refreshing your outlook.

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## KSGFOA Membership Committee Update

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### by Ben Hart, Director of Strategic Financial Management, City of Olathe

I hope summer has treated you well this year!

Well, I got the 21 boxes of goodies that we’ll be handing out at this year’s conference out of my office and into my garage! So now it’s up to you to get me out of hot water with my better half. Sign up for the conference and get these things out of my garage!!!!

An update on the membership:

- 207 members total...of those,
- 164 are full/student members
- 43 are associate members representing 16 firms

Compare that to

- 2006 - 144
- 2005 - 180
- 2004 - 196
- 2003 - 207
- 2002 - 222

Remember, if you want to get involved in any way with the board please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the board members!

**Ben Hart is the Director of Strategic Financial Management for the City of Olathe. Ben can be contacted by phone at (913) 971-6442 or e-mail to [bhart@olatheks.org](mailto:bhart@olatheks.org).**

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# Classified Advertising

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The City of Gardner, KS has an Accountant position available in the Finance & Accounting Department. The position will apply accounting skills in reviewing and facilitating the processing of:

- Accounts payable.
- Accounts receivable.
- Cash receipts.
- Payroll.
- Fixed assets.
- Capital projects.
- Cash flows.

**Education and Experience:** Requires Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, public administration, business administration, or related field with a minimum of two (2) years experience in a municipal government finance position or any equivalent combination of education and experience that provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities.

**Salary Range:** \$36,120-\$50,530. 8-5, M-F.

Applications/job description are available at City Hall or online at [www.gardnerkansas.gov](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov). Submit completed applications to:

City of Gardner  
Human Resources Division  
120 E. Main  
Gardner, KS, 66030.

Open until filled. All offers of employment are conditional upon the successful completion of a physical exam, drug screen, and background check including driving record. EOE

## Director of Finance/City Clerk

The City of Hays, Kansas is accepting resumes for the position of Director of Finance/City Clerk. Hays is a community of 20,000 and is located on Interstate 70 midway between Kansas City and Denver. It is home to Fort Hays State University and prides itself on being the regional trade, health, and educational center for North Central Kansas. The City has a 34M budget with 170 employees. Appointed by the City Manager, the Director of Finance/City Clerk is an exempt employee and provides leadership and financial guidance to the organization. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in municipal financial management, excellent organizational, administrative, and communication skills, with 3-5 years experience in a similar or related position, and 5 years of experience in a supervisory role. Applicants are required to have a bachelor's degree in a related field or equivalent experience. Salary hiring range: \$52,644—56,436 plus excellent benefits. Residency within Hays city limits required within 180 days of employment. Job offers contingent on passing a physical and drug test. Resumes, including references and a salary history, can be e-mailed to [sbillinger@haysusa.com](mailto:sbillinger@haysusa.com) or mailed to Director of Human Resources, P.O. Box 490, Hays, KS 67601, prior to 5:00 p.m. October 26, 2007. Phone: 785-628-7320; Fax: 785-628-7323 EOE

## Finance Assistant

The City of El Dorado is accepting applications for Finance Assistant. The position performs a variety of complex professional and technical accounting and finance functions including, but not limited to, assisting in the preparation of the Comprehensive

Annual Financial Report, assisting in development of the annual budget, preparing bank reconciliations, and preparing adjusting entries. Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, business administration, or a related field; CPA preferred; 3 yrs experience in governmental accounting or governmental auditing; working knowledge of GAAP; strong analytical skills.

Salary Range: \$34,880 to \$50,305 DOQ—Excellent Fringe Benefit Package. Would consider PT applications (no fringe benefits). No residency requirement. All offers of employment are conditional upon the successful completion of a physical screening and drug and alcohol screening. Open until filled. Obtain complete job description at 316-321-9100 or 220 E First, El Dorado, KS 67042. Applications and resumes can be submitted to the same address or on-line at [www.hrepartners.com](http://www.hrepartners.com). ADA/EOE