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## Executive Director News

Dear GFOA Alberta Members:

There has been some change at GFOA Alberta, and as many of you have already heard, our Executive Director David Johnson departed at the beginning of February to take a position at the Edmonton Construction Association. David played a big role in keeping the organization relevant over the last year despite the challenges and we all wish him well in his new endeavours.

I will be assisting during the transition period as Interim Executive Director. I am excited to see that the organization is dynamic as ever and everyone I have spoken to remains committed to the success and growth of GFOA Alberta. It has been two and a half years since I “spontaneously retired” from Sturgeon County. After the initial sting, I have come to truly enjoy mid-morning coffee and afternoon naps (many would say no different than when I was working). However, I have always been passionate about GFOA Alberta, and when the opportunity arose to assist, I did not hesitate to jump in with both feet.

### CONFERENCE UPDATE

We are currently working on the fall conference, *Energizing the Future*. I have been told attending a conference is like riding a bicycle—you never forget. To test this theory, our conference will be from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> at the Calgary Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The hotel is now open for registrations.

**BOOK YOUR HOTEL REGISTRATION NOW!**

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CALRC/G-GFO1>

We have initially set aside 220 rooms at the Hyatt Regency; I encourage you to book early so we can work with the hotel to set aside more rooms as needed. Many of you conference veterans know it is much more enjoyable to stay in the same hotel as the conference activities, especially if there is inclement weather. I anticipate demand will be significant as there is pent-up desire to return to some normality.

Registration for the conference program is not ready, and an announcement will be sent when it is online. In the meantime, please ensure that your organization has paid the 2022 membership dues, as this will streamline the conference registration process. Thank you to all the members that have already paid.

Work has begun to secure speakers for the conference. The Task Force members have supplied many great speaking topics for us to explore, and I am very excited about the possibilities for speakers. I encourage you to contact me if you have any suggestions regarding timely and relevant topics for consideration (soon though, I still move quickly in my old age).

I am currently working on the sponsorship package and intend to release it in early April. If any members know of a company interested in sponsoring our organization, please do not hesitate to pass their information on to me.

Finally, Robin Lee is also leaving the organization on April 4<sup>th</sup>. In the short time I worked with Robin I have been impressed with her dedication and genuine desire to leave us in a better position than when she arrived. I would like to use this opportunity to thank her on behalf of myself and the Board/Task Force members for all her contributions and wish her well in her future endeavours.

Sincerely,

Rick Wojtkiw  
Interim Executive Director  
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**2022 Membership Renewal**



It is that time of year again to renew your GFOA member fees.

In late 2021, GFOA completed a membership fee analysis and subsequently approved a membership fee increase for 2022.

The updated fee schedule can be found on our website by clicking [HERE](#)

Please also note that our website is currently under construction, and we have been working with Primary Contacts directly to create invoices on their behalf.

Please contact Lucy at [Office@gfoa.ab.ca](mailto:Office@gfoa.ab.ca) should you have any questions regarding your membership renewals.

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Please see above in the Executive Director News section for the full update!

This year's conference theme is

***Energizing the Future***

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## Call for Task Force Volunteers

If you are looking to provide valuable service to GFOA Alberta, we are currently recruiting volunteers for 3 of our Task Forces:

- Communications Task Force
- Emerging Issues Task Force
- Professional Development Task Force

Please see the [Terms of Reference](#) (TOR) at the bottom of the About Us page for more information about each Task Force.

The Communications Task Force is seeking a volunteer to assist with Social

Media Management. If you or someone you know has experience with producing content (in LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter) and is interested in providing assistance to GFOA, please see the full description [HERE](#).

If you are interested in any of the above volunteer positions, please send your resume and letter of interest to [rick.wojtkiw@gfoa.ab.ca](mailto:rick.wojtkiw@gfoa.ab.ca) with PDF in the subject line.

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## High Interest Savings Account



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Our partnership with the Canadian Western Bank offers a competitive interest rate, secured principal, and the ability to move your money at any time without penalty, regardless of the amount invested. Your deposits are held in your own account.

GFOA Alberta strongly encourages our members to utilize this short-term investment offering.

For more information on how to participate, please click [HERE](#)

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# Professional Development



CPA Alberta has several PD Seminars for the months of April and May. Please see our [EVENTS](#) page for further details and links to the sessions.

## **Upcoming:**

### [2022 Innovation and Technology Forum: Automation Series](#)

April 12 & April 26  
Free Peer-to-Peer Forum

### [The Resilient Leadership Certificate Program](#)

April 28 – May 26  
Certificate Program

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GFOA Alberta is currently working with subject matter experts to bring you more live webinars for early 2022. Stay tuned for more details.

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