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Dubay # 2

Councillor Davis

Whereas:

It has come to the attention of this City Council that ^{Auditor} ~~Off~~ James A. Lindstrom, has ~~passed~~ passed the examination of Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting for the Certified Public Finance Officer Program; now therefore be it

Resolved

That this City Council go on record extending its congratulations to James A. Lindstrom for the designation Certified Public Finance Officer bestowed on him for successful completion of this Program.

WD-
J. A. Lindstrom

**The Government Finance Officers Association
of the United States and Canada**
confirms that

James A. Lindstrom

has passed the

Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting

examination
of the

Certified Public Finance Officer
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December 15, 1997

Dear Candidate:

Enclosed is your certificate for successfully completing the Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting Examination from the Government Finance Officers Association Certified Public Finance Officer program. While this is only the first in a series of five examinations, successful completion of each exam is an honor in itself.

We hope you will consider sitting for all of the exams and complete the requirements for the designation of Certified Public Finance Officer. As you progress through the program, you will automatically receive information for registering for each examination.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 312-977-9700 or e-mail DBastianelli@gfoa.org. I would also appreciate any comments on our new certificate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Bastianelli', is written over a horizontal line.

Doug Bastianelli
Certification Manager

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Former MGFOA President Joe Kelley was back in town from Chicago at our October 8th meeting. Joe spent the last three years working for the GFOA in Chicago. However, Joe has recently left the GFOA to begin his own consulting firm (in Chicago).

MGFOA may create a Web Site?

The technology committee and the executive board met to discuss the next step to acquiring a web site. Joe Kelley made a presentation on why we might want a web site, what information it could provide and about how much it would cost.

A basic internet presence ("web site") could provide the following services for our members.

- State benefits of membership and provide application form
- Post job announcements
- Provide discussion on important topics
- Publicize the activities of our committees ...
- Provide updated calendar of events (including maps and directions)
- Provide an archive of newsletter articles for easy reference.
- Make conference announcement updates
- Provide links to other GFOA's and important state/provincial sites
- Offer training announcements as well as links to other training sources
- Announce new members and their email, phone and fax numbers
- Highlight Massachusetts budget and CAFR award winners
- Publish organization by-laws
- Provide contact information on executive board and committee members

A web page could improve the educational impact of our activities, enrich the experience of membership and significantly increase the sharing of information.

Many state GFOA's already have web sites. Many of our members have access to the internet either at home or at work. The executive board and the technology committee are committed to this project. If you would like to voice your opinion

on the subject or join the technology committee, Please contact Mary Ellen Dunn at (617) 455-0431 or email maryellen_dunn@email.needham.mec.edu, or express your interest at our next technology focused meeting November 14th in Dedham.



Congratulations Corner

Two MGFOA Members Pass GFOA Exam



Congratulations to Lynne Beck, Town Accountant of Concord and Jim Lindstrom, City Auditor of Cambridge for passing GFOA's Accounting Auditing and Financial reporting Exam, first exam toward becoming a Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO).

GFOA's certification program consists of five examinations (one each year) and education and employment criteria. The exams are Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting, Cash Management and Investments, Debt Management, Operating and Capital Budgeting, Pension and Benefits and Risk Management and Procurement. Each test is 175 multiple choice questions with a 3 1/2 hour time allotment. Each exam is of such scope and quality that passing any one constitutes a recognizable achievement. If you are interested in participating in the program contact Douglas Bastianelli, Certification Manager at GFOA headquarters in Chicago (312)977-9700.

Medway Receives Moody's Upgrade

Congratulations to Arti Mehta, Town Accountant and Marjorie Sanford, Treasurer/Collector from the Town of Medway. Their efforts have paid off; the town was upgraded from a Moody's rating of A to A1 on their recent \$11,890 M bond issue. The upgrade reflects the town's modest debt levels, improving demographic profile and positive financial position. As a result of the town's growth (population 11,000) and its financial problems several years ago, a full-time town administrator is being sought and the town's Board Of Selectmen is being expanded from 3 to 5. This change is expected to result in improved oversight and planning. Other reasons for the upgrade include the fact that virtually all of Medway's debt is exempt from

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July 30, 1997

Dear Candidate,

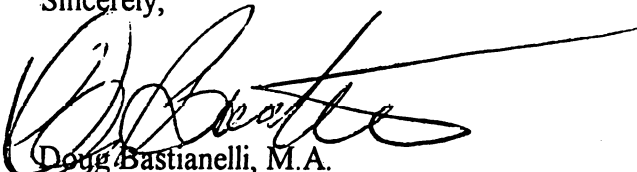
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Congratulations! You have passed the first examination on your way to achieving the Certified Public Officer (CPFO) designation. (223) candidates took this challenging, 175 question, multiple-choice examination and (151) passed. Enclosed with this letter is your score report for the Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting examination. Please refer to the reverse side of your report for an explanation of your scores.

We are currently preparing a formal recognition of your achievement of passing the examination. We will forward yours to you when it is prepared.

The next examination that will be offered is Cash Management and Investments. We will be introducing it at the exam administration held in conjunction with the Annual Conference in San Francisco. It will also be available at a fall 1998 administration in various locations around the country. The reading list, examination outline, and application will be sent to you as soon as they are available towards the end of October. Please note that you will NOT need to submit any additional paperwork. We will be asking only for any updates of your address or phone number and your examination fee. Exam fees for each additional examination will be \$145.00

Once again, congratulations on your achievement. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Doug Bastianelli, M.A.
Certification Manager

Enclosure

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City of Cambridge

21.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 2, 1998

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR BORN
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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In City Council February 2, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 26, 1998

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COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

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REFERRED TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 2/2/98 ON
MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN.

Duehay Orders

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That the City Council hereby commends Senator Edward M. Kennedy for his critical role in ensuring an increase of \$245,000 in the federal budget for the Longfellow House. This increase will provide greater security, more attention to preservation and more access by the public to the collections.

Further that the City Clerk be requested to send a copy of this resolution to Senator Kennedy.

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Consent ORder #21

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Councillors Davis and Duehay re: Congratu-
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from the Government Finance Officers
Association Certified Public Finance Officer
Program.

In City Council January 26, 1998

All items carried forward to be a part
of City Council Meeting of 2/2/98 on
motion of Councillor Sullivan.

In City Council February 2, 1998.

ORDER ADOPTED