



**Welcome to the**  
**GFOA-WMA**  
**Quarterly**  
**Conference**

**June 27, 2013**

**Washington Marriott at Metro Center**





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Cyril Byron, Jr., President  
GFOA-WMA Executive Board

Dear Participant,

As President of the Government Finance Officers Association of the Washington Metropolitan Area (GFOA-WMA) and on behalf of the members of the Executive Board, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our June 27<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting.

The goal of your GFOA-WMA Executive Board is to offer a unique approach to the professional management of government and promote excellence and quality leadership among financial officers in the Washington Metropolitan Area. We are working to provide quality educational opportunities, avenues for sharing knowledge and upholding high quality professional and ethical standards. GFOA-WMA offers cost-effective ways to obtain dependable, timely, and useful guidance in areas of public finance as well as opportunities for members to exchange ideas and information with government finance officers and other finance-related professionals.

Vince Lombardi, the legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers stated that, "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual. The individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." In his comments, the great Vince Lombardi captured what it takes for a team, or a group of individuals need to do, to be successful. Let each one of us bring their share to the table. As I often say at work "Let's do the work. Let's Go The Distance To Make It Happen".

Save the dates for the Fall Quarterly Meeting, September 26, 2013 and the Annual Conference, November 20-21, 2013. Both will be held at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center. Online Registration will soon be available on the GFOA-WMA website [www.gfoa-wma.org](http://www.gfoa-wma.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

Continue to join us at our quarterly and annual conferences. Your Executive Board is working diligently to provide the requisite technical and soft skill training needed to develop a cadre of highly skilled financial officers that will distinguish themselves in the workplace and the community.

Thank you for participating in GFOA-WMA's June 27<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting. I hope you enjoy the meeting and learn something that adds value to your professional and personal life.

Cyril Byron, Jr.  
President, GFOA-WMA

# Upcoming Conferences

September 26, 2013

Washington Marriott at Metro Center

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## GFOA-WMA Annual Conference

November 20-21, 2013

Washington Marriott at Metro Center

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## Scott Pattison, NASBO

Scott D. Pattison has served as the Executive Director of the National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO) in Washington, D.C. since 2001.

Founded in 1945, NASBO serves as the professional organization for all state budget officers of the fifty states and U.S. territories. NASBO collects data and publishes numerous reports on state fiscal conditions and organizes meetings and training for budget and finance officials. The organization also provides

public officials, the media and citizens detailed information on state financial management and budgeting.

Prior to coming to NASBO, Pattison served for four years as Virginia's state budget director and also headed the Regulatory and Economic Analysis section of the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget. He previously served in a variety of capacities in the office of the Virginia Attorney General, including as Counsel on finance issues.

Pattison has served on numerous boards and has been an adjunct faculty member at the University of Richmond and recently served on the board of Old Dominion University. He is a fellow with the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) and is currently Vice Chair of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM).

Pattison began his career as an attorney with the federal government serving in several positions at the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in Washington, D.C. including as an Attorney-Advisor.

Pattison graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and received his law degree from the University of Virginia. Identified as an important "Player" in public policy by *The Washington Post*, Pattison is frequently interviewed by national news organizations including *The New York Times* and *National Public Radio*.



## AGENDA

11:45 am	Registration
12:00 noon	Luncheon
1:00 pm	Exhibits Open
1:30 pm	Welcome
1:40 pm	Dr. Natwar Gandhi
2:40 pm	Scott Pattison
3:40 pm	Closing Remarks

## Conference Exhibitors



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## Membership

Membership in the GFOA-WMA gives you access to education, educational credits, employment opportunities and networking as well as opportunities to get involved as a GFOA-WMA Committee Member.

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## Natwar M. Gandhi

Natwar M. Gandhi is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the District of Columbia and is responsible for the city's finances, including its approximately \$7 billion in annual operating and capital funds. He was first appointed to this position

by Mayor Anthony Williams June 7, 2000, re-appointed by Mayor Williams to a full five-year term in 2002, re-appointed by Mayor Adrian Fenty in January 2007, and re-appointed by Mayor Vincent Gray in June, 2012 and confirmed by the City Council.

As the independent CFO, Gandhi manages the District's financial operations, which include more than 1,000 staff members in tax and revenue administration; the treasury, comptroller and budget offices; economic/fiscal analysis and revenue estimation functions; agency financial operations; and the DC Lottery. He works closely with congressional committees and the US Office of Management and Budget staff that oversee District affairs. He also regularly interacts with the Wall Street financial community, including rating agencies, regarding the District's financial matters.

Gandhi has built on the District's financial progress by securing multiple rating upgrades (a total of 14 rating steps since FY2000) from the major rating agencies for its general obligation bonds, which are currently rated AA- by Standard and Poor's, AA- by Fitch Ratings and Aa2 by Moody's Investors Service. These are the highest ratings ever assigned to the District of Columbia's general obligation bonds. In 2009, Standard & Poor's assigned a rating of AAA to the District's inaugural offering of income tax revenue bonds, which are rated AA+ by Fitch and Aa1 by Moody's.

As CFO, Gandhi sits on the boards of the Washington Convention and Sports Authority and Destination DC.

In 2007, Gandhi was named one of Governing magazine's 2007 Public of Officials of the Year and Washingtonian magazine's 150 most powerful public officials. He was also named one of Washingtonian magazine's 2006 Washingtonians of the Year and was a recipient of the Association of Government Accountants' (AGA) 2007 Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award. His other honors include The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Meritorious Leadership Award (Inaugural Recipient) and the DC Chamber of Commerce Impact Award in 2005, as well as Achievement of the Year Awards from the AGA (National chapter in 2000 and Washington, DC, chapter in 1999). He also received the President's Award from the Greater Washington Society of CPAs in 2000, and Distinguished Service and Meritorious Service Awards from the GAO.

In 2005, the National Academy of Public Administration elected Gandhi as a fellow for his "sustained exemplary contributions and continuing active commitment to the improvement of public administration." He is also a member of the Metropolitan Club of Washington, DC.

Gandhi holds a doctorate in accounting from Louisiana State University, a master's degree in business administration from Atlanta University, and an LLB and BCom in accounting from the University of Bombay.