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Election Time!

Candidates for ABFM Officers & Executive Committee Announced

The ABFM Nominations Committee has released the slate of candidates for Officer and Executive Committee positions that will become vacant on January 1, 2012.

Immediate Past President Dwight Denison served as Chair of the Nominations Committee, which fielded applications for nomination from several esteemed members. Elections will be held for the positions of Vice-Chair and three positions on the Executive Committee.

The candidates slated by the Nominating Committee are:

Vice-Chair

Charles Menifield, University of Memphis

Executive Committee

Thad Calabrese (Baruch College—CUNY)

Helisse Levine (Long Island University)

Daniel L. Smith (New York University)

Wie Yusuf (Old Dominion University)

Biographies of each candidate are available on page 2.

Election Process

The election for these positions will be open from now until July 31, 2011. Members can vote online at <http://svy.mk/abfm12elect>. Members can also request a paper ballot to mail in by contacting Donijo Robbins at (616) 331-6740, or by email to robbinsd@gvsu.edu.

Write-in candidates for these positions will also be accepted.

Executive Committee members serve terms of three calendar years in length. The 2012 Vice-Chair will serve as Chair-Elect in 2013, then as Chair of ABFM in 2014.

Nominations are also being accepted for annual ABFM awards, to be presented at our Annual Conference in Washington, DC on October 14th. More information on these awards and their application processes starts on Page 3. You can learn more about past winners on our website, www.abfm.org.

CONFERENCE UPDATES

2011 Conference Returns to Washington, October 13th to 15th

Presentations have been selected and scheduled for the 2011 ABFM Conference in our Nation's Capital, at the Washington Marriott. Along with comprehensive coverage of our traditional disciplines, additional panels will focus on the role of communications and technology, agency expectations for new budget analysts, online reporting and other innovations at the practitioner level.

To learn more, and to register online, visit www.abfm.org and click on "Annual Conference Info".

2012 Conference Brings ABFM to NYC!

The Wagner School at New York University will be our host for the 2012 ABFM Conference at the New York Marriott East Side Hotel in Manhattan. This is a unique opportunity for attendees, presenters, academics and practitioners to meet and share their knowledge and experiences in one of the world's foremost centers of finance and commerce.

Be on the lookout for more information coming soon, online and at the 2011 Conference in Washington.

For more information on ABFM, visit our website, www.abfm.org

Candidates for ABFM Elections

Vice-President Candidate

Charles Menifield (University of Memphis)

Charles is currently professor and interim director of the MPA program at the University of Memphis. He has been very active in the profession throughout his career.

“(I) feel that my research and service to ABFM and the profession have provided me much information that will allow me to serve as a worthwhile chairman,” Charles said.

Charles is concluding a three-year term on the NASPAA Executive Council, serving for the past year as their Treasurer. He served on the ABFM Executive Committee from 2005 to 2010 and is a former Membership Chairman. Currently, he is President of the Memphis Midsouth Chapter of ASPA.

Charles has served on the Advisory Board of the *Journal of Public Affairs Education* since 2008. He is a member of the Editorial Boards of *Journal of Health and Human Services Administration*, *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting and Financial Management*, and the *Ralph Bunche Journal of Public Affairs*.

Charles’ research includes the areas of comparative budgeting, local government policy and the impact of policy and political decisions on government finance. His work has been featured in several publications and at several conferences. His 2005 book, *Politics in the New South: Representation of Africal Americans in Southern State Legislatures*, won the 2005 Key Award for the best book on the topic of southern politics.

Executive Committee Candidates

Thad Calabrese (Baruch College—CUNY)

Thad is an Assistant Professor in the School of Public Affairs at Baruch College - CUNY. He received his MPA in 2000 and his PhD in 2009 from the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University.

Prior to returning to academia, Thad worked in the New York City Office of Management and Budget as a revenue forecaster, and also with a financial management consultant firm working with nonprofit organizations in the tristate region. He has written and published articles focusing on government and nonprofit finance, and also teaches class on budgeting, accounting, and financial analysis in both sectors.

Thad has been a member of ABFM and ASPA since 2005, and has presented annually at ABFM conferences since 2007.

Helisse Levine (Long Island University)

Helisse is assistant professor and acting director of the MPA Program at Long Island University, School of Business and Public Administration. She earned Ph.D. in public administration at Rutgers University, Newark, NJ.

Prior to joining LIU, Helisse served as a budget analyst for Nassau County’s Legislative Budget Review Office. Her research interests include local government budgeting and finance, municipal securities markets, and the issue of gender in the public sector.

Prof. Levine teaches courses in Analytical Methods, Public Budgeting and Financial Management, Healthcare Finance, Political Economy, and serves as mentor to the development of MPA student capstone projects concentrating on issues in public budgeting and finance. She is a frequent presenter at public finance and administration conferences, and she’s been published in several public administration and finance journals, and she is co-editor of the forthcoming *Handbook of Local Government Fiscal Health*.

Daniel L. Smith (New York University)

Daniel is a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Public Budgeting and Financial Management in the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University. He teaches public and nonprofit financial management, statistics, and econometrics.

“ABFM is my primary intellectual home, and I have presented at its annual conference every year since 2004,” Dan said. “Though I have not yet had the opportunity to serve ABFM in a significant capacity, as a member of the association’s Executive Committee I look forward to utilizing the experiences I have accumulated in other service roles.”

Dan just completed a two-year appointment as program co-chair of the Public Finance and Budgeting section of the Western Social Science Association. He is Treasurer and member of the Board of Directors of the NYU Federal Credit Union (NYUFCU), an independent, federally regulated financial institution with approximately \$14 million in assets.

Wie Yusuf (Old Dominion University)

Dr. Yusuf is an assistant professor in the Dept. of Urban Studies and Public Administration, Old Dominion University. She holds an undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from the University of Notre Dame, an MBA from Indiana University, and PhD in public administration from the University of Kentucky.

She has been active in presenting her research at the ABFM Conference since 2004 and looks forward to being involved in the organization’s leadership. Her research spans the areas of transportation policy and planning; economic development; and public budgeting and finance. Her current research agenda focuses on popular reporting, transparency, accountability, and public participation.

Nominations Now Accepted for ABFM Annual Awards

Members can now nominate fellow academics and practitioners in the fields of public sector finance and budgeting for one of ABFM's annual awards. These long-established honors will be awarded at our annual conference in Washington, DC, on October 14, 2011.

Nominations should be sent to the contact provided for each award, either by email or regular mail.

Aaron Wildavsky Award

This award is presented annually to a distinguished scholar in the field of public budgeting and financial management for lifetime achievement. The award recipient should be an outstanding scholar as judged by his or her record of publication and service to the field over a sustained period of time.

The award was established in 1993 as a lifetime achievement award for work in budgeting and financial management in memory of Dr. Aaron Wildavsky. Professor Wildavsky was a pioneering scholar in the fields of government budgeting, public policy, and policy analysis. Wildavsky's book, *Politics of the Budgetary Process*, first published in 1964, is still one of the most widely read and cited studies of federal budgeting. He spent most of his career at the University of California at Berkeley where he was the founding dean of the Graduate School of Public Policy.

Nominations are due July 5, 2011, and should include a 1-2 page letter outlining the significant accomplishments of the nominee, the nominee's vitae, and no more than two additional letters.

Send nominations to: Carol Ebdon
Associate Professor
University of Nebraska at Omaha
6001 Dodge Street
Omaha, NE 68182
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S. Kenneth Howard Award

The S. Kenneth Howard Award was established in 1986 in memory of S. Kenneth Howard to honor lifetime achievement by a practitioner in the field of budgeting and financial management. Dr. Howard was a faculty member at UNC Chapel Hill and played a key role in establishing the University's Master of Public Administration degree program at UNC.

The award recognizes the exemplary work and professional integrity of an individual who has devoted a significant part of his or her public service career to the advancement of public budgeting and financial management. A person nominated for the award may have moved similarly between academia and practice, or may have contributed to learning and the advancement of knowledge through significant work as an adjunct faculty member,

continuing education instructor, or other educational activities.

Nominations should include the nominee's full name and affiliation; a description of the nominee's career achievements including information on their work in the public sector and in educational activities; and a curriculum vitae or résumé if available. Send nominations by August 15, 2011, to Jonathan Justice via email to justice@udel.edu

Michael Curro Student Paper Award

The Michael Curro Award was established in 2002 in honor of Michael Curro. Graduate students who have written outstanding papers in the field as part of a course, independent study, or other faculty supervised project are eligible.

The paper must be nominated by a faculty supervisor and must have been written between June 2010 and May 2011. The paper may not have been previously presented at a professional conference. Papers written by more than one student are not eligible.

The papers can represent a variety of formats and topics within the broader interests of the ABFM. In the past, papers have included traditional research efforts, critical literature comparisons or analyses of financial documents. The topics have ranged across the discipline to include papers on federal budgeting, local government financing, state revenue sources, capital planning, trends in debt issuance, financial and accounting practices, and the financing of specific policy functions.

Papers will be judged by members of ABFM and will be evaluated according to several criteria: contribution to the field, the appropriateness of the methodology, the quality of the research or analysis, clarity of writing, logic of presentation, and originality and creativity.

Faculty members responsible for nominating students should send a letter of nomination that includes the student's name, the degree the student is pursuing, the school name, when the paper was written, a description of the purpose of the paper, and the faculty's supervisory role. If the paper was written for a class, please include the name of the course and when the course was offered. If the paper was part of the student's extracurricular duties, please describe these duties.

A financial award and commemorative plaque will be presented to the winner at the annual conference. The winner will be encouraged to present his or her paper in an appropriate panel at the Fall conference. Conference registration will be waived for the winner.

Nomination letters and a digital (PDF format preferred) copy of the student paper should be sent by August 5, 2011 directly to David Matkin via email, dmatkin@fsu.edu.

Job Announcements & Calls for Papers

ABFM members can post announcements for professional positions and events with their institutions and agencies. To include an announcement, please forward it to Kenneth Hunter at kenneth.hunter@nclgba.org.

Faculty Search in Financial Management Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service, New York University

The Wagner School of Public Service at New York University seeks to hire a tenure-track faculty member in financial management. The position is open to all ranks. Applicants must have a doctoral degree in a relevant discipline or be near completion, and must have an outstanding research and teaching record (at the senior level) or demonstrated potential for excellence in research and teaching (at the junior level).

We are particularly interested in applicants with research and teaching interests in the financial management of nonprofit or health-care organizations. Applicants should also have a strong interest in interacting with faculty and students in a multi-disciplinary professional school.

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt beginning September 30, 2011, and continuing until the position is filled. Please send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, writing sample, and teaching evaluations (if available) to wagner.fmsearch@nyu.edu.

Doctoral candidates should arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent by email or to the mailing address below. Applicants who currently hold full-time faculty appointments should send a list of references.

Mailing Address

Financial Management Search Committee
Wagner School of Public Service
New York University
The Puck Building, 2nd floor
295 Lafayette Street
New York, NY 10012-9604

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Budget Manager, Senior Municipal Court of Atlanta (GA) *Applications accepted until July 13th, 2011!*

The purpose of this job is to perform administrative/management functions associated with budget management and fiscal activities at the Municipal Court of Atlanta. Duties include, but are not limited to: preparing departmental budgets; preparing goals and expenditure projections; overseeing departmental procurement; conducting and preparing statistical analysis; grants management; negotiating contracts; and generating reports and forms.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's degree in Business/ Public Administration, Finance, Accounting or related field required; six years of contract interpretation, accounting, budget management and/or financial analysis experience; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job. Supervisory experience required. A successful candidate should possess strong analytical skills and have solid experience with statistical reporting and a solid track record handling judicial and/or public agency budgets (direct experience in judiciary environment preferred).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Candidates for this position must complete a drug screen, credit history and background checks with favorable results in order to be considered for placement in this position.

Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application. Applications are accepted online at www.atlantaga.gov

Additional information about the application process should be directed to: City of Atlanta Department of Human Resources, City Hall Tower, 68 Mitchell Street, SW, Suite 2107, Atlanta, GA 30335-0306. Phone (404) 330-6369. FAX: (404) 658-6157.

Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Applicants must be eligible to work in the United States of America

HELP ABFM GROW! *Members Wanted!*

ABFM is focused on growing our member in 2011. We need your help to add to our cadre of more than 460 finance and budgeting academics & practitioners:

- Share this newsletter and copies of *Public Budgeting & Finance (PB&F)* with colleagues & students
- Encourage students to join ASPA and ABFM
- Incorporate mention of your membership in article and speaker bio's
- Mention your membership and its benefits at conferences, staff and faculty meetings
- Follow & share our new Facebook page (find it at www.bit.ly/abfmfb)

Annual membership in ABFM is only \$50 per person (\$25 for ASPA members). Institutional memberships are also available. Benefits include discounted conferences and a subscription to *PB&F*. To learn more, visit www.abfm.org, or contact Scott Pattison, spattison@nasbo.org.

Upcoming Events

To submit dates and “Call for Papers” announcements, contact Kenneth Hunter, kenneth.hunter@nclgba.org.

September 21st-24th

2011 Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA)

Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans

Register online, www.secopa.org

September 23rd-24th

Forum for Economists International

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Visit www.f4ei.org for more information

October 13th-15th

23rd ABFM Annual Conference

Washington Marriott, Washington

Registration info online, www.abfm.org

Additional public administration conference dates and information available at the website for *PA Times*, the official newsletter of ASPA. Visit online, patimes.eznuz.com

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ABFM Elections Now Open

ABFM Members have the opportunity to vote online, or by paper ballot, for Vice-President and At-Large Representatives.

To participate online, visit the site below, or scan the QR code:

<http://svy.mk/abfm12elect>



Deadline to vote is July 31st!

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