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ABFM Conference

ABFM's 13th annual conference is taking shape with its usual variety of interesting and practical panels. Below is a *preliminary* version of the conference program.

Budgeting in a New Millennium: Transition or Transformation

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Performance Budgeting and Measurement: Surveys of State and Local Governments

The Financing of Capital and Debt and the Costs of Borrowing
Institutionalism, NPM, and Transaction Cost Interpretations of Budgeting in Asia and Africa

Results-Oriented Agency Budget Practices in the Federal Government

10:15 am – 11:15 am First Plenary: Sean O'Keefe, Deputy Director, OMB

12 noon – 1:30 pm Practitioner Teaching Roundtable: Facilitating Smooth Transitions Between Graduation and Employment

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

State Budget Directors: Current Issues and Problems

Fiscal Transparency in Public Resource Management Systems: Some New Issues in the United States

Methods of Service Delivery: Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Equity

Information Technology for Budgeting and Financial Management

3:15 pm – 4:45 pm

The Impact of Policy and Environmental Conditions on Economic Development

The Politics of Deficits and Revenue Shortfalls

GASB Statement #34: A Preliminary Assessment of the New Municipal Financial Accounting and Reporting Rules

Current Issues for Federal Agencies

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

RECEPTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:00 am – 8:30 am

ABFM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Linking Performance Measurement to Budgeting

The Impact of Public Authorities on Government and Non-Profit Finance

Budgeteer Roles and Central Budget Office Decisions

Forecasting Revenues and Expenditures

10:15 am – 11:45 am

The Fiscal Structure of Developing Countries

Public Finance Issues in the Non-Profit Sector

The Impact of Budget Process and Structure on Funding and Politics

Practitioner Forum: Been There, Done That-- Perennial Budget Reform in the 20th Century

See Conference, page four

Election Results

In the recent ABFM election, Jocelyn Johnston was elected Chair-Elect, and will take office as Chair in the Fall of 2002. Wes Clarke of the University of North Texas was elected Vice-Chair. There were five spots on the Executive Committee to be filled, and those candidates selected by the membership were: Maureen Berner (University of North Carolina), Aimee Franklin (Oklahoma University), Rebecca Hendrick (University of Illinois-Chicago), Stacey Mazer (National Association of State Budget Officers), and Dean Mead (Governmental Accounting Standards Board). Johnston, an associate professor of public administration at the University of Kansas, commented, "I would like to continue the great tradition of leadership demonstrated by past ABFM chairs, and am open to suggestions about initiatives or priorities that members would like me to consider. I'd also like to remind members to pencil in the Kansas City 2002 conference!" Johnston and John Bartle are co-chairs of the 2002 conference.

On the Job Market?

There will be a table at the upcoming ABFM Conference to facilitate the sharing of information on job openings or resumes of people who are in the job market. If you have a job opening or resume that you would like to have included in the registry, please send it to Bunch.Beverly@uis.edu or

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Please also indicate if you will be available to meet potential job interviewers or interviewees during the conference. If so, please provide contact information.

We also will accept job listings and resumes at the conference. Please leave your material with the people at the registration table. You do not need to be present at the conference in order to participate in this service.

Quips and Quotes

"Whoever hopes a faultless tax to see, hopes what ne'er was, is not, and ne'er shall be." – Alexander Pope

Bunch to Take Office

Beverly Bunch, associate professor of public administration and Director of the Doctor of Public Administration program at the University of Illinois-Springfield, is currently the Chair-Elect of ABFM and will assume the Chair after the September conference. Beverly holds a BS from the University of Illinois, an MPA from Syracuse University, and a Ph.D. from Carnegie-Mellon. She has also taught at Syracuse, American University, Texas-Austin and Texas-San Antonio. Her practitioner experiences have been as a research associate with GFOA, a budget analyst for the City of San Antonio, and Assistant to the Executive Director of the Texas Bond Review Board. When asked about her agenda as Chair she said,

"My vision is for ABFM to become one of the premier organizations for professionals, academics, and students who are interested in furthering the knowledge and practice of budgeting, governmental accounting, and public financial management. I think that one of ABFM's strength is that it brings together people who approach these topics from different perspectives. I would like to build on efforts initiated in the past, including exploring affiliations with other organizations, developing the ABFM web page to provide additional information and services, and exploring avenues for ABFM to have more input in the development of governmental accounting standards."

"I also am interested in exploring ways to develop a closer relationship among academics and practitioners within our association. One possibility would be to develop networks among members who share an interest in a particular subfield, such as performance measurement, governmental accounting, or debt management. These subgroups could explore the potential for activities such as sponsoring a roundtable discussion at the conference, developing a list of resource people for particular topics, and helping facilitate journal articles or case studies that are jointly prepared by academics and practitioners."

"I believe that it is important for ABFM to continue to respond to the needs and interests of members. Therefore, I encourage you to contact me regarding any ideas or suggestions you may have (Bunch.Beverly@uis.edu or 217-787-6516). I especially would like to hear from members who would like to become more involved in ABFM, even if you are not sure what role you would like to play. We have the potential for lots of different kinds of opportunities and we would welcome your participation."

**Association for Budgeting and Financial Management
2001 Conference Registration Form**

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Name for Badge _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

FORM OF PAYMENT:

___ Check Enclosed (made payable to ABFM of ASPA) in the amount of \$ _____

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Organization _____ Attn: _____

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REGISTRATION FEES: Includes 2 continental breakfasts, 2 evening receptions and Friday buffet lunch.

Individual Rates:

___ \$170 ASPA Member

___ \$195 Non-member

___ \$100 Student

___ \$75 One Day Registration (Early registration discount does not apply)

Group Rates (per person):

___ \$160/person Group 4-8

___ \$150/person Group 9-12

___ \$140/person Group 13+

Individual registrants whose form and payment has arrived prior to September 1, 2001 may take a \$15 discount in registration fees. To qualify for early discount, registration form must be postmarked or received via fax at (414) 229-5120 by September 1, 2001. NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 10, 2001. Group registrations must be made on one list of registrants and include one check or invoice request. ABFM Federal TIN: 52-1204197

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel. Call Washington Marriott 1-800-228-9290 and reference "ABFM Conference room rate" (\$139.00 - single). The cutoff for the rate is September 5, 2001.

Mail completed registration form and payment to:

2001 ABFM Annual Conference, c/o Robert J. Eger III, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Department of Political Science, 674 Bolton Hall, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (continued)

12 noon – 2:00 pm **AWARDS LUNCHEON**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Second Plenary: Alice Rivlin, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institute

3:15 pm – 4:45 pm

The Government Performance Project: The Effect on State Financial Management Practice

Current Issues in Debt and Capital Management

Budget Theory and Collective Decision-Making

Budgetary Leftovers: Explaining and Managing Expenditure Minus Revenues

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm **ABFM BUSINESS MEETING**

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm **RECEPTION**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Economic Development and Capital Markets

The Usefulness of Cost Information and Other Reporting Techniques

Emerging Issues in State and Local Financial Management

New Scholars Research

10:15 am – 11:45 am

Issues in Implementing Performance Measurement in State and Local Governments

Efficiency and Equity of Tax and Revenue Systems

Internal Control and Accountability in Financial Management

11:45 am – 1:30 am Teaching Roundtable

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