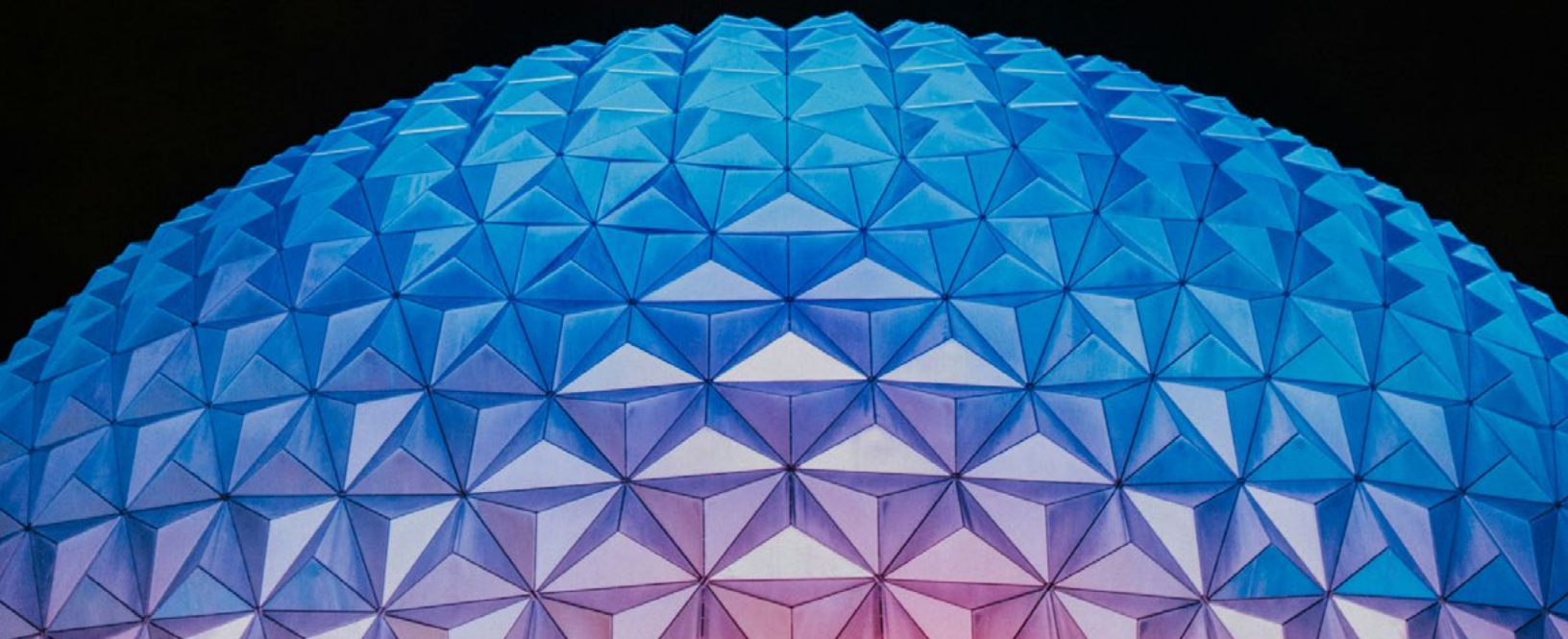




# GFOA & IGFOA Meeting Agenda



June 8-13, 2024  
Orlando, Florida





Participants at the Summer 2023 IGFOA in Portland, Oregon.

## GOALS

**The goals of the 2024 GFOA and IGFOA conferences are to:**

Review the current status of single audits for insular governments, address existing delays, and explore strategies for timely audit completion.

Following up on the IGFOA Winter Conference, discuss ongoing audit challenges and solutions to enhance future audits.

Review IGFOA performance measures and consider updates to reporting.

Discuss key topics from the GFOA Conference and their relevance to U.S. affiliated insular governments.

Review upcoming GASB standards and strategize for their implementation.

Identify key takeaways from the week for each insular government and draft follow-up activities to ensure that insights gained from the meeting are effectively applied in each government.

## FRIDAY JUNE 7, 2024

**Most insular government participants arrive in Orlando.**

### **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Orlando at SeaWorld**

 10100 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32821

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 <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/mcosrdt-doubletree-orlando-at-seaworld/>



# SATURDAY

## JUNE 8, 2024

 **Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Orlando at SeaWorld - Cypress Room**

 Breakfast and Lunch on Own

9:00 a.m.

 **Opening of IGFOA Meeting in the Cypress Room**



### **Welcoming Remarks**

Insular Government IGFOA Representative

Jason Aubuchon, Director, Graduate School USA

9:30 a.m.

★ **IGFOA Agenda Review and Participant Introductions**

Debbie Milks, CPA and Jason Aubuchon

10:00 a.m.

### **Building Transformers**

#### **Brian Elms, Change Agents Training**



This session, led by Brian Elms, will offer an overview of effective strategies to enhance government services. Brian will share inspiring success stories from his experiences training and consulting, and providing participants with several process improvement techniques such as process mapping, waste identification, and establishing standard work protocols.

11:00 a.m.

★ **Catching Up with Single Audits**

Debbie Milks, CPA; Jeanne Yamamura, CPA

11:30 a.m.

★ **GFOA Conference Planning**



#### **Debbie Milks, CPA**

In this session, Debbie will present an overview of the GFOA Conference, highlighting recommended sessions and facilitating a signup process for IGFOA participants to attend selected sessions. Additionally, she will outline the end-of-week action planning, ensuring that key take-aways from the week are effectively captured and implemented.

 **GFOA Conference Registration (on Own)**

 Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819

The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Orlando at SeaWorld is an official GFOA hotel. Daily shuttle service will be provided to/from the convention center. *We recommend participants complete conference registration for GFOA on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning, as registration gets quite busy on Monday morning.*

 Dinner on Own

# SUNDAY JUNE 9, 2024

## Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Orlando at SeaWorld - Cypress Room

7:00 a.m.  Breakfast on Own

 GFOA 5k Fun Run and Walk

GFOA will be hosting a 5k Fun Run and Walk outside the Hyatt Regency Orlando, right across from the Orange County Convention Center campus. The race kicks off Sunday, June 9, at 7:00 a.m. local time. All participants will receive a special commemorative t-shirt, and we kindly request a suggested minimum donation of \$20 per person to support Zebra Youth in Orlando, Florida. Your participation will make a meaningful impact!

<https://www.gfoa.org/5k-fun-run-and-walk>

12:00 p.m.  Lunch on Own

1:00 p.m.

### GFOA Conference Concurrent Sessions Begin

#### GFOA Conference Sunday Keynote Speaker: Casey Newton



Casey Newton is the founder and editor of Platformer, an independent publication devoted to exploring the intersection of technology and democracy, including the declining trust in government. He is also co-host of Hard Fork, the critically acclaimed New York Times podcast about technology and the future. Casey's work focuses on the rise of artificial intelligence, providing commentary on the tech industry's most important developments, and what it all means for human behavior, politics, and the future that is already here.

2:40 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  GFOA regular sessions begin at the Orange County Convention Center

5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.  GFOA Welcome Reception

 Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819

GFOA's Annual Conference Welcome Reception will take place on Sunday, May 21, 2024, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at the Oregon Convention Center, Hall D. Attendees, guest, sponsors, and exhibitors are encouraged to attend. This is a complementary event.

 Dinner on Own



MONDAY

JUNE 10, 2024

	 Breakfast on Own
8:00 a.m.	<div> <b>GFOA Conference Concurrent Sessions (Continued)</b></div> <div> Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819</div>
8:30 a.m.	<div> <b>GFOA Conference Keynote Speaker: David Brooks</b></div> <div><div>David Brooks is a bestselling author, op-ed columnist at the New York Times, and recurring commentator on PBS NewsHour. He has a gift for bringing readers and audiences alike face to face with the spirit of our times with humor, insight, and quiet passion. He is a keen observer of the American way of life and a savvy analyst of present-day politics and foreign affairs whose columns are among the most read in the nation.</div></div>
10:30 a.m.	<div> <b>GFOA Conference Concurrent Sessions (Continued)</b></div>
12:00 p.m.	<div> GFOA Serving lunch for all delegates at Orange County Convention Center</div>
1:30 p.m.	<div> <b>GFOA Conference Concurrent Sessions (Continued)</b></div>
5:05 p.m.	<div> <b>GFOA Conference Concurrent Session End</b></div> <div> Dinner on Own</div>



Participants listening to government presentations at the Winter IGFOA in Honolulu.

# TUESDAY

## JUNE 11 2024

✂ Breakfast on Own

8:30 a.m.

★ **GFOA Conference Concurrent Sessions (Continued)**

📍 Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Dr,  
Orlando, FL 32819

👤 **GFOA Conference Keynote Speaker: Rana Foroohar**



Rana Foroohar is a global business columnist and associate editor at the Financial Times and a global economic analyst at CNN. Rana is also the author of three critically acclaimed books, *Makers and Takers: How Wall Street Destroyed Main Street*, *Don't Be Evil: The Case Against Big Tech*, and *Homecoming: The Path to Prosperity in a Post-Global World*.

10:30 a.m.

★ **GFOA Conference Concurrent Sessions (Continued)**

12:00 p.m.

✂ GFOA Serving lunch for all delegates at Orange County Convention Center

1:30 p.m.

★ **GFOA Conference Concurrent Sessions (Continued)**

5:05 p.m.

★ **GFOA Conference Concurrent Session End**

✂ Dinner on Own

7:00 p.m.

🎟 **GFOA Closing Event**

Universal Studios (tickets \$50)

This year's Closing Event, exclusive for GFOA conference participants and guests, will take place at Universal Studios Florida. All night long, you'll have unlimited access to incredible rides and attractions like Revenge of the Mummy, Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit coaster, and more. It's the world's premier movie- and TV-based theme park – and it's all yours! Closing Event ticket price

Secretary Tracy Norita (CNMI), and Director Jenifer O'Neal (USVI) at the Winter IGFOA meeting.
















The Palau delegation at the Winter IGFOA meeting in Honolulu.






















WEDNESDAY

JUNE 12 2024

		Breakfast on Own
8:30 a.m.		<div><b>GFOA Conference Concurrent Sessions (Continued)</b></div> <div> Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819</div>
12:10 p.m.		<div><b>GFOA Conference Ends</b></div> <div>Lunch on Own</div>
1:30 p.m.		<div><b>Continuation of IGFOA Meeting</b></div> <div> Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Orlando at SeaWorld – Cypress Room</div> <div>IGFOA Agenda Review and Introductions for Newly Arriving Participants</div>
1:45 p.m.		<div><b>Connecting with GFOA: Emily Brock</b></div> <div><div>Emily Brock, Director of GFOA’s Federal Liaison Center, will update IGFOA on the status of US federal funds, including the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) closeout, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) update, and application processes for each.</div></div>
2:45 p.m.		Break
3:00 p.m.		<div><b>GFOA Conference Highlights: Participant Session Reports by Category</b></div> <div><b>Moderators: Debbie Milks, CPA; Jeanne Yamamura, CPA; Frank Crawford, CPA</b></div> <div>What were the most important ideas, concepts, issues, or practices you heard about during the GFOA Conference?</div> <div>How do they apply to you and your government?</div>
5:00 p.m.		<b>Adjourn</b>
6:30 p.m.		<div><b>IGFOA Hosted Group Dinner</b></div> <div> Delmonico’s Italian Steakhouse, 6115 Westwood Blvd, Orlando, FL 32821</div> <div>After our Wednesday IGFOA meeting, we will have a group dinner for IGFOA participants. Please let us know if you can’t join us so we can give an accurate headcount to the restaurant.</div>

# THURSDAY

## JUNE 13 2024

- 7:00 a.m.  Breakfast  
 Hosted Breakfast at the DoubleTree Orlando at SeaWorld – Cypress Room
- 8:00 a.m.  **Continuation of IGFOA Meeting**
- 8:10 a.m.  **Updates from Interior's Office of Insular Affairs**  
**Marina Tinitali, Deputy Director, Policy Division & ALO/EMC/CDSO**  
 Ms. Tinitali will update IGFOA participants on emerging topics and issues from the U.S. Department of the Interior relevant to the insular areas.
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- 8:30 a.m.  **IGFOA Insular Government Presentations**  
 We're closing out IGFOA with a bang! This session will feature presentations from insular governments, focusing on the latest single audit updates, and strategies to tackle delays. We'll also discuss how insular government finance offices are measuring up to their performance metrics.
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-  **Presentations (7-10 minutes each)**
-  Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
  -  Federated States of Micronesia
  -  Chuuk State, FSM
  -  Pohnpei State, FSM
  -  Yap State, FSM
- 10:30 a.m.  Break
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- 10:45 a.m.  **Insular Government Updates (Continued)**  
 Presentations (7-10 minutes each)
-  Republic of Palau
  -  Guam
  -  American Samoa
  -  Republic of the Marshall Islands
  -  U.S. Virgin Islands
- 12:00 p.m.  Working Lunch



1:00 p.m.

★ **A Deeper Dive into GASB Standards****Frank Crawford, CPA**

This session will take a more intense look at the various GASB standards discussed at this week's GFOA sessions, including, but not limited to, leases, SBITA, and more...and will introduce a new SBITA excel spreadsheet to assist with implementation.

2:30 p.m.

★ **Effective Performance Measures****Jeanne Yamamura, CPA, Ph.D.**

IGFOA members have been collecting and reporting performance measures for many years. How effective have those measures been in achieving desired goals? This session will review basic elements of performance measurement, identify common mistakes made, and provide ways to evaluate your measures for effectiveness.

3:30 p.m.

★ **Government Report-Outs**

4:00 p.m.

★ **Conference Wrap-up**

Next steps

Conference evaluations

4:30 p.m.

★ **Adjourn IGFOA Conference.**

Chief of Finance, Judy Rodriguez  
presenting the status of the single audits  
for Pohnpei State Government.

are still trying to restore it.

We resolved the prior year questioned costs from  
FY2013 to FY2019.

5. 2023



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