



Florida School Finance Officers Association

May 7, 2009

Greetings to all!

I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the June 16 – 19, 2009, Florida School Finance Officers Association Conference being held at the Renaissance Resort, World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Florida. Your Board of Directors has worked diligently to prepare an interesting, informative and exciting agenda. The conference sessions are designed to provide information that will enable you to return to your individual Districts better prepared to meet the challenges that await all of us.

The **cutoff date** for hotel registration is **May 25, 2009**. You must identify your group “**FSFOA**” when registering. The hotel will work with the individuals you have low daily Debit/Credit card limits, but you need to let them know this information when you check in at the hotel. There is no penalty for individual reservations cancelled prior to 72 hours before arrival date.

The Summer Conference registration form and other conference information can be downloaded from the FSFOA website: <http://www.fsfoa.org/summer09.asp>. The registration packet was mailed on May 7 to current membership.

June 16 will be the pre-conference CPE hours consisting of Accounting and Auditing Updates including the GASB changes. The afternoon session will also offer a four-hour alternative to meet the requirement for Investment training.

We are honored to have the **Commissioner of Education, Eric Smith**, speak on Wednesday morning. Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner of Finance and Operations, and DOE staff will be providing a presentation on Budgets, ARRA and other updates. The afternoon mini-sessions will be packed with DOE staff covering topics on Red Book, Indirect Cost/Sub Accounts, Cost Report, Categorical Flexibility and Charter School to name a few of the sessions.

On Thursday morning, Jim McCall will present the Finance Council meeting update and budget reduction ideas. Dr. Wayne Blanton will provide us with the Legislative Updates before breaking for lunch. Later in the afternoon, we will have several mini sessions including tracks involving, Grants, Internal Audits and Internal Accounts Software Alternatives, Financing Alternatives and Developing Operational Metrics.

Friday morning we will have a presentation by the Auditor General’s Office. Later there will a presentation by George Latimer from Florida Virtual School. The motivation speaker this year will be renowned Tom Terez of BeterWorkPlace.com. Participants in this session will receive a user ID and password for full access to Better Workplace Now Online Desk Reference. This Web-based resource includes the full text of the book *22 Keys to Creating a Meaningful Workplace* plus a suite of ready-to-download assessment tools and articles. Don’t miss this opportunity!

Although the agenda is packed with wonderful learning tools, we will still have time to relax and enjoy the surrounding area. Golfers bring your clubs; others bring your bathing suits for the beach or pool; and bring your appetites for St. Augustine and Jacksonville have outstanding restaurants in addition to the cuisine at the Renaissance Resort. Once again, welcome!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Parker
President