



Florida School Finance Officers Association, Inc.
A Message from the President

Welcome to FSFOA's June 2019 Conference.

The conference will be at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel in Jacksonville, FL. The conference will be an opportunity to learn from experts and build relationships with finance staff and other districts. Our partners will display the latest and greatest products and services that could potentially save time and money.

The conference theme is "Bridging the Gap" in recognition of the city's iconic Main Street Bridge. Construction of the Main Street Bridge began in 1938 at a cost of \$1.5 million by the Mount Vernon Bridge Company. The official name of the bridge, John T. Alsop Jr. Bridge, and was dedicated in 1957 to former mayor of Jacksonville John T. Alsop.

We will begin on Tuesday, June 18 and conclude on Friday, June, 21st. On Tuesday evening, there will be a reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres to welcome everyone. Thursday evening will be an opportunity to relax with our families in the River Terrace 1 and deck at the beautiful Hyatt Regency hotel. There will be plenty of food and cocktails to relax and enjoy your evening.

Please take a look at the agenda and notice the schedule has been changed quite a bit. We are excited to have Vera Jones as our keynote speaker. She is a motivational speaker, author and award-winning television and radio broadcaster. In addition to our keynote speaker, staff from the Auditor General's office will join us on Wednesday morning. Thursday morning will include a presentation from the Department of Education as well as an economic update. We are working on sessions featuring EDR (Office of Economic & Demographic Development), state legislative staff talking about the state budget development process, and a legislative update from FADSS. We also have terrific mini-sessions lined up for the afternoons. It looks like a great lineup for you!

Conference registration is online at <https://fsfoa.org/meetinginfo.php?id=30&ts=1553545709>. Please register by **May 27, 2019** to avoid a late fee.

The room rate is \$133 per night and parking is complimentary. Please make sure to register for the conference and reserve a room at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. For online reservations, please use this link: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/JAXRJ/G-FLSC>. If you would like to call to make the reservation(s), the phone number is 800-233-1234 and the code will be "summer2019". The code must be given in order to get our contracted rate of \$133. The deadline to reserve a room is also **May 27, 2019**.

As a reminder, the conference agenda will be available through the Guidebook App a week prior to the conference. In addition to the agenda, you will find the most up-to-date information about our conference, including maps, speakers, hotel tips and sponsor listings. For those of you who prefer paper, we will have a printable version on the FSFOA website you can print prior to attending the conference.

We look forward to seeing you in June!

Trudi Murdock
FSFOA President

Save the Date! Our November conference will be a joint conference with FASBO. We are excited to work together and come up with great information for all who attend. The November Conference will be held in Orlando from November 11-15, 2019.