



## Florida School Finance Officers Association, Inc.

*Dedicated to maintaining quality business management practices and securing uniform financial accounting and reporting to promote public interest in Florida public education.*

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Dear Friends!

I am very excited about our upcoming conference at the Holiday Inn Westshore in Tampa, Florida, November 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Your board of directors are working hard to put together an excellent conference! Tuesday, CPE day, will open with an accounting and audit update in the morning, followed by mini sessions geared towards beginners with tracks in accounting, budgeting and labor issues. Wednesday, our official opening of conference, will begin with a welcome by the Superintendent of Hillsborough County Schools followed by the DOE update with Linda Champion and her team and a legislative update. The afternoon will have mini session tracks on internal school accounts, debt & investments, and district governance. Thursday morning will bring updates from Finance Council update, new GASB requirements, and fraud issues. The afternoon will include mini session tracks on advanced accounting issues, advanced budgeting/FEFP topics; and technology. Friday we will finish up with a presentation on how to reach your goals, an economic update, and the ever exciting Auditor General update.

On Tuesday evening, we will have the Welcome reception with drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres. On Thursday night we will be having an event offsite at Lowry Park Zoo. Transportation from the hotel to Lowry Park Zoo will be provided by the Hillsborough County Schools transportation team. Many thanks to them for assisting us with transportation! Upon arrival at the zoo, you will be greeted with cool beverage to enjoy while admiring the animals along a short stroll through the zoo on your way to Safari Africa. You be able to enjoy drinks and appetizers on the veranda surrounded by giraffes on the African Savannah. Zoo handlers will wander the reception with a variety of animals for you to learn more about and take pictures with. Several lucky door prize winners will have the opportunity to feed the giraffes during the reception. A buffet dinner will be served inside Reilly's Reserve but, you are welcome to enjoy your dinner al fresco on the veranda, as well. This should be a fun evening filled with beautiful wild life, good food and wonderful friendship!!!

The Holiday Inn Westshore, centrally located to Westshore Plaza, International Plaza, and the Tampa International Airport, is ready to take your reservations. The rate for our conference \$99 per night. Reservations can be made online, <http://tampahi.com/>, or by phone at (813) 286-8200. You must use code **FSF** to get the group rate.

Please go to the FSFOA website (<http://fsfoa.org/index.php>) and click the conference registration button and begin registering yourself and your guests. Guest registration **MUST** be paid and name tags **WORN** by any guests who wish to participate in the reception, breakfast, snacks and Lowry Park Zoo! Registration fees for member attendees have increased to \$200 for the November the November 2016 conference.

Also, Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> is **Election Day!** Please make arrangements now to either vote early or by absentee ballot if you will be attending the Tuesday morning session. If not, be sure to vote before you head over to the conference.

I look forward to seeing you in Tampa!!!

Thanks!

*Pennie*