

OMCTFOA hosted its 64th Annual Fall Conference at the NCED Conference Center & Hotel in Norman, Oklahoma this year. The board voted to move the Fall Conference location each year. The theme for 2021 was “Together Towards Tomorrow”. The theme represents our state organization, OMCTFOA, moving **Together Towards Tomorrow** with our membership and we continue to encounter the challenges as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. There were 34 sponsors/vendors this year, 28 of which had exhibitor booths that attendees had the opportunity of visiting with during breaks and free time.

The Conference began on Wednesday, October 13th with our very own Yolonda Ramos with Medicine Park singing the National Anthem. Our Keynote Speaker was Breea Clark, Mayor of Norman, Oklahoma. Breea spoke on Millennial Leadership and the changes needed to fit the “New Normal”. She did a Great job providing options that might be incorporated in our cities and towns to deal with change. General Sessions occurred, wrapping up Wednesday with topics including Mental Health and Active Shooter training. We capped off the day with a Social Event sponsored by Municipal Finance Services at Campus Corner. Thank you!

The Annual GFOAO breakfast was held on Thursday morning where they elected their 2022 board members. Concurrent Sessions were held throughout the day with topics such as Ordinances & Resolutions; Internal Controls; Utilities Billing & Collection Policies and Procedures; Recall Petitions; Sales Tax; and Meeting Decorum – Agendas and Publication. The last session held on Thursday included an overview of certification requirements for APT US&C, IIMC and GFOA. The OMCTFOA Annual Banquet held Thursday evening consisted of pictures with colleagues, a wonderful meal, the retirement celebration of Dorene Crook, Sr. Member Services Associate with OMAG, and the STARS Band for amazing entertainment. Thank you to OMAG, Waste Connections & OMPA for sponsoring this annual event.

The final day of the conference on Friday morning began with the OAPT US&C Annual breakfast and meeting where they also appointed their 2022 board. The last General Session titled “Ask the Last Question”, allowed attendees to ask questions from a panel of six experts on municipal government and related topics. The same session has been included in previous conferences with great success so it continued was included in this year’s conference schedule!

The OMCTFOA Annual luncheon & business meeting was held Friday, October 15th. The 2022 OMCTFOA board was appointed, with Brenda Hall passing the gavel to Ashley VanDeburgh the incoming President. Past presidents; new members; years of service; 2021 scholarship recipients; and CMC, MMC, CPFA, ACPFA and CPFIM certifications were all recognized. Event Announcements included the 2022 OMC&T Institute and Academy to be held on March 28 – April 1, 2022, and next year’s OMCTFOA Conference will be held in October, 2022 with dates TBD.

The board hopes everyone enjoyed the Conference this year and we will see you all again next year for the 2022 OMCTFOA Annual Conference. Please help us applaud outgoing President, Brenda Hall, for all of her hard work and Guidance that she has bestowed the organization. Also outgoing Treasurer, Lindsey Grigg, for her knowledge and dedication to this Program. OMCTFOA has had many great leaders, all who have served on a volunteer basis and hopes to continue the dedication and promotion of education for many years to come.

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