



FGFOA Member Spotlight: Jamie Roberson

Jamie Roberson is currently the Chief Operating Officer of Finance for the Honorable Clerk Timmann at the Martin County Clerk of Court & Comptroller's office.

In this role, she is responsible for overseeing the collection, accounts, and disbursement of courts, recording, and clerk technology. She is now also responsible for Human Resources and Compliance & Customer Care for the Clerk. In addition, to the court function finance and accounting she oversees the finance and accounting for the Board of County Commissioners and the Supervisor or Elections in the County.

Mrs. Roberson has a 20+ years of governmental accounting experience. She was previously employed as the Director of Finance and Accounting for the Osceola County Clerk, the Finance Director for the City of Apopka and the Chief Financial Officer for the Osceola County Property Appraiser's Office in Kissimmee, Florida. As the Chief Financial Officer, she was responsible for the Accounting, Budget, Payroll, and assisted with the Human Resources functions within the office.

Mrs. Roberson graduated from the University of South Florida, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the USF School of Accountancy. Mrs. Roberson is a Certified Government Finance Officer (CGFO) and has been a member of the local, state, and national chapters of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) since 2002. She served as President of the Central Florida Local Chapter FGFOA for three years from 2011-2014 and is a past President of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association where she has served in many roles as an officer, director and committee chair for the last 12 years. She is currently serving as the FGFOA Treasure Coast Chapter Immediate Past President.

Mrs. Roberson is a married mother of five who loves spending time with her family and friends.

A Reflection on My FGFOA Journey

My FGFOA journey has been one of the greatest blessings of my professional career. Over the past 20+ years, the relationships I have built through this organization have profoundly impacted both my professional and personal life. The friendships, mentorships, and network of trusted colleagues have provided support, encouragement, and opportunities that have shaped who I am today.

One individual who had a tremendous influence on my journey was Immediate Past President Nicole Gasparri. Around 2013 or 2014, she challenged me to step outside my comfort zone, embrace self-reflection, and intentionally grow as a leader. Looking back, I truly believe that without her encouragement, I would not be where I am today. FGFOA has continuously provided opportunities to learn, serve, and grow, and I will always be grateful for the people who invested in me along the way.

How FGFOA Has Shaped My Career

FGFOA has been instrumental in every stage of my career. Serving as State President, President of the Central Florida Chapter, President of the Treasure Coast Chapter, and in numerous other leadership roles has strengthened my leadership abilities and expanded my perspective on public service.

More importantly, every career opportunity I have been blessed with has been connected in some way to relationships built through my FGFOA family. Those relationships ultimately led me to my current role serving alongside the Honorable Carolyn Timmann as Chief Operating Officer of Finance for the Martin County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller. FGFOA has not only developed my technical knowledge but has also helped me become the leader I strive to be every day.

What I Am Most Passionate About in FGFOA

One of the opportunities I am most passionate about is serving as Chair of FGFOA's newest standing committee—the Local Chapter Committee. Our mission is to strengthen and support each of our Local Chapters by providing resources, guidance, and meaningful collaboration between the state association and local leadership.

I firmly believe that our Local Chapters are the foundation of FGFOA. They are where members first become engaged, develop leadership skills, build relationships, and discover opportunities to serve. Today's Local Chapter volunteers are tomorrow's state leaders, and investing in their success ensures the continued strength of our organization.

Throughout my FGFOA journey, I have had the privilege of serving on nearly every standing committee. Each experience has taught me something new, introduced me to incredible people, and reinforced the value of servant leadership.