



Dear GNP Section Members,

I am honored to serve as your President for the 2019-2020 year. The GNP (Government and Nonprofit) Section has been my academic home for the past thirteen years and I have had the privilege to work with incredible colleagues that have fostered my development as an academic. My goal as your Section President is to continue the strong work of past GNP leadership teams and continue strengthening the Section. I want to specifically thank Tammy Waymire for her outstanding leadership as last year's Section President. Tammy was available for any and all questions and provided outstanding leadership throughout her term.

In reflecting on last year, there were several notable Section highlights. The Section Officers and Operations Manual was completed, and the Executive Committee approved the operating manual at the Mid-Year Meeting. The Mid-Year meeting in Norwalk, CT was dynamic, and we had strong set of Friday speakers and Saturday paper presentations. At the annual meeting in San Francisco, we were able to recognize Julie Mercado for receiving a doctoral dissertation grant award and Mary Fischer for receiving the GNP Enduring Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations Mary and Julie!

In looking ahead, one area I would like to concentrate my efforts is on increasing the visibility and submissions of our section journal, *Journal of Governmental & Nonprofit Accounting* (JOGNA). The editor of JOGNA, Vaughan Radcliffe, has done an outstanding job with both submissions and digital downloads increasing during his tenure. To further increase submissions and visibility, we are planning a special panel session at the upcoming GNP Mid-Year meeting to discuss the future of GNP research. A special issue of JOGNA will also be commissioned building on the themes of the panel session.

The work of the GNP Section could not happen without all of the members who volunteer their time and efforts. I would like to specifically thank all executive committee members, volunteers for the GNP Mid-Year Meeting and Annual Meeting who serve as moderators, reviewers, and discussants, as well as section volunteers serving on committees.

I encourage everyone to attend the GNP Section Mid-Year Meeting in Houston, TX March 6-7, 2020. We plan to have a dynamic set of panel sessions and speakers for the Friday session, along with our Saturday research presentations. A special thank you to Nancy Feng who is this year's Mid-Year Meeting coordinator, and Saleha Khumawala who is assisting with logistics and setting up guest speakers.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the generous financial support from KPMG and the contributions of our Vice President of Practice, Mandy Nelson. Mandy has been instrumental in securing guest speakers for Section events as well as helping us in outreach efforts. Thank you, Mandy!

I wish everyone a great academic year and I look forward to collaborating with you to continue the outstanding work of the GNP Section. I will see you in Houston!

Best,

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