

2022 OASC Jurisdiction Report

Finance Subcommittee Report



Finance Subcommittee Discussions

The Finance Subcommittee did a call out for questions prior to the conference which resulted in a listing of 44 questions.

Prior to the conference most jurisdictions provided responses to the questions.

This process allowed us to focus on the areas of importance where we can get into more detailed explanations and also gives us a brief understanding of other provinces take on the issue if we want to contact them further on the subject at another time.



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Our sessions included discussions on:

- ERP systems including what works and what customizations or add-ons were used.
- Budgeting systems which most jurisdictions are using excel even if they have a system as most indicated that their system only had functionality for part of the process.
- Cyber Insurance, and many are self-insure as there is a reluctance to how much would be covered and what the actual cost for the insurance is.
- Banking contracts and if each province tenders on a regular basis and some do and other use the same provider due to customizations.



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Our sessions included discussions on:

- One of the most important discussions was around how each province is working on the retention and attraction of employees. It was noted that a number of organizations are using a partial flex on working in the office of 2 to 3 days per week, some doing salary review and casual dress.



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For our last session we had the VP of Corporates Services and Gaming Operations and the Director of IT from SLGA come speak to the group about the SLGA Cyber incident and the lessons learned from that event so that others can plan for the inevitable because it is not if but when an event will occur.

The highlights of this session included a lot of valuable lessons.

- Staff were key and keeping them motivated, heard and supported was important.
- Expect to see different personalities emerge with the amount of stress and change that occurs during an event.



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- The business continuity plan and technology continuity plan need to be current and robust and include the different scenarios of physical disaster, pandemic and cyber.
- Training staff on detecting phishing emails and other attempts to gain access to systems or credentials and making that an annual requirement.
- Communications is key to keeping people informed to the level they need and who is making the decisions and on which topics helps reduce conflict.
- Pay now or Pay later.



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As far as our chair and co-chair, our group had decided to continue past practice in the Finance group in that the hosting province two years out will be the chair and the co-chair will be the hosting province three years out.

Therefore, our Chair will be Monika Kossowska from Alberta and Anita Bhullar from the Yukon. Thank you for agreeing to the positions. And we all look forward to next years productive meetings.



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Thank You

