

# State and Local Government Disclosure Modernization Working Group

February 21, 2019



# Agenda

Agenda	Speaker/facilitator
IP Agreement	Michelle Savage
Status Update	Marc Joffe
Requirements Gathering	Shannon Sohl
Taxonomy and Public Review	Cathlyn Coons
CAFR Instance Documents	Srini Murty
Next Steps	Marc Joffe

# IP Policy

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# Status Update

- Rollout of Demo Taxonomy v0.1
- NASACT Webinar
- Media Mentions

# NASACT Webinar - January 23

- Over 100 participants
- Comments from:
  - Kinney Poynter, Executive Director, NASACT
  - John Reidhead, Director, State of Utah Division of Finance
  - Patrick Austin, County Administrator, McHenry County (Illinois)
- Marc, Michelle and Shannon provided a demo and explained XBRL benefits
- Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNEIAu07qz4&t=18s>.

# Media Mentions / SEC Conference

- Barnet Sherman of Neighborly had a very comprehensive [piece](#) on Forbes.com outlining the case for XBRL and responding to objections.
- XBRL was a major topic of discussion at the SEC's Municipal Disclosure Conference on December 6 (video available [online](#))
- Mercatus Center [published](#) Joffe/Reck study on XBRL in St. Petersburg
- Municipal Market Analytics published a highly critical [piece](#) on its site; [response](#) on Reason.org
- Bond Buyer published a long [article](#) that included both praise and criticism
  - “I wish people would take the time to learn a little bit more about this than simply repeat preconceived notions that may not stand up when they're presented with the facts,” Joffe said.





# Requirements: Group 1

# Progress!

Coming together is  
a beginning;  
keeping together is  
progress; working  
together is success.

*Henry Ford*



- 198** elements in the taxonomy
- 16** related as an Axis/Qualifier
- 91** included definitions
- 73** were referenced
- 67** included definitions and references

*Keep working together!*



# Requirements Gathering

# Demo Taxonomy v0.1 - Objectives

- Produce a vendor-neutral taxonomy for use in a pilot program.
  - Not tied to a single vendor
  - Non-proprietary mechanism for encoding and transmitting data (XBRL)
  - Easily customized for entity-specific data elements
  - Demo taxonomy consisted of Statement of Net Position plus selected data points of special interest in the Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Statements.
- Create sample filings demonstrating operational viability for government financial digital disclosure.
- Further develop our methodology for producing a production taxonomy.
- Create a tangible work product as a point for organizing the government reporting community.

# Demo Taxonomy v0.1 - Outcomes

- Opted to have more coverage in the taxonomy and complicated its use
- For those without tagging and/or subject matter experience it was a leap
- Discovered that the government accounting standards are not designed for digital reporting
  - FASB began this effort ~15 years ago and are still revising
- Learned we should have kept “simplicity of use” as one of the objectives
  - Fewer elements with a focus on prevalently reported, widely used data points
  - More guidance-oriented documentation
  - [https://xbrl.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/preparers\\_guide\\_cafr\\_2019-01-16.pdf](https://xbrl.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/preparers_guide_cafr_2019-01-16.pdf)
- Public comment period for v0.1 is open until March 18, 2019

# CAFR instance documents

- 15 CAFR Inline XBRL documents published - January 16, 2019
- Participation by multiple working group members/vendors involved

## Inline XBRL Samples

Below is a collection of member-contributed sample inline filings based on the Demonstration Release, displayed using the SEC's inline viewer. Click the name of the state, county or municipality to see examples.

*Please note that all reported facts in these instances may not be tagged because of the limited elements available in the demonstration taxonomy. These samples are for demonstration only.*

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[Albemarle, VA](#)

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# City of Alexandria, Virginia

## Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2018

Exhibit I

	Primary Government		Component
	Governmental		Units
	Activities		
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 336,089,928	\$	78,604,738
Cash and Investments with Fiscal Agents	219,874,961		3,202,514
Receivables, Net	298,834,712		364,835
Long-term Portion of Notes Receivable	-		-
Accrued Interest	60,715		-
Due From OPEB			-
Due From Other Component Units			5,220,701
Inventory of Supplies			281,037
Prepaid and Deferred Expenses			3,388,973
Net Pension Liability			4,600,977
Capital Assets			
Land and Construction in Progress			1,046,239
Other Capital Assets			1,746,654
Capital Assets, Net			2,792,893
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>86,456,668</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Pension	44,415,779		44,415,779
OPEB	4,486,791		3,405,635
Deferred Gain on Refunding Bonds	5,056,021		-
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>54,550,796</b>		<b>47,821,414</b>

**Attributes**

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Tag	cafr.CashAndCashEquivalents
Fact	336,089,928
Axis	Financial Reporting Entity [Axis] - cafr.FinancialReportingEntityAxis
Member	Primary Government Activities [Member] - cafr.PrimaryGovernmentActivitiesMember
Axis	Basis of Accounting [Axis] - cafr.BasisOfAccountingAxis
Member	Accrual, Basis of Accounting [Member] - cafr.AccrualBasisOfAccountingMember

<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	<u>16,384,155</u>	19,132,989
Accrued Wages	10,062,828	28,355,097
Accrued Liabilities	<u>1,689,562</u>	-
Unearned Revenue	<u>7,517,690</u>	3,817,110
Other Short-term Liabilities	<u>21,402,607</u>	-
Due To Other Funds	-	-
Deposits	<u>5,016,362</u>	-
Long-term Liabilities Due Within One Year	<u>50,017,044</u>	2,595,440
Long-term Liabilities Due in More Than One Year	<u>657,636,767</u>	10,199,383
Net Pension Liability	<u>163,020,518</u>	229,706,920
Net OPEB Liability	<u>65,284,471</u>	48,179,050
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>985,989</u>
<b>DEFERRED</b>		
Deferred Tax		-
Pension		949,289
OPEB		881,202
<b>Total Deferred</b>		<u>830,491</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net Investment		910,323
Restricted for		-
Affordable		-
Special Projects	20,505,968	-
Educational Projects	-	5,103,063
Unrestricted	<u>64,145,352</u>	(235,551,784)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>506,316,534</u>	<u>(219,538,398)</u>

**Labels** ✖

**Net Position Unrestricted**

Definition	The unrestricted component of net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted components of net position.
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# Feedback / Lessons Learnt

- Published instances were available for review
- Feedback received on XBRL output
- Gained insights on future taxonomy development requirements

Open Source tool for  
extracting data from XBRL  
instances

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'ReasonFoundation / parse\_cafr\_ixbrl'. The repository has 2 stars and 0 forks. The main content area displays the README for the repository, which describes a Python script for converting XBRL CAFR samples to Excel format. The commit history shows several recent updates, including the addition of test data and the README file.

ReasonFoundation / `parse_cafr_ixbrl` Unwatch 2 Star 0 Fork 0

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**joffemd** Update README.md Latest commit 64f6ea2 29 minutes ago

<code>test_data</code>	Delete VABeach_StmtNetPos_ixBRL_20190116.htm	3 days ago
<code>test_data_missing_fields</code>	Add files via upload	3 days ago
<code>README.md</code>	Update README.md	29 minutes ago
<code>config.csv</code>	Fixes for Utah	12 hours ago
<code>getix.ipynb</code>	Add General Fund Balance Ratio column.	2 hours ago
<code>getix.py</code>	Add General Fund Balance Ratio column.	2 hours ago
<code>mydir.py</code>	Add files via upload	4 days ago
<code>output.xlsx</code>	Updated config file and getix to use it	4 days ago

**README.md**

## parse\_cafr\_ixbrl

Python script that converts inline XBRL CAFR samples to Excel format

This script can be used with instance documents available at <https://xbrl.us/xbrl-taxonomy/2019-cafr/>



```
D:\parse_cafr_ixbrl>python getix.py
Loading test_data\Alexandria-2018-Statements.htm...
Loading test_data\FallsChurch-2018-Statements.htm...
Loading test_data\ga-20190116.htm...
Loading test_data\Loudoun-2018-Statements.htm...
Loading test_data\ut-20190117.htm...
Generated output.csv.
Generated output.xlsx
```

- Data extracted from CAFR XBRL instance documents to Excel
- Enables further data analysis
- Provided insights into further taxonomy development

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output.xlsx - Excel

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	Name of Government	State	Fiscal Year End	Assigned General Fund Balance	Unassigned General Fund Balance	Total General Fund Balance	General Fund Revenues	General Fund Expenditures	General Fund Balance Ratio
2	City of Alexandria, Virginia	Virginia	June 30, 2018	34,152,482	73,780,565	128,958,343	717,727,325	614,696,136	0.21
3	City of Falls Church, Virginia	Virginia	June 30, 2018	2,609,806	16,191,210	31,233,917	87,405,889	85,375,721	0.37
4	State of Georgia	Georgia	June 30, 2017	418,815	2,211,442	7,375,992	42,224,692	37,219,971	0.20
5	County of Loudoun, Virginia	Virginia	June 30, 2018	33,784,272	99,528,390	361,269,101	1,571,898,973	1,271,158,595	0.28
6	State of Utah	Utah	June 30, 2017	194,174	9,585	858,154	5,950,389	6,654,337	0.13
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# Next Steps

- V0.2 Demo Taxonomy
- Sub-Committee Realignment
- In person meeting and mini-conference in DC April 24

# V0.2 Demo Taxonomy

- We are working on an update to the taxonomy and preparer's guide with the following goals:
  - Encourage greater consistency in tagging of key statement items such as Governmental Activities Unrestricted Net Position
  - Incorporate validations such as ensuring that amounts provided for Governmental Activities and Business Type Activities add up to Total Primary Government amounts
  - Facilitate calculation of key ratios used for financial analysis by state oversight bodies and municipal credit analysts
  - Review and incorporate feedback to v0.1 taxonomy received by March 18
- Intended release date for the new taxonomy and updated instance documents is April 24
- Coverage additions will be limited
  - Marc wants to tag some pension and OPEB items, but we'll have to see whether we have time!
- Technical lead for v0.2 will be Vivek Bhadoria of IRISBusiness



# Sub-Committee Realignment

- Disband subcommittee 4 which has focused on advocacy
  - We have greatly raised awareness of XBRL in the government accounting community
  - Harder for certain stakeholders to join a working group that is engaging in advocacy
  - Individuals associated with the WG can advocate for XBRL in their other capacities
- Temporarily merge the activities of subcommittees 1-3
  - To accelerate work on v0.2, we will have a weekly call in which members of all three subcommittees may participate
  - There will be no subcommittee meeting between now and at least April 24

# In person meeting and mini-conference, DC April 24

- In person meetings facilitate networking, so we hope to have them once or twice each year
- The in person event will have a morning session consisting of talks by influencers in the world of government financial data
  - Many thanks to Stephen Owens from the Census Bureau's Government Division for agreeing to speak to us
  - We are inviting other DC-based experts including individuals not in the working group
  - Others who would be interested please contact, Michelle or Marc
- Afternoon session (starting at 1pm) will be a normal WG meeting
- Location is **ecofy**, a co-working space, at 1899 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036