

Andy Arnold  
MBA Association Treasurer Nominee

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## Treasurer

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My fellow MBA Association members,

I am honored for your consideration, and I gladly accept the nomination for Treasurer. I wish to be able to give back as much as I can to the program as it has given me. The previous Treasurers have done a tremendous job keeping our organization running efficiently. I feel little needs to change with regards to the operations of our association, but change should always be considered. It is crucial to routinely examine the operations of an organization to ensure all aspects are running at an optimum level, and then to make any necessary changes. I feel the most important role a treasurer serves is as the conservative voice in the organization. Many times, other leaders in an organization will become overzealous with plans and spending, and it is the Treasurer's job to remain rational and level-headed. I pledge that, if elected, I will ensure that all funds will be spent wisely and with the best interests of the members in mind. I plan to work with our other officers and chairs to find the best possible uses of our funds. Careful budgeting is a mainstay for proper management of businesses, and the MBA Association is no exception. Working with the new President and other officers, I plan to create the most accurate budget I can using my prior experience and previous years budgets as a starting point. Speaking of my experience, the following will express why I feel uniquely qualified to be the next Treasurer for the MBA Association.

For the past academic year, I have worked at the Small Business Development Center as a Small Business Consultant. I have worked with numerous clients assisting them with all business matters, but most specifically their financials. I assisted the development of their pro-forma statements, as well as instructed them on proper budgeting practices. Before enrolling in the Flores MBA program, I worked for a small bank as both a Credit and Investment Analyst. There, I developed financial spreads to assess credit risks of customers, reviewed all manners of financial statements, and managed investor accounts. My current and past work experience gives me great insight into the financial universe and allows me properly perform the duties of the office of Treasurer.

While earning my undergraduate degree from LSU, I was an active member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, where I held the office of Treasurer. In addition to performing the normal duties as Treasurer of monitoring accounts, creating budgets, and collecting dues; I developed new

accounting and budgeting procedures to ease transition from one treasurer to another. My proudest achievement during my term was bringing the chapter out from under \$50,000 in debt. I worked diligently, and through fiscal conservatism and careful budgeting was able to balance the chapter budget.

The culmination of my past experience and desire to provide first-class service to the MBA Association make me the ideal candidate for the position of Treasurer. The position requires a great deal of patience and knowledge to properly manage the duties of the office, and my previous work experience makes me best prepared for the challenges of the office. I want to reemphasize my desire and commitment to serve in the capacity as Treasurer of the MBA Association, and ask for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Andy Arnold*