

MDGFOA Spring Conference

Friday, April 27, 2018

9:00 am – 9:10 am: Introduction and Welcome

- Speaker: Lenny Moore, President, MDGFOA

9:10 am – 10:00 am: Alternative Investments for Pension Funds

- Speaker: Investment firm rep?
- Speaker: Audit firm rep?
- Speaker: Actuary rep?
- Speaker: Management company rep?
- Description: This panel discussion will provide insight into alternative investments for local government pension funds. Representatives from various financial sectors will detail alternative investment opportunities available as well as their potential risks in order to ensure government officials are able to make sound decisions in an effort boost and maintain the health of their respective funds.

10:00 am – 10:50 am: Economic Development Strategies (Prefers mid-morning)

- Speaker: Lily Qi, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Montgomery County
- Description: This session will provide local government officials an insight into innovative economic development strategies to develop, redevelop, and strengthen business and residential communities. Officials will gain an understanding of how allocate limited resources to effectively support existing business, promote entrepreneurship, and recruit new businesses.

10:50 am – 11:00 am: Break

11:00 am – 12:00 pm: Tax Legislation Update

- Speaker: Andy Schaufele, Director, Maryland Bureau of Revenue Estimates
- Description: This session will examine legislative changes to the federal tax code, corresponding modifications made by the Maryland General Assembly to the State tax code, and its ultimate impact to local governments.

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm: Networking Reception

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunch

1:30 pm – 2:20 pm: Blockchain Technology

- Speaker: Jim St. Clair, Chief Technology Officer, Dinocrates Group LLC
- Description: This session will explore the world of blockchain technology and associated cryptocurrencies. Specific attention will be given to potential benefits and risks for local jurisdictions and municipalities.

2:20 pm – 2:40 pm: Break**2:40 pm – 3:30 pm: Risk Management**

- Speaker: John Lyndenmooth, ____, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (Or Lenny's contact)
- Description: This session will discuss present and developing risks to the public sector and how officials can effectively minimize those risks to protect property, services, and employees.

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm: Maryland General Assembly Update

- Speaker: Michael Sanderson, Executive Director, Maryland Association of Counties
- Description: This session will provide a recap of the 2018 legislative session of the General Assembly of Maryland and how it will impact government finance officers.