

Survey Name: MDGFOA 2018 Summer Conf Survey

2. Please Rate our Sessions - Comments

Answer

Ms. Borsher's presentation didn't seem to change much from her last presentation. I didn't really get any new skills.
Sessions were great.
Chuck Gallagher was one of the best speakers MD GFOA has had at one of its quarterly conferences. He was very engaging, knowledgeable and entertaining. We should bring him back in the near future.
Best sessions I've been to.
Really enjoyed the Chuck Gallagher presentation.
Chuck Gallagher session was great
All topics were very good. Chuck Gallagher was excellent and kept everyone's attention.

3. Please let us know how our Presenters did - Comments

Answer

All the presenters were engaging.
Chuck Gallagher was by far the best and most dynamic presenter you have ever had.
David Brinkley was on the opposite end. If you can, vet some of these presenters so you can see other presentations they have done, David Brinkley's was painful to sit through.
Emily Burns was incredible as well, you don't have to be a supporter of her topic but she was great at the presentation and keeping the crowd enthused.
Gallagher entertaining to some extent but disappointed that our organization would pay a speaker that relies upon gender and racial stereotypes (Chinese) to get a laugh. Brinkley skirted the line between information and politics.

7. Your input as a Member/Attendee is of the utmost importance the the MDGFOA. Please feel free to let us know of topics,

Answer

Please consider rotating the location of quarterly conference. Having it at a location other than always at Marriott/BWI airport may give an opportunity to see some new faces (attendees) and places. I really enjoy seeing other areas of Maryland!

<p>The Thursday night BofA social event needs to be revamped.</p>
<p>Each year the menu seems to remain the same for the crab leg dinner. Perhaps a change to another type of seafood would be welcoming.</p>
<p>I really enjoyed the vegetable tray for our Wednesday snack.. it was something different from the traditional cookies. Everything went smoothly no other issues/concerns</p>
<p>Anirban Basu is always interesting. I missed Ray Wacks a few years ago - former Budget Administrator for Howard County - but would enjoy seeing him. Breakfast at the Clarion is good, but dinner is disappointing. Maybe it is time for a new location. The Fager's gig is very well done.</p>
<p>In the future, I'd like to see something on the topic of budget.</p>
<p>Great conference, great meals are included as opposed to other like MML. Only improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adequate seating, there is no reason why any attendees should have to sit on the floor, please have setup crews overplan seating by at least 10%2. Vet some of these presenters first and see if they are good speakers, name and title aren't everything
<p>The conference was great. It would have been nice for the coffee and tea station to be available all day while the sessions were going on.</p>
<p>Need social security and Medicare sessions as the members know little about this and good presentation s are hard to get</p>
<p>Great conference. Anirban Basu is always entertaining.</p>
<p>Thought the conference was good overall.</p>
<p>The bi-annual ethics training is a great value for me, please continue this practice.</p>
<p>Would like to see the spring and fall locations move around like they used to. BWI Marriott is nice but it's nice to see other parts of the State. For example, Turf Valley, Annapolis, etc.</p>