

## MDGFOA Spring Conference

Friday, April 26, 2019

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

- Speaker: Jason Zimmerman, President, MDGFOA

### **9:10 am – 10:00 am: Best Practices for Budgeting and Fiscal Policy**

- Speaker: John Fishbein, Senior Program Manager, Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada
- Description: Over the last couple of decades, the GFOA has developed more than 35 best practices related to budgeting that cover fiscal policy, linking the budget to organizational goals and performance, the budget process and budgetary techniques, and specific elements of the operating budget document. This session focuses on the practical implementation of these best practices.

### **10:00 am – 10:50 am: Internal Control and Internal Auditing**

- Speaker: \_\_, \_\_, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP
- Description:

### **10:50 am – 11:10 am: Break**

### **11:10 am – 12:00 pm: Investment Policy Best Practices**

- Speaker: \_\_, \_\_, PFM
- Description: This session walks through an investment policy statement and discusses what role it plays in the implementation and governance of a successful investment program. Focus will be given to outline key components of a well-structured investment policy statement, avoiding the common pitfalls, and providing an overview of risk management strategies.

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

### **12:30 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunch**

### **1:30 pm – 2:20 pm: The End of LIBOR**

- Speaker: Steve Kraus/Davenport working on
- Description: The London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) benchmark is expected to be phased out within three years. This session will discuss why the LOBOR will be

discontinued, how this will impact the market and government finance officers, and what benchmark alternatives will take its place.

**2:20 pm – 3:10 pm: Credit Payment Acceptance and General Banking Services**

- Speaker: Tim Hayden working on
- Description: This session will provide an overview of the most current banking services available to government finance officers. Specific attention will be given to ways local governments can increase the acceptance of credit card payments for constituents.

**3:10 pm – 3:30 pm: Break**

**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 2019 legislative session of the General Assembly of Maryland and how it will impact government finance officers.