

# **MDGFOA Winter Conference**

Friday, January 24, 2020

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

- Speaker: Robbie Sandlass, President, MDGFOA

## **9:10 am – 10:50 am: GASB Update**

- Speaker: Dean Mead, Senior Research Manager, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)
- Description: This session covers the most recent GASB pronouncements and reports including fair value measurement, OPEB, tax abatement disclosures, leases, and fiduciary responsibilities.

## **10:50 am – 11:10 am: Break**

## **11:10 am – 12:00 pm: Enterprise Funds and User & Service Fees**

- Speaker: Local Government Budget Representative
- Speaker: Government Consultant
- Description: Many local governments have established user and services fees and have not implemented updates to keep up with the costs of providing those services to its constituents. Panelists will provide attendees advice for best practices maintaining fees at cost-level without providing too much of a burden on users. This session will also explore best practices for maintaining Enterprise Funds.

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

## **12:30 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunch**

## **1:30 pm – 2:20 pm: Federal Legislative Update**

- Speaker: Emily Brock, Director, Federal Liaison Center, Government Finance Officers Association
- Description: This session will examine what the fourth year of President Trump's administration and the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress brings, as well as updates from the Internal Revenue Service and tax legislation. Attendees will also hear an update on the Government Finance Officer's Association's code of ethics and elected officials guides.

**2:20 pm – 2:40 pm: Break**

**2:40 pm – 3:30 pm: Update on the Kirwan Commission and other State Legislation**

- Speaker: Michael Sanderson, Executive Director, Maryland Association of Counties
- Speaker: MML?
- Description: This session will provide the latest update on the Kirwan Commission and its recommendations, and how suggested reforms to Maryland's education system are expected to impact local government finances. An update on other important legislation expected to be discussed during the 2020 Maryland General Assembly session will also be provided.

**3:30 pm – 4:30 pm: Records Compliance, Retention, and Disclosure**

- Speaker: Bond Counsel
- Speaker: MACo Representative
- Speaker: County IT Representative or Attorney
- Description: Local governments are required to securely store an extraordinary amount of documentation for varying periods of time. Space on "the cloud" is vast, but not infinite, or cheap. This session will provide an overview to local government officials on what needs to be retained and for what length of time, how to best manage records retention while maintaining compliance with local and federal regulations, and maintaining security of the information contained in the files.