

MDGFOA Spring Conference

Friday, April 30, 2021

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

- Speaker: Joe Beach, President, MDGFOA

9:10 am – 10:50 am: The State of the Workforce Post COVID-19

- Speaker: BLI/MACPA Speaker
- Description: The COVID-19 pandemic necessitated numerous changes in the workforce, primarily with increase remote work arrangements. These changes came with both benefits, such as better work-life balance, and challenges, such as reduced in-person collaboration. This session will provide a look at which of those changes are here to stay, in whole or in part, and how employees from entry-level positions to Department heads can benefit.

10:50 am – 11:10 am: Break

11:10 am – 12:00 pm: Alternatives for Tax Exempt Financing

- Speaker: Financial Advisor (Davenport)
- Speaker: Bond Attorney
- Speaker: Investment Banker
- Description: A provision in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 eliminated the tax exemption for interest income in advance refunding bonds. This session will provide local government finance officers with alternatives in tax exempt financing of bonds.

12:00 pm –1:00 pm: Lunch

1:00 pm – 1:50 pm: Maryland General Assembly Update

- Speaker: Kevin Kinnally or Michael Sanderson, Maryland Association of Counties
- Description: This session will provide a recap of the 2021 legislative session of the General Assembly of Maryland and how it will impact government finance officers.

1:50 pm – 2:05 pm: Break

2:05 pm – 2:55 pm: Economic Update

- Speaker: Darius Irani or similar
- Description: This session will examine the state of the national and state economies and the prospects for continued economic growth. Forecasts for job creation, inflation, and other key economic indicators will be discussed.

2:55 pm – 3:10 pm: Break

3:10 pm – 4:00 pm: Local Government Budget Outlook

- Speaker: Howard County
- Speaker: PG County
- Speaker: City of Frederick
- Description: Even as COVID-19 vaccines become more widespread, County and municipal budgets will feel the effects for years to come. This session will discuss what local government officials can expect to see in their budgets in the years to come, both from an expenditure and revenue perspective.

Alternative or summer session: NGFOA's revised criteria for the distinguished budget award.