

Maryland

**GFOA**



# **WINTER QUARTERLY CONFERENCE**

**February 18, 2022  
BWI Marriott**

**Conference  
Program**

# AGENDA

9:00 am – 9:10 am

## **Introduction and Welcome**

*Speaker: Eric Jackson, President,  
Maryland GFOA*

9:10 am – 10:50 am

## **GASB Update**

*Speaker: Dean Mead, Senior Research  
Manager, Governmental Accounting  
Standards Board (GASB)*

10:50 am – 11:10 am

## **Break**

11:10 am – 12:00 pm

## **Federal Legislative Update**

*Speaker: Michael Belarmino, Senior Policy  
Advisor, Government Finance Officers  
Association*

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

## **Networking Reception**

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

## **Lunch**

1:30 pm – 2:20 pm

## **State Legislative Update**

*Speaker: Kevin Kinnally, Maryland  
Association of Counties*  
*Speaker: Angelica Bailey, Maryland  
Municipal League*

2:20 pm – 2:40 pm

## **Break**

2:40 pm – 3:30 pm

## **Rating Agencies' Update**

*Speaker: Nora Wittstruck, S&P Global  
Ratings*  
*Speaker: Tatiana Killen, Moody's  
Investors Services*  
*Speaker: Kristen Reifsnyder, Fitch  
Ratings*

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

## **Cyber Security Update**

*Speaker: Andrew Hartridge, Senior Vice  
President, Chief Information Security  
Officer, M&T Bank*

4:30 pm

## **Adjourn**

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## MD GFOA In-Person Conference Safety Protocol (as of 1/7/2022)

While the Maryland Government Finance Officers Association is taking measures to create a safe educational environment to allow you to voluntarily participate in our in-person conference, our protocols require participants to adhere to all recommendations and requirements implemented by state and local governments.

*To reduce the spread of COVID-19, the CDC and Maryland Department of Health recommend the use of face coverings for unvaccinated people in indoor public settings to the extent possible, continued social distancing, and avoiding large gatherings if you are unvaccinated or have been exposed to COVID-19.*

*If you are fully vaccinated, to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission.*

Maryland has many high transmission areas; at our events we recommend participants:

**MDGFOA strongly recommends that attendees wear masks indoors - regardless of vaccination status - in accordance with current**

*CDC guidelines to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others. At this time, local guidelines do not require the wearing of masks indoors, but MDGFOA complies with all public health entities in recognizing that mask-wearing is effective in reducing exposure and risk. We strongly recommend and encourage mask-wearing indoors while not actively eating or drinking.*

Only registered participants (attendees, exhibitors, speakers/moderators) and venue staff will be allowed in education rooms or networking areas.

**Social distancing in all areas of the venue is encouraged and recommended – room and space layouts will be optimized to facilitate distancing.**

Diligent hand hygiene is strongly recommended – hand sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the venue and MDGFOA ask that participants avoid handshakes and any physical touch.

Our existing refund policy will remain in place, allowing attendees to credit registration fees towards a future event or have a colleague attend in their place. No fees will be refunded back to participants.

## CPE Credits

Make sure to sign in at the registration desk to receive more details about obtaining your **6 CPE credits** for attending the full 2021 Fall Conference.

### **Maryland Approved Education Providers - Public Accountancy:**

Licensees may obtain continuing education from a program or sponsor that is not a NASBA CPE Registry sponsor. The documentation for the completion of these courses is more detailed and must be evaluated by the Board, at the time of audit, to determine if they qualify.

# SPEAKERS

## Andrew Hartridge



Mr. Hartridge is an accomplished Information Technology Executive with in-depth knowledge of Telecommunications, Information Security, Privacy, Operating Platforms and Emerging technologies. He has broad experience in the public and private sectors within financial services, healthcare, and manufacturing industries. Currently, he directs the development and execution of M&T Bank's Cybersecurity strategy. He leads Cybersecurity activities for the Company, inclusive of networking and telecommunications, identity and access management, regulatory compliance and related policy and project support, to protect the Bank's and customers' data, monetary assets, information and reputation.

Prior to this, Mr. Hartridge held progressive executive leadership roles (Senior Executive Service) at the US Internal Revenue Service where he was responsible for covering all aspects of the agency's cybersecurity program.

## Angelica Bailey



Angelica Bailey, a native Marylander, is an attorney with an academic and professional background in public policy. She was formerly the Vice President of Government Affairs for the Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA).

With experience in public interest law as a Staff Attorney with Maryland Legal Aid, she supported under-represented, under-privileged, and marginalized communities through the Maryland Courts Self-Help Center.

Angelica is a graduate of the 2017 Maryland State Bar Association Leadership Academy and the 2018 New Leaders Council Institute, and currently serves on the board of Equal Justice Associates.

Angelica received her Bachelor of Arts from The American University. She earned her law degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law with a Dean's Certificate. Angelica is admitted to the Maryland State Bar.

## Dean Michael Mead



Dean Mead is an Assistant Director of Research and Technical Activities at the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, providing primary oversight of the GASB staff's technical activities. He also serves as Coordinator for the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council and is the author of the GASB's User Guide Series and other plain-language communications.

Dean was an adjunct member of the Accounting & Information Systems faculty at Rutgers Business School from 2008 to 2020. He is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association, Florida GFOA, Association for Government Accountants, American Accounting Association, and National Federation of Municipal Analysts, among other professional organizations. He received his education at Cornell University and New York University and is a Certified Government Financial Manager.®

## Kevin Kinnally



Kevin Kinnally leads MACo policy staff in review of legislation and coordinates advocacy to advance county positions. He contributes to MACo publications and co-hosts MACo's Conduit Street Podcast. Legislative Affairs Areas: state budget and fiscal issues, elections, finance, taxes and revenues, and emergency services. Liaison to MACo's Budget & Finance, and Emergency Management Affiliates, along with Elections Officials, Tax Collectors Affinity group (within MDGFOA), and MACo's

County Legislative Staffers group.

## Kristen Reifsnyder



Kristen Reifsnyder is a Director in Fitch's U.S. Public Finance Department, with a primary focus on retail and wholesale water and wastewater utility systems across the country.

She began her career with the New York City Office of Management and Budget and went on to serve as the Deputy Treasurer for the New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority.

Prior to joining Fitch in 2019, Kristen focused on credit risk management at several financial institutions and covered a variety of sectors including local governments, corporates and financial institutions.

Kristen is a member of the Municipal Analysts Group of New York and the National Federation of Municipal Analysts.

She holds a BA in Economics and an MS in Policy Analysis and Management from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and an MBA in Finance from New York University.

## Michael Belarmino



As Senior Policy Advisor of GFOA's Federal Liaison Center, Michael leads coalition and grassroots advocacy efforts in the areas of public pensions, internet sales tax, federal preemption legislation and healthcare reform. Additionally, Michael supports the FLC's Director on legislative and regulatory advocacy related to tax reform, infrastructure investment and federal appropriations and budget legislation. Michael also serves as staff on GFOA's CORBA Committee and GFOA's Black Caucus. Prior to joining

GFOA, Michael was an Associate Legislative Director for Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs at the National Association of Counties (NACo). At NACo, he was responsible for all policy development and lobbying for the association in the areas of municipal finance and tax, elections, pensions and county and tribal government relationships. He also served as Associate General Counsel for NA Co.

Michael has a BBA in Computer Information Systems from Georgia State University and a JD/MBA from Western New England University. He is a Member of the Pennsylvania State Bar.

## Nora Wittstruck



Nora joined S&P Global Ratings in January 2016 and is currently a Director – ESG Lead serving as the subject matter expert for ESG in Credit Ratings initiatives. She also is the analytical lead for New York City and on the analytical team for the State of Texas. Prior to joining S&P Global, Nora worked for the State of Florida in the Division of Bond Finance as a Bond Development Specialist. The Division of Bond Finance is responsible for managing the long term debt issuance process for state

agencies including the Department of Transportation and the State Colleges and Universities.

Previous work history includes Moody's Investors Service as an Assistant Vice President/Analyst covering local government credits in the West, Midwest and Southwest states. Additionally, Nora spent a short time at FirstSouthwest Company (a division of Hilltop Securities) managing the Continuing Disclosure department.

Nora received her Master's in Public Administration from the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas and her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri.

## Tatiana Killen



Tatiana Killen is a Vice President/Senior Analyst for the New York Local Governments Ratings Team covering credits primarily in the northeast. Previously, Tatiana was an analyst for the Chicago Local Governments Ratings Team.

Prior to joining Moody's, Tatiana was an Analyst with Bernardi Securities, Inc. She holds an MS in Finance from DePaul University and a BS in Business Economics from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.



## SAVE THE DATES!

### **Spring**

*April 29, 2022*

*BWI Marriott*

### **Annual Summer**

*June 15-17, 2022*

*Clarion Resort, Ocean City, MD*

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## Memberships

*The MDGFOA Membership year begins July 1 and ends June 30. Notice of membership renewal will be sent to all members to assure no lapse in their membership.*

### **Membership Levels**

**Active**  
**\$40**

*Active membership may be held by any employee of a governmental entity who is employed in government financial management*

**Associate**  
**\$50**

*Associate membership may be held by any other person not eligible for active membership, but who is interested in promoting the practice of government financial management, and furthering the purpose and objectives of the Association.*

**Retired**  
**\$15**

*Retired membership may be held by a former active or associate member who desires to maintain a relationship with the Association upon retirement.*

**Student**  
**Free**

*Student membership may be held by a full-time college or university student enrolled in a field of study related to financial management. Verification of enrollment required.*

