



2021 Georgia Government Finance Officers Association
36th Annual Conference
October 3-6, 2021
Chateau Elan Winery and Resort
Braselton, GA

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Sunday, October 3

1:00 – 5:00 **Registration**
Conference Registration Desk

Concurrent Sessions

2:00 – 3:00 **Understanding Cybercriminals – How to Protect Your Organization from Cyber Threats**
Speaker: Justin Shanken
Elan Ballroom AB

2:00 – 3:00 **Strategies for Managing OPEB Costs**
Speakers: Chris Clark & Clark Weeks
Elan Ballroom CD

2:00 – 3:00 **GASB's Re-Examination of the Financial Reporting Model**
Speaker: Trey Scott
Monte Carlo AB

2:00 – 3:00 **Infrastructure and P3s in Georgia**
Speaker: Carlos Encinas
Avignon

3:15 – 4:15 **Water Rates – Cost vs. Value**
Speaker: Daryll Parker
Elan Ballroom AB

3:15 – 4:15 **Good Nutrition for Good Cognition**
Speaker: Jeanne McDaniel
Elan Ballroom CD

3:15 – 4:15 **Information and Communication: An Integral Component of Internal Control**
Speaker: John Hulse, CVIOG
Monte Carlo AB

3:15 – 4:15 **Work Flow & Automation: Make it Easier**
Speaker: Scott Bishop
Avignon

- 4:30 – 5:30 **First-Time Attendee and New Member Reception**
Louis' House of Bourbon
- 5:30 – 7:30 **Cocktail Connections**
This year's reception will celebrate 36 successful years for GGFOA!
Debussy Ballroom

Monday, October 4

- 7:30 – 8:30 **Exhibitor Hall Open**
Debussy Ballroom
- 8:00 – 8:45 **President's Breakfast**
General Session
Welcome & Introduction
Paris Ballroom
- 8:45 – 9:15 **Legislative Update**
Speakers: Larry Ramsey, ACCG
Ryan Bowersox, GMA
Paris Ballroom
- 9:15 – 9:45 **Accounting & Auditing Update: 2021 GASB Update**
Speakers: Miller Edwards, Mauldin & Jenkins
Paris Ballroom
- 9:45 – 10:15 **Break/ Exhibitor Visitation**
Debussy Ballroom
- 10:15 – 10:45 **On the Economic, Business & Political Climate**
Speaker: Roger Tutterow, Kennesaw State University
Paris Ballroom
- 10:45 – 12:15 **What's Next? Moving from Crisis into Clarity**
Speaker: Mazi Robinson
Paris Ballroom
- 12:15 – 1:15 **Lunch**
Debussy Ballroom Pre-function Area

Group Activities or Concurrent Sessions

- 1:15 – 2:30 **Social Security the Choice of a Lifetime**
Speaker: Tim O'Mara, Nationwide
Avignon
- 1:15 – 2:30 **Oh No! Not an Audit Finding!**
Speaker: Julie George, Rushton and Company
Monte Carlo AB

- 1:15 – 2:30 **Best Practice for Remote/ Telecommute Workers**
Speaker: Christopher Pike, Octane Conference
Elan Ballroom CD
- 1:15 – 2:30 **Improve Agility and Engagement with an Interactive Online Budget Book**
Speaker: Scott Coble, OpenGov
Cannes
- 2:30 – 3:00 **Break/ Exhibitor Visitation**
Debussy Ballroom
- 3:00 – 4:15 **Turning Budgeting on Its Head: Leading with Equity and Outcomes**
Speaker: Andrew Kleine
Avignon
- 3:00 – 4:15 **Footnote Disclosures Review**
Speaker: Adam Fraley, Mauldin & Jenkins
Monte Carlo AB
- 3:00 – 4:15 **Fixed Asset Accounting and Reporting for GASB 34 Compliance**
Panelists: Hackwin Devoe, DeKalb County
Mike Fister, HCA Management
Matt Kwapick, HCA Management
Elan Ballroom AB
- 3:00 – 4:15 **American Rescue Plan Act & Emergency Rental Assistance Program**
Speaker: David Luker, RSM US
Jennifer Mt Castle, RSM US
Elan Ballroom CD
- 3:00 – 4:15 **Alcohol Licenses and Excise Tax – It's enough to drive you to drink!**
Speaker: Pam Helton, GMA
Cannes

Tuesday, October 5

- 7:30 – 8:45 **Exhibitor Hall Open**
Debussy Ballroom
- 7:30 – 8:30 **Breakfast**
Paris Ballroom
- Concurrent Sessions**
- 8:45 – 10:00 **Mental Health, At Work**
Speaker: Laura Brown, EPIC
Avignon
- 8:45 – 10:00 **Lease Accounting Deep Dive – Analyzing and Journalizing**
Speaker: Sam Latimer, Rushton and Company
Monte Carlo AB

- 8:45 – 10:00 **Pension Plans – Funding Requirements Under Georgia Code and Budgeting for the Future**
Speaker: Joe Griffin, Foster & Foster
Elan Ballroom AB
- 8:45 – 10:00 **COVID-19 Funding and Uniform Guidance**
Speaker: Hope Pendergrass, Mauldin & Jenkins
Elan Ballroom CD
- 8:45 – 10:00 **Adopting Excellence**
Speaker: Jeremy Holmes, City of Covington
Paris Ballroom I
- 8:45 – 10:00 **Protecting Georgia Public Funds – Today’s Expanded Deposit Options**
Speaker: Danny Capitel, IntraFi Network
Paris Ballroom II
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Break/ Exhibitor Visitation**
Debussy Ballroom
- 10:30 – 11:45 **Risk, Reliance and the Resilience Imperative**
Speaker: Jeff Gaynor, American Resilience
Avignon
- 10:30 – 11:45 **Dark Side of the Moon, Tales from the Other Side**
Speaker: Charles Hall, McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co.
Monte Carlo AB
- 10:30 – 11:45 **The Role of the Bond Trustee in Your Financing**
*Speakers: Arthur Mosely, Zions Bank Corporate Trust
Ryan Pollihan, Zions Bank Corporate Trust*
Elan Ballroom AB
- 10:30 – 11:45 **Is your 457 plan stuck in the past decade?**
*Speakers: Dan Notto, J.P. Morgan
Alexandra Nobile, J.P. Morgan*
Elan Ballroom CD
- 10:30 – 11:45 **How to Increase your Revenues without Raising Rates**
Speaker: Gary Sanders, Edmunds GovTech
Paris Ballroom I
- 10:30 – 11:45 **FHLBank Atlanta: How We Help Fund Communities**
Speaker: Patrick Rutledge, Federal Home Loan Bank of America
Paris Ballroom II

- 11:45 – 12:15 Break/ Exhibitor Visitation (Reset Paris Ballroom for Lunch)
Debussy Ballroom
- 12:15 – 2:00 Business Luncheon
GFOA Update
Treasurer’s Report/ Business Items
Introduction of New Board
Paris Ballroom
- 2:00 – 2:30 Break/ Exhibitor Visitation (Reset Paris Ballroom for Concurrent Sessions)
Debussy Ballroom
- 2:30 – 3:45 **Post-Issuance Compliance on Tax-Exempt Debt**
*Speakers: Kim Hoyt, Bingham Arbitrage Rebate Services Inc
Jon Pannell, GPW Law Firm*
Avignon
- 2:30 – 3:45 **The Impacts of COVID-19 on Banking Through 2021 and Beyond**
*Speakers: Cynthia Livingston, Truist
Charlene Craig, Truist
Mary Parrish Coley, Truist*
Monte Carlo AB
- 2:30 – 3:45 **How to Get Perfect Audit Results**
*Panelists: Chris Hollifield, Rushton and Company
Miller Edwards, Mauldin & Jenkins
Amanda Wilkson, Bates Carter*
Elan Ballroom AB
- 2:30 – 3:45 **Haven’t we been here before? ...How to Ease the Pressure of Investing in a Low Interest Rate Environment**
Speaker: Scott Stitcher, PFM
Elan Ballroom CD
- 2:30 – 3:45 **Customer-Centric Payment Innovations**
Speaker: Peter Guido, Paymentus
Paris Ballroom I
- 2:30 – 3:45 **Information and Cyber Security Frameworks**
*Speakers: Jameson Miller, Mauldin & Jenkins
Brandon Smith, Mauldin & Jenkins*
Paris Ballroom II
- 3:45 – 4:15 Break
- 4:15 – 5:30 **Putting Most of Your Eggs in One Basket – Accounting for Pooled Cash**
Speaker: John Holden, ACCG
Avignon

- 4:15 – 5:30 **What's in your payment toolkit? Strategies for Enabling Payment Power Tools**
Panelists: Melany Keith, Synovus
Dave Robertson, PMC Treasury
Seth Marlowe, Synovus
Monte Carlo AB
- 4:15 – 5:30 **Measuring and Understanding Pension (and OPEB) Plan Risk – A Finance Officer's Guide to Understanding Which Factors Matter and What Are Your Options**
Speakers: Ellen Kleinstuber, Bolton
Tom Vicente, Bolton
Elan Ballroom AB
- 4:15 – 5:30 **Records Management 101**
Speaker: Doug Rollo
Elan Ballroom CD
- 4:15 – 5:30 **Hotel/Motel Tax Compliance**
Speaker: Tyler Reinagel, Kennesaw State University
Paris Ballroom I
- 4:15 – 5:30 **Understanding Bond Pricing – The Numbers Behind the Debt**
Panelists: Courtney Rogers, Davenport
Doug Gebhardt, Davenport
Ricardo Cornejo, Davenport
Paris Ballroom II
- 6:00 – 7:30 **Banquet Dinner**
Paris Ballroom
- 7:30 – 10:15 **Reception and Games**
Winery Pavilion

Wednesday, October 6

- 8:00 – 9:00 **Breakfast**
Paris Ballroom
- 9:15 – 10:00 **Put a Little Disney Excellence in Your Organization**
Speaker: Pete Blank
Paris Ballroom
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Break**
- 10:15 – 10:45 **Put a Little Disney Excellence in Your Organization (Continued)**
Speaker: Pete Blank
Paris Ballroom

10:45 – 11:30

Closing Remarks from Incoming President and Door Prizes
Paris Ballroom