

AGFOA Annual Conference 2025

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Registration: 7:30AM-11:00AM

Breakfast: 8:00AM-9:00AM

- 9:00AM-9:50AM – **Keynote: More Than My Scars** – Kechi Okwuchi
- 9:50AM-10:00AM – **Break**
- 10:00AM-10:50AM – **Keynote: More Than My Scars** – Kechi Okwuchi
- 10:50AM-11:00AM – **Break**
- 11:00AM-11:50AM – **Grant Management & Compliance** – Emily Brock
- 11:50AM-1:00PM – **Lunch Break – Emerald Sponsor Introductions & AML update**
- 1:00PM-1:50PM – **Leadership Academy** – Mike Brown
- 1:50PM-2:40PM – **Public Funds Investing 101** – Chris Bateman
- 2:40PM-2:50PM – **Break**
- 2:50PM-3:40PM – **GASB Standards Update – Implementation & Practical Application** – Sam Thompson
- 3:40PM-4:30PM – **Federal Updates Impacting Governments & Finance Officers** – Emily Brock
- 5:00PM-6:30PM – **Welcome Reception at Captain Cook Quarter Deck – 935 W 5th Ave**

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Registration: 7:30AM-11:00AM

Breakfast: 8:00AM-9:00AM

- 9:00AM-9:50AM – **Artificial Intelligence, Trade Wars & the New Drivers of Today's Markets** – Blake Phillips & Brandy Niclai
- 9:50AM-10:40AM – **Alaska's Economic Climate and Outlook** – Sam Tappen
- 10:40AM-11:00AM – **Break**
- 11:00AM-11:50AM – **U.S. Economic Outlook** – Shannon Grein
- 11:50AM-1:00PM – **Lunch Break – Conference Sponsors Introductions & Door Prizes & Business Meeting**
- 1:00PM-1:50PM – **Unmasking the Digital Shadows: Navigating Today's Cyber Landscape** – Justin Ellerman
- 1:50PM-2:40PM – **Exploring Common Compliance Findings & Ways to Mitigate, Part 1** – David Clark
- 2:40PM-2:50PM – **Break**
- 2:50PM-3:40PM – **Exploring Common Compliance Findings & Ways to Mitigate, Part 2** – David Clark
- 3:40PM-4:30PM – **Fiduciary Best Practices within 457/401(a) Deferred Compensation Plans** – Taylor Boyd
- 5:00PM-6:30PM – **Reception at 49th State Brewing Co. – 717 W 3rd Ave**

Friday, December 12, 2025

Half-day with Concurrent Sessions

Breakfast / AMLIP Annual Board Meeting: 8:00AM-9:00AM

- 9:00AM-9:50AM – **Debt Management & Financing Options** – Ryan Williams, Marc Greenough, & Mike Newman
- 9:00AM-9:50AM – **Intermediate Accounting** – Katie Stachow
- 9:50AM-10:40AM – **APRA Cadabra** – Brennan Hickok, Barbara Thurston, & Jeff Good
- 9:50AM-10:40AM – **Recruitment Challenges for Alaska Local Governments** – Brian Carlson
- 10:40AM-11:00AM – **Break**
- 11:00AM-11:50AM – **Artificial Intelligence Basics** – Jeff Butler