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Government Financial Management Professionals Gather Virtually for AGA's Annual Meeting
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WHAT: 2020 AGA Professional Development Training

WHEN: Monday, July 20 – Wednesday, July 22

WHERE: Virtual

AGA's 69th annual Professional Development Training (PDT) event will be held entirely online for the first time in the organization's history, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Virtual PDT 2020 brings together a broad audience of federal, state and local government financial professionals, from CFOs and inspectors general to accountants, auditors and specialists from the private sector. During the three-day event, educational sessions feature top government leaders and industry experts, focused on skills and knowledge needed for success in government financial management, including leadership, best practices, improved performance within budget constraints, and solutions to shared challenges in the profession.

U.S. Comptroller General Gene L. Dodaro will discuss changes in the government's financial position since last year, particularly in light of COVID-19 and the CARES Act. As the featured speaker in the event's opening plenary session on July 20, Dodaro will update the audience on key GAO initiatives and discuss the future of government financial management.

New York Times best-selling author Alison Levine will be the featured guest speaker on July 21. Levine will discuss leadership and her experiences as team captain of the first American Women's Everest Expedition. Weaving in stories from her adventures, she will outline effective strategies for adapting to change and conquering fear.

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Leon Logothetis, host of the Netflix series “The Kindness Diaries,” will give the closing presentation on July 22. The global adventurer and philanthropist will talk about his motorcycle odyssey around the world to offer life-changing gifts to unsuspecting good Samaritans. Logothetis is also the author of three books — *Amazing Adventures of a Nobody*; *The Kindness Diaries*; and *Live, Love, Explore: Discover the Way of the Traveler; a Roadmap to the Life You Were Meant to Live*.

Other notable sessions:

[Superhero CFOs — Their Role in Rebuilding Our Country After a Crisis](#)

Federal funding for disaster/crisis relief has grown significantly in recent years, even before COVID-19. As fiscal stewards, CFOs must take action to confirm money goes to those who need it most and there has never been more of a need than now. Gain insights into the CFO's role in disaster/crisis relief and lessons learned in real-life catastrophes.

[The Role of DISA and Emerging Technologies](#)

Major General Garrett Yee is the assistant to the director of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). In this role, Major General Yee helps lead a global organization of approximately 8,000 military and civilian personnel with a mission to conduct Department of Defense Information Network (DODIN) operations for the joint warfighter to enable lethality across all warfighting domains in defense of our Nation. DISA is continually applying new technologies in support of this national security mission objective.

[COVID-19 Reporting](#)

More than a trillion dollars in spending was approved to help alleviate problems associated with COVID-19, but the disbursements come with specific accounting changes. Learn from Treasury and OMB representatives about the new reporting requirements and how they apply to the funds received as well as the expenditures created by the funding requirements

[Ask the Experts from FASAB and GASAB](#)

A panel of experts from GASB and FASAB will be on hand to field questions from attendees. Bring your topics and concerns for discussion!

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[The Value of Vision in the Post-Pandemic World](#)

Join Commissioner Gribben and a panel of Fiscal Service executives and learn how the government's response to the coronavirus pandemic confirms and continues to inform the value of the Vision for disbursing, collections, financial reporting, shared services, and financing. Find out how the federal government was able to electronically and efficiently disburse impact payments to nearly 160 million Americans in record time and learn about other flexible and centralized services that enabled CARES relief funds to be provided to the communities most in need

[6th Annual AGA Women's Forum: The Power of Being You](#)

This popular annual panel hosts AGA's most inspiring, accomplished, empowered women leaders from federal, state and local government financial sectors to offer leadership tools, insights and perspectives from their career journeys. As they share compelling success strategies, gather career tactics and learn about the vital role of women in the profession's future. Also, learn more about the new AGA Women's Council and how it will make a difference.

[How Auditors Are Implementing New Requirements in the 2018 Government Auditing Standards](#)

2020 is the first year that all requirements in the 2018 Yellow Book will be effective. During this session, a GAO representative will identify these important new requirements, and a panel of auditors will talk about the challenges of their successful implementation.

Contact [Erin Birmingham](#), AGA's press representative, to receive a complimentary virtual press registration. More information about AGA and our annual meeting can be found on our [website](#).

About AGA

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