

## **2024 Conference Agenda**

## Thursday, November 14, 2024 – Macon Marriott City Center – Macon, GA

9:30 - 11:00am **GACCE BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING** Grand Salon

11:00am **REGISTRATION OPENS** Hotel Lobby

Please note rooms may not be available for check-in until 4:00pm

11:30am WELCOME LUNCHEON Magnolia Ballroom

Presentation of 2024 GACCE Executive of the Year, the 2024 Class of Georgia Certified

Chambers, and Executive Service Awards

12:30pm **BREAK** Sponsor Area

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12:45-1:45pm **KEYNOTE SESSION** Magnolia Ballroom

The Impact of Chambers and their Boards

Imagine the possibilities with structure, strategy, and sustainability. Robert "Bob" Harris, Harris Management Group

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1:45pm BREAK Sponsor Area

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2:00-3:00pm **KEYNOTE SESSION** Magnolia Ballroom

**Board Responsibilities and Strategic Direction** 

Board / Staff Partnership; Fiduciary Duty; Risk Management; Creating & Implementing the Goals to Best

Serve Your Members.

Robert "Bob" Harris, Harris Management Group

3:00pm **BREAK** Sponsor Area

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3:15-4:15pm **KEYNOTE SESSION** Magnolia Ballroom

2024 GACCE Chamber Operations & Salary Survey Results

Join us for an enlightening session where we delve into the findings from our most recent Chamber Operations Survey. This comprehensive survey provides insights into the current state of chamber operations and compensation trends within our industry. We will review operational benchmarks, salary ranges, and benefit packages. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of how chambers are navigating operational challenges and compensating their staff in the current economic climate.

Anissa Starnes, YGM

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6:00pm NETWORKING DINNER & EVENING ACTIVITY Hotel / Downtown Macon

Join us for a fun evening in downtown Macon! We'll start with a casual dinner at the hotel, then beginning at 7:00pm, we'll take buses to enjoy an optional walking or riding music history tour and late night

entertainment at Grant's Lounge.

Friday, November 15, 2024 – Marriott Macon City Center – Macon, GA

8:00am BREAKFAST BUFFET Magnolia Ballroom

No formal presentation during breakfast so you can network together.

8:30 – 9:30am KEYNOTE SESSION Magnolia Ballroom

The Renaissance of the Macon Mall & Amphitheatre

Learn how Macon negotiated and financed a unique adaptive reuse of the Macon Mall which is renewing

hope and economic activity in the former regional commercial hub.

Alex Morrison, Macon-Bibb County Urban Development Authority

9:30am BREAK Sponsor Area

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9:45am – 10:45am PANEL DISCUSSION Magnolia Ballroom

**Advocacy Initiatives** 

Moderator – Heath Taylor, Dublin-Laurens County Chamber Panelist – Christie Moore, Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber

Panelist - Tracie Revis, Ocmulgee National Park and Preserve Initiative

10:45am BREAK Sponsor Area

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11:00am - Noon CLOSING KEYNOTE SESSION Magnolia Ballroom

**New Georgia Economy Update** 

Chris Clark, CCE, President & CEO, Georgia Chamber

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