

It is the Communication and Technology Committee's goal to provide timely, educational and relevant information to the VGFOA members. Participation of the VGFOA members in providing feedback, writing relevant articles and/or providing other information to further the goals of the Communication and Technology Committee is strongly encouraged. Please visit the VGFOA website at www.vgfoa.org; contact VGFOA Board members or contact Communication and Technology Committee members for additional information and/or feedback.

President's Message – Phil Grant

It was good to see many of you at the Spring Conference in Virginia Beach and again at the GFOA Annual Conference in San Antonio. There was good turnout from around the state at both conferences with about 150 plus at Virginia Beach and 90 plus at San Antonio.

Our Spring Conference was well received as indicated by the evaluations, reflecting the many hours of work put in by our conference co-chair Ron DeWitt with the extensive assistance provided by our executive secretary, Bruce Chase and his support team at GNAC. Several of the spring conference presentations are available on our website, www.vgfoa.org.

One of the highlights at the GFOA conference was the news that VGFOA past-president, Joe Casey was elected to the GFOA board, the first from Virginia in almost 40 years! Congrats Joe! We all enjoyed the breakfast that VGFOA president-elect Terry Adams set up for those of us attending the conference from Virginia. Many thanks, Terry. We also want to thank Mike Garber (PBGH) for organizing the river tube ride. Conference sessions were relevant and well conducted and with the contacts made with other attendees and vendors, the conference was well worth attending. Conference presentations are available on the GFOA web site, www.gfoa.org.

Don't forget to register early for the upcoming Fall Conference in Richmond, October 19 through 21. Coordinated by Terry Adams, it will likely be one of our best yet.

Another reminder, VGFOA still needs volunteers to serve on its various committees, especially Ron Dewitt's conference planning and coordination team and William Skinker's committee working on developing a vendor relations program. Please contact me or any of the committee chairs via www.vgfoa.org if you're interested in getting involved. Ron's committee welcomes ideas and presentations from members and vendors for future conferences and William is looking for ideas from our sponsors and exhibitors as to how VGFOA can encourage their participation in our conferences and programs with various kinds of recognition of their support.

Last, but certainly not least!...our newsletter is now being coordinated by Leslie Beauregard (City of Charlottesville) who volunteered to take over from Carol White (York County) who has done double duty as both VGFOA treasurer and newsletter coordinator during the past year. Many thanks, Carol and Leslie!

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer....and good luck with your audits, CAFRs, and GASB's!

Phil Grant

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VGFOA 2005 Fall Conference
October 19th – 21st, 2005

Make plans now to attend the VGFOA 2005 Fall Conference to be held at the Omni Richmond Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. The Omni Richmond is located in the heart of the City's historic and business district. It is within walking distance of a wide variety of dining, shopping and entertainment venues.

For more information, to offer conference ideas, or to assist with conference coordination please contact Terry Adams at tsadams@co.hanover.va.us. See you there!

Announcements

Employment Opportunity

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Manages and coordinates all aspects of insurance and risk programs to include property, general liability and workers compensation programs in order to control risks and losses. Responsibilities include reviewing contracts, filing claims, compiling and maintaining schedules of property, maintaining claims records and preparing associated loss reports, and monitoring reimbursement payments. Also responsible for instructing employees on procedures and coordinating contact between claimants and the insurance company. Work also involves defining the County's risk management process, identifying and analyzing risk exposures and implementing appropriate risk elimination measures. Requires Associates degree in Business Administration or Insurance Management supplemented by 2 years experience in the technical aspects of risk management, insurance and claims handling. Some knowledge of the rules, regulations and laws pertaining to insurance and safety is also required. Must exhibit strong analytical and interpersonal skills and have the ability to communicate effectively and tactfully both orally and in writing. Must be proficient in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, Word, and Access applications. Base salary \$38,311 or higher commensurate with experience and qualifications; excellent benefits.

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Award Winners



CONGRATULATIONS!



The **Awards and Membership Committee** presented their nominations for the annual scholarship recipients at the May VGFOA conference. This year four scholarships to attend the VGFOA Certificate Program were awarded to VGFOA members. The recipients are: **Angie Hernandez**, an accountant with the County of Rockingham; **Dan Neel**, Director of Finance and Administration with Roanoke Regional Airport Commission; **Lilisa Perey**, an accounting specialist with York County; **Judith L. Risdon**, a management analyst with Fauquier County. VGFOA also provides opportunities for members to network with local government finance professionals on the national level and to enhance skills by providing an annual scholarship for a member to attend GFOA's Advanced Government Finance Institute held at Madison, Wisconsin. The winner for 2005 is **Chris Sorensen**, the Budget Manager for Hanover County. Congratulations to all the winners. We will look forward to hearing about Chris' experience in Madison at the fall conference.

VGFOA past-president, **Joe Casey**, was elected to the GFOA board, the first from Virginia since Robert Fary of the City of Richmond was elected in 1966. Congratulations Joe!!

Upcoming VGFOA Sponsored Events

te	EVENT	LOCATION
July 14-15, 2005	Advanced Government Accounting	Fairfax
August 4-5, 2005	Operating and Capital Budgeting	Richmond
August 18, 2005	GASB Implementation	Roanoke
October 19-21, 2005	VGFOA Fall Conference	Richmond

If you have specific training needs, please contact Rebecca Owens (rowens@co.roanoke.va.us) or Ron Dewitt (rdewitt@nngov.com).

Calling Out for Memories of VGFOA for History Story

Joe Casey, Past-President and serving the last year of his term as GFOA State Representative/Historian, is working with some of VGFOA's most recognized individuals over its history. Starting with founding member Joe Black, past-presidents and long-time VGFOA supporters Dennis Kerns and Jim McReynolds, and also including one of VGFOA's most tireless workers during her career Judy Gough. The goal is to utilize the combined talents of these key people, but combine them with the many contributions of memories that hopefully you will provide

in producing a history of the VGFOA. This will hopefully be a product that describes the organization and its members as it has evolved and become highly recognized in developing governmental leaders. Hopefully, the story can be presented at the Fall conference and used as a base from which additional information can be added as the organization further evolves and develops future governmental leaders. In trying to achieve this product, I greatly encourage you to forward any memories or thoughts about the VGFOA, what it has meant to you, any interesting tale of the organization and/or its members, so that we can weave this information into a nice product for all. Please forward such information to jcasey@co.hanover.va.us.

Call for VGFOA Newsletter Themes

Our new Newsletter Editor, Leslie Beauregard, would like to send out a call to all of our members to submit future newsletter **themes**. The idea of the thematic newsletter would be to devote one or two articles on that theme. Themes can be fiscal in nature of course, but can also focus on performance measurement, integrated systems projects and financial systems, information technology practices, fiscal best practices, etc.

Please submit thematic ideas to Leslie Beauregard at beauregard@charlottesville.org. Once Leslie has received some suggestions, they will be published and members will be invited to submit articles based on the theme of the quarter. So, stay tuned!



Happy New Fiscal Year!

