

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

Here it is September again and we've all closed the books for FY 2005, we're nearing the final stages of our annual audits, and fall is just around the corner. Time seems to fly whether or not we're having fun. Speaking of fall, don't forget to register for the Fall Conference to be held at the Richmond Omni, October 19-21. Terry Adams, our President-Elect, has put together a great conference with entertainment exceeded only by the quality of the topics and speakers. On-line registration and hard-copy registration forms are both available on our web site, so when you're finished reading this newsletter, click over to the main page and get registered if you haven't done so already.

This being the final newsletter in my term as president, I'd like to express my appreciation of our board members during the past year. Our state association's success is a direct reflection of their commitment and hard work combined with the excellent support provided by Bruce Chase and the members of his GNAC team.

I would also like to thank the various firms and vendors that support our association through their sponsorships, speakers, and exhibits at our conferences. Their participation continues to be a crucial part of our association's activities and I encourage our members to let these firms know that we appreciate them and to use their goods and services whenever possible.

I also want to thank the various members of our association who have taken time to prepare programs and serve as speakers at our conferences. These include staff members from VACO and VML who keep us up to date on the legislative and other matters of interest to our members.

A special note of appreciation to the board members and others who contribute articles for our newsletters and to Carol White, Leslie Beauregard, and Bob Taylor for getting the newsletter published during the past year.

Finally, I want to emphasize once again the need for our members to get involved in the VGFOA by serving on its various committees and by forming and participating in regional work or focus groups. The extra time and work required by these activities generate expanded fellowship and networking opportunities that benefit both individual members and the governments for whom they work.

I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and working with many of you during this past year and wish each of you the best in the upcoming year.

Phil Grant

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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.

Listed are themes for future newsletters:

Newsletter Date	Theme
December 2005	Gearing Up for Budget Season!
March 2006	ISP Implementation - Issues and Lessons Learned

Members are encouraged to submit articles and future thematic ideas to Leslie Beauregard at beauregard@charlottesville.org.

VGFOA Fall Conference



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

Register now at www.vgfoa.org to attend the 38th Annual VGFOA 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.

The final day to make hotel reservations at the VGFOA rate is September 27th!

For more information please contact Terry Adams at tsadams@co.hanover.va.us. See you there!

Featured Job Announcement

Employment Opportunity

City of Charlottesville

Finance Director

www.charlottesville.org

SALARY: Mid \$90,000s to low-\$100,000s start range DOE (+) relocation bonus. (Pop. 40,000 (+). Search reopened for skilled municipal finance executive who reports directly to the city council and who must

have a strong collaborative working relationship with the city manager and COO/CFO. Provides direct supervision to: Administration Division, Purchasing, Risk Management, Real Estate Assessor and Utility Billing Departments, and will oversee a combined departmental budget of \$2.8 million and have oversight responsibility for \$105.4 million operating budget. Will have a “dotted line” working relationship with the constitutional officers, specifically the Commissioner of the Revenue and the Treasurer, and responsibilities for capital and operating budget management, debt management, business planning, performance management and assessment, revenue alternatives, cost of service analyses and related issues. Reqs. 10 + yrs. senior financial management and business experience in financial policy evaluation and development, cash management, investments, information technology, general accounting, and financial forecasting/reporting. Prior experience managing large-scale financial systems, working closely with fiscal services institutions, audit firms and rating/regulatory agencies is essential. Reqs. bachelor’s degree. Experience serving as a prime spokesperson on business and financial matters and developing near and long-term financial strategies is essential. Residency req. within 12 mos. Submit resume and current salary information to: Andrea Sims, Waters-Oldani Executive Recruitment, 2695 Villa Creek Drive, Suite 104, Dallas, Texas 75234. Phone: 972/481-1950; Fax: 972/481-1951; E-mail: searches@watersconsulting.com. **Deadline: Oct. 7.** EOE.

Award Winners



Congratulations!

The City of Charlottesville received, for the third consecutive year, the **GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** for their budget beginning fiscal year 2005. Congratulations City of Charlottesville!



Visit their website at www.charlottesville.org.

In other award news.....

The **Awards and Membership Committee** has had a quiet summer, but at the October conference will be announcing Virginia Government Finance Officers Association GFOA's Advance Government Finance Institute Scholarship program.

Upcoming VGFOA Sponsored Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
September 22-23, 2005	Virginia Government and Law	Chesapeake
October 19-21, 2005	VGFOA Fall Conference	Richmond
November 3-4, 2005	Leadership: Effective Communication	Fairfax
November 17-18, 2005	Issuing Debt and Debt Management	Chesapeake
December 1-2, 2005	Pensions, Benefits & Risk Management	Richmond
December 8-9, 2005	Advanced Gov't Accounting	Roanoke

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, along with Past-President Jesse Hall, 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 Volunteers – Committee on Vendor and Associates Relationship

We are in the organizational process for this new committee. This committee is setup to better serve our vendors and associate members. We want to recognize their contribution to the Association. With their sponsorship, exhibiting and programs at our conferences, they assist VGFOA in meeting its programming /training and budgetary goals.

Some of the ideas that have been put forward to improve our relationship with these organizations are: list members on our web site with their web link, have member listed by services performed, recognize sponsorships for the conferences on web site, promote the use of vendors and associates when procuring services, and sponsoring certificate and training programs. I am looking for other ideas that will recognize the participation of these organizations with VGFOA.

As always, there is a need for committee members both from our Association and the vendor and associates organizations. This Committee will work toward initiating and implementing the ideas put forth. We will try and locate our meetings in as central a point as possible. However, there will be times that the meeting schedule and/or location is not convenient with your schedule. We will try and have tel-a-conferencing available for those times you can not make the meeting but want to participate.

Please e-mail me on how excited you will be to join this committee. At least, send some ideas that can be considered in recognizing the vendors and associates.

Thank you,
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