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**2009 Fall VGFOA Conference
A Major Success!**

The 2009 VGFOA Fall Conference in Charlottesville has been hailed as a major success. According to Conference Chair, Barbara Dameron, in spite of the current economic downturn approximately 215 participants attended. VGFOA would like to thank all speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors for their support.

Planning is already underway for the 2010 VGFOA Spring Conference which will be held May 12 – 14, 2010, at the Virginia Beach Hilton Oceanfront Hotel.

President's Message

Thanks to everyone who made our 2009 Fall Conference a big hit! The sessions were great and the fellowship very rewarding. We compared "war stories" with one another about the economy, the ARRA chase, and other topics only finance professionals might enjoy discussing! We appreciate all that our great sponsors and exhibitors do to keep our organization so successful and make our conferences great. Special thanks to the Conference Planning Committee which was chaired by Board Member Barbara Dameron and assisted by committee members Jody Bauer, Sharon Day, Mike Heny, Renee Hoover, and Kim Williams. Big thanks also goes to the hard working staff of GNAC which includes Bruce Chase, Ashley Roberts, Bob Taylor, and Jenni Tunstall for making this conference so successful!

The VGFOA Board is looking forward to another year of accomplishment as we begin making plans for 2009-2010. I am very excited to begin my time as President during challenging but opportunistic times. We are likely to find success during these times that we might not find if we weren't challenged to find new ways to do business in a difficult economy. As we enter the 2010 year, I think our membership can expect to continue to find great value from our regional events, availability of scholarship and award opportunities, and the chance to further our profession through service on a committee. In the new year, we hope to create a presence on Facebook and look for new ways to foster interaction among members.

If you are interested in VGFOA committee involvement, either with regional organizations or one of our standing committees, please get in touch with any of the board members. By continuing to invite participation from new people, we help accomplish our mission of developing governmental and financial leaders.

Incoming President Ann Shawver is the Director of Finance at the City of Roanoke, Virginia

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New Board Takes Office

The following will serve as board members for 2010:

Ann Shawver	President
Vivian McGettigan	President Elect
Marycarol C. White	Past President
Patricia Weiler	Treasurer
Bruce Chase	Executive Secretary
Nickie Champion	Education and Conferences
Barbara Dameron	Awards and Memberships
Tanya Burrell	Education and Certification Courses
Charles Ramsay	Legislative and Standards
John Wallingford	Associate Member Services
Karen Woodson	Regional Organizations
Shakeel Yusuf	Communications and Technology

VGFOA congratulates Vivian McGettigan on her election as President Elect and welcomes Tanya Burrell as a new board member. Many thanks to outgoing President Marycarol White. VGFOA bids a fond farewell to Past President, Steve Solomon.

GFOA Training Opportunities

GFOA provides a multitude of training opportunities both on the internet and through live seminars.

[Click here](#) for further information and registration.

Upcoming VGFOA Classes

Tentative Classes/Events Schedule

Jan 7-8	Human Resources Class	Fairfax	Register
Feb 4-5	Grants Reporting and Auditing	Hanover	Register
Feb 11-12	Cash and Investment Management	Roanoke	Register
March 1-2	Grants Reporting and Auditing	Chesapeake	Register

To help you start planning your 2010 training, the tentative schedule of 2010 courses have been posted. If you have any questions or comments about these classes please contact Tanya Burrell at tanya.burrell@fairfaxcounty.gov.

GASB NEWS

Comment Period Ended for GASB's Suggested Proposals

The deadline for comment on GASB's proposed Suggested Guidelines for Voluntary Reporting, *SEA Performance Information*, and the Exposure Draft of Proposed Statement, *Financial Instruments Omnibus*, ended Friday, October 30, 2009.

The proposed Suggested Guidelines for Voluntary Reporting was developed to provide state and local governments with a common framework for the effective external communication of service efforts and accomplishments (SEA) performance information.

The proposed Statement on financial instruments is intended to update and improve existing standards regarding financial reporting and disclosure requirements of some financial instruments for which significant issues have been identified in practice.

Additional information can be found at www.gasb.org.

VGFOA Regional Events & News

Interested in joining a Regional Organization please contact your RO chair at the following link: http://www.vgfoa.org/regional_organizations.html.

NOVA

NOVA has elected Kimberly Williams, Chief of Accounting, Reporting & Control, as new chairman. She replaces Tanya Burrell who has moved onto the VGFOA Board.

Southwest

The Southwest Virginia Regional Committee met in November and is planning a Budgeting Session for February 24th, 2010 at the Salem Civic Center. Details to follow. The committee hopes to offer 4-5 hours CPE at this session as well as one to two others planned for 2010. Watch the VGFOA web site for further information.

Hampton Roads

Hampton Roads is currently planning its 2010 agenda.

Central

The VGFOA Central Regional Organization is having a training event scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2009, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Henrico County Training Center. Topics include Using CDARS for Virginia Public Funds, Managing FLSA Compliance Risk, The Future of Outsourcing and Lockbox Services, and an Accounting/Technology Update. The event is free and includes lunch. Registration is available through the VGFOA Regional Organization Calendar website.

ARRA Training



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KPMG American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Webcast Series: No. 4 “Post 10/10 Reporting – What Comes Next?”

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Time: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. EST

Format: Audio Webcast

The partners and professionals of KPMG's Government Practice invite you to a 90-minute live, online event:

“Post 10/10 Reporting – What Comes Next?”

Please join us Tuesday, December 1, for the fourth in a series of KPMG American Recovery and Reinvestment Act webcasts. Following the first ARRA reporting deadline on October 10th, state and local governments, higher education and other entities continue to face the challenges of meeting the mandates of the ARRA, including implementation, reporting and mitigating potential fraud, waste and abuse. Key topics for

discussion in this webcast will include:

Jobs Reporting: Discussion will include key 1512 Reporting elements and processes, including: data collection, calculation of Created vs. Retained, and quality assurance. We will review specific examples such as Training, Daycare, Subrecipients of Subrecipients, and others. Also, we will discuss the major provisions of the Department of Education “Before & After” model, along with other guidance and exceptions.

Achieving Quality Assurance in Section 1512 Reporting: This section will cover responsibilities of prime recipients, important concepts to keep in mind, approaches to decentralized reporting planning, quality assurance, and the elements of a 1512 Reporting team: the people, processes and tools.

Fraud Prevention and Detection: We will review priority considerations in setting up a program, the elements of a sample antifraud program, plus discussion of methods for prevention, detection and program implementation.

Led by KPMG's Government Sector Leader Nancy Valley, speakers will also include Lorna Stark, KPMG partner in the firm's State and Local Government practice, and Darren Donovan, KPMG principal in the KPMG ForensicSM practice.

To register, click the link below.

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After registering, you will receive details on how to log into the Webcast (or dial in for audio-only participation) and how to access presentation material. Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit is available to participants who meet the eligibility requirements below:

You must be individually logged in to the Webcast

You must answer three out of five knowledge check questions

We hope you will join us at 1:00 p.m. EST on Tuesday, December 1.

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