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Training

Check calendar and register on-line.

Employment Opportunities

See openings or add an announcement.

VGFOA Certificate Program

Course content & requirements.

Membership Directory

Contact someone, or update your information online.

VGFOA Board

Meet your Board, see committee assignments, and make contact.

Do you have a story to share? Submit an article to the **Editor** for a future newsletter.

VGFOA's Strategic Plan

Directions for the future.

Renew Membership

President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer with well-deserved time off. It was good to see everyone at the Spring Conference. What a great turnout for our last conference at that location. Many thanks to Trish Davidson, Spring Conference Committee Chair and the Conference Committee. The Conference Survey results indicated that members that attended enjoyed Sunjay Nath, the Keynote Speaker, as much as I did. Have you been implementing the 10-80-10 principle in your daily work? For those of you who couldn't attend, the Keynote Speaker helped us to create greater performance levels in our lives, and within our organizations.

Many of us have enjoyed the Professional Development programs this summer and the turnout for the Webinars has been great. Over 150 members participated in the Procurement webinar in May. There is another member conference call scheduled for late August or early September to get member feedback and ask questions of Committee Chairs. More info to come from the Communications Committee.

The planning for the Fall Conference is well underway and the Board is looking forward to seeing everyone in Roanoke, Oct 18-20. At the August Board meeting, the VGFOA Board adopted amended Policies and Procedures which can be found on the website. The Board also negotiated future Fall conference locations and they will be announced at the Fall Conference. We are always looking for more members to be involved in Committees. Please let me know or any of our VGFOA Board how we can continue to support you.

Thanks, Kathy

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[Communications Committee](#)

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News from our Treasurer

The 2017 Adopted Budget and 2016 Audited Financial Statements are available for viewing on <http://www.vgfoa.org/page/financial-information/>.

Committee Structure

The updated committee structure, with their chairpersons and committee members, are working to support the three key initiatives:

1. Providing a robust educational program,
2. Providing robust mentoring and networking opportunities, and
3. Broadening VGFOA’s “Finance” umbrella.

[Associate Member Relations Committee](#)

Committee Purpose: To ensure associate members and prospective vendors for membership are provided with pathways to illustrate their goods/services, provide educational and technical resources, and contribute appropriately for such access to the full membership. This committee coordinates and helps promote the exhibit booths and sponsorship opportunities available for the spring and fall conferences.

[Communications, Legislative & Standards Setting Committee](#)

Committee Purpose: To provide oversight for content of communications to the VGFOA Membership (including e-mail distributions, VGFOA Newsletters) and the technical manner in which such content and other information can be maintained on the Website.

To remain apprised of State and Federal legislation impacts, particularly items with significant fiscal impact and/or any other impacts that may be imposed upon governmental entities. This committee formulates education and communication strategies to keep the membership informed of these updates.

To remain apprised of activities of standard setting authorities (e.g., GASB) that may impact governmental entities. This committee conducts research to enable VGFOA to formulate a position on standards and supports formulation of education and communication strategies to best inform members in a timely manner. The committee reviews Exposure Drafts and formulates an official VGFOA response by the comment deadline.

Fall Conference Committee

Committee Purpose: To provide oversight for the fall conferences, including securing the event location and formulating the agenda. This committee provides recommendations to the Executive Board for the fall conferences regarding location, facility arrangements, conference fees, keynote and session speakers, CPE credits offered accommodations for speakers, and reimbursable expenses.

Spring Conference Committee

Committee Purpose: To provide oversight for the spring conferences, including securing the event location and formulating the agenda. This committee provides recommendations to the Executive Board for the spring conferences regarding location, facility arrangements, conference fees, keynote and session speakers, CPE credits offered accommodations for speakers, and reimbursable expenses.

Education Committee

Committee Purpose: To formulate a structured educational training schedule that includes the Virginia Government Finance Officers Certificate Program (Certificate Program), the Certified Public Finance Officers Program (CPFO Program), and the Professional Development Program.

Mentorship and Awards Committee

Committee Purpose: To provide support to VGFOA members interested in developing their leadership abilities and enhancing their technical skills in government finance, and to provide oversight over an awards program recognizing both individual members, their organizations, and providing scholarships for future members.

Getting to know you

The Executive Board and Committee Chairs hosted a conference call in February. A second call is scheduled for September for the remaining committee chairpersons to meet and speak.. In our efforts to broaden our umbrella, we are looking forward to speaking with members who may be interested in joining committees. The conference call will feature information on the following committees:

1. Conference Committees – Fall and Spring, and
2. Associate Member Relations

2017 VGFOA Fall Conference Update

The beautiful historic Hotel Roanoke is the venue for our conference. What a great time to drive to the Southwestern part of the state. Fall foliage, crisp air, peer networking and continuing education credits all packaged together in a three day event filled conference. This year's fall conference is stacking up to be a "don't miss" event. Our key note speaker, Gregory N. Jordan, will explore 7 primary motivational gifts that affect every interpersonal, leadership and management interaction. This insightful presentation will provide practical methods to generate a deeper understanding of others and our own unique make-up. The session will give special attention to key leadership development ideas.

Chris Morrill, Executive Director/CEO of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the US & Canada will be in attendance at our Fall Conference. Mr. Morrill will participate in a panel discussion on Financial Resiliency and will also be providing an update on the happenings at GFOA national. His presentation will encompass a legislative update and information on research projects.

2017 VGFOA's Executive Board Nominations

VGFOA members are the bench strength of our organization. By actively participating on committees, members have an opportunity to work with other members as well as current and past board members. This collaboration allows members to gain valuable experience and knowledge which can not only enhance their careers, but also help them to become excellent candidates to serve on the board. Members have the opportunity and the responsibility to nominate current full members as candidates for board service that will best serve VGFOA.

Each year at the Fall Conference, VGFOA members elect individuals from the membership to serve on the Executive Board. The process begins with the president appointing a Special Committee, the Nominating Committee chaired by the immediate Past President. This committee formulates a slate of nominees for positions on the Executive Board. The Nominating Committee presents its recommended slate to the Executive Board for approval, and then presents the approved slate to the membership at the Annual Business meeting in October (the Thursday luncheon on October 19, 2017).

To help understand the Executive Board’s role, described below are the duties of a board member:

- Set the future vision (strategic plan);
- Guide the operation;
- Lead a committee;
- Conduct and guide organization business according to the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures;
- Attend four to five, face to face, board meetings annually and as-needed telephone conference calls; and
- Serve a term of three years.

Nominations for the following Officers & Board positions are in process:

- President elect with term expiring October 2018
- Board Member with term expiring October 2020

Education / Training Update

The Virginia Government Finance Officers Association (VGFOA) has partnered with Virginia Tech's School of Public & International Affairs (SPIA) and Office of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) to design and deliver a new series of educational programs focused on addressing a variety of topics critical to today’s government finance professionals.

In the initial year of the partnership, Virginia Tech will offer four in-person workshops and three online webinars to address topics such as government/policy, compliance, trends, budgeting, payroll law, procurement, leadership, and technology. Workshops will be designed in collaboration with VGFOA leadership. In-person workshops will be held at Virginia Tech venues located across the Commonwealth. These programs will strengthen the current offerings of VGFOA, building on the Association’s history of providing relevant and timely professional education offerings to its members through conferences and the VGFOA certification program.

The upcoming schedule includes the following programs:

Description	Date	Topic	Location
Webinar	11/17/2017	Children Services Act Update	Webinar
One Day Workshop	1/30/2018	Strategic Planning/Financial Policies/Best Practices	Richmond with site connections
Webinar	2/22/2018	Virginia Public School Authority	Webinar

2017 VGFOA Certificate Courses

The 2017 Certificate courses are open for registration. Registration fees for 2017 are \$225 for Members; \$275 for non-Members. Online registration is available by [clicking here](#).

Date	Course	Location
Oct 12 - 13	Leadership	Charlottesville
Oct 30 - 31	Short-Term Investments	Newport News
Nov 30 - Dec 1	Advanced Governmental Accounting	Roanoke

On-Line Courses!

Registration is Now Available for 2017

Don't forget - our online courses are offered year round! Registration fee is \$150 for online courses. Online registration is available by [clicking here](#).

Date	Course	Location
2017	Cash Management & Banking 2017	On-line
2017	Debt Management for Public Finance Officers 2017	On-line
2017	Intermediate Governmental Accounting 2017	On-line
2017	Internal Controls, Auditing & Fraud 2017	On-line
2017	Introduction to Governmental Accounting 2017	On-line

Cancellation/Refund Policy

In order to qualify for a refund, notice of registration cancellation must be received at least 7 business days prior to the event. Substitution of attendee may be made at any time.

New Certified Public Finance Officers (CPFO)

The CPFO Program of GFOA is a broad, educational self-study program designed to verify knowledge in the disciplines of government finance. Attaining certification is a mark of excellence in government finance. To earn the CPFO designation, candidates must pass a series of five examinations covering the major disciplines of public finance.

Congratulations to the following individuals from Virginia who recently achieved the CPFO designation in 2017:

- Carrie Currie, Staff Accountant, Town of Leesburg
- Tammy Todd, Assistant Director of Finance, City of Salem

Communications, Legislative & Standards Setting Update

The Auditor of Public Accounts would like to provide guidance regarding recent changes in legislation that will impact the Localities' FY2017 reporting requirements in accordance with Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2510.

The Uniform Financial Reporting Manual has been updated for the FY2017 and is available on the Auditor of Public Account's website, under the Local Government Annual Guidelines, Manuals, and Other Procedural Documents page. http://www.apa.virginia.gov/data/download/local_government/manuals/Uniform_Financial_Reporting_Manual.docx

Virginia Government Finance Officers' Association's mission is "...to foster financial excellence in government by creating opportunities for professional development."