



Virginia Government Finance Officers' Association

Developing Governmental and Financial Leaders

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VGFOA 2009 Spring Conference Coming June 3-5 in Virginia Beach

VGFOA's Spring Conference will be held June 3 to 5, 2009 at the Hilton Oceanfront Hotel in Virginia Beach.

Here are some highlights of the conference:

- Kenneth L. Rust, President of GFOA, will present the keynote address, "Financing a Green Government". Mr. Rust is the Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Portland, Oregon.
- Milton Ezrati, Partner, Senior Economist and Market Strategist, with Lord, Abbett & Company, LLC will present an economic update.
- Jim Regimbal of Fiscal Analytics, Ltd. will brief the membership on recent actions of the Virginia General Assembly.
- Jeff Cole, McNeary, Inc. will make a presentation on Identify Theft Prevention Programs (Red Flags Rule).
- Ann Shawver, Finance Director, with the City of Roanoke, will talk about Purchasing Card programs.
- Carol White, Director of Financial and Management Services with County of York, will teach the VSCPA's Ethics Course.
- Joseph Kennedy, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, with Unity Business Systems will present "Becoming More Efficient with Document Imaging".
- Representatives of the Rating Agencies will provide an update of issues affecting localities and their credit ratings.
- The conference will again feature an **Internet Café**.
- More presentations to be announced – including plans for a session on how the federal stimulus bill affects localities in financing capital projects. The complete program agenda should be available on the VGFOA's website on April 1st.

[Click Here](#) to register for the conference and to make hotel reservations.

Hotel Reservations must be made by May 4, 2009.

Renew Membership
Dues overdue? Renew your membership today.

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Upcoming VGFOA Classes

Online registration is available for the following courses by [clicking here](#).

| Date | Event | Locations |
|--------------|---|--------------|
| Mar 5-6 | Virginia Government and Law | Richmond |
| Mar 12-13 | Advanced Governmental Accounting | Fairfax |
| Apr 2-3 | Grants Reporting and Auditing | Newport News |
| Apr 9-10 | Internal Controls, Auditing and Fraud | Roanoke |
| Apr 23-24 | Pensions, Risk Management & Procurement | Chesapeake |
| Apr 30-May 1 | Operating and Capital Budgeting | Fairfax |
| May 11-12 | Grants Reporting and Auditing | Roanoke |

If you have any questions or comments about these classes please contact Vivian McGettigan at vamcgettigan@co.hanover.va.us.

VGFOA Regional Events

The Hampton Roads Regional Group has the following breakfast CPE events planned with a very reasonable price of \$10 for VGFOA members and \$13 for non-members. All events will be held at the Holiday Inn Select in Norfolk from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Register for any event by [clicking here](#).

•March 12, 2009 - The Nuts & Bolts of an Indirect Cost Plan

Tom Carawan, Thales Consulting, Inc. will give a thorough introduction and overview of an Indirect Cost Plan. Why is it important? How is it done? How is it used? Registration deadline: March 6, 2009.

•April 9, 2009 - Practical Tips for Grant Compliance

Kathy Abshire, a Manager at KPMG, will share practical tips for grant compliance. Kathy has many years of experience in auditing local governments and is an expert in the single audit field. This session will be applicable to individuals in the Finance Department who work with grants and individuals in the field who are responsible for grant compliance at the departmental level. Registration deadline: April 3, 2009.

•May 14, 2009 - How to Prepare your Fund for the Year End Audit

Terrie Pyeatt, Director of Internal Audit for Virginia Beach City Public Schools, will show participants how to prepare a fund for the external audit. Terrie brings a wealth of experience and technical expertise to this topic. In addition to her current position, Terrie has worked for the City of Chesapeake and the City of Portsmouth and was an auditor for KPMG. She will cover basics of what to look for in your fund review, how to prepare effective analytical review comments, and how to easily prepare a cash flow statement! Accountants at all levels will benefit from this session. Registration deadline: May 8, 2009.

•June 11, 2009 - What you need to know about Virginia Procurement Laws

Dan Pendarvis, Assistant Superintendent of Budget & Planning for Portsmouth Public Schools, will provide the highlights of what every accountant needs to know about the Virginia Procurement Laws. Registration deadline: June 5, 2009.

GFOA's Advanced Government Finance Institute

The VGFOA is offering one scholarship to a qualified individual to attend the GFOA's Advanced Government Finance Institute, which will be held July 26 to July 30, 2009 at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. The scholarship is for \$1,850 which will cover tuition, housing, meals, classroom materials and sponsored activities. All other costs must be covered by the attendee or their employer.

Selection will be based on professional experience. Examples of types of professionals that attend the institute include Finance Directors, Assistant Finance Directors, Department Heads and Senior Managers. VGFOA membership is required to apply for the scholarship.

Original applications ([available at gfoa.org](http://gfoa.org)) must be submitted to GFOA by April 17, 2009. To apply for the VGFOA scholarship, please submit a copy of the GFOA AGFI application by e-mail, fax or regular mail to:

Tammy Todd, City of Salem Finance Department
PO Box 869
Salem, VA 24153
ttodd@salemva.gov
fax: (540) 375-4057

IMPORTANT NOTE: You must submit your original application to GFOA by April 17, 2009. You will submit a copy of this application to Tammy by April 17, 2009.

Edward T. Pettigrew College Scholarship

To honor the contributions made by Edward T. Pettigrew, the VGFOA's first president, the VGFOA is offering three governmental accounting/public administration awards to be given to students attending a Virginia university or college. Each selected student will receive a \$1,000 award.

Students must be rising college juniors/seniors with a declared major of accounting or public administration with the goal of going into the public sector OR graduate students in an MPA program. Full or part-time students are eligible for these awards.

[Click here](#) for further information.

Renew your Membership Today

If you have not yet paid your 2009 membership dues, please be sure to do so!

Dues are an important part of providing membership the great services VGFOA has to offer! Dues for 2009 are still just **\$35 per person for active members** (local government or governmental entity employees) and **\$50 per year for associate members** (employees of firms serving governmental entities). Membership is required for those wishing to complete the VGFOA Certificate Program.

You can renew your 2009 membership by [clicking here](#). To check on the status of dues, please contact Jenni Tunstall at (540) 831-6734.

VGFOA Certificate Program Course Scholarships

Is attaining the VGFOA certificate one of your New Year's resolutions? Or, are you now in the middle of the certificate program, with three or four courses under your belt, but your locality is facing budget woes and funds for employee travel and training will be severely limited?

Well, VGFOA's Certificate Program Course scholarship may be just the answer. For several years, VGFOA has been offering, on a competitive basis, scholarships to attend one of the upcoming VGFOA certificate program courses. This year's certificate course scholarship program offers five individual course scholarships, valued at \$225. The certificate course scholarships are good for up to one year after award and winners are free to choose any VGFOA certificate course offered during that time. VGFOA membership is required to apply for the certificate course scholarships.

Additional information concerning VGFOA's certificate program course scholarship and the application form will be available on VGFOA's website during the first week of February 2009. (Look under "Member Services", listed on the homepage; click on "Scholarships" and then click on "VGFOA Certificate Program Course Scholarship".)

The application deadline is April 1, 2009. [Click here](#) for application.

The Virginia Government Finance Officers' Association shall be the premier organization in developing leaders with financial and management expertise through education, fellowship and professional development to foster excellence in government.