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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

President's Message

Planning is underway for the 2014 Spring Conference to be held at the Westin Virginia Beach Town Center May 28-30, 2014. The Conference and Associate Member Committees are busy planning events and programs that will be both educational and enjoyable. More information is included in this Newsletter and will be available on VGFOA's website.

The Regional Organizations are also busy planning at least two or more events in each region this year. This is an excellent and economical option to obtain training close to home. If you have a topic or a speaker recommendation, please contact your region's Regional Coordinator. The Regional Organizations' goal is to meet the training needs of their region and they are interested in hearing from you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Associate Members for their support of VGFOA's Regional Organizations and Conferences. Associate Members provide excellent presentations and training opportunities. We greatly appreciate the knowledge they share and the support they offer. Without their support, we would not be able to provide the level of quality we have come to expect from our conferences and training events. VGFOA Board and Committee members work hard to offer members quality training that is affordable. Our members' support of programs is greatly appreciated. Please give our Board and Committee members feedback, both positive and constructive. That information is used to ensure VGFOA continues to be a valuable part of your professional development and networking.

If you attended the Fall Conference or read the fall newsletter, you realize my theme this year is SERVICE. With that in mind, I will close this message by asking each of you to consider serving on one of VGFOA's committees. Serving is a wonderful opportunity for professional growth and it is also extremely rewarding to help further our mission of "Developing Governmental and Financial Leaders."

Membership

Committee membership and participation is also an excellent first step for consideration of future Board Members.

VGFOA Announcements & News

See the latest updates and news.

National GFOA on the Web

Visit now.

Join the conversation at:

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VGFOA Listserve

Discuss and exchange information with the membership

Communications Committee

Jon McCubbin – Chair
Greg Akers
Kathleen Ault
Curtis Doughtie

VGFOA's Committees are listed on the website, along with a description of each committee's responsibilities. If you are interested in serving on a specific committee, please contact the committee chair. Contact information is available on the website under the "VGFOA Board" link.

Currently, the **Conference Committee**, chaired by Sharon Day, the **Associate Members Relations Committee**, chaired by Terrie Pyeatt, and the **Education Committee**, chaired by Renee Hoover **are seeking new members**. A brief description of the Conference and Associate Members Committees' responsibilities is listed below

The Conference Committee's purpose is to provide oversight for the spring and fall conferences, including program development and CPEs offered, facility arrangements, menu planning for the event, planning the reception, and monitoring revenues and expenses.

The Associate Members Relations Committee's purpose is 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.

The Education Committee's purpose is to formulate a structured educational training schedule that includes, at a minimum, the Virginia Government Finance Officers Certificate (VGFOC) Program and other targeted training classes. This committee submits courses and electives for approval by the Executive Board for the VGFOA Certificate program and maintains a rolling five-year plan for the achievement of completing the Certificate program.

I hope you will give serious consideration to serving on one of VGFOA's committees. I think you will find it to be rewarding and worthy of your efforts.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Conference! It is going to be great!

Don't forget to join the VGFOA Group on LinkedIn!

Barbara

**New Year, New Conference Locations!
Take Advantage of the Early Bird Discount!
Register Today for the
2014 VGFOA Spring Conference
(May 28 – May 30, 2014)**

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VIRGINIA BEACH
TOWN CENTER



Please join us at the beautiful [Westin](#) hotel located in Town Center of Virginia Beach for the VGFOA Spring Conference, May 28th to 30th. Don't miss your chance to enjoy the delicious restaurants and diverse shopping the Town Center location has to offer! In addition, Town Center is just minutes away from the stunning oceanfront!

This year, gain an additional hour of CPE at no additional cost! Sessions start on Wednesday, May 28th at 1:00pm. Registration options are:

	Member Fee	Non-Member Fee
<i>Full Conference Registration, offering up to 16 CPE's:</i>		
Early / Regular	\$195	\$245
Late	\$225	\$275
<i>Thursday Only Registration, offering up to 8 CPE's:</i>		
Early / Regular	\$95	\$145
Late	\$100	\$150

*Late registration begins April 30, 2014. [Click here to register now.](#)

Ethics is offered for a separate fee of \$65, with the full conference registration.

Check the VGFOA's website frequently for this year's exhibitors, sponsors, attendee roster and conference program updates.

GASB Releases a Toolkit to Assist with the Implementation of GASB 67.

GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, revises existing guidance for the financial reports of most pension plans for state and local governments. Statement No. 67 will take effect for pension plans in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2013 (that is, for years ended June 30, 2014 or later). To aid in the implementation, GASB has released an Implementation Toolkit which includes a guide, fact sheet, video and podcast overviews, articles, and summary and full text versions of the Statement. To access the toolkit visit www.gasb.org or click [here](#).

Virginia's Terry Stone to hold AGA's 2014 Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award.

Terry Stone, Chief Financial Officer of Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools and a VGFOA Past President, was recently awarded the AGA's 2014 Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award. AGA annually recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of government financial management and their awards are among the most prestigious in the field and serve to recognize outstanding accomplishments. The Award will be presented at the AGA's Annual National Leadership Training Awards Luncheon on February 11, 2014. Congratulations to Terry on this wonderful achievement!

New Board Member Spotlight: Jon McCubbin

Part of welcoming new VGFOA Executive Board members is sharing their background information with the Membership. Information on other current Board Members was provided in previous VGFOA Newsletters editions which are available in the [VGFOA Archives](#). In this edition we spotlight Jon McCubbin. Look for an introduction to Pon Yusuf in our April 2014 edition.

Jon McCubbin is the Controller of the Virginia Resources Authority. Jon has served on VGFOA's Education Committee since 2010 where he has helped test and evaluate on-line classes. Jon has also served on the Communications Committee where he assisted with managing the VGFOA LinkedIn Group Page. In addition Jon helped update and instruct VGFOA certificate program course for the CAFR Preparation. To date, Jon has completed 5 out of the 10 VGFOA Certificate Program courses.

Jon received a B.S. in Accounting from Virginia Tech in 2005. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Jon was born and raised in Roanoke, Virginia but moved to Richmond in 2005 where he now resides with his wife, Ana. Jon is an avid collector of vinyl records and in his free time he enjoys playing guitar, reading, traveling, and experiencing new foods.

**Are you LinkedIn?
You Could Be Missing Out on a Chance to Win a \$50
Gift Card!**

The VGFOA LinkedIn Group is a great way to connect and stay in touch with colleagues working with and for Virginia governments. It is also a great way to share current events impacting State and Local Governments and start discussions on hot button topics. Recent topics of discussion have included time management and productivity, implementation of new pension pronouncements, and the impact State and Local Government Budgets are expected to have on the U.S. Economy. The Communications Committee will also be working to feature scenic photos from Virginia Localities as the VGFOA Group's Banner Image. Log-on to see if your Locality has been featured.

Group membership has already grown to 178 members. As an added incentive to join ***we are offering \$50 gift card drawing once we reach 200 members*** (VGFOA Board Members and Associate Members excluded). So join in the conversation at [VGFOA LinkedIn](#).

**VGFOA Central Regional Training Event Scheduled
for Friday, March 7, 2014**

The VGFOA Central Regional Organization is having a training event scheduled for Friday, March 7, 2014, from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Henrico County Training Center. Topics include an Accounting & Auditing Update, Single Audit Update, and VRS Update. The event cost

is \$35 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and snacks. Registration is now available through the VGFOA Regional Organization Calendar website at www.vgfoa.org and is limited to 100 participants. If you have any questions regarding the training please contact Charles Ramsay at ram08@co.henrico.va.us.

Save the Dates for Regional Education Events...

Regional committees have been busy setting and planning educational events for VGFOA members. The following regions have set date and times for events.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
Southwest	Roanoke/Salem	Wed, Mar 19 th or Mar 26 th
		Tues, Apr 15 th
		September TBD
		November TBD
Northern Virginia	Fairfax County	Mon, July 14 th
		November TBD
Central	Henrico County	Fri, Mar 7 th
		Fri, May 9 th
		Fri, Sep 12 th
		Fri, Dec 5 th
Hampton Roads	TBD	Mon, Apr 28 th
		Fri, July 11 th

Regional activities are a great opportunity to pick-up CPE credits and network with neighboring colleagues. If you don't see your region listed or you are interested in participating in a regional committee to plan and assist in the event, please contact Kathey Seay at ktseay@hanovercounty.gov.

2014 Membership Renewal

VGFOA 2013 memberships expired on December 31, 2013. We hope you have found your membership beneficial and decide to renew for the 2014 calendar year!

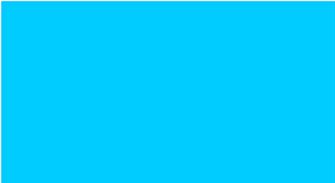
Please note that payment for 2014 Membership renewal is due by January 31, 2014. **After January 31, 2014, there will be a late fee of \$10 added to Membership dues.**

You may renew your membership [here](#) or by mailing an invoice and a check made payable to VGFOA.

2014 VGFOA Certificate Courses

Certificate Course class fees for VGFOA and Treasurer's Association of Virginia (TAV) members are still \$225 per participant (\$275 for non-members). On-line course fees are \$125. Online registration is available by [clicking here](#).

2014 Dates	Event	Location
ONLINE	Cash Management and Banking	ONLINE
ONLINE	Introduction to Governmental Accounting	ONLINE
ONLINE	Internal Controls, Auditing, and Fraud	ONLINE
ONLINE	Intermediate Governmental Accounting	ONLINE
March 6-7	Advanced Governmental Accounting	Hanover
March 20-21	Intermediate Governmental Accounting	Fairfax
April 10-11	Short-Term Investments	Newport News
April 24-25	Intermediate Governmental Accounting	Henrico
May 15-16	Cash Management and Banking	Fairfax
June 5-6	Pension, Risk Management & Procurement	Chesapeake
June 12-13	Pension, Risk Management & Procurement	Roanoke
June 19-20	How to Prepare a CAFR	Fairfax
July 10-11	Human Resource Management	Hanover
July 31 - August 1	Issuing Debt and Debt Management	Henrico
August 7-8	Issuing Debt and Debt Management	Fairfax
September 18-19	Human Resource Management	Fairfax
September 25-26	Operating and Capital Budgeting	Roanoke



November 13-14	Grants Management	Roanoke
December 4-5	Operating and Capital Budgeting	Chesapeake

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.