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President's Message



ANDREA TRENT

The dog days of summer are upon us. They arrived early this year and for those of you who attended GFOA's conference in Austin, TX, the 100-degree temperatures reinforced how hot "hot" is. The weather was hot, the BBQ was delicious, and the ice cream was a wonderful treat, at any point in the day, to cool you off. GFOA's conference agenda was abundant in content and variety. This annual event is well worth the time away from the office, providing continuing professional credit, an opportunity for peer networking, and the chance to meet and greet industry vendors that provide products and services that may make your life easier.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that one of our own members, Lori Van Curen, CPFO, Director of Finance and Administration, Roanoke Higher Education Authority, was the proud winner of the coveted Vespa. Each year, similar to our Associate Member giveaways, GFOA and vendors sponsor giveaways. Lori met with the Vespa sponsored vendors, put her name in the basket, and was the proud winner of the sporty new ride. All I can say is Zoom, Zoom!

VGFOA's Strategic Plan

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Reid H. Lanham, CPFO and Rhonda Allbeck enjoy the GFOA's vendor exposé in Austin, TX while sporting "authentic" straw cowboy hats

As we embark on the new fiscal year, we begin our work in multiple time zones: the prior year as we begin finalizing all transactions and begin building our schedules for annual reporting, the current year as we begin spending money allocated for the new year and working through our annual audits, and last but not least, the next year as we begin our preliminary planning for the next budget cycle.

Being the jugglers that we are means we will persevere through the summer. I am a lover of fall and while I am not wishing my time away, I am looking forward to the cooler weather, crisp air, and the anticipation of closing out the prior fiscal year.

VGFOA's Fall Conference, scheduled for October 26-28 in Richmond, VA, will mark a time of transition. Trish Davidson, our former President and current Past President, will complete her duties this fall while she embraces her new role of Assistant County Administrator for the County of Rockingham. We will wish our Treasurer, Janet Romanchyk, farewell and happy retirement as her board term expires and she welcomes her new life opportunities as Loudoun County's newest retired Chief Financial Officer. Donna Witt, our Fall Conference Chair and Lynchburg City's CFO, will end her term on the board and will begin her transition into retirement with a planned departure for 2023. Aaron McCoy, Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office Finance Officer and current President Elect, will assume the President's role and begin leading VGFOA for 2023. I, too, will be transitioning into the Past President's role and retirement as I have announced my retirement for Fall 2022.

With transition comes opportunity. Please take a few minutes to consider supporting VGFOA on a committee or Board role. The nominating committee will soon begin soliciting nominations for vacancies. Any and all Board members would be happy to chat with you if you have interest. I personally have grown from my involvement with

VGFOA, and the peer networking has created a stronger, broader scope of process, procedure, and compliance-oriented base for my locality.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and painless audit process and looking forward to seeing you in October.

Registration Is Open! VGFOA Fall Conference October 26-28, 2022 Richmond



Fall is fast approaching! Registration for the [VGFOA 2022 Fall Conference](#) from **Wednesday October 26 through Friday, October 28, 2022**, is now open! Come interact with your peers from other localities, while we engage in informative and timely topics relevant to local government finance. Make plans to explore Richmond, Virginia's Capital City, and stay at the Omni Richmond Hotel, overlooking the scenic James River surrounded by the architecture and charm that makes downtown Richmond the place to be!

[Click here to register](#) for the conference. We look forward to seeing you there!

VGFOA Innovations in Government Finance Award

An exciting feature of the Fall Conference is the Innovations in Government Finance Awards programs. Have you or someone from your jurisdiction recently implemented a project or program to better the world of government finance? If so, please apply for a [2022 VGFOA Innovation Award!](#)

Award categories include:

- Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting
- Budgeting and Financial Planning

- Cash Management and Investing
- Capital Financing and Debt Administration
- Pensions and Benefits
- ERP and Financial Systems
- e-Government and Technology
- Policies and Procedures
- Management and Policy Studies
- Training and Technical Guides

All governmental units are encouraged to apply by completing an [application](#) and sending it to Andrea Light at alight@staffordcountyva.gov **by August 1, 2022**. Winners will be announced during the luncheon at the Fall Conference on October 27, 2022.

Nominations for Open VGFOA Board Positions

There are several upcoming opportunities to serve on the VGFOA's Executive Board!

- **President-Elect**
(1-year term from October 2022 – October 2023)
- **Treasurer**
(3-year term from October 2022 – October 2025)
- **Two Board Members**
(3-year terms from October 2022 – October 2025)

Anyone wishing to submit a nomination for consideration should complete the [nomination form](#) and send it to Trish Davidson at tdavidson@rockinghamcountyva.gov **by August 30, 2022**.

Education Committee

The Education committee continues to work with Radford University's GNAC Center and the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center to provide technical and professional development CPA. Below is a sample of what we have planned over the next few months. Classes are open to all VGFOA members for a discount and non-members for full price.

- [August 9-10, 2022 Short Term Investments*](#)
(Leesburg)
- [August 16 & 18, 2022 Exceptional Presentations. By Design](#) (Zoom)
- [September 19-20, 2022 Advanced Governmental Accounting*](#) (Henrico & Zoom)

**Qualifies for VGFOA and TAV Certification*

Many of our classes are offered online, on demand! Please go to the VGFOA's [Upcoming Events page](#) for details. Click on each event name for more information and to registers. The education committee would love to hear from you! The VGFOA has geared its technical education programs towards topics that are applicable to the role of a Finance Officer, and that would serve as preparation for the GFOA's CPFO exam and the VGFOA Certificate Program. Click on each link for more information.

We have also partnered with UVA's Weldon Cooper Center to provide professional development training. The VGFOA also offers over 12 hours of CPE twice a year at each of our conferences, plus the mandatory 2-hour Virginia Ethics course!

What other topics would you like to see in the education lineup? Which formats do you prefer – in-person, online & on-demand, Zoom, or a combination? If time and expense are barriers, would you like to see “nano-learning” programs, which consist of topics presented in no less than ten-minute increments (ten minutes = 0.2 CPE credits). Nano-learning is an acceptable form of CPE per the Virginia Board of Accountancy. See the VBOA's Qualifying CPE page for more information. Would you like to teach a course? Please contact committee chair Marion Serfass at mserfass@viennava.gov to share your opinion and let your voice be heard!

Scholarship Opportunities!

GFOA Leadership Academy

The GFOA's annual Leadership Academy is set to take place from November 13-18, 2022, on the campus of the College of Charleston in Charleston, SC. The VGFOA is offering one scholarship in the amount of \$2,100 to cover the program fee, which includes tuition, housing, meals, classroom materials, and sponsored activities. All other costs, including airfare or mileage, must be covered by the attendee or their employer. Selection for the scholarship will be based on professional experience; examples include Finance Directors, Assistant Finance Directors, Department Heads, and Senior Managers.

To apply for the scholarship, please provide a current resume and a completed copy of the GFOA Leadership Academy application to Andrea Light at alight@staffordcountyva.gov **by August 31, 2022.**

New to Government Finance Scholarship

Are you, or someone you know, new to government finance? If you have 5 years or less of experience in government finance, you are eligible to apply for this new

scholarship. Up to ten recipients will receive one complimentary VGFOA 2022 Fall Conference registration and one paid night of accommodations at the conference hotel, the Omni Richmond Hotel. The recipients will be recognized during the awards luncheon on October 27, 2022. Applications are due to Andrea Light at alight@staffordcountyva.gov **by August 1, 2022.**

VGFOA Certificate Program Scholarship

The Certificate Program encourages participation in the VGFOA and Radford University GNAC Certificate Program. The scholarship program offers five individual course scholarships, valued at up to \$225 each. VGFOA membership is required to apply for this scholarship. Winners will be announced during the awards luncheon at the 2022 Fall Conference in Richmond, on October 27, 2022. Applications are due to Andrea Light at alight@staffordcountyva.gov **by August 1, 2022.**

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