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President's Message



ANDREA TRENT

Happy New Year! Out with the old, thank goodness, and in with the new! The Board met in mid-December and approved our annual budget for the 2022 calendar year. We are really excited to begin our new year with Radford University's Government and Nonprofit Assistance Center (GNAC) courses throughout the year, plus Weldon Cooper's four sessions, one each quarter. We, the Board, hope you find this year's offerings as exciting as we do as we embark on this year's educational journey/path.

Financial professionals are a unique breed. Multi-tasker was a characteristic before it became the buzz word of the new millennium. How many people can be in three places at one time: closing out last fiscal year, working on the current fiscal year, and budgeting for the next fiscal year? Wow, what an accomplishment and not a feat for the faint hearted. Returning to the new normal and embracing change is what we do. Learning how, why, when, and where keeps our brains in gear and fresh as we work to identify the new, prepare for the difference, and report the variances between the old and the new. And what better way to do that than reaching out to your VGFOA peer network.

The Spring Conference Committee is busily working on the agenda and logistics of our upcoming conference. We are excited about returning to the beach. We have themed our return as "An Ocean of Learning." We visited the Marriot during its construction phase and had planned to be one of their first conferences. Alas, good intentions in this case, went awry as no one could have anticipated the impact COVID-19 had on society. We are looking forward to gathering again, in person, to reconnect with our fellow membership. I look forward to seeing you in May.



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**VGFOA Spring Conference
“An Ocean of Learning”
May 11-13, 2022
Virginia Beach**

The 2022 Spring Conference at the brand-new Marriott Virginia Beach Oceanfront is on! The theme for the conference, “An Ocean of Learning” is designed to incorporate our location with our broad plan of learning together! But what good is learning without the ability to retain and apply that knowledge? Our keynote speaker, Mr. [Nelson Dellis](#), Founder & CEO of Climb for Memory is a five-time USA Memory Champion and one of the leading memory experts in the world. He has traveled around the world as a competitive Memory Athlete, Memory Consultant, and published author. He has been featured in the Netflix Documentary “Memory Games” (2019) and has made many other television appearances. During his presentation at our conference, Mr. Dellis, will teach the basics of memory techniques and a sure-fire approach to remembering anything. He believes having a phenomenal memory is a skill anyone can master!

Speaking of memory, don't forget to register for the conference! Book your hotel room before April 12, 2022 to receive the negotiated conference rate.

Special thanks to Howard Kartel and AnnMarie Ricardi for all their hard work organizing this amazing conference. We will have a committee table near registration, so please stop by to say hello. We can't wait to see all of you there!



VGFOA Education Committee

The Education committee has a lot of quality programs planned for this calendar year! Classes are open to all VGFOA members for a discount and non-members for full price.

****Newly Added****

- [April 25](#) & [April 27](#), 2022 Exceptional Presentations. By Design. (an interactive Zoom session from 10am-12pm)

And mark your calendars for these upcoming in-person classes.

- April 28-29, 2022 [Operating and Capital Budgeting \(Stafford\)](#)
- May 13, 2022 [Ethics Course \(offered at the Spring Conference\)](#)
- June 13-14, 2022 [Intermediate Governmental Accounting \(Newport News\)](#)
- June 27-28, 2022 [Cash Management and Banking \(Rockingham\)](#)
- July 27-28, 2022 [Issuing Public Debt \(Rockingham\)](#)
- August 9-10, 2022 [Short-term Investments \(Leesburg\)](#)

For more information on signing up for courses, including online courses, please visit the VGFOA's [Calendar of Events](#) page.

Would you like to teach a course? Contact committee chair Marion Serfass at mserfass@viennava.gov for more information.

News from Capitol Square

General Assembly

The General Assembly adjourned the 2022 Regular Session *sine die* on March 12, 2022 before completing its work on the budget bills (HB/SB 29 and 30) and other bills still in conference. These bills will carry over to the 2022 Special Session, which will reconvene on April 4, 2022.



In addition to the budget bills, items of particular interest during the Special Session are:

- The 1% local option sales tax on groceries and replacement of the state's 1% for schools funding (HB90/SB451). The House bill eliminated the 1% local option whereas the Senate bill retained it. The computation and codification of the replacement funding for schools differs in both bills.
- State and Local Cybersecurity Improvement Act, a subtitle of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). 80% of the federal funding received by the Commonwealth must be directed to local governments to assist with developing and/or strengthening cybersecurity programs. The budget bill for the upcoming biennium (including floor-approved amendments) include appropriations from the General Fund to VITA to establish the program and state matching funds required to access the federal funds.

Bills related to Eminent Domain (SB 694 and SB 666) and compensatory time in lieu of overtime (SB 631 and HB 1173) were approved by the General Assembly during the regular session and sent to the Governor.

The Virginia Municipal League's (VML) eNews newsletter offers legislative summaries and position statements. Visit their website for more information and to subscribe at [eNews \(vml.org\)](http://eNews.vml.org).

Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

On March 21, 2022, the Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board took steps to revoke the current Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19 ("Virginia Standard"), 16VAC25-220. The revocation was effective on March 23, 2022. New guidance for mitigating the risk of COVID-19 in the workplace is being developed and implemented. The guidance document can be found by visiting [DOLI-Guidance-for-Employers-to-Mitigate-the-Risk-of-COVID-19-to-Workers-03.01.2022_FINAL.pdf \(virginia.gov\)](https://www.doli.virginia.gov/files/2022/03/DOLI-Guidance-for-Employers-to-Mitigate-the-Risk-of-COVID-19-to-Workers-03.01.2022_FINAL.pdf).

eVA

Virginia's e-commerce tool, eVA, is undergoing a major transition that is set to go live in May 2022. Visit eVA's transition news website at [eVA Transition Newsroom \(virginia.gov\)](https://www.eva.virginia.gov) for links to training, meeting playback videos, and other information.



Edward T. Pettigrew College Student Scholarship

To honor the contributions made by Edward T. Pettigrew, the VGFOA's first president, the VGFOA is offering two \$1,000 governmental accounting/public administration scholarships to be awarded to students attending a Virginia university or college. Students must be rising college juniors/seniors with a declared major of accounting or public administration with the goal of entering the public sector or graduate students in a Master of Public Administration (MPA) program. Full or part-time students are eligible for these scholarships.

To be considered for the scholarships, students must submit the following items to Andrea Light (alight@staffordcountyva.gov) by April 15, 2022:

- A completed Edward T. Pettigrew College Student Scholarship Application form
- A completed faculty recommendation
- Unofficial transcripts

The application form can be downloaded here: [Pettigrew Application 2022.pdf \(vgfoa.org\)](#).