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VGFOA Certificate Program

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Meet your Board, see committee assignments and make contact.

Do you have a story to share?

President's Message



AARON MCCOY

Happy New Year 2023! My hope is that each of you was able to have a joyous holiday season and now can look forward to a new year with eager anticipation. Over the last seven years on the VGFOA Board, I have had the honor of serving with so many great colleagues from across the state. Farewell wishes to our outgoing Past President, Trish Davidson, our outgoing Treasurer Janet Romanchyk, and our outgoing Fall Conference Chair, Donna Witt. It was honor to serve with each of you for so many years. Welcome to our newest board members Reid Lanham, Stacey McBride, Shelia Minor, and Tonya O'Connell, I look forward to serving this year with you. And special thanks to our now Past President, Andrea Trent, for her steady leadership over the last year.

We had our first full year of conferences back to normal, and look forward to seeing each of you again in Virginia Beach in May and Charlottesville in November. Hopefully audit season was unqualified and your upcoming budgets will enjoy reconciliation. We are working to provide our membership with additional educational opportunities, and also entice a new generation into our workforce. Thank you for the opportunity to lead the VGFOA this year, and I hope to see you at a conference soon!

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VGFOA Spring Conference May 3-5, 2023 Virginia Beach



Join over 250 of your peers from across the Commonwealth at The Marriott Virginia Beach Oceanfront!! Don't miss the opportunity to earn continuing education credits towards your professional certification, socialize with local government finance directors and learn best practices from top speakers!

Registration is now open! Click [here](#) for details.

VGFOA Fall Conference November 8-10, 2023

Please mark your calendars now for the 2023 Fall Conference at the Charlottesville Omni, November 8-10, 2023.

Classes Available Now!

The VGFOA Education committee is excited to announce the schedule of classes for calendar 2023! We understand that our membership has differing educational needs. Some of our members are relatively new to your local government career and want to gain additional skill sets, and would benefit greatly from participation in the VGFOA certification program. Others are mid-career and would benefit from our Weldon Cooper classes on leadership, public speaking,

and other soft skills necessary to advance to leadership roles. And yes, we realize that some of you are just “in it for the CPE”, and any of the VGFOA offerings will provide CPE at a very affordable price (and you may just have some fun and meet some new peers while you’re at it!)

Regardless of your reason for attending VGFOA classes, we encourage you to sign up early and get these classes on your calendar before they fill up! If not for you, encourage your staff to attend. VGFOA classes not only provide the obvious benefits of new skill or knowledge, but in-person classes also provide the opportunity to meet and network with peers from across the Commonwealth. The course catalog and links to register are available at www.vgfoa.org/page/course-catalog.

Associate Member Committee

The Associate Members committee works with vendors to staff booths and sponsor our conferences. They also organize the popular vendor bingo program. Our partner vendors provide important support that provides a wealth of information to our local government members and helps keep conference prices lower.

The committee could use a few volunteers. It requires a very small time investment and is a great way to get more involved in VGFOA. If interested, please contact chair Marion Serfass at mserfass@viennava.gov.

Do you have a relationship with vendor who would like to be represented at our next conference? Are you a vendor who would like to be represented at our next conference? Contact Marion at mserfass@viennava.gov. More information for vendors will be on the VGFOA web site later in January.

Upcoming Scholarship and Award Application Opportunities

GFOA Leadership Academy Scholarship - deadline August 31, 2023

Awarded to one management-level professional in government finance who is seeking to attend the GFOA’s prestigious Leadership Academy. Nationwide

only 35 participants will be selected for the program to be held in the Fall of 2023. The scholarship selection is contingent upon separate GFOA application and admission to the program.

Pettigrew College Student Scholarship - deadline March 31, 2023

This \$1,000 college scholarship is named in honor of VGFOA's first president and is awarded to college juniors, seniors or graduate students interested in pursuing a career in government finance.

Certificate Program Scholarship - deadline August 4, 2023

Covers participation in one in-person or online Certificate Program course. Members pursuing the VGFOA's Certificate are encouraged to apply for this scholarship.

New to Government Finance Scholarship - deadline August 4, 2023

Provides a complimentary fall conference registration and one-night accommodations at the conference hotel. This scholarship is intended for members who have less than five years of experience in government finance.

Innovations in Government Finance Award - deadline August 31, 2023

This prestigious award is available to member jurisdictions who have implemented innovations in government finance related to people, processes, or programs. The award comes with one complimentary fall conference registration for a representative of the governmental recipient.

For more information about all scholarship and award opportunities available to VGFOA members, please visit the website at: <https://www.vgfoa.org/page/scholarships/>

Renew Your 2023 Membership

Click [here](#) to renew your membership before January 31 to avoid a late fee.



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