



# December 2020

## 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 Membership

## President's Message



**TRISH DAVIDSON**

Happy December of 2020! I know we are all anxious for this current year to pass and look forward to good things in the future. I am so happy to have my CAFR complete and finally finished that blasted MD&A! I am sure many of you can relate.

This week we wrap up our third round of virtual conference sessions. I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy them if not in whole, at least in part. We have had a lot of positive feedback about the keynote speaker from the October session, it was excellent. Great job to the fall conference committee led by Donna Witt!!

I also wanted to say thank you to Jill Underwood for persevering through one of the most difficult years in the profession as our President and to Curtis Doughtie Past President. They did an amazing job keeping things moving forward for the VGFOA.

We look to 2021 with so much uncertainty. Will life as we know it ever become less complicated? Will the number of COVID cases start trending downward? Will my locality recover fiscally from the loss in revenue? Will localities receive another deposit of CARES funds? Most importantly, Will we get to go to the beach for the VGFOA conference in May????? Well, I will tell you the VGFOA Board is doing everything in their power to ensure that we can have a safe and successful spring conference back at the beach in May of 2021!!

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[\*\*VGFOA  
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Join now

I encourage all of you to get involved with the VGFOA by joining a committee or volunteering to teach or co-teach a certificate course. Finding safe ways for our members to network in the coming year will be a focus for the VGFOA Board and I hope you will find ways to build the various opportunities and offerings in your schedule for the coming year.

Happy Holidays!

**VGFOA Spring Conference – SAVE THE DATES**



The VGFOA Spring Conference Committee is moving forward planning an in-person conference if at all possible, from May 26 – 28, 2021 at the Marriott Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel. Look for a survey this winter to gauge how you the Membership plans to participate. Can you help us find a speaker? Would you like to help work on the conference? Contact Marion Serfass or Howard Kartel and sign on to help us celebrate our return to the beach!



## **GFOA Annual Conference**

The GFOA is planning both an in-person conference in Chicago, IL on June 27-30, 2021, and a virtual conference following on July 12-23, 2021. For more details on the in-person conference visit [click here](#). For more details on the virtual conference click [here](#).

## **Congratulations!**

Our former VGFOA Executive Secretary, Beau Blevin's role is expanding with VML/VACo. He's leaving VGFOA duties behind to pursue the next level in his career. Best of luck Beau!

Welcome Jenny Fletcher to the Executive Secretary position. As a member of VGFOA, you will have almost certainly interacted with Jenny before. She's been with VGFOA for seven years. We're excited to have her in an elevated role and know that she will continue to serve VGFOA Membership with excellent customer service skills!

## **GFOA Code of Ethics**

*We, the government finance officers of the United States and Canada, have a deep and abiding desire to show that we are worthy of the special trust that the communities we serve have placed in us. As a member of my government's finance office, I commit to living the following values to show that I am worthy of that trust. Read the code [here](#).*

## **VGFOA Executive Board - Meet the Board**

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**



**Trish Davidson**  
President  
Director of Finance  
County of Rockingham

**Andrea Trent**  
President-Elect  
Manager of Retirement Plans  
City of Roanoke



**Jill Underwood**  
Past President  
Director of Finance  
Bedford Regional Water  
Authority

**Janet Romanchyk**  
Treasurer  
Deputy CFO  
County of Loudon



**Do you have experience to share? Would you like to teach a class for VGFOA? Reach out to the VGFOA Board for more information!**

**BOARD MEMBERS/DIRECTORS**

**Betsy Drewry**  
Membership & Awards  
Deputy County Administrator  
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**Aaron McCoy**  
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Relations  
Finance Officer  
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**Andrea Light**  
Communications,  
Legislative and  
Standards  
Budget Director  
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**Donna Witt**  
Fall Conference  
Chief Financial Officer  
City of Lynchburg





**Howard Kartel**  
Spring Conference  
Director of Finance/Treasurer  
Town of Culpeper

**Marion Serfass**

Spring Conference  
Director of Finance/Treasurer  
Town of Vienna



**Want to be part of a Committee?**

Go [here](#) to see the committees and what they do!



**Keli Reekes**  
Education  
Director of Finance  
County of Brunswick

**Jenny Fletcher**

Executive Secretary  
Client Relations Specialist  
VML/VACo Finance

## Tax Information

Tax Forms 1099 and W2 are due to the IRS on January 31, 2021!

Annually, the IRS publishes the “Dirty Dozen”, a list of the most prevalent tax scams. The 2020 list emphasizes aggressive and evolving schemes related to coronavirus tax relief. Don’t fall victim to these scams. The Dirty Dozen are listed below, see the full article [here](#).

1. Phishing
2. Fake Charities
3. Threatening Impersonator Phone Calls
4. Social Media Scams
5. EIP or Refund Theft
6. Senior Fraud
7. Scams Targeting Non-English Speakers
8. Unscrupulous Return Preparers
9. Offer in Compromise Mills
10. Fake Payments with Repayment Demands
11. Payroll and HR Scams
12. Ransomware

## Financial Resiliency

The Coronavirus has tested our stress limits this year, and our financial resiliency. While the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided much needed funding, it provided a number of challenges understanding and applying the Department of Treasury’s guidance. As our localities were put to the test, so were each of us – both personally and professionally. As we leave 2020 behind, and head towards the uncertainty of 2021, we hope you take time to reflect on your impact, your resilience. “Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm”, Publilius Syrus. When you think back on 2020, know that you held the helm through rough seas.

GFOA has a Fiscal First Aid Resource Center. The website provides supporting information for the Fiscal First Aid Recovery and the 12-Step Fiscal First Aid Recovery Process. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Have you been on the VGFOA ListServ lately? This is a great place to ask questions of your colleagues across the Commonwealth. Share your experience on how your locality has weathered the storm.

## Catch Up on GFOA Podcasts!



Have you subscribed to GFOA podcasts on Apple, Google, Spotify, or other podcasting platforms? You can even listen on your desktop. Catch up on "Week in Washington" updates, "Budget talks" and more! [Listen](#)

## Mark your calendar for these “National Days”

### January 12th – Poetry at Work Day

Poetry at Work Day was established to encourage creativity. Sharpen your pencil and try something new.

### February 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Cardiac Rehabilitation Week

Founded by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, the focuses people’s attention on cardiac rehabilitation and its benefits.

### March 3rd – World Wildlife Day

At its 68<sup>th</sup> session, the United Nations declared each year World Wildlife Day would be dedicated to a new purpose and idea to help keep people abreast of the changing nature of our world.

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