



September 13, 2019

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.

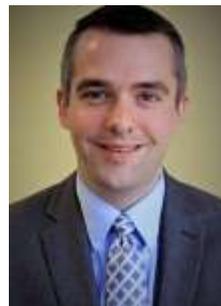
Do you have a story to share?

Submit an article to the [Editor](#) for a future newsletter.

VGFOA's Strategic Plan

Directions for the future.

President's Message



Greetings everyone! I know you are all busy with fiscal-year end, OPEB, and auditors but I appreciate you taking a few minutes of your time to read about recent VGFOA activities.

Our fall conference is right around the corner: October 9-11 at the Omni Richmond Hotel in downtown Richmond. A draft conference agenda has been posted and we have some great sessions lined up. We appreciate the support from our vendors, who sold out all available booths before the end of August. Please register before September 16 to avoid a late registration fee.

You may have seen that GFOA recently adopted a new code of ethics. The VGFOA bylaws state that the VGFOA Code of Ethics mirrors that of GFOA, so Virginia was the first state organization to adopt the new Code. The new Code describes how finance officers can build and maintain trust with other public officials, their colleagues in the finance office, and the public. Building trust requires honesty and integrity, producing results for the community, and treating people fairly.

Please take a few minutes to read GFOA's new Code of Ethics [here](#). GFOA also issued a short guide that answers some common questions about the new Code, which you can find [here](#).

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See the latest updates and news.

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Visit now.

Join the conversation at:

[**LinkedIn**](#) or

[VGFOA Listserv](#)

Discuss and exchange information with the membership

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Good luck with your CAFR reporting and I hope to see you all at the fall conference.

**Register Now for the VGFOA Fall Conference
October 9-11, 2019**



RICHMOND OMNI HOTEL

Conveniently located in downtown Richmond. Easy to get to and newly renovated. Don't miss it!

OCTOBER 9-11, 2019

Me: "I'll take 'Things Every Virginia Finance Officer Should Do' for \$225, Alex"

Alex: "This event will be held **October 9 – 11th** at the **Omni Richmond Hotel**, and offers three days filled with timely and informative topics related to local government finance and leadership development, combined with peer networking opportunities, vendor booths, and sponsors to help you in your work."

(cue the "Jeopardy" theme music...)

Me: "Alex, that's easy! What is the **VGFOA 2019 Fall Conference**?!!" Alex: "That's correct!!"



Don't you wish all the "Jeopardy" clues were this easy! But everyone can win by attending the [Virginia Government Finance Officers' Association \(VGFOA\) 2019 Fall Conference](#) at the [Omni Richmond Hotel](#), overlooking the scenic James River and surrounded by the architecture and charm that makes downtown Richmond the place to be!

The conference is fast approaching, so if you haven't already, be sure to visit the [conference website page](#) to register **by September 16th** for the best conference rate. This year's fall conference will feature a keynote address by Ashley Tare, City of Lynchburg's Talent Development Officer on "Generational Management", along with sessions on GASB Updates, budgeting, civic engagement, issuing bonds, and lots more to keep you at the "top of your game"!

Join us in our [community volunteer opportunity with Feed More](#) by bringing at least five items from their "[most wanted](#)" list or donate \$5 or more for a chance to win a gift certificate for dinner! Don't miss out on this opportunity to earn CPE credits, connect with your peers in local government finance, and enjoy a [visit to Virginia's Capital City](#)

Meet the President-Elect



Jill Underwood is the Director of Finance for the Bedford Regional Water Authority. Previously, she was with the Bedford County Public Service Authority until the consolidation of the Authority and the City of Bedford water and sewer departments in 2013, forming the Bedford Regional Water Authority. Jill has been in governmental finance for 17 years. Being with a smaller organization, she is responsible for all aspects of finance within her organization. She has been on the Board since October 2015, serving as Chair of the Conference Committee and Co-Chair of the Education Committee. At October 2018 annual business

meeting, she was elected to serve as President-Elect.

Jill is a graduate of Radford University, with a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Accounting. She has also completed the VGFOA/GNAC Certificate Program. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her husband and two sons, being involved in her sons' activities, and traveling.

Capital Planning: Finance Officers as Ambassadors

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Virginia Tech Research Center – Arlington

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

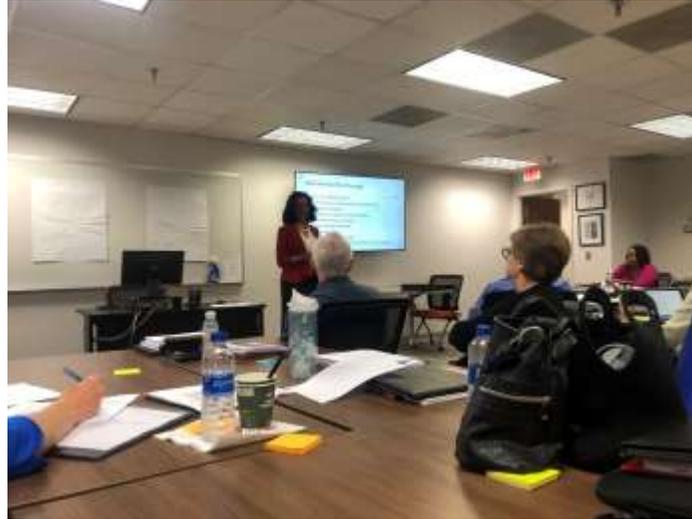
900 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203

This interactive course will provide essential tools to successfully plan, fund and deliver capital projects in high-impact and fast-paced environments. These techniques will empower local government officials to be ambassadors to bridge gaps, foster innovation, augment outcomes and achieve strategic goals. Participants also will share hot topics, exchange emerging practices, and discuss funding and engagement methods to address your organizations' most pertinent challenges. Bring your topics for the Idea Exchange!

Future programs:

November 12th – The Budget Process in Newport News

January 13th – New Finance Director Staff Orientation in Abingdon



Small Group Workshops: Financial Planning for Small Water Systems

The Environmental Finance Center Network is partnering with GFOA on Smart Management for Small Water Systems Program, which provides **no-cost education** and training for water system managers, elected officials, finance officers, clerks, and others who play a role in water system management through a cooperative agreement with the US EPA.

The small group format will allow you the opportunity to ask specific questions about your system's finances and work one-on-one with experts to brainstorm solutions to your water system's challenges. Follow up technical assistance will be available, free of charge.

To register online, follow the links below:

October 22, 2019 | 9:00am-4:30pm

The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research
150 Slayton Ave., Danville, VA 24540

[Register Online](#)

October 24, 2019 | 9:00am-4:30pm

Paul D. Camp Community College — Workforce Development
Center

100 N. College Drive, Franklin, VA 23851

[Register Online](#)

GFOA Podcasts

GFOA offers many valuable resources on their web site. Members also receive a weekly email that has included a podcast series introducing the new Ethics policy. Here is the first announcement from the GFOA weekly email. It's another way to learn and develop, delivered in a very accessible format.



Visit the [GFOA](#) website to learn more.

2019 VGFOA Certificate Courses

The VGFOA certification program provides training in many job-related areas and support for those wishing to pursue the national CPFO designation. Information relative to the certification program and each of the courses can be found on our website. The following courses are scheduled for the remainder of the calendar year:

Advanced Governmental Accounting (Henrico)	10/31 – 11/1
Internal Controls, Auditing and Fraud (Charlottesville)	12/5 – 12/6

A number of courses are now offered on-line through Radford University. Visit the [Calendar of Upcoming Events](#) for the current list of course offerings.

The VGFOA Board is also currently seeking volunteers to assist with teaching the certificate and review courses. If you are interested in teaching, please email kreekes@brunswickco.com

Today's Survey Questions



Let's have a little fun. Here's two survey questions- one work related and one fun related. Send your responses to [Survey](#). Results will be published in the next newsletter in November / December.

1. Did you attend a Virginia college or university? Which one? If not, what State?
2. What superpower do you wish you had?

See you at the Conference!

Virginia Government Finance Officers' Association's mission is "...to foster financial excellence in government by creating opportunities for professional development."