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## President's Message



**JILL UNDERWOOD**

As I dropped my son off for his first day of fourth grade last week, I thought of all of the adaptations that school systems were required to make for this school year: physical distancing between desks, reduced class sizes, mask requirements in common areas, lunch delivery to classrooms, and many others.

Local government finance professionals have also been required to adapt this year. We have revised budget projections multiple times, dealt with delinquent accounts and lost revenue, created pandemic policies, implemented workplace standards, learned the ins and outs of CARES funding, just to name a few. We have been able to make teleworking possible for positions that we never thought possible before this pandemic. I feel that year has taught us so much and has given us a greater appreciation for things that we may have taken for granted in the past.

As we were faced with cancelling the in-person conference this fall, we really wanted to be able to provide the conference on a virtual platform. With limited resources and some technical limitations, we began exploring available options. As we were looking into options Cherry, Bekaert reached out to explore the possibility of partnering to provide training and much needed CPEs to VGFOA's membership and others across the state. We are happy that with their assistance, we are offering the first session the afternoon of October 15th, following the annual business meeting that

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morning. Additional sessions will be held the afternoons of November 12th and December 9th. Look for more details and registration coming soon!

I would like to end with a very suitable quote from Charles Darwin: “It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is most adaptable to change”.

**VGFOA Virtual Fall Conference – SAVE THE DATES**

The VGFOA Virtual Fall Conference will be held on 10/15, 11/12 and 12/9 from 1-5 pm each day. The virtual Business Meeting will be held on 10/15 at 10am.

Please save the dates and times and more details and registration will be coming soon.

**VGFOA Executive Board Nomination and Form**

Each year at the Fall Conference Business meeting, VGFOA members elect individuals from the membership to serve on the Executive Board. After receiving recommendations from the membership, the Nominating Committee selects at least one name from the Full Membership for each open position on the Board. The Nominating Committee presents its recommended slate to the Executive Board for approval, and then presents the approved slate to the membership at the Annual Business meeting. The Nominating Committee is charged with selecting not less than one name from the Full membership for each place on the Executive Board, which is to be filled at the annual meeting. Anyone wishing to submit a name for the Nominating Committee’s consideration should complete the following form and send it to Curtis Doughtie at [cdoughtie@virginiaresources.org](mailto:cdoughtie@virginiaresources.org) by September 30, 2020.

[Nominations are being accepted](#) for positions of President-Elect (October 2020 to October 2021) and three Board Members with 3-year terms (October 2020 to 2023).

To help understand the Executive Board’s role, described below are the duties of a board member:

- Set the future vision (strategic plan);
- Guide the operation;
- Lead a committee;
- Conduct and guide organization business according to the ByLaws and Policies and Procedures;

- Attend four to five board meetings annually; and
- Serve a term of three years.

## **VGFOA Certificate Program**

The Virginia Government Finance Officers' Association (VGFOA) certification program provides training in many job-related areas and support for those wishing to pursue the national Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) designation. We are pleased to announce the individuals that have successfully completed the Certificate program since the last fall VGFOA conference. Congratulations on this prestigious accomplishment

1. Stephanie S. Moss
2. Amy L. Sylvia
3. Michelle Stephens
4. Tammy Franchok
5. Hoisuk Jeong
6. John Rosser
7. Linda Terrell
8. Tammy Callahan
9. Teanna Mitchell
10. Karen Hatfield

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## **Mark your calendar for these “National Days”**

### **September 16 - NATIONAL WORKING PARENTS DAY**

On September 16th, National Working Parents Day honors the working parent. The day pays tribute to those parents who work to provide for their family.

### **September 19 - NATIONAL CLEANUP DAY**

On the third Saturday in September, National CleanUp Day encourages all of us to take action to make the entire country a better place to live. Just think, what if everyone just picked up one piece of litter? From coast to coast, organizations and individuals alike join forces to clean up parks, trails, beaches, mountains, and open spaces.

### **October 12 - NATIONAL SAVINGS DAY**

National Savings Day on October 12 gives you the time to think about your saving (and spending) habits and what you can do to improve if you're not saving quite enough. Saving doesn't have to be painful. There are lots of easier ways to save in order to bring your dreams within reach.

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