



## August 2018

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Directions for the future.

### Renew Membership

## President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and, hopefully, taking some much needed time off!

It was great to see everyone at the Spring Conference. Thank you for joining us at our new location. The event was a huge success and we owe that to all of you and to our generous sponsors and exhibitors. I also want to thank our Past Presidents that attended and continue to support VGFOA. And, of course, we absolutely could not have had such a great conference without the hard work of the Board, especially our Spring Conference Chair Andrea Trent. Thank you for an awesome conference, Andrea!

The Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations until August 31<sup>st</sup>. There are **two Board positions** available with terms that expire October 2021 as well as the position of **President Elect**. Being a Board member is an invaluable experience and a great way to have a key role in shaping the future of our organization. I encourage you all to nominate someone!

Registration is now open for the **Fall Conference at the Hilton Short Pump Hotel in Henrico from October 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>**. This is a very popular location and we will feature several **budget related sessions**, so be sure to register soon.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will see you in October!



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## **2018 VGFOA Spring Conference Recap**

Wow, what a great conference! We had a record turnout of attendees and we filled all of our exhibitor slots. Thanks to all who attended and those who completed the post conference survey. We really appreciate the feedback because it allows us to improve next year's event. Please feel free to continue to forward feedback and/or any ideas to [andrea.trent@roanokeva.gov](mailto:andrea.trent@roanokeva.gov).

Next spring we will again visit The Main in Norfolk. Please mark your calendars for May 8 – 10, 2019. Looking forward to seeing everyone next year.

## **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

VGFOA offers its members a variety of scholarships and awards. We encourage all members to take advantage of these opportunities by completing an application. Please visit the related VGFOA webpages using the following links:

<http://www.vgfoa.org/page/scholarships/>

<http://www.vgfoa.org/page/award-programs/>

We will be presenting the following award and scholarships during the Fall Conference at the Hilton Short Pump Hotel & Spa on October 25, 2018:

VGFOA Innovations in Government Finance Award

2019 McReynolds Scholarship for CPFO Exam or Review Course

2019 Certificate Program Scholarship

Please take a moment to review the various opportunities provided and consider completing an application for consideration. The deadline to apply is **Friday, August 31, 2018**.

**Register Now for the Fall Conference and Take Advantage of the  
Early Bird Discount!**  
2018 VGFOA Fall Conference  
**October 24-26, 2018**



Please join us at the beautiful [Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump](#) in Richmond, VA! Come and enjoy the diverse shopping and delicious restaurants this great location has to offer!



We are excited to have Ed Peterson, with Transform Leadership deliver our keynote “Developing the Leaders Around You”. An organization’s growth depends upon the growth of its personnel, and the more people you lead, the more leaders you need. Successful leaders maximize the abilities of those they supervise, and empower them to exercise their influence for the benefit of the organization.

Sessions include:

- Economic update
- Storytelling for the Finance Director
- Financial Sustainability
- Succession Planning
- Procurement
- Speed Networking
- Various budgeting topics
- and more!

Please check out the [VGFOA conference website](#) to register and check out this year’s exhibitors and sponsors, as well as program updates.

## **2018 Nominations for the VGFOA's Executive Board**

Each year at the Fall Conference, VGFOA members elect individuals from the membership to serve on the Executive Board. The process begins with the president appointing a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three but not more than five past presidents. 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. This year, the Annual Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at the Hilton Richmond Hotel/ Short Pump in Richmond, Virginia. 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 By-Laws and Policies and Procedures;
- ✓ Attend four to five, face to face, board meetings annually and as-needed telephone conference calls; and
- ✓ Serve a term of three years.

VGFOA members are the bench strength of our organization. By actively participating on committees, members have an opportunity to work with other members as well as current and past board members; this collaboration allows members to gain valuable experience and knowledge which can not only enhance their careers, but also can help them to become excellent candidates to serve on the board.

The Nominating Committee will begin accepting recommendations for candidates in July 2018. Members are asked to use the [VGFOA Executive Board Nomination Form](#) to submit names to the Nominating Committee for consideration for Board service that will best serve VGFOA. The nomination form will be available on the VGFOA website. Let's help the committee by presenting them with a great slate of candidates. Nominations will be accepted for the following positions:

- ✓ President Elect with term expiring October 2019
- ✓ Board Members (2) with term expiring October 2021

Deadline for submitting completed forms to [Kathy Seay](#), is Friday, August 31, 2018.

## Education / Training Update

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 year:

Human Resources (Hanover)	9/27 & 9/28
Advanced Governmental Accounting (Roanoke)	11/15 & 11/16
Cash Management and Banking (Fairfax)	11/29 & 11/30
Internal Controls, Auditing and Fraud (Newport News)	12/6 & 12/7

Also, 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.

## Communications, Legislative & Standards Setting Update

### Two Items to Keep Watching

Now that the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.*, the way is cleared for state and local governments to enforce existing sales and use tax laws on remote sales. The next step is finding a solution that simplifies and streamlines the collection of sales taxes whether selling from a brick-and-mortar store or completely online.

An interesting item that keeps rearing its head in current local government discussions is short term rentals and whether localities should sign the Airbnb Voluntary Collection Agreement for Transient Occupancy Tax or create a registration program.

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