



August 13, 2013

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President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer months! The VGFOA Board is working hard to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of each of our members.

Our 2013 VGFOA Spring Conference was held at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel May 22-24, 2013. We had over 400 attendees at the conference which sets the record for a VGFOA Spring Conference. Our keynote speaker, Carine McCandless was awesome! Her message about life was profound and her presentation was an inspiration to us all. Carine truly is a gifted speaker. The Hilton Sky bar reception was a huge hit and everyone really enjoyed the beautiful view of the Atlantic Ocean while networking with other attendees and vendors.

The 2013 VGFOA Fall Conference is scheduled for October 7-9, 2013 at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton, Virginia. This is the second time that we will have our conference at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel and we are expecting a record number of attendees this year so please register early! This is the perfect opportunity to send someone new that has never attended one of our VGFOA conferences.

In an effort to give VGFOA members the opportunity to participate in various worthy charitable events and to increase organizational awareness for the VGFOA throughout Virginia, VGFOA members have the opportunity to participate in the 2nd Annual Into the Wild Chris McCandless Memorial 5K Race (walk/run) to benefit Promise Places Charity.

This event was organized by Chris's sister Carine McCandless in 2012 in an effort to continue his legacy of helping others. Promise Places is a 501c 3 non-profit organization working to provide independent lifestyles for the mentally disabled through appropriate housing in a safe and nurturing environment, with life skills training, job placement assistance and community involvement.

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Discuss and exchange information with the membership

[Communications Committee](#)

- [Greg Akers](#) – Chair
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The event is scheduled for Sunday, October 13, 2013, at 8:30am at W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax, Virginia. If you have an interest in participating or volunteering for the event, please contact me at ram08@co.henrico.va.us.

Have a great rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming VGFOA Fall Conference in Staunton!

Charles

Register Now for the Fall Conference and Take Advantage of the Early Bird Discount!
2013 VGFOA Fall Conference
October 7 – October 9, 2013

Please join us at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center in Staunton, VA for the VGFOA Fall Conference on October 7-9, 2013! Come and enjoy the breathtaking views of the beautiful fall foliage in the Shenandoah Valley!



We are excited to have several speakers from the national GFOA this year, including:

- Timothy Firestine, GFOA President
- Christopher Morrill, GFOA Past President
- Steven Solomon, GFOA Executive Board
- John Fishbein, GFOA Technical Services and author of “Building a Better Budget Document”

Other sessions include a GASB update, OMB Single Audit Act Update, the New COSO Internal Control Framework, LEAN Government, Contract Management, Affordable Care Act, Taxable Fringe Benefits, and more. Sessions start on **Monday, October 7th at 1:00pm**. Registration options are:

	Member Fee	Non-Member Fee
Full Conference Registration, offering up to 15 CPE’s:		

Early / Regular	\$195	\$245
Late	\$225	\$275

Tuesday Only Registration, offering up to 7 CPE's:

Early / Regular	\$95	\$145
Late	\$100	\$150

*Late registration begins September 9, 2013. [Click here to register now.](#)

Ethics will be offered at the conference as a separate registration fee of \$65.



VGFOA will also be hosting an exciting and unique session at the American Shakespeare Center (ASC), located next door to the hotel! Go to the VGFOA website to register for the conference and check out this year's exhibitors and sponsors. The conference agenda will be available in late August.

Free CPE Opportunity Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners estimates the cost of fraud in U.S. organizations at seven percent of annual revenues, or \$994 billion. While fraud affects every industry, government and the public sector are the second most commonly impacted, after financial services. Some of these fraud scenarios may include bribery, conflicts of interest, inventory theft, financial misappropriations, and unfortunately, many more.

How can government agencies manage these activities, and better still, prevent them? Join McGladrey on Wednesday, August 28, to understand what your organization should do to prevent, detect and respond to fraud, waste and abuse.

Topics include:

- Essential parts of an entity-wide ethics and compliance program
- Who should be involved in the program

- The importance of risk assessments
- Must-have programs to detect fraud, waste and abuse
- Immediate next steps if fraud occurs

Webcast details:

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2013 at 1 pm

CPE credit: One hour

[Learn more or register online.](#)

Cost: Complimentary

Are you LinkedIn?

The [Communications Committee](#) created a VGFOA LinkedIn Group starting January 2013 to help our members stay in touch with colleagues working with and for Virginia governments. [Group](#) membership has already grown to 141, please join us.

GFOA Announces 2013 Awards for Excellence and Louisville Award: Congratulations to Virginia Beach and Roanoke!

The GFOA announced the winners of its 2013 Awards for Excellence in Government Finance. The GFOA's most prestigious awards recognize contributions to the practice of government finance that exemplify outstanding financial management. The awards stress practical, documented work that offers leadership to the profession and promotes improved public finance.

This year's awards include the **Louisville Award** for Innovation in Government Finance, awarded *occasionally* to recognize an exceptional accomplishment that introduces a new concept or technique with enduring value to the government finance profession. The last time an entity received a Louisville Award was in 2008.

This year, the **Louisville Award** went to the **City of Virginia Beach** for Saving Energy and Streamlining the Vendor Payment Process, an initiative to create accountability for municipal energy use, an important step in creating a more sustainable government.

This year's **Awards for Excellence**-winning entries encompass such innovations in areas of economic development, e-government and technology, and pensions and benefits:

- **City of Virginia Beach, Virginia:** Saving Energy and Streamlining the Vendor Payment Process
- Olmsted County, Minnesota: Automating Reimbursements Saves Money, Focuses on Big Picture
- City of Palo Alto, California: City of Palo Alto Open Budget: Cutting-Edge Web-Based Data Visualization
- Town of Cochrane, Alberta: Creative Financing Helps Small Town Realize Big Dreams
- **The City of Roanoke, Virginia:** Ensuring a Financially Sustainable Retirement Plan (Small Government Award)
- Ohio Public Employees Retirement System: No More Pension Spiking at Ohio PERS

VGFOA Central Regional Training Event Scheduled for Friday, September 6, 2013

The VGFOA Central Regional Organization is having a training event scheduled for Friday, September 6, 2013, from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Henrico County Training Center. Topics for the 5 CPE hour event include a Single Audit Update, GASB Update, Accounting & Auditing Update and a VRS Update. The event cost is \$35 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and snacks. Registration is available through the VGFOA [Calendar of Events](#) and is limited to 100 participants. If you have any questions regarding the training please contact Charles Ramsay at ram08@co.henrico.va.us.

Save the Dates for Regional Training Events...

The Regional Organizations committees have been busy setting and planning educational events for VGFOA members. The following Regional Organizations have set date and times for events:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
NOVA	Fairfax County	Sept 12 th	1:30pm – 4:30pm
		Dec 5 th (<i>Topic TBD</i>)	1:30pm – 4:30pm
Central	Henrico County	Sept 6 th	9:00am – 3:00pm
		Dec 6 th (<i>Topic TBD</i>)	9:00am – 3:00pm

Regional events are a great opportunity to pick up CPE credits and network with neighboring colleagues. Stay tuned for programs from these regional events, and I hope to see you at one. If you don't see your region listed or you are interested in participating in a regional committee to plan and assist in the event, please contact Renee Hoover at rhoover@albemarle.org.

2013 VGFOA Certificate Courses

Certificate Course registration fees for VGFOA and Treasurer's Association of Virginia (TAV) members are still \$225 per participant (\$275 for non-members). Online course fees are \$125. Registration is available online by [clicking here](#).

2013 Dates	Event	Location
September 5-6	Internal Controls, Auditing & Fraud	Newport News
December 5-6	Intermediate Governmental Accounting	Chesapeake
December 12-13	Advanced Governmental Accounting	Roanoke

Online courses are available for:

- Cash Management & Banking
- Introduction to Governmental Accounting
- Internal Controls, Auditing, and Fraud
- Intermediate Accounting

The Virginia Government Finance Officers' Association shall be the premier organization in developing leaders with financial and management expertise through education, fellowship and professional development to foster excellence in government.