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President's Message

"And in the end it's not the years in your life that count; it's the life in your years." - Abraham Lincoln

Greetings VGFOA Members,

Where did the summer go? It is a very busy time of the year with vacations, closing out the previous fiscal year, preparing for the annual audit, compiling our reconciliations and reports for the CAFR, and opening a new fiscal year budget. VGFOA's Executive Board has been equally busy.

The Executive Board adopted three strategic goals at the May meeting in Virginia Beach to focus our work in providing services and professional development for the membership:

- Provide a Robust Educational Program
- Robust Mentoring and Networking
- Broaden VGFOA's "Finance" Umbrella

A considerable amount of effort has been spent on achieving these goals. For instance, the board selected budget and risk management professionals to start broadening the finance umbrella by sending an email inviting them to the fall conference and surveying their feedback on topics. As a result, the fall conference program has four sessions for budget including:

- Multi-Year Budgeting – Michael Hurlocker and Stott Mason, Prince William County
- GFOA Best Practices in Budgeting – John Fishbein, GFOA Technical Services Center
- Common Challenges with Budget Documents – John

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Fishbein, GFOA Technical Services Center

- Budgeting for Outcomes – Amelia Merchant, City of Roanoke

There are also three sessions on risk management including:

- Risk Management – Jeff Cole, VML Insurance Programs
- LODA Update – Chris Carey, VACo Risk Management Programs
- Risk Topic, Sovereign Immunity – Timothy Cook, VCU and Dustin Rosser, Midkiff, Muncie & Ross, P.C.

Mentoring was a challenge I put forth to the board and it is a strategic goal. Janet Romanchyk took the lead to create a program, thus, stay tuned for more information in the upcoming months. The benefit of a mentor/mentee relationship is a two-way street with the flow of support, respect, and information equally shared by individuals. Mentorship can make a difference in your professional and personal life. Take advantage of the opportunity to enrich your life, career, and others.

The Executive Board met in August in Colonial Williamsburg to continue work on the strategic goals and adopted a new mission statement for the organization. The VGFOA's mission is

“Fostering financial excellence in government by creating opportunities for professional development.”

Don't miss the opportunity to attend this year's Fall Conference at the Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa in Short Pump, Virginia on October 26-28, 2016. The Conference Committee, under Jill Underwood's leadership, has planned an excellent program for the Fall Conference. The program is available on our website.

As we approach the Fall Conference and the end of my term as president, I would like to thank the board and membership for making this an unbelievable year. This year I took pride in serving VGFOA knowing that this organization is built on a solid foundation and adopting a mission statement and strategic goals to carry the organization into the future.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Fall Conference in October! *Renee*

“Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in.” - Andrew Jackson

2016 VGFOA Fall Conference

**The Fall Conference is Quickly Approaching –
If you haven't already, make plans to attend!**

**2016 VGFOA Fall Conference
October 26 – October 28, 2016**



Join us at the [Hilton Richmond Hotel & Spa/Short Pump](#) in Richmond, VA! Come to earn up to 16 CPE's and network with your peers, while enjoying the nearby shopping and restaurants!

Confirmed speakers include:

- Opening Speaker: Congressman Dave Brat, Virginia's 7th District
- Keynote Speaker: Katie Lackey, Lead Consultant for Frontier Academy, a subsidiary of The Frontier Project providing experiential learning and development workshops for companies hoping to be challenged in order to grow.

Check the [VGFOA conference webpage](#) for information on additional speakers and topics.

Education & Regional Organizations Committees Consolidated

One of the Executive Board’s strategic goals is to “provide a robust education program”. To accomplish this goal, the Education and Regional Organization Committees have been consolidated into one Education Committee. The Certificate Program will continue to be offered. As an enhancement, we will be developing a set of supplemental educational programs to be offered throughout the state. The idea is to have a more structured program that can be offered much more frequently and more widespread than the current regional organizations setup, benefiting a greater number of our membership while providing fresh and practical topics. During the development stages of the new program, we plan to begin new training offerings as soon as January 2017!

The “new” Education Committee is also seeking additional committee members to help carry out this exciting venture. Please contact Diane Bergeron or Curtis Doughtie if you are interested.

VGFOA Certificate Courses

The 2017 Certificate courses are open for registration, along with remaining courses for 2016 listed below. Registration fees are \$225 for Members; \$275 for non-Members. On-line course fees are \$125. Online registration is available by [clicking here](#).

Remaining 2016 Dates	Event	Location
November 29-30	Debt Management for Public Finance Officers	Albemarle, VA
December 8-9	Intermediate Governmental Accounting	Chesapeake, VA

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