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Greetings!

On behalf of my City Council colleagues, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Hampton for the Virginia Municipal League annual conference.

Hampton has been documented as an exceptionally hospitable city. Capt. John Smith and a hungry 40-man crew spent English America’s first recorded Christmas in Hampton in 1608. At that time, a one-day trade mission turned into a six-day celebratory feast with “good oysters, fish, flesh, wild foule, and good bread” provided in the village of Kecoughtan.

You’ll find similar hospitality in Hampton today: Expedia rated us one of 15 “under the radar cities you need to visit.” We offer exceptional restaurants with a variety of fare, including two drawing fans from national television exposure, Mango Mangeaux bistro and Johnny Graham’s famous crab cakes. Hampton is home to the region’s oldest craft brewery, which has been joined by four others (one with an accompanying distillery) and a cidery.

Those early settlers wrote more about the village that is now Hampton than any other place in early Virginia, and those documents describe the waterfront town as a great place to live. In more modern times, we’re seeing many of our homes featured on episodes of HGTV and the city was named one of the most affordable beach towns in the nation by the website “Smart Assets.”

Primarily, we’re all here to share best practices on governing and providing services to our residents and businesses. I’m proud to note that Hampton’s government has been nationally recognized many times for our innovations, use of technology and citizen engagement.

Recently, the Washington Post suggested that Hampton’s “battle against sea-level rise could offer lessons” for other localities.

Increased flooding – not just in coastal areas – is just one of the many challenges we face as we gather to discuss our roles as public servants and leaders. These discussions and workshops allow us to collaboratively develop solutions we can take back to our respective localities. I hope you will plan to extend those networking sessions beyond the seminar room – into a restaurant or brewery, a walk along the waterfront, a Segway tour of historic Fort Monroe, a visit to one of our five museums, or a harbor tour.

It’s just not possible to do everything in a brief visit, as Capt. John Smith found out. I invite you to extend your stay or return to celebrate with us any time.

Respectfully,

Donnie R. Tuck
Mayor

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Conference Program

Most conference activities, including general sessions, concurrent sessions, and the exhibit hall, will take place at the Hampton Roads Convention Center located at 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Noon – 2:30 p.m.  **Executive Committee Meeting**  (working lunch)
Board Room A

Noon – 4:30 p.m.  **Registration**

1 – 5:30 p.m.  **Exhibit Hall Open**
Exhibit Hall
Come see the latest in products and services for local governments.

2:45 – 5 p.m.  **Legislative Committee**
Conference Room A
Presiding: Don Harris, Legislative Committee Chair; Mayor, Town of Bluefield

4 – 5 p.m.  **Nominating Committee**
Board Room A
Presiding: Robert K. Coiner, Nominating Committee Chair; Mayor, Town of Gordonsville

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  **Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall**
Exhibit Hall
Remarks by Senator William M. Stanley, Senate District 20, Franklin County

5:30 p.m.  **Board Buses for Host Night**
Buses will leave from the HRCC. See page 16 for a detailed transportation schedule.

5:45 – 8:30 p.m.  **Host City Night at Fort Monroe**
Hampton City Officials and the Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau will welcome you with an outdoor evening reception at historic Fort Monroe. With harbor views, a sampling of Coastal Virginia cuisine, craft beverages from Hampton artisans, and music under the stars, the 2018 VML Annual Conference begins with a bang!

Sponsored by the City of Hampton
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

8 – 9 a.m.  Continental Breakfast
Exhibit Hall

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  Registration
Exhibit Hall

8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  Exhibit Hall

9 a.m. – Noon  Opening Session
Ballrooms D-G
Presiding: Dr. Patricia Woodbury, VML President, Council Member, Newport News
Presentation of Colors: Langley Air Force Base Honor Guard
Mayor’s Welcome: Donnie Tuck, Mayor, City of Hampton
Report of the Nominating Committee

Leading Virginia Forward:
Governor Ralph S. Northam,
Commonwealth of Virginia

2018 VML President’s Report

10 – 10:45 a.m.  U. S. Senatorial Candidate Corey Stewart
Prince William County Board Chair Corey Stewart is the Republican Party candidate for the U. S. Senate.

10:45 – 11 a.m.  Break

11 – 11:45 a.m.  U. S. Senatorial Candidate Tim Kaine
Senator Tim Kaine is the Democratic Party candidate for the U. S. Senate
Noon – 1:15 p.m.  Lunch
Exhibit Hall

Noon – 1:15 p.m.  Creating Opportunities to Improve Black Communities: National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Luncheon (tickets required)

Conference Room D

Crime, dilapidated housing, homelessness, joblessness are symptoms in today’s society that correlate to issues in Black neighborhoods. In order to have the best cities and towns, elected officials should be on the forefront to solutions to improve the quality of life in all neighborhoods. This workshop is bursting with ideas and creative financing solutions that will improve black neighborhoods to let citizens know that all neighborhoods matter.

Presiding: Willie Greene, Council Member City of Galax
Speaker: Tina Vick, Vice Mayor, City of Newport News

Noon – 1:15 p.m.  Regional Cooperation: Virginia Local Government Management Association Luncheon (tickets required)

Conference Room B-C

Presiding: Joseph Casey, County Administrator, Chesterfield County; VLGMA President
Speaker: Levar Stoney, Mayor, City of Richmond

1 – 3 p.m.  Mobile Workshop: The Academies of Hampton

The tour is restricted to 35 attendees. First come, first served! The bus will depart from in front of the Convention Center at 1:00 p.m. for a site visit of Bethel High School, one of The Academies of Hampton. Hampton School Superintendent Jeffrey Smith and Hampton City Manager Mary Bunting will provide an overview of the Academies of Hampton transformation process. Following the presentations, the Academies of Hampton Student Ambassadors will conduct a student-led tour of the Academy of Law and Public Safety, the Governor’s Health Sciences Academy, and Freshman Academy. The site visit will finish with a Q&A session, with departure promptly at 3 p.m. The VML representative on the tour will be Anita James Prices, Council Member, City of Roanoke.

1 – 3:30 p.m.  Quick Takes in the Exhibit Hall stage
Exhibit Hall

Learn from experts in a fast-paced environment.
1 – 3:30 p.m. **Quick Takes in the Exhibit Hall (cont.)**

1 – 1:30 p.m. **Engage Virginia** – Barbara Jones, Program Manager, U. S. Bureau of the Census; Ronald Brown, Partnership Specialist, US Census Bureau

1:30 – 2 p.m. **FirstNet and You** – Thomas Crabbs, Statewide Interoperability Program Manager, Office of the Governor.

2 – 2:30 p.m. **AT&T FirstNet Updates** – Celia Carmo, Principal Consultant-Public Safety Solutions, AT&T

2:30 – 3 p.m. **Doing More With Less; How to acquire goods/services faster, cheaper, and more efficiently** – Matt East, US Communities

3 – 3:30 p.m. **Verizon** – Verizon representative

2 – 3:15 p.m. **Section Elections and Workshops**

Each section meeting will begin with the election of a chair and vice chair for 2018-2019. The chair is a member of VML’s Executive Committee. The elections are followed by workshops.

**City Section: Citizen Centric Budgeting**

**Room 102-103**

Earlier this year, the city of Fairfax produced its first Citizen-Centric Annual Report. This report built on the city’s participation in the Association of Government Accountants Government Finance Case Challenge. The panel discussion will explore this partnership, the creation of the four-page report mailed to every household in the city of Fairfax and how this effort continues to inform decisions, from the comprehensive plan to budgets.

Presiding: Willie Greene, Council Member, City of Galax; City Section Chair

Speakers: Jon Stehle, Council Member, City of Fairfax  
David Meyer, Mayor, City of Fairfax  
Ann Ebberts, CEO, Association of Government Accountants

City Section members are VML member cities with populations less than 35,000: Bristol, Buena Vista, Colonial Heights, Covington, Emporia, Fairfax, Falls Church, Franklin, Fredericksburg, Galax, Hopewell, Lexington, Manassas Park, Martinsville, Norton, Petersburg, Poquoson, Radford, Salem, Staunton, Waynesboro, Williamsburg and Winchester.

**Town Section: What’s Happening in Your Town?**

**A Facilitated Discussion**

**Room 104-105**

Following a description of initiatives undertaken by the town of Farmville,
participants will share what is going on their towns.
Presiding: A.D. Reid, Vice Mayor, Town of Farmville; Town Section Chair
Speakers: Gerry Spates, Town Manager, Town of Farmville
A.D. Reid, Vice Mayor, Town of Farmville
Town Section members include all towns, regardless of size.

Urban Section: Economic Development and Job Creation

Room 106-107
How localities can work with the state and private sector to encourage job creation.
Presiding: Shannon Kane, Council Member, City of Virginia Beach; Urban Section Chair
Speaker: Stephen Moret, President and CEO, Va. Economic Development Partnership
Urban Section members are VML city and county members with populations greater than 35,000: Alexandria, Arlington County, Charlottesville, Chesapeake, Danville, Hampton, Harrisonburg, Lynchburg, Manassas, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Richmond, Roanoke, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach.

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. Break

3:30 – 5 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

Revitalization Strategies Through VHDA/Local Government Partnerships

Room 108-109
This session will highlight how VHDA is partnering with local governments to preserve and create housing opportunities while also spurring economic revitalization. Examples in both rural and urban settings will be discussed. The workshop will cover an array of scenarios, from data and market analysis, local policy evaluation, public-private partnerships, revitalization of business corridors and more.
Presiding: Thomas R. Smigiel Jr., Council Member, City of Norfolk
Speakers: Chris Thompson, Director of Strategic Housing, Virginia Housing Development Authority
Helen McIlvaine, Director, Office of Housing, City of Alexandria
Karen Prochilo, Housing Development Administrator, City of Virginia Beach

The Future of Energy in Virginia

Room 102-103
A discussion by representatives from Virginia’s major utilities, renewables developers, and regulators of Virginia’s rapidly changing energy landscape, with a focus on how conventional energy generation is evolving, the growth in wind and solar, the importance of energy efficiency, how energy use is changing, and the challenges facing regulators.
3:30 – 5 p.m.  Concurrent Workshops (cont.)

Facilitator: L. Preston Bryant Jr., Senior Vice President, McGuireWoods Consulting
Panelists: Katharine Bond, Director of Public Policy, Dominion Energy
          Ronald Jefferson, Director of External Affairs, Appalachian Power Company
          Tyson Utt, Vice President of Development, Apex Clean Energy
          John Warren, Director, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy

Legal Updates
Room 104-105
The past Supreme Court term has been one of the most significant for local governments in recent memory. Find out about some of these cases that have been decided, including the internet sales tax case, the travel ban, and several First Amendment free speech and Fourth Amendment search cases involving local governments. This session will also include a discussion about what last term says more generally about the Supreme Court and our democracy (including and beyond local governments) and the impact of Justice Kennedy’s retirement.
Presiding: Bridge Littleton, Mayor, Town of Middleburg
Speaker: Lisa Soronen, Executive Director, State and Local Legal Center

Elections and Mis-assigned Voters
Room 106-107
The Virginia Department of Elections has been auditing street segments for potential district discrepancies. Following the presentation on issues uncovered during the Department’s review of potential discrepancies, there will be a discussion that will focus on how localities should resolve these discrepancies and provide guidance on how the department, locality and the general registrar can work together to resolve these issues.
Presiding: Bill McKenna, Council Member, Town of Herndon
Speaker: Christopher Piper, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Elections

5:15 – 6:30 p.m.  Awards Reception
Exhibit Hall

5:30 – 6 p.m.  2018 HEAL Awards Presentation
Exhibit Hall Stage
Welcome: Dr. Patricia Woodbury, VML President, Council Member, Newport News
Presenter: Sydney Daigle, Program Manager, Institute for Public Health Innovation
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

6 – 6:30 p.m.   2018 Go Green Awards Presentation
Exhibit Hall Stage
Remarks: Matthew J. Strickler, Secretary of Natural Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia
Award Presentations: Secretary Strickler and Council Member Christina Luman-Bailey, City of Hopewell

6:30 p.m.       Dinner on your own

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.  Past Presidents’ Meeting
Embassy Suites Raptor Boardroom

8 - 9:00 a.m.     Continental Breakfast
Exhibit Hall

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.   Registration and Exhibit Hall
Exhibit Hall

9 a.m. – 10:15 p.m.  Concurrent Sessions

FOIA
Room 106-107
An overview of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, including how to respond to “recreational requestors,” handling the social media of both the media and members of the governing body, and protecting sensitive material.
Presiding: Gene Teague, Mayor, City of Martinsville
Speaker: Eric Helms Monday, City Attorney, City of Martinsville

Update on the Opioid Lawsuits
Room 108-109
Several localities have joined forces and filed federal lawsuits against manufacturers and distributors of opioids. Further, Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring has also filed with other states in a lawsuit against the manufacturer of OxyContin. Find out more about these lawsuits and learn about the pros and cons of localities participating in them.
Presiding: Ophie Kier, Vice Mayor, City of Staunton
Speaker: W. Edgar Spivey, Kaufman & Canoles, P.C., Norfolk
Healthy Communities

Room 102-103

Learn how localities can use healthy eating and active living policies and practices to help reach their economic development goals. This session will include a brief overview of the intersections of HEAL and economic development, as well as resources available to support communities.

Presiding: Robert K. Coiner, Mayor, Town of Gordonsville

Speakers: Sydney Daigle, Program Manager, Institute for Public Health Innovation

City of Richmond: Michael Winborne, Management Analyst II, Human Services Department

City of Fairfax: David L. Meyer, Mayor; Michael J. DeMarco, Council Member; Jon R. Stehle, Jr., Council Member

Representatives from the City of Charlottesville

Local Fiscal Sustainability: Can Tax Reform Help?

Room 104-105

Hear an overview of and an outlook for state and local finances in Virginia and learn about the challenges state and local governments face in financing known needs. The workshop also will look at some options available that the 2019 General Assembly could adopt that would help meet these funding challenges and needs.

Presiding: Laurie DiRocco, Mayor, Town of Vienna

Speaker: Jim Regimbal, Fiscal Analytics

Job Creation and Retention in a Changing Energy Landscape: Lessons from Virginia

Room 201-202

Technological change, globalization, and climate change are disrupting markets around the world. The changing energy market is providing residential, commercial and industrial customers with more choices in how they procure and consume energy. This presentation will examine ways that Virginia public power systems can respond to changing energy needs and discuss factors that assist and hinder this response. This workshop is scheduled for BRPA/MEPAV members but also is open to any conference attendee.

Facilitators: Alice Wolfe, General Manager, Blue Ridge Power Association

Tom Dick, Legislative Consultant, Municipal Electric Power Association of Virginia

Speaker: Thomas C. Tuttle, Ph.D., President, Tuttle Group International
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.  Break

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.  Concurrent Sessions

**Expanding Access to Broadband Wireless**

*Room 106-107*

A discussion on the state tools available to localities to expand broadband service in their localities as well as an update on broadband programs administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Presiding: Willie Greene, Council Member, City of Galax

Speaker: Courtney Dozier, Chief Deputy, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

**Conflict of Interests Act**

*Room 104-105*

Learn about the Conflict of Interests Act, hear practical tips and discuss scenarios in which local officials often find themselves involved.

Presiding: A.D. Reid, Vice Mayor, Town of Farmville

Speaker: Sharon Pandak, Partner, Greehan, Taves & Pandak

**New Developments in Human Services – Health Care Expansion and STEP-VA**

*Room 108-109*

The Virginia General Assembly recently approved health care expansion through Medicaid, which will go into effect Jan. 1, 2019. The General Assembly has also approved changes in service requirements of Community Services Boards through STEP-VA. This session offers two experts who will describe these new developments and how they will affect communities.

Presiding: Christina Luman-Bailey, Council Member, City of Hopewell

 Speakers: Jennifer Lee, M.D., Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services
          Heidi Dix, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

**Preparing for Emergency Situations and Disaster Management**

*Room 102-103*

As the coordinating agency for the Commonwealth’s preparedness, response, and recovery functions related to natural and man-made disasters, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management is deeply engaged with our local public officials to ensure the delivery of rapid, seamless, and proactive resources. Virginia Department of Emergency Management staff will be discussing the role of the local public official before, during, and after a disaster.

Presiding: Presiding, Thomas R. Smigiel, Jr., Council Member, City of Norfolk

Speakers: Representatives, Virginia Department of Emergency Management
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.  Concurrent Sessions (cont.)

Veterans Affairs
Room 201-202
The Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program will host an exclusive training for interested VML Conference attendees. Participants will be eligible to earn V3 Certification from the Office of the Governor, which is administered under the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. This training includes information and resources available for employers to help implement best practices in recruiting, hiring, and retaining highly-skilled and dependable veterans. Participants in this training will be eligible to earn SHRM and HRCI credits for their localities human resource departments.

Presiding: Jasmine Gore, Vice Mayor, City of Hopewell; V3 Program Analyst, Virginia Department of Veterans Services
Speaker: Christopher Byrd, V3 Core Curriculum Developer, BSquared Consulting

11:45 a.m. – Guest Activity - Painting
2 p.m. with Wine and Design
(lunch included; tickets required)
Embassy Suites Mercury Ballroom

Noon – 1 p.m.  Paths to city council service:
Women in Local Government Luncheon (tickets required)
Conference Room A
Two members of the same city council took two very different paths to serving on the council. Linda Curtis, formerly a Commonwealth’s Attorney, and Chris Snead, formerly the city’s budget director, will discuss how they came to serve on council, and how their professional backgrounds have informed their work as a member of council.

Presiding: Shannon Kane, Council Member, City of Virginia Beach
Speakers: Linda Curtis, Councilwoman, City of Hampton
Chris Snead, Councilwoman, City of Hampton

Noon - 1 p.m.  Lunch
Exhibit Hall
1 p.m.  Exhibit Hall closes

12:30 – 3 p.m.  Business Meeting Voting Credentials Table Open

Ballrooms D-G Hallway

Each voting delegate should check in during this time period to receive a voting flag that will be used in the event of a contested motion at the business meeting. Each full member is entitled to one vote. The mayor or board chair is the voting delegate by default but other officials from the locality can be designated as the delegate. The goal is that every locality represented at the meeting gets to vote.

1:15 – 3 p.m.  General Session

Ballroom D-G

1:15- 2:45 p.m.  Creating Safe Workplaces

More people seem willing to use violence to address their problems and express their grievances. Much of this violence spills over into workplaces and results in disgruntled workers, visitors, clients, patients, students, etc. resorting to violence as a means to resolve their problems. This session will focus on steps that localities can take to keep their workplaces, employees and clients as safe as possible. Preparation and planning will not solve the problem of workplace violence but can help ensure a better outcome for all involved.

Presiding: Jill Carson, Council Member, Town of Pennington Gap
Speaker: Gary Dillon, Law Enforcement Specialist, VMLIP

2:45 – 3 p.m. Why Grassroots Advocacy Matters

Learn how to get your message across to legislators – and why it is so important for you to be involved.

Speakers: VML legislative staff Michelle Gowdy, Janet Areson and Neal Menkes

3 – 3:15 p.m.  Break
3:15 - 5:15 p.m.  **Annual Business Meeting**  
**Ballroom D-G**  
Presiding: Dr. Patricia Woodbury, VML President, Council Member, Newport News  
Election of officers for 2018-2019  
Report of Executive Director  
Adoption of 2019 Policy Statement  
Adoption of 2019 Legislative Program  
Invitation to Roanoke 2019

6 – 6:30 p.m.  **Reception**  
**Ballroom A-B Foyer and Terrace**

6:30 – 10 p.m.  **Banquet and Entertainment**  
**Ballroom A-B-C**  
Presiding: Dr. Patricia Woodbury, VML President, Council Member, Newport News  
Remarks from Outgoing President  
Remarks by Incoming President: Anita James Price, Council Member, Roanoke  
Presentation of Innovation Awards: Council Member Woodbury and Council Member Price  
Musical Entertainment by SLAPNATION
Everyone attending the conference must register, including members, their families, guests, and representatives from the news media. Conference name badges are required for attendance at all conference events; those without name badges will not be able to enter the exhibit hall or participate in other functions.

For information about league activities, please ask the league staff at the conference registration desk or visit www.vml.org. Up-to-date information on the Annual Conference can be found on the VML mobile app.

The City of Hampton will host a booth in the exhibit hall. Please ask the city representatives for information about local recreation, historic points of interest or dining. Also, a list of restaurants is included on page 21 of this program.

**Conference Hotel Information**

**Embassy Suites Hampton Roads Hotel & Spa**
1799 Coliseum Drive; Hampton, VA 23666; 757-827-8200

**Marriott Courtyard**
1917 Coliseum Drive; Hampton, VA 23666; 757-838-3300

**Holiday Inn Express**
1813 West Mercury Boulevard Hampton, VA 23666; 757-838-8484

**Spouses and Guests**

Registration as a spouse or guest includes participation in any of the conference sessions and workshops, Host City Night, events in the Exhibit Hall, and the Tuesday reception and banquet. Spouses also may purchase tickets to attend a special event – Painting with Wine and Design – held Tuesday, October 2, from 11:45 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Mercury Ballroom at the Embassy Suites. The cost is $50. Tickets must be purchased by Monday at 5 p.m.
TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 30

Noon – 5:30 p.m: Shuttle will run from Courtyard by Marriott and Holiday Inn Express hotels to HRCC for registration every 15 minutes.

5:30 p.m: One tour bus will pick up at the Courtyard by Marriott and the Holiday Inn Express. Only one stop will be made. Please make sure you are on the bus if you need transportation from these hotels to Fort Monroe (buses will also detour to pick up HRCC attendees).

5:30 p.m: Buses at HRCC to provide transportation to Fort Monroe.

Once all attendees arrive at Fort Monroe, a bus will run concurrent to provide transportation from Fort Monroe to hotels should any attendee wish to leave.

8:30 p.m: Tour buses will provide transportation for all attendees from Fort Monroe.

Monday, October 1

7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m: Shuttle will run every 15 min from Marriott Courtyard and Holiday Inn Express to and from HRCC.

Tuesday, October 2

7:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m: Shuttle will run every 15 min from the Courtyard by Marriott and Holiday Inn Express to and from HRCC.

MEAL FUNCTIONS

Each registered delegate and spouse/guest will receive a registration packet that contains pre-purchased meal tickets (for ticketed events including the NBC-LEO luncheon, the VLGMA luncheon, the Women in Local Government luncheon, or the spouses’ program), as well as other registration materials. Your conference name badge is your ticket for the events in the exhibit hall, for Host City Night, and for Monday’s banquet.

Extra tickets for ticketed events must be obtained by 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORS

Be sure to visit the exhibit hall to see the latest in products and services for local governments. The exhibit hall will be open Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; on Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The exhibit hall will be the site of receptions on Sunday and Monday. There will also be a continental breakfast and lunch in the exhibit hall on Monday and Tuesday morning and lunch on Monday and Tuesday. Information on exhibitors starts on page 28. Sponsor information is on page 33.
**DRESS**

Business or business casual attire is appropriate for conference general sessions, workshops, and ticketed events. Casual dress is appropriate for Host Night and the guest event. Make sure you have comfortable walking shoes so that you can explore Fort Monroe. Business attire is recommended for the Tuesday reception and banquet.

**DRAFT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

A copy of last year’s VML Legislative Program with changes made to-date by the Legislative Committee was sent to member local governments prior to the conference. The program can be downloaded at www.vml.org and copies will be available at the conference registration desk. The program will be debated, amended, and voted on at the Tuesday business meeting.

**VOTING CREDENTIALS FOR THE BUSINESS MEETING**

Article IV, No. 5 of the Constitution of the Virginia Municipal League as revised in 2008 entitles each member locality one vote on every question before the business session of the conference. Only duly-authorized representatives present at the session may cast votes. No proxies may be used.

Prior to the conference, every locality received forms for certification of voting representatives and alternates. If your locality has not selected a voting representative alternate prior to the conference, the mayor or board chair is the default representative for the purpose of voting.

In the absence of the mayor or board chair or other designated officer, a majority of the elected and appointed officials present and registered at the conference may file a designation of that locality’s voting representative. This designation must take place prior to the taking of any vote. To accommodate localities that have not yet designated a representative for voting purposes, credentials may be obtained at the registration desk and prior to the start of the business meeting. Please be sure that the appropriate action has been taken so that your locality may have a voice in the business activities of the league. This voting certification does not exclude others from your locality from participating in discussions during the business session.

A voting credentials table will be open from 12:30 – 3 p.m. Tuesday, October 2, in the hallway to Ballroom D-G. Each voting delegate should check in during this time period to receive a voting flag that will be used in the event of a contested motion at the business meeting. Each full member is entitled to one vote. The mayor or board chair is the voting delegate by default but other officials from the locality can be designated as the delegate. The goal is that every locality represented at the meeting gets to vote.

*Voting information continues on page 20*
First Floor

Hampton Roads Convention Center

Floor Plan
Second Floor
**VOTING REPRESENTATION**

Each full member shall be entitled to one vote on all questions through its accredited voting representative or alternate. A simple majority vote shall govern in all cases except for any motion or resolution (other than an honorific, appreciative, or memorial resolution) that has not been submitted to the appropriate committee or not approved by the appropriate committee. In such cases, a three-fourths vote of the full members present and voting is required for consideration of the matter. Any vote that is contested or not unanimous will be by voice roll call administered by the presiding officer. Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall apply to the conduct of the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

To be elected at the business meeting of the annual conference (Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.) are:

- President-elect
- Vice president
- Executive Committee members

Also serving as voting members of the Executive Committee are the president, past president and the Urban, City, and Town section chairs. The section chairs will be elected at section meetings on Monday morning.

**SECTION ELECTIONS**

For the elections of the section chairs, there will be one voting flag given to the voting delegate for each member locality of the city section and the town section. The urban section has a weighted voting procedure, and the number of flags that the voting delegates in that section meeting receive will depend on the size of the locality. Delegates should check in with VML staff as they enter the section meetings to receive their voting flags.

**FUTURE VML CONFERENCES & EVENTS**

**Jan. 8, 2019:** Finance Forum; Greater Richmond Convention Center

**Jan. 24, 2019:** VML Legislative Day; Richmond Omni

**Oct. 6 - 9, 2019:** VML Annual Conference; Roanoke

**Oct. 9 - 13, 2020:** VML Annual Conference; Norfolk

Regional training workshops sponsored by VML Insurance Programs can be accessed by program members via the VML Insurance Programs website at www.vmlins.org.
**RESTAURANTS NEAR THE HAMPTON ROADS CONVENTION CENTER**

Price range: $ (lowest) to $$$$ (highest)

- **Avenue Blue:** $$ (Piano music)
  2330 McMenamin St.
  Cuisine: Seasonal small plates
  0.8 miles from HRCC

- **Mango Mangeaux:** A Simply
  2330 McMenamin St.
  Cuisine: Sophisticated restaurant with Creole dishes
  0.8 miles from HRCC

- **Panache Bistro:** $$
  33 E Mellen St.
  Cuisine: Sophisticated restaurant with Creole dishes
  0.8 miles from HRCC

- **Cyprus Grille:** $$
  1700 Coliseum Dr.
  (located in Embassy Suites)
  Cuisine: American
  Next door to HRCC

- **Park Lane Tavern:** $$
  4200 Kilgore Avenue
  Cuisine: American; Irish Pub Bar
  0.7 miles from HRCC

- **Chili’s Grill & Bar:** $$
  1066 W. Mercury Blvd.
  Cuisine: American, Southwestern
  0.4 miles from HRCC

- **First Watch:** $$
  2011 Von Schilling Dr.
  Cuisine: American, Healthy
  0.7 miles from HRCC

- **Monsoon:** $$ - $$$
  2150 Allainby Way Peninsula Town Center
  Cuisine: Indian, vegetarian
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- **Soyo Sushi Bar & Grill:** $$
  2113 Coliseum Dr.
  Cuisine: Japanese, Sushi
  0.9 miles from HRCC

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  26 E. Mercury Blvd.
  Cuisine: “Best BBQ”
  2 miles from HRCC

- **Venture Kitchen & Bar:** $$
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- **The Deadrise:** $$
  100 McNair Dr.
  Cuisine: Seafood with water view
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Topics: The forum provides an excellent opportunity for local elected officials and staff to be brought up to date on a number of important issues.

Who should attend: Members of city and town councils and county boards of supervisors, managers and administrators, budget and finance officers, legislative liaisons and other interested local government staff.

Registration: You can register yourself and others online at www.vml.org. The cost is $65. Cancellations must be made in writing by December 30, 2018.

Questions: Contact Leslie Amason at (804) 523-8528 or lamason@vml.org.
VML’s 2019 special legislative event will provide an outstanding opportunity for local government officials to interact with members of the General Assembly.

**Location:** Omni Hotel Richmond, 100 S. 12th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

**Schedule:** 3 - 5:30 p.m. Keynote address by Governor Ralph Northam; legislative briefings
5:30 - 7 p.m. Reception

**Quality reception.** We will once again host a high quality reception that will facilitate members of the General Assembly meeting with local elected officials. All legislators from both chambers have been invited by VML to attend the reception, which will be held at the Omni Hotel Richmond.

**Make appointments with state legislators.** By conducting the briefing on important legislation at 3:00 p.m., local officials will have time to meet with their delegates and senators earlier in the day. (Briefing materials on specific issues will distributed the week prior to the event). Also, for those attendees who spend the night in Richmond, you may choose to make appointments for the following morning as well.

**Hotel reservations.** A block of rooms has been set aside at the Omni Hotel, 100 S. 12th Street, Richmond, VA 23219. Telephone: (804) 344-7000. A group rate of $132 is available through January 2, 2019.

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