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## 2004 General Assembly

### Localities must speak out during K-12 funding debate

Public education funding will be at the heart of the budget deliberations by the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance Committee. It is extremely important that local officials continue to press legislators to provide appropriate funding for K-12 education.

VML distributed an *Action Call* on Jan. 23 asking member local governments to urge members of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee to:

- fully fund the costs of rebenchmarking, (\$1.1 billion in the next biennium.)
- not take actions that decrease state support for K-12 education.
- fund programs for at-risk education.

Talking points to support each of these issues are included in the *Action Call*, which is also posted on VML's Web site. Education

funding is very complex, and the *Action Call* is much longer than most sent by the league.

The bill establishing the at-risk funding program promoted by VML will be heard by the full House Education Committee on Monday, Feb. 2. The committee meeting starts at 9 a.m.

#### Other education issues

**Board of Education's SOQ changes proposed.** Dels. Jack Reid and Jim Dillard, and Sen. Russ Potts have introduced bills to implement the Board of Education's proposed revisions to the Standards of Quality. The bills may be heard in the full House Education Committee either on Jan. 28 or Feb. 2.

HB 161 (Reid), HB 1014 (Dillard) and SB 479 (Potts) (i) increase from one half-

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### House explores \$1 billion in cuts for 2004-2006

A balanced biennial budget without new taxes requires \$1 billion in cuts, including cuts to localities. House leaders demonstrated last week that they may entertain such a budget.

In a surprising move, senior members of the House Appropriations Committee released to the press a document that outlines how such a plan would be developed.

Proposed budget actions include:

- freezing the car tax at 70 percent reimbursement;
- continuing requiring businesses to remit July (FY05) sales tax payments a month early in June (FY04);

- eliminating pay raises for teachers, state obligated local employees and state employees;
- recalculating VRS payments for teachers;
- reducing SOQ rebenchmarking costs;
- reducing higher education costs;
- eliminating dedicated funding for transportation;
- cutting specific natural resource initiatives, including the Water Quality Improvement Fund, and public safety programs, including projected HB599 increases; and
- dramatically reducing state Medicaid expenditures.

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time to one full-time principal in elementary schools with fewer than 300 students; (ii) provide one full-time assistant principal for each 400 students in each school, regardless of grade level; (iii) require five elementary resource positions per 1,000 students in kindergarten through grade five for art, music, and physical education; (iv) lower the pupil-teacher ratio from 25:1 to 21:1 in middle and high schools, to ensure the provision of scheduled teacher planning time; (v) reduce the required speech pathologist caseload from 68 to 60 students; (vi) require one full-time reading specialist for each 1,000 students in average daily membership; (vii) require two technol-

ogy support positions per 1,000 students in kindergarten through grade 12 divisionwide; and (viii) modify the current funding mechanism for remediation.

The bills state that changes that increase funding do not take place unless they are included in the 2004 Appropriations Act. HB 161 and HB 1014 are in the House Education Committee; SB 479 is in the Senate Education and Health Committee.

**Education impact fee bill introduced.** HB 307 (Marshall) requires the state Board of Education to assess the adequacy of public education facilities in each school division in the state.

If the board determines that a local school division's public education facilities are inadequate or will be inadequate within five years, then the local school board will have one year to develop a plan to correct the inadequacy.

If the board determines that the plan will not achieve adequacy, then it shall impose a public education residential impact fee on the builder of each new residential unit in the local school division, until such time as the facilities are adequate.

The bill is in the House Education Committee. ❖

**House budget cuts continued ...**

Gov. Mark R. Warner's revenue and budget plan provides an additional \$1 billion in new investments in the next biennium while a plan put forth by Sen. John H. Chichester would provide more than \$2 billion in new investments.

VML members must advise the members of the House Appropriations Committee that any plan that cuts \$1 billion is fiscally irresponsible and will lead to increased local taxes. ❖

**Legislation would change law regarding nonconforming billboards**

**S**B 58 (Martin) would change the rules for nonconforming signs and billboards that are subject to the Outdoor Advertising in Sight of Public Highways Act in Title 33.1. The bill requires localities to follow VDOT's regulations when dealing with the repair or maintenance of such signs and billboards.

VDOT's regulations have three main elements that differ from existing nonconforming structures law:

- VDOT uses replacement cost for valuing the sign. The replacement cost valuation method is used by a number of localities. However, others use an assessed value, which is typically lower than replacement cost. The lower figure tends to get rid of the nonconforming sign more quickly.

- The repair may equal 60 percent of that value, instead of the 50 percent rule used in local nonconforming law. A few

localities use a lower percentage in some cases.

- If the sign is vandalized or destroyed by an intentional act or is destroyed by a hurricane or other act of God, it may be replaced, regardless of value.

Further, if VDOT changes the regulations, it is difficult for local governments to participate in that process. As a result, the rules could change without local governments having a say.

The Senate Local Government Committee voted 9-6 to report the bill. After the meeting, the possibility of a compromise arose. Under the deal, the bill would do the following:

- Localities would be required to use replacement costs in requests to repair or maintain nonconforming billboards that are subject to the Outdoor Advertising in Sight of Public Highways Act in Title 33.1.

- Localities could continue to use the 50 percent of value rule we now follow.

- The bill would apply only to billboards advertising off-site items. (The proponents of the bill report that VDOT doesn't attempt to regulate on-site signs under the law. The language of the existing law, however, makes it clear that on-site signs are covered.)

While the league would prefer to defeat the bill, that is a problematic course. The compromise is significantly better than the original bill, but it cause problems for localities that use the assessed value.

VML sent an *Action Call* to its member local governments last week urging them to contact their senators. ❖

## FROM THE CAPITOL

## House subcommittee questions blended retirement rates

Members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Compensation & General Government were full of questions about the effect of blending retirement rates for teachers and state employee at their Jan. 22 meeting.

The budget proposed by Gov. Mark R. Warner — contingent on the enactment of tax reform — would fund a pooled retirement contribution rate of 6.56 percent for state employees and teachers.

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If the rates are not pooled, the teacher retirement rate would be 7.82 percent. Pooling or blending the teacher and state employee rates would lower the teacher rates and increase the state employee rates. The funded liability status of the teacher system has declined over the last three years.

Several subcommittee members also expressed concerns about the effect local spending for teacher salary increases has on the increased retirement rates for teachers. ❖

## Rental inspection bills sent to work group



HB 828 (Drake) and its companion bills HB 821 and HB 830 are this year's effort by the real estate industry to gut existing rental inspection programs.

HB 828 is the keystone piece of legislation. It limits inspections to cases where someone complains about a rental unit or the building official observes a violation. It also gives the landlord veto power over inspecting even if the tenant agrees. These provisions would make a rental inspection program pointless, because the premise of the program is to inspect regularly whether or not a violation of the building code exists, in order to make sure that this class of housing doesn't have major problems.

The companion bills require the locality to adopt a rehabilitation or conservation program in order to establish a district. Therefore, a locality could not enact a rental inspection program without having a conservation or rehabilitation plan in place.

The patron, Del. Thelma Drake, has asked to have a working group meet during the week of Jan. 26 to try to develop a compromise. The group is to include the secretary of commerce and head of the Department of Housing and Community Development, along with VML and representatives from localities that have inspection programs. ❖

## State counting on local governments to cover HAVA costs



The state is required to put up a 5 percent match for the federal money Virginia receives under the federal Help America Vote Act. According to Jean Jensen, secretary of the State Board of Elections, the state has found a way to meet this match without any additional state general fund expenditures.

The state solution? Localities will purchase the voting machines required under HAVA.

To receive reimbursement from the state for the HAVA dollars, localities have to send their checks for purchase of voting machines and ancillary services to the state. The state then pays the vendors using the local money.

Localities can purchase voting machines under a state contract. They turn around and use proof of those payments to meet the requirements of HAVA, including proof of the 5 percent state match.

Jensen made her remarks at a Jan. 20 meeting of the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee.

Bill would require all localities to follow land use reporting procedure

HB 988 (Hugo) would require all localities to follow a reporting system in land-use cases that now applies only in Fairfax County.

Under the law that governs Fairfax, the members of the planning commission, board of zoning appeals and county board of supervisors must report any business relationship with an applicant for a land use permit, the applicant's attorney, bank, Realtor or architects and planners. The law applies only to transactions within the preceding 12 months.

If the transaction is ongoing, the public official must recuse himself. The applicant is required to file an affidavit showing all the persons involved in such relationships. VML is working to make the requirement optional at the discretion of the local governing body. ❖

## FROM THE CAPITOL

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## Bill would toughen local campaign contribution law

The Senate Privileges & Elections Committee reported a bill – SB 470 (Ticer) — that requires local elected officials to report within five business days of receipt any contribution of more than \$1,000 received in non-election years.

A similar bill, HB 951 (Ebbin), is in the House Privileges & Elections Committee, which meets Fridays. If there are problems with the bill, let Mary Jo Fields ([mfields@vml.org](mailto:mfields@vml.org)) know as soon as possible. ❖

## Senate Courts Committee refers public embezzlement bill

SB 192 (Reynolds) was reported out of the Senate Courts Committee 14-1, but it was re-referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

The bill provides that it is a Class 4 felony for a public official or employee to knowingly misuse, misappropriate or unlawfully dispose of any public funds, and provides one year of incarceration in a state correctional facility with no suspension of sentence for each \$50,000 misused, misappropriated or disposed of unlawfully. ❖

## Instant runoff voting proposed

HB 956 (Barlow) authorizes the governing body of any county or city to provide by ordinance for the instant runoff voting method of determining winners in elections for the governing body or school board.

The method produces a majority winner in a single election by simulating a series of runoff elections. All first choices are counted, and if any candidate receives a majority of first choices, that candidate is elected.

If no candidate receives a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and all ballots are recounted as one vote for each voter's highest-ranked candidate who has not been eliminated. The process of eliminating candidates and recounting ballots continues until one candidate receives a majority.

The bill is in the House Privileges and Elections Committee. ❖

## REGULATIONS

### Intended Regulatory Action

**Regulations Regulating to the Conservator of the Peace.** The Criminal Justice Services Board has proposed action to establish a registration process to include a fingerprint-based background check, registration fees, compulsory minimum entry-level training standards, and administration of the regulatory system. The agency intends to hold a public hearing after publication. Contact Ellen Spain, Department of Criminal Justice Services, at 804/786-1018 or e-mail her at

[espain@dcs.state.va.us](mailto:espain@dcs.state.va.us) for more information.

**Water Quality Standards.** The State Water Control Board has proposed regulations to include updated numerical and narrative criteria to protect designated uses from impacts of nutrients and sedimentation. The rulemaking will also

include new and revised use designations for the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries. The agency will hold a public hearing after publication. For more information, contact Elleanore Daub, Department of Environmental Quality, at 804/698-4111 or e-mail her at [emdaub@deq.state.va.us](mailto:emdaub@deq.state.va.us).

### Final Regulations

**Sewage Collection and Treatment Regulations (SCAT).** The State Water Control Board has proposed regulations that provides for control of sewage and sewage treatment works. House Bill 2602 of the 2003 Acts of Assembly amended and reenacted the State Health Code and the State Water Control Law to transfer responsibility for supervision and control of sewage and sewage treatment works from the Virginia Department of Health to the State Water Control Board. Because of this transfer of statutory authority, the State Water

Control Board and the Department of Environmental Quality are now responsible for implementation of the SCAT regulation, and it is necessary that the regulation be recodified. This regulation was Virginia Department of Health 12 VAC 5-581. It will become State Water Control Board 9 VAC 25-790. Changes made to the regulation are those that are necessary to make the regulation conform to the State Water Control Board's statutory authority, code citations, organization and terminology. Contact Michael Gregory, Department of Environmental Quality, at 804/698-4065 or e-mail him at [atmbgregory@deq.state.va.us](mailto:atmbgregory@deq.state.va.us) for additional information.

### Emergency Regulations

**Regulations Regulating to Special Conservator of the Peace.** The Criminal Justice Services Board has proposed

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the regulation because currently there is the potential for the misuse of power by thousands of persons who has law-enforcement powers as a special conservator of the peace and who are without any training, liability insurance or qualifications. This lack of training creates a significant potential for such misuse of power. A majority of these individuals have been authorized to carry firearms as a part of their appointments and have received no firearms-related training. A number of individuals are allowed to exceed the term

limitations by the circuit court or have lifetime appointments. In addition, there is no standard to ensure a criminal history records search is being completed on individuals who are currently appointed. The board is required by §19.1-150.2 to "ensure that public safety and welfare against incompetent or unqualified persons engaging in the activities regulated by this section" by establishing compulsory minimum training standards. Pursuant to §19.2-13 B, as of September 15, 2004, all persons seeking appointment as a special conservator of the peace must possess a valid registration issued by the depart-

ment. Applicants for registration may submit applications starting Jan. 1, 2004. The registration process requires that an individual submit their fingerprints in order to conduct a national and Virginia criminal history records search to ensure the public safety and welfare against incompetent or unqualified persons engaging in activities as a special conservator of the peace. For additional information, contact Ellen Spain, Department of Criminal Justice Services, at 804/786-1018 or e-mail her at [espain@dcjs.state.va.us](mailto:espain@dcjs.state.va.us). ♦

## ETCETERA

### Southern Growth Policies Board accepting entries

The Southern Growth Policies Board recognizes inventive programs in the South each year that are improving the quality of life in the region.

This year, the focus of the Regional Innovator Awards is on community responses to globalization. Nominated programs must be unique in their content or approach and may cover any of the following topics on the state, community or even neighborhood level: Developing

international trade; integrating immigrants and foreign visitors (students, investors) into the community; providing international education for students K-16 and/or adults; building strategic and productive relationships overseas; preventing job dislocation or helping those affected to recover faster.

For more information, contact Carol Conway at [cconway@southern.org](mailto:cconway@southern.org) or 919/941-5145 or visit <http://www.southern.org/innovators.shtml>. ♦

## POSITIONS

### Longer version of job ads posted at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org)

Because of the number of requests it receives to publish job advertisements, VML reduces the length of the position descriptions in *Update*. A full version of all of the job listings published here for the past two months appears on VML's Web site at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org). Visit the VML site and click on "Marketplace" to read the complete descriptions.

### City Assessor, Poquoson

SALARY: \$43,505-\$64,737 DOQ. Plans, organizes and performs the biennial appraisal and assessment of real property. Prepares, installs and maintains property tax maps and records; reviews complaints concerning assessments and organizes hearings before the Board of Equalization on reassessments. Certification as a Professional Real Estate Assessor from the Department of Taxation req. Send resumes

and applications to: City Manager's Office, 500 City Hall Ave., Poquoson, VA. Deadline: March 26. EOE

### Planning Director, Westmoreland County

SALARY: \$46,000-\$52,870. Must possess skills in developing short- and long-term planning programs. Reqs. extensive exper. in interpreting and applying zoning regulations, ordinances and plans. Master's degree preferred. For a complete job description contact the county administrator's office at 804/493-0130. Submit cover letter, resume and 5 professional references to: Norm Risavi, County Administrator, P.O. Box 1000, Montross, VA 22520. Deadline: Feb. 27. EOE.

### Town Manager, Timberville

SALARY: DOQ/DOE. (Pop. 1,800) Supervise all levels of government operations for town located in Rockingham County. Responsibilities include those of zoning administrator, public works director and personnel manager. Knowledge of

public utilities, budgeting and planning is preferred. Send resume to: Personnel Chairman, Town of Timberville, 392 S. Main St., Timberville, VA 22853. Deadline: Feb. 27. EOE.

### Emergency Services Coordinator, Montgomery County

SALARY: \$38,297-\$42,268 hiring range (+) benefits. Plan, supervise and coordinate the activities of Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Virginia Tech and Montgomery County comprehensive Emergency Services Program. Reqs. considerable exper. in emergency services; thorough knowledge of emergency mgmt. admin., financial mgmt., record keeping and reporting. For application information contact HR at 540/394-2007, TDD at 540/382-5700, county Job Line at 540/394-2010 or e-mail [www.montva.com](http://www.montva.com). County application required. Deadline: Feb. 13. EOE.

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### Chief of Police, Radford

SALARY: Salary: Low \$60,000s DOE, DOQ (+) benefits. (Pop. 16,100) Responsible for directing appx. 40 law enforcement professionals to protect and support a diverse population. Radford University, with an enrollment of 9,000, is located in the community. Reports to city manager and administers annual operating bdgt. of \$2.7 million. Reqs. any comb. of educ. and exper. equiv. to graduation from an accredited college with major course work in criminal justice or related field. Extensive experience in progressively responsible police service positions preferred. Request application from City Manager's Office, 619 Second St., Radford, VA 24141 or 540/731-3603, or Virginia Workforce Center, or from [www.radford.va.us](http://www.radford.va.us). Completed application and resume should be returned to City Manager's Office or workforce center. Deadline: Feb. 20. EOE.

### Zoning Administrator, Colonial Beach

SALARY: DOQ. Interpret and apply town zoning ordinance; make use of comprehensive plan. Must be knowledgeable in all aspects of zoning review, subdivision regulation, planning principles and land-use regulation. Supervise 2-person staff; support planning commission and board of zoning appeals; report to town manager. Certification by Virginia Association of Zoning Officials preferred. Resumes to: Town Clerk, Town of Colonial Beach, 18 N. Irvington Ave., Colonial Beach, VA 22443. Contact: 804/224-7181. Open until filled.

### Senior Civil Engineer, Albemarle

SALARY: \$46,353-\$55,624 to start DOE/DOQ. Performs professional engineering, technical, and administrative work related to the planning, design and inspection of land development and public improvements; assures compliance with the county ordinances. For a complete position description, contact the County of Albemarle Human Resources Department at 434/296-5827 or 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902. Apply: on-line at [www.albemarle.org](http://www.albemarle.org). Deadline: Jan. 30. EOE.

### Planning/Zoning Administrator, Orange

SALARY: DOQ/DOW (+) benefits. Responsible for enforcement of town codes and ordinances and the coordination and

operation of the town's newly-created Planning Department. Reqs. in-depth knowledge and expertise in community development and land-use planning. Background in site planning, zoning, and land-use regulations is preferable. Inquiries: Send e-mail to the town manager's office at [townclerk@townoforangeva.org](mailto:townclerk@townoforangeva.org) or call 540/672-5005. Only applications chosen for an interview will be acknowledged. Submit cover letter and resume to: Town Manager Sabrina M. Martyn, Town of Orange, 119 Belleview Ave., Orange, VA 22960. Deadline: Feb. 13.

### Senior Transportation Planner, Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission

SALARY: \$44,400-\$64,300 (+) benefits. *Readvertisement.* Primary responsibility: Manage the "3C" Transportation Planning Process for newly created Winchester-Frederick County ("Win-Fred") Metropolitan Planning Organization. Reqs. 4-yr. degree and 5 yrs. of professional exper.; a master's in planning or a related field and 4 yrs. of exper.; or any comb. of exper. and educ. MPO transportation planning exper. and GIS exper. desirable. Contact: Stephen W. Kerr, Executive Director, NSVRC, 103 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Front Royal, VA 22030. E-mail: [nsvrc@shentel.net](mailto:nsvrc@shentel.net). Open until filled. EOE.

## Other positions

**NOTICE:** The following positions also are listed on VML's Web site at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org).

### City Plumbing/Cross Connection Inspector, Danville

SALARY: \$27,137-\$31,000 DOQ. Open until filled.

### Transit Director, Winchester

SALARY: DOE. Open until filled.

### Tax Field Auditor, Winchester

SALARY: DOE. Open until filled.

### Utility Engineering Manager, Suffolk

SALARY: \$53,615-\$65,679 (midpoint). Open until filled.

### Chief of Police, Asheville, N.C.

SALARY: DOE. Open until filled. EOE.

### Director of Human Resources, Chesapeake

SALARY: DOQ/DOE. Deadline: Feb. 27.

### City Attorney (part-time), Staunton

SALARY: \$50,000-\$60,000 negotiable DOQ. Deadline: Feb. 6.

### Transit Manager, Charlottesville

SALARY: Low \$80,000s to start. Deadline: Jan. 30.

### Zoning Administrator, Dumfries

SALARY: \$34,542-\$48,648. Open until filled.

### Mechanical Engineer, Alexandria

SALARY: \$44,000-\$71,000 (+) benefits.

### Fire Chief, Bristol

SALARY: \$43,092-\$59,591. Deadline: Feb. 28.

### Project Engineer, King George County

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits.

### Business Development Coordinator, Buena Vista

SALARY: DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

### Key Accounts Manager (Utilities Department), Danville

SALARY: \$43,000-\$53,000 DOQ. Open until filled.

**DEADLINE:** *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, Feb. 6. Submit ads via e-mail to David Parsons at: [dparsons@vml.org](mailto:dparsons@vml.org). You may also submit via FAX at: 804/343-3758. VML publishes job advertisements at no cost to its local government members. Non-members are charged a flat rate of \$25 per ad per issue, which includes posting on VML's web site and publication in Virginia Town & City (deadlines permitting). VML edits position descriptions in printed publications because of space limitations.*

## CALENDAR


**VML-VACo Legislative Day,  
Feb. 12, Richmond**

At the Omni Hotel Richmond, 100 S. 12th St. in downtown. VML and VACo staff members will report on legislation of interest to local governments. Local officials are encouraged to then go to the Capitol to participate in committee meetings and lobby state legislators. In the evening, local officials are strongly encouraged to take their legislators to dinner. Cost: \$25 per person, which includes a boxed lunch. A cash bar reception will be open from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Hotel rooms are available at the Omni for \$99 for a single or double room. Contact: Peggy Blunt at 804/649-8471 or pblunt@vml.org.

**Virginia Local Government  
Management Association,  
Feb. 18-20, Charlottesville.**

Mid-Winter conference at the Boar's Head Inn, Charlottesville.

**National League of Cities  
Congressional City Conference,  
March 5-9, Washington, D.C.**

For registration form brochure, other details, visit [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org).

**Virginia Water Conference,  
March 7-9, Virginia Beach**

Speakers, workshops, exhibitors and more. Conference theme: "Restoring Virginia's Watersheds." Full registration: \$175. Double Tree Hotel conference room rate: \$55 per night. Contact: Stuart Stein, at 703/642-5080 or sstein@gky.com.

**Virginia Rural Water  
Association 16<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Exposition, March 15-17,  
Richmond**

At Holiday Inn Select-Koger Center. Contact: 540/261-7178.

**Virginia Municipal Clerks  
Association Annual Conference,  
April 21-23, Williamsburg**

The conference will be held at the Williamsburg Hospitality House. Contact: Shelia Crist 757/220-6103 or scrist@ci.williamsburg.va.us.

**Local Government Attorneys  
of Virginia 2004 Spring  
Conference, April 22-24,  
Roanoke**

At the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center. Contact: Leisa R. Steele, Program & Members Services Coordinator, 700 E. Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23219. Tel: 804/371-0202, FAX: 804/371-0234. E-mail: lrs5c@virginia.edu.

**5th Annual Mid-Atlantic DUI  
Conference, April 26-28,  
Virginia Beach**

Virginia Beach Police Department-sponsored conference at Pavilion Convention Center, 1000 19th St. Contact: MPO Scott E. Wichtendahl, Tel: 757/427-8295 or sewichte@vbgov.com. Conference details: [www.vbgov.com/dui](http://www.vbgov.com/dui).

**Virginia Building and Code  
Officials Association, May 3,  
Charlottesville**

Mid-year meeting at the Omni Hotel. Contact: Mary Jo Fields 804/649-8471 or mfields@vml.org.

**Municipal Electric Power  
Association of Virginia,  
May 26-28, Virginia Beach**

Annual meeting. Contact: Kimberly Pollard at kpollard@vml.org.

**Virginia Local Government  
Management Association,  
June 23-26, Virginia Beach**

Annual conference at the Sheraton Virginia Beach.

**Virginia Association of  
Assessing Officers Annual  
Conference, Sept. 22-24,  
Richmond**

Omni Hotel. Contact: vaao@hotmail.com

**Virginia Municipal League  
Annual Conference, Oct. 3-5,  
Alexandria**

The 99<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of VML. Contact: Joni Terry at 804/649-8471 or jterry@vml.org. Exhibitors contact: Kimberly Pollard at 804/649-8471 or kpollard@vml.org.

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