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## Budget conferees try again as special session convenes

The House and Senate appointed budget conferees Sunday night (March 21) in an attempt to reach an agreement on the state's 2005-2006 tax and spending plan. The conferees for HB 5001, the budget bill now before the special legislative session, are identical to the members who were unable to reach an agreement on a budget in the recently concluded regular session.

The conferees are Senators John Chichester, William Wampler, Walter Stosch and Charles Colgan; and Delegates Vince Callahan, Lacey Putney, Phillip Hamilton, Kirk Cox and Johnny Joannou.

The Senate was scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, March 24, and the House was scheduled to reconvene on Saturday, March 27.

Local leaders must continue to meet with

their legislators when possible and urge them to support the Senate budget.

Local leaders must:

- Thank your legislators who have endorsed the Senate budget.
- Urge your legislators who have not endorsed the Senate budget to do so.

- Help your constituents understand the benefits of the Senate budget, which would help take pressure off local real estate tax rates. The Senate has presented an economic analysis outlining the local property tax implications of the House and Senate

budgets. The analysis determines the effect of the two budgets on local property tax rates in each city and county. The link to the report is: <http://leg3.state.va.us/quickplace/sfc2004/main.nsf/>

### At a glance

*For a brief comparison  
of the House, Senate  
and Warner budgets,  
see story below.*

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## Budget items of interest to localities compared

The following is a breakout of selected items of greatest interest to local governments from the three budgets being considered by budget conferees.

The budget introduced by the governor is referred to as "Introduced," the budget proposed by the House of Delegates is referred to as "House," and the budget proposed by the Senate is referred to as "Senate."

The Senate budget includes tax restructuring and a major investment by the state in core state responsibilities, including public education, public safety, mental health and mental retardation, transportation and natural resources.

### HB 599 – Aid to Localities with police departments

*Introduced:* Complies with the Code of Virginia and increases funding to eligible localities by \$35.56 million for the biennium; funding increase is contingent upon passage of tax reform.

*House:* Freezes funding at the FY03 level, which continues non-compliance with the Code of Virginia.

*Senate:* Eliminates contingency language from introduced budget, increases funding to eligible localities by \$35.56 million for the biennium.

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## FROM THE CAPITOL

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## Special session continued ...

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Reasons to support the Senate budget include:

- The current budget debate likely will be Virginians' single best opportunity in this generation to enact meaningful tax and spending reforms.
- The Senate budget enables the state to be a true and reliable partner with local governments for the provisions of core government services. A good example is K-12 education: The state has not updated the Standards of Quality since the late 1980s; as a result the SOQ, which determine funding for public education, do not fund the requirements contained in the Standards of Learning and the Standards of Accreditation, which determine what is actually taught in school.

The Senate budget funds rebenchmarking costs, makes significant progress on funding educational shortfalls identified by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, and makes major progress on funding revisions to the Standards of Quality proposed by the Board of Education. The Senate budget includes \$983.4 million over the amount in the intro-

duced budget for K-12 education. The House budget under-calculates the cost of rebenchmarking, eliminates and cuts back on existing educational programs, backslides on funding JLARC recommendations and funds none of the revisions proposed by the Board of Education. The House budget includes \$72 million over the introduced budget. The introduced budget under-calculates the cost of rebenchmarking, backslides on funding some JLARC recommendations but funds a portion of others, and begins to fund one of the board's proposals.

- Business as usual is unacceptable. Or to paraphrase Bristol Mayor Jerry Wolfe: the House budget offers no fix; the governor's budget offers a short-term fix; and the Senate budget offers a long-term fix.
- The House budget includes a tax referendum that would be held on Nov. 2, 2004, and would ask the voters to vote for or against a 1-cent sales tax increase, and the addition of two brackets (6.25 percent for those earning greater than \$100,000 and 6.5 percent for those earning over \$150,000) for the individual income tax. In addition, the referendum language included in the House budget is

confusing and misleading. State leaders should not defer to the voters for a comprehensive tax and spending plan. State leaders — just like their local counterparts — must reliable tax and spending plans.

Local leaders also must urge their legislators to adopt a new state budget well before July 1. Local governments are in the process of developing their FY2005 budgets and need a state budget resolution sooner as opposed to later.

As the days pass with seemingly no progress toward enactment of a state budget, local governments are in the dark as to how to proceed. It is not at all clear what the consequences will be should the state not resolve the budget impasse. Legal experts differ as to whether the state can adopt something akin to the continuing resolution used at the federal level.

This situation is very different from the budget impasse in 2001, because there was a state budget already in place for FY 2002. In the meantime, facing legal requirements for publication of tax rates, signing of contracts with teachers, and so forth, school divisions and local governments are cobbling together budgets based on a variety of unknowns.

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## Budget comparison continued ...

## ABC profits and wine tax

*Introduced:* Increases ABC profits shared with localities by \$3.05 million in 2005 and by \$4.25 million in 2006 (increase is over the FY04 level); increases wine tax distribution by \$450,000 above the FY04 level each year

*House:* Freezes distribution of ABC profits and wine liter taxes at the FY04 level for each year of the biennium.

*Senate:* Increases funds at the same level as in the introduced budget.

## Jail per diems

*Introduced:* Adds \$6.0 million in 2005 and \$9.1 million in 2006 to support a portion, but not all, of the state's share

of costs for housing inmates in local and regional jails.

*House:* Cuts funding for the state share of jail per diems by an additional \$16.2 million for the biennium by reducing by 25 percent the state share of per diem costs, and adjusting upward the payment for out-of-compliance prisoners. This comes on top of the approximately \$13.2 million in cuts carried forward each year as the result of budget actions taken in 2003.

*Senate:* Restores the reductions taken in 2003 by providing \$13.2 million each year to pay the state share of costs for housing prisoners in local and regional jails.

## K-12 education

The problem the state faces is that it has not updated the Standards of Quality since the late 1980s; as a result the SOQ, which determine funding for public education, are seriously out-of-sync with the Standards of Learning and the Standards of Accreditation that determine what is actually taught in school.

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**The Senate budget:**

- honestly calculates the cost of rebenchmarking, and honestly provides the funding to rebenchmark;
- makes major progress in funding Tier 1 recommendations made by JLARC (funding of administrative

positions, at-risk four-year-olds and corrects timing of payment for fringe benefits); and

- funds Board of Education revisions on daily planning period in middle and secondary schools (already required through Standards of Accreditation), and funds elementary resource and technology positions (instruction in these areas required under the Standards of Learning).

**The House budget:**

- does not fully account for the costing of rebenchmarking;
- eliminates funding aimed at helping hard-to-educate students graduate;
- underfunds teacher retirement and passes on an additional share of the costs to localities; and
- makes no progress in funding any of the revisions proposed by the Board of Education.

**Transportation**

*Introduced:* Transfers \$309 million in state general funds to transportation initiatives, including debt and pay-as-

you-go supported projects; defers \$37.9 million in highway maintenance from 2004 to 2005 as a result of Hurricane Isabel-related expenses.

*House:* Increases by \$58.0 million over the biennium the state non-general fund support to the Transportation Trust Fund, including: \$46 million to VDOT for highway construction; \$8.4 million to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation for public transportation; \$2.4 million to the Virginia Port Authority; and \$1.4 million to the Department of Aviation. Transfers \$154 million from the state General Fund to support transportation initiatives.

*Senate:* The Senate eliminated \$1.5 billion in transportation reforms that it initially sought. In eliminating the transportation funding, Sen. John Chichester, chairman of the Finance Committee, said that he hoped that this major concession would advance negotiations with the House. It also stripped out the \$309 million in general funds from the introduced budget, essentially level-funding transportation for the new biennium. ❖

## Veto session scheduled April 21



The General Assembly will reconvene on April 21 for the veto session for the 2004 regular session. (The constitution requires that a veto session be held on the sixth Wednesday after adjournment of any regular or special session, so another veto session connected to the first special session also will have to be scheduled.)

The state constitution specifies three options for the governor: sign a bill into law; propose amendments; or propose a veto. At the veto session, legislators will vote to accept or reject gubernatorial amendments. Amendments are enacted with a simple majority. Legislators can override a gubernatorial veto with a two-thirds majority.

After the veto session, the governor has 30 days in which to act on legislation returned to him. If the legislature rejects the governor's amendments to a bill, but

with less than a two-thirds vote, the governor can sign the bill, do nothing (in which case it becomes law) or veto it.

VML will continue to report on significant gubernatorial recommendations and any developments regarding the budget in the *Legislative Bulletin*. A comprehensive summary of all other legislation of interest to local governments that was acted upon by the 2004 General Assembly will appear in the April issue of *Virginia Town & City*.

Depending on when a state budget is adopted, an overview of that document also will be included in a future issue of *Virginia Town & City*. In addition, the league will produce a stand-alone booklet detailing all of the actions of the 2004 session, including the reconvened session on April 21. ❖

## FROM THE CAPITOL

### Transportation plan unveiled; state funding in question

The Commonwealth Transportation Board has reviewed a working draft of Virginia's program to fund transportation projects over the next six years, although funding is in doubt because of the continuing budget stalemate. The draft was presented to the board last week in Richmond. The tentative Six-Year Improvement Program allocates an estimated \$7.2 billion for nearly 1,700 transportation projects — including highway construction, rail and

public transit — over the next six years, beginning July 1, 2004.

The draft is predicated on Gov. Mark R. Warner's proposed budget.

"This draft is a good working document for the Commonwealth Transportation Board," Transportation Secretary Whitt Clement said. "I hope, however, that the inability of the House and Senate to resolve their differences won't further delay the board in discharging its responsibility to adopt a realistic and credible transportation

program based on strong fiscal discipline."

A statewide public hearing via videoconference will be held on the draft six-year program on April 6, followed by the CTB's adoption of the final program on May 20. Additional information about the April 6 meeting is available online at <http://virginiadot.org/projects/syp-2004-video-conferences.asp>.

A summary of pending transportation funding proposals is included in the budget analysis that begins on Page 1. ❖

### Money available for youth, prevention programs

The Governor's Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Program has issued a request for proposals for:

- programs for youth that need special services or additional resources;
  - replication of evidence-based programs;
  - community prevention needs assessments; and
  - continuation of effective programs.
- The grant period is from July 1, 2004

through June 30, 2005. The application is due June 30, 2004.

There is a mandatory pre-submission workshop. You may attend one of the following:

- Friday, March 26, Williamsburg
- Wednesday, March 31 Culpeper
- Thursday, April 1 Roanoke

For additional information visit: <http://www.gosap.state.va.us> or <http://www.soe.vcu.edu/csc/>. ❖

## REGULATIONS

### Intended Regulatory Action

#### Policy for nutrient enriched waters.

The State Water Control Board has proposed action to establish numerical limitations for the discharge of total nitrogen, and the possible revision of numerical limitations for the discharge of total phosphorus, for certain discharges located within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The agency intends to hold a public hearing after publication. For additional information, contact John Kennedy, Department of Environmental Quality, at 804/698-4312 or e-mail him at [jmkennedy@deq.state.va.us](mailto:jmkennedy@deq.state.va.us).

**Water quality standards.** The State Water Control Board has proposed action to amend the state's Antidegradation Policy part of the Water Quality Standards, by designating portions of 11 waters located on federal land within the Shenandoah National Park. A public hearing will be held after

publication. Contact Jean Gregory, Department of Environmental Quality, at 804/698-4113 or e-mail her at [jwgregory@deq.state.va.us](mailto:jwgregory@deq.state.va.us) for additional information.

**Virginia Water Protection General Permit for facilities and activities of utility and public service companies regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or the State Corporation Commission and other utility line activities.** The State Water Control Board proposed action to allow for revisions to the above-referenced general permit application and permitting requirements and allow for a more efficient application review process. A public hearing will be held. Contact Ellen Gilinsky, Department of Environmental Quality, at 804/698-4032 or e-mail her at [egilinsky@deq.state.va.us](mailto:egilinsky@deq.state.va.us) for more information.

**Virginia Water Protection General Permit for linear transportation projects.** The State Water Control Board

has proposed action to allow revisions to the above regulation to correct several administrative procedures, clarify application and permitting requirements and allow for a more efficient application review process. A public hearing will be held. For more information, contact Ellen Gilinsky, Department of Environmental Quality, at 804/698-4032 or e-mail her at [egilinsky@deq.state.va.us](mailto:egilinsky@deq.state.va.us).

**Virginia Water Protection General Permit for impacts from development activities.** The State Water Control Board has proposed action to allow for revisions to the above regulation to correct several administrative procedures, clarify application and permitting requirements and allow for a more efficient application review process. A public hearing will be held after publication. Contact Ellen Gilinsky, Department of Environmental Quality, at 804/698-4032 or e-mail her at [egilinsky@deq.state.va.us](mailto:egilinsky@deq.state.va.us) for additional information.

## 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.

### Director of Public Works, Vinton

SALARY: \$49,183-\$68,857 (Pop. 7,782) Plans, organizes, and directs functions and management of the Department of Public Works, including street maintenance, water and sewer, stormwater, solid waste and recycling collection, fleet maintenance, and facilities maintenance. For job description and application, visit [www.town.vinton.va.us](http://www.town.vinton.va.us) or contact Carolyn Ross, Town Clerk, at 540/983-0607. Submit cover letter with application to Town Manager's Office, 311 S. Pollard St., Vinton, VA 24179. Deadline: April 23. EOE.

### Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Norfolk

SALARY: \$33,439-\$53,458. Provide information and assistance to the mayor. Must have bachelor's degree and experience interacting with elected officials at the federal, state or local government and/or executive management level. Assist with special projects and community forums, preparing background information for meetings and public appearances, and researching and writing speeches and correspondence. A writing exercise will be administered to candidates selected for interview. Applications and resumes may be sent to City of Norfolk, Human Resource Department, 810 Union St., City Hall Building, Norfolk, VA 23501.

### City Manager, Greenville, N.C.

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. (Pop. 65,000) \$55M GF budget; 650 FT employees. Pop. expected to reach 100,000 by 2012. The city is the recognized educational, medical, industrial and commercial center of eastern North Carolina. Reqs. bachelor's degree (MPA or MBA preferred); demonstrated performance in revitalization and economic development; good communications skills with diverse community essential; ability to develop positive

relationships with a major college and medical center, community groups, business community and governmental agencies. Submit letter of application, detailed resume with salary, work history and work related references to: John T. Maxwell, Senior Vice President, Springsted Inc., 1206 Laskin Road, Suite 210, Virginia Beach, VA 23451; Fax: 757/422-6617 or e-mail [jmaxwell@springsted.com](mailto:jmaxwell@springsted.com). More information at [www.springsted.com](http://www.springsted.com). Deadline: May 14. EOE.

### Housing & Development Coordinator, Danville

SALARY: \$34,636-\$40,000 starting range. Plan, administer and supervise the city's neighborhood development / rehabilitation program and loan operation utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds. Administers all aspects of loan programs and processing and utilization of loan proceeds to ensure compliance with legal and federal requirements; supervises and coordinates the activities of two assigned staff. Apply: City of Danville, Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 3300, Danville, VA 24543 or the Virginia Employment Commission. Download application at [www.ci.danville.va.us](http://www.ci.danville.va.us). Deadline: April 7. EOE.

### Water Treatment Operator (Class II), Wytheville

SALARY: \$21,393-\$30,541 DOQ. Desired qualifications: Ability to perform variety of quality control and bacteriological tests, and have knowledge of the operation, maintenance and repair of a water treatment facility. Education and experience: Graduation from H.S. or GED equiv. and a Class II Water Certification or the ability to obtain a Class II certification within 6 mos. of employment or next time exam is given after employment. Application packages available from Libby Henley at the Town Office, 150 E. Monroe St., Wytheville, VA 24382. Phone: 276/223-3321, e-mail: [libbyh@wytheville.org](mailto:libbyh@wytheville.org) or visit Web site at <http://townof.wytheville.org>. Deadline: March 17. EOE.

### Director of Finance, Galax

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Develop, direct and evaluate the programs and services of the Finance Department. Plan, develop and administer the budget, financial and accounting operations. Directs development and maintenance of city's computer system. CPA preferred, or bachelor's degree in accounting or related

field supplemented by 5-7 yrs. of exper. performing progressively responsible accounting, budgeting and financial management work. Resume and city application req. For application, contact: City of Galax, 111 E. Grayson St., Galax, VA 24333. Deadline: April 30. EOE.

### Planner / Zoning Administrator, Orange

SALARY: \$42,873-\$60,327 (+) benefits. Enforce town codes and ordinances; coordinate and operate newly-created Planning Department. Reqs. in-depth knowledge of community development and land-use planning. Responsibilities include capital improvement planning, preparation of operating budgets, fiscal reports and grant proposals. Advise town manager, council and boards on planning policy and administrative procedures concerning federal, state and local planning regulations. Submit cover letter and resume to: Town Manager Sabrina M. Martyn, Town of Orange, 119 Belleview Ave., Orange, VA 22960. Contact: 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. Deadline: April 2.

## Other positions

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

### City Attorney, Buena Vista

SALARY: Request for proposal. Part-time. Deadline: April 1.

### Chief of Engineering, Blacksburg

SALARY: \$41,985-\$52,841 to start (+) benefits. Deadline: March 26.

### Chief of Planning, Blacksburg

SALARY: \$41,952- \$52,440 to start (+) benefits. Deadline: March 26.

### Assistant Director of Public Works, Elizabeth City, N.C.

SALARY: DOE. Open until filled.

### Assistant Town Manager, Vinton

SALARY: \$43,000-\$51,000 to start. Deadline: April 16.

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### Information Technology Network Administrator, Smithfield

SALARY: \$30,583-\$42,817 DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

### Fire Chief, Petersburg

SALARY: \$47,447-\$73,569 negotiable. March 31

### Zoning Administrator, Bedford County

SALARY: \$32,704-\$37,610 to start (+) benefits. Open until filled.

### Block Grant Coordinator, Harrisonburg

SALARY: \$43,400-\$54,300 preferred hiring range DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

### Director of Community Development, Goochland County

SALARY: DOQ. Deadline: 2 p.m. March 26.

### Business Development Coordinator, Buena Vista

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

### King William County, Director of Community Development

SALARY: \$57,600 to start (+) benefits DOQ. Open until filled.

### Business Development Representative, York County

SALARY: \$38,571 base (+) benefits. Open until filled.

### Business Development Specialist, Martinsville

SALARY: \$38,966-\$48,707 DOQ (+) benefits.

### Director of Finance, Front Royal

SALARY: DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: April 23.

### City Manager, Martinsville

SALARY: \$90,000-\$100,000 (+) benefits, including auto. Deadline: March 31.

### Senior Planner, Stafford County

SALARY: \$39,936-\$65,457 DOQ. Open until filled.

### Civil Engineer (roads), Stafford County

SALARY: \$44,075-\$72,238 DOQ. Open until filled.

### Civil Engineer (water / wastewater), Stafford County

SALARY: \$44,075-\$72,238 DOQ. Open until filled.

### Senior Planner / Deputy Zoning Administrator, Ashland

SALARY: \$37,837-\$56,757 DOQ. Open until filled.

### Bus Driver, Virginia Regional Transportation Association

SALARY: \$10 per hour (+) limited benefits.

### Landfill Superintendent, Stafford County

SALARY: \$41,974-\$68,764 DOQ. Open until filled.

### Building Commissioner, Roanoke

SALARY: \$51,540-\$77,309. Open until filled.

**DEADLINE:** *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, April 2. 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

### 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](mailto: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: [lr5c@virginia.edu](mailto:lr5c@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@vb.gov](mailto:sewichte@vb.gov). Conference details: [www.vb.gov/dui](http://www.vb.gov/dui).

### Behavioral-Based Interviewing / Hiring Techniques, April 27, Richmond

Having trouble finding the right person for the job? Using behavioral-based interview-

ing may be the solution. By asking specifically designed questions, you can discover a candidate's real skills, strengths and weaknesses. Topics include identifying essential job skills, developing a structured interview plan, designing open-ended questions to elicit specific responses, and developing and practicing probing techniques to gather necessary details from the candidate. Sponsored by the Virginia Institute of Government and VCU's Center for Public Policy from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the University of Virginia's Richmond Center. Registration: \$99 (includes lunch). Contact: Kristen Paynter at 804/828-6923 or [oppt@vcu.edu](mailto:oppt@vcu.edu).

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**CALENDAR****Liability Issues, Design Data and Inspection Techniques for Wood Decks, Balconies, and Porches, April 28-30, Blacksburg**

This course at Virginia Tech is designed for local building officials, design professionals, contractors, home inspectors, and manufacturers and suppliers of related construction materials. Plan reviewers and building inspectors are encouraged to attend. Their participation, as well as the information obtained at the course, could benefit their locality. Details at: [www.conted.vt.edu/sdww/](http://www.conted.vt.edu/sdww/)

**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](mailto:mfields@vml.org).

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

Annual meeting. Contact: Kimberly Pollard at [kpollard@vml.org](mailto:kpollard@vml.org).

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

Annual conference at the Sheraton Virginia Beach.

**Virginia Resources Authority Financing Conference, Sept. 13-14, Roanoke**

The 2004 conference will be held at the Hotel Roanoke. Reception at 5 p.m. Sept. 13. Conference begins 8:30 a.m. Sept. 14. Contact: Bonnie McRae at 804/644-3100 or [bmcrac@vra.state.va.us](mailto:bmcrac@vra.state.va.us).

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

Omni Hotel. Contact: [vao@hotmail.com](mailto:vao@hotmail.com)

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

The 99th annual meeting of VML. Contact: Joni Terry at 804/649-8471 or [jterry@vml.org](mailto:jterry@vml.org). Exhibitors contact: Kimberly Pollard at 804/649-8471 or [kpollard@vml.org](mailto:kpollard@vml.org).

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