



# NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS CONFERENCE



**April 23, 2019**

Abingdon, Virginia

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## AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m.**                    **Welcome**  
Michelle Gowdy, Executive Director, Virginia Municipal League
- 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.**        **Council-Manager Relations**  
Jill Carson, Council Member, and Keith Harless, Town Manager,  
Town of Pennington Gap  
Mike Barber, Mayor, and Randy Wingfield, Town Manager,  
Town of Christiansburg
- 10:45 - 10:55 a.m.**       **Overview of VML/VACo Finance**  
Beau Blevins, Director of Government Consulting, VML/VACo Finance
- 11:00 a.m. - Noon**       **Municipal Budgeting and Finance**  
Valerie Tweedie, Finance Director/Treasurer, Town of Christiansburg
- Noon**                        **Lunch**
- 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.**       **Overview of FOIA and COIA for Local Officials**  
Michael Bedsaul and Steve Durbin, Counsel, Sands Anderson
- 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.**        **Work-Life Balance**  
Trent Crewe, Former Mayor, Town of Wytheville,  
Attorney, Caspell & Crewe, PC
- 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.**        **Public Officials' Liability**  
Marcus Hensel, Director of Member Services, VML Insurance Programs