



AGENDA

Thursday, July 19

6 – 7 p.m. **Registration and Reception**
River City Prefunction Area

7– 9 p.m. **Dinner**
Salon B/C

A great way to meet colleagues from around the state. The dinner will include a talk on how local officials make a difference in their communities.

Speaker – Levar Stoney, Richmond Mayor

Friday, July 20

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
Miller Prefunction Area

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Introductions and Welcoming Remarks**
Miller & Rhoads Room

Presiding – VML President Dr. Patricia Woodbury; Newport News Council Member

8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **ABCs of Governing**
Miller & Rhoads Room/Gerhart Room

The steps to take to achieve your objectives after the election dust settles.

Moderator – Roger C. Wiley, Hefty Wiley & Gore PC

Panelists - Robert Coiner, Gordonsville Mayor; Anita James Price, Roanoke Vice Mayor; Willie Greene, Council Member

9:45 – 10 a.m. **Break**
Gerhart Room Prefunction Area

10 – 11 a.m. **Council Manager Relations**
Miller & Rhoads Room/Gerhart Room

The most important relationship local officials will have – outside of their relationship with fellow office holders and voters – is with the manager. Learn the basics of this relationship.

Speakers - John Rowe, Portsmouth Mayor and Dr. L. Pettis Patton, Portsmouth Manager

11 – 11:15 a.m. **Break**
Gerhart Room Prefunction Area

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- 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** **Freedom of Information**
Miller & Rhoads Room/Gerhart Room
- The last thing any local official wants is to make a mistake involving FOIA and then read about it in the newspaper, a blog or Facebook. Here's your chance to learn the ins and outs of the Freedom of Information Act.
- Speaker - Andrea Erard, Esq.
- 12:15 – 1 p.m.** **Lunch**
Salon B/C
- 1 – 2 p.m.** **Budgeting Basics**
Miller & Rhoads Room/Gerhart Room
- Follow the money! Your budget lays out the priorities of your locality, but you need to learn how to read it and the questions to ask of your fellow council members and budget staff.
- Speaker - Amelia Merchant, Roanoke Director of Finance
- 2 – 2:30 p.m.** **Investment and Financing Options for Local Governments**
Miller & Rhoads Room/Gerhart Room
- Learn about alternatives that councils and boards have in investing funds and borrowing money.
- Speaker - Robert W. Lauterberg, VML/VACo Finance Managing Director
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m.** **Break**
Gerhart Room Prefunction Area
- 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.** **Conflict of Interests**
Miller & Rhoads Room/Gerhart Room
- Here's your chance to learn about the COIA law, including the purpose, the process, the forms you have to file and other details to help you comply with the act.
- Speaker - Walter Erwin, Lynchburg City Attorney
- 3:45 – 4 p.m.** **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**