

2020 VML ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 BETTER COMMUNITIES THROUGH SOUND GOVERNMENT



October 7-8

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Please note: Breakout and Roundtable sessions will conclude just ahead of scheduled time to allow opportunity for attendees to take a short break before next sessions begin.

Wednesday, October 7

9:00 – 9:40 am **Opening Session**
 Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome from VML President Thomas Smigiel
 Address on Equity from Dr. Susan T. Gooden (VCU)



- Gooden -

9:45 – 10:45 am **City, Town & Urban Section Elections and Meetings**

11:00 a.m. – Noon **General Session**
 Better Than Before
 State Budget Update

Noon - 1:00 pm **Lunch Break**

1:00 – 2:00 pm **Breakout Sessions**

- COIA
- Community Development
- Technology and Crisis Management for Localities
- Education

2:00 – 3:00 pm **Breakout Sessions**

- FOIA
- Transportation In Virginia
- Virginia Housing
- VRSA on Civility

3:00 – 4:00 pm **VML Policy and Legislative Committee Statements Forum**
 Staff and Policy/Legislative Committee Chairs provide an overview of proposed changes to the policy and legislative committee statements, allowing time for Q&A.

- Community and Economic Development
- Environmental Quality
- Finance
- General Laws
- Human Development and Education
- Transportation
- Legislative

4:00 pm **Social Event**



While the VML Annual Conference has moved to a virtual event this year, we will still have plenty of exhibitors and time to visit with the **Virtual Exhibitors booths**. More information about the virtual exhibitors will be forthcoming.

Thursday, October 8, 2020

9:00 – 10:00 am

Round Table Sessions

- Data Sharing
- VDEM
- DHCD Programs - COVID and Beyond
- HR During COVID-19
- No Kid Hungry
- VCEA
- Police Reform
- Dominion Energy
- VML/VACO finance

10:00 am

Break

10:15 – 11:30 am

VML Annual Business Meeting and Elections

- President’s Message
- Executive Director’s Report
- Adoption of Policy and Legislative Statements
- Report of the Nominating Committee
- Elections

Remarks from incoming VML President Willie Greene

Invitation to Leesburg 2021

Local Champion Awards highlights

11:30 am – Noon

Remarks from the Honorable Ralph Northam, Governor of Virginia



- Northam -

Annual Conference concludes

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