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# President's Welcome

During the past year, the Virginia Association of Counties held regional meetings throughout the Commonwealth, creating another opportunity for VACo to hear from its members. Through these regional meetings, one unifying reality became clear to VACo's Board of Directors and staff – county officials care deeply about the communities they serve.

County leaders care about job creation and economic development. They care about building vibrant communities that remain attractive to their children as they reach adulthood. County officials care about the quality of public education, and often approve more local funding than the state requires so students can attend the best schools possible. When emergencies occur due to natural or other causes, county officials care about protecting their residents.

Certainly, caring is not something new for county officials. So, it is not surprising that VACo's Conference Planning Committee chose a simple theme for the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference in November – "Virginia Counties Care."

VACo's Annual Conference provides opportunities for county officials to exchange ideas with state leaders on ways we can work as partners while serving all Virginians. Legislators and other state officials need to understand how policy changes they consider at the state level will affect the ability of local governments to deliver diverse public services at reasonable cost. VACo's Annual Conference is meant to be a learning experience, where knowledge is gained, not just by attending general sessions and workshops, but by listening to one another in hallway conversations, or during a shared meal, or by participating in other scheduled, and unscheduled, activities.

When you attend the 2015 Annual Conference, please take time to visit our Exhibit Hall. You will find more than 100 companies and organizations interested in partnering with your county in the delivery of needed public services. It's educational, and it's fun!

It is my hope that, when this Annual Conference comes to a close, you will depart with new ideas and perspectives that will help you serve your constituents. The Conference Planning Committee and VACo staff have worked diligently to develop an informative program. Concurrently, VACo's seven steering committees have worked to develop VACo's 2016 Legislative Program and Policy Statements. I hope you participate in this process – one that is meant to be open and lively. If you are not a Steering Committee member, I strongly urge you to get involved in 2016. You can choose almost any subject matter that holds special interest for you.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as VACo president during the past year. VACo is an organization that does very important work with its members to maintain and improve the quality of life for all Virginians by ensuring that local services are the very best they can be. Thank you for the support you have provided and for your active participation.



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**Penny Gross**  
VACo President



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# Conference Information

## Registration

Everyone attending the conference must register. This includes members, their families, guests, exhibitors and news media representatives. No one will be admitted to a business or social function without a conference badge.

Registration will take place:

- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Sunday, November 9 | Mount Vernon Foyer
- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Monday, November 10 | Mount Vernon Foyer

VACo staff and volunteers will be at the registration desk during the hours above and will be glad to answer your questions. There is a message board at the conference registration desk and a marquee in the main lobby where various notices will be posted.

## Legislative Program

VACo's annual legislative program is finalized and adopted during the conference. The seven steering committees meet Sunday afternoon, the Resolutions Committee meets Monday morning and the membership acts on the 2016 Legislative Program during the annual business meeting Tuesday morning.

A copy of the amended Preliminary Legislative Program was included in your bag. Proposals should originate through the steering committee process. The 2016 Preliminary Legislative Program was shared with members and will be available at the Registration Desk.

## Banquet Tickets

All county officials, county staff, VACo associate members and exhibitors registered for the conference are welcome to attend the Sunday banquet, as are registered spouses and guests. If you are staying at The Omni Homestead, the banquet ticket is included in your meal package. If you are not, you may purchase a banquet ticket for \$75. If you have registered for the banquet but do not attend, you will be charged \$75 for the meal. Check at the registration desk if you do not have a ticket. Tickets will be collected at the door by the VACo team, so don't forget your ticket!

## Guest Programs

The Omni Homestead has undergone major renovations in recent years and now offers many new activities. For more information, visit [www.thehomestead.com/activities](http://www.thehomestead.com/activities) or visit the Concierge Desk.

# Other Information

## Voting Credentials

Article VI of the VACo bylaws provides that each county is to designate a representative of its Board of Supervisors to vote at the annual business meeting. However, the bylaws allow a county to designate a proxy to vote if a member of the Board of Supervisors cannot be present for this meeting. Counties should have received voting credential forms and proxy forms by mail in September. If you did not return your form to VACo in the mail, you can submit it to the VACo Credentials Committee at its meeting on Monday at 1 p.m. in the Monroe Room. You can also drop it off at the conference registration desk before the Credentials Committee meeting.

## Election of Officers

The election of VACo Officers and Board members will take place at the annual business meeting Tuesday morning.

# Golf

VACo's 19th Annual Golf Tournament will begin at 11 a.m. (tees off at 11:30 a.m.) on Saturday, November 7 on The Old Homestead Course.



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# VACo 2016 Calendar

## **VACo Executive Committee Meeting**

January 6 | VACo Headquarters | Richmond

## **Supervisors' Forum**

January 8-10 | Richmond Marriott West

## **General Assembly Convenes**

January 13 | Richmond

## **Rural Caucus Reception and Dinner**

February 10 | Omni Richmond Hotel

## **VACo Board of Directors Meeting**

February 11 | Omni Richmond Hotel

## **VACo County Government Day at the General Assembly**

February 11 | Omni Richmond Hotel

## **Chairpersons' Institute**

February 12-13 | Omni Richmond Hotel

## **Certified County Supervisors Program**

March and May | TBA

## **NACo Legislative Conference**

February 20-24 | Marriott Wardman Park Hotel |  
Washington, D.C.

## **VACo Board of Directors Meeting**

May 7 | Carroll County

## **Certified County Supervisors Program**

May and July | TBA

## **NACo 2016 Annual Conference & Exposition**

July 22-25 | Los Angeles County | Long Beach, CA

## **VACo County Officials Summit**

August 18-19 | TBA

## **VACo Board of Directors Meeting**

August 19 | TBA

## **Certified County Supervisors Program**

September and November | TBA and The Omni  
Homestead Resort

## **VACo 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference**

November 13-15 | The Omni Homestead Resort

## **VACo Board of Directors Meeting**

November 13 | The Omni Homestead Resort

# Sponsors

VACo thanks the following companies that have contributed to the conference through their sponsorship.

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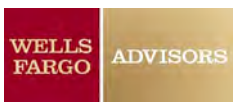
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Sunday Afternoon Break



**Virginia Housing Development Authority**  
Monday Morning Break



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Soda Break & Mini-Drawing



# Exhibit Hall

The exhibit hall will be open **1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.** on Sunday, November 8 and **8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** on Monday, November 9.

There will be a soda break in the exhibit area at 3 p.m. on Monday.

Another special event connected with the exhibit hall is the Annual Drawing, which will take place after VACo's annual business meeting on Tuesday morning. To enter, have the card in your registration packet marked by each exhibitor and place your completed card in the box at the registration desk by 2:30 p.m. on Monday.

There will also be a mini-drawing in the exhibit hall at 3 p.m. on Monday. You or your guest must be present to win, so make time in your schedule to attend. The drawing for a free exhibitor booth for next year's conference will be held following the mini-drawing.

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You can enjoy free Wi-Fi access in the exhibit hall and other areas during the conference, generously sponsored this year by **Howard Shockey & Sons**. An instruction sheet on how to get connected to the sponsored Wi-Fi can be found in your conference bag. **You can also visit Shockey at Booth 817.** Stop by and say "Hi!"

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# Conference Schedule

## Saturday, November 7

### Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program - The Role of Budgeting (Part II)

10 a.m. • Chesapeake

### Golf Tournament

11 a.m. • Old Golf Course

### Budget Committee Meeting

3 p.m. • Wilson

### Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Alumni Education Program

3 p.m. • Lexington

**Speakers:** **Dr. Mike Chandler**, Professor Emeritus, Virginia Tech; **Dr. Martha Walker**, Community Viability Specialist, Virginia Cooperative Extension; The Honorable **Stephen W. Bowen**, Chair, Board of Supervisors, Nottoway County; The Honorable **Jane D. Dittmar**, Chair, Board of Supervisors, Albemarle County; **Steven B. Miner**, County Administrator, Accomack County

Graduates and enrollees of the Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program join together for an educational session on civility. All supervisors interested in the program are also invited.

### VACORP Supervisory Board Meeting

5 p.m. • Dominion

## Sunday, November 8

### Nondenominational Worship Service

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. • Chesapeake

**Speaker:** The Honorable **William J. Howell**, Speaker of the House, 28<sup>th</sup> House District

### Exhibitor Setup

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

### VACo Board of Directors

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Dominion

# Sunday, November 8

## **The Omni Homestead History Tour**

10 a.m. • Register at Concierge Desk

## **Annual Conference Registration**

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer

## **VACORP Annual Business Meeting**

10 a.m. • Crystal and Empire

## **Sunday Afternoon Break**

1 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. • Regency Ballroom Foyer

**Sponsored by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership**

## **Steering Committee Meetings**

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Education** • Blue Ridge

**General Government** • Piedmont

**Health and Human Resources** • Stratford

## **Exhibits Open**

1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

## **Sunday Afternoon Football & Refreshments**

2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

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## **Steering Committee Meetings**

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**Economic Development and Planning** • Piedmont

**Environment and Agriculture** • Blue Ridge

**Finance** • Mount Vernon

**Transportation** • Stratford

## **Regional Caucuses to Nominate Representatives on Board of Directors**

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Region 2** • Blue Ridge

**Region 3** • Wilson

**Region 4** • Chesapeake

**Region 5** • Appalachian

**Region 6** • Stratford

**Region 7** • Mount Vernon

**Region 8** • Tower Suite

**Region 9** • Piedmont

**Region 10** • Madison

**Region 13** • Lexington

## Sunday, November 8

### Sunday Evening Opening Reception

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. • Crystal and Empire

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### Banquet

(Must present Banquet ticket to attend)

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. • Regency Ballrooms

**Presiding:** The Honorable **Penelope A. Gross**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County

**Welcome:** The Honorable **Claire A. Collins**, Chair, Board of Supervisors, Bath County

**Invocation:** The Honorable **Harrison A. Moody**, Board of Supervisors, Dinwiddie County

### The Jefferson Cup Award

### Hosted Music

9 p.m. - Midnight • DownTime

## Monday, November 9

### Resolutions Committee

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. • Dominion

### Annual Conference Registration

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer

### Exhibits Open

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

### OPENING GENERAL SESSION

8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. • Regency Ballrooms

**Presiding:** The Honorable **Penelope A. Gross**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County

**Presentation of the Colors:** Police Department Color Guard, Roanoke County

## Monday, November 9

### • KEYNOTE SPEAKER •

The Honorable **Terence R. McAuliffe**, Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia

Governor Terry McAuliffe became the Commonwealth's 72<sup>nd</sup> Governor when he was elected in 2013.

Since being sworn into office, Governor McAuliffe has aggressively focused efforts on building a new Virginia economy.



Whether traveling to Bedford or Beijing – Governor McAuliffe has made it clear that his No. 1 priority is economic development and the creation and maintenance of jobs throughout our state.

He has also worked on restoring trust in government with his efforts in ethics reform.

Governor McAuliffe previously served as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 2001 to 2005, was co-chairman of President Bill Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign, and was chairman of Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign.

He and his wife Dorothy were married in 1988 and have five children. The Governor attended Catholic University and Georgetown Law School.

### • VML WELCOME •

The Honorable **Ron Rordam**, President, Virginia Municipal League and Mayor, Town Council, Town of Blacksburg

Ron Rordam was born and raised in Metairie Louisiana, just outside of New Orleans. He received his BA in History from the University of New Orleans and MA in History from Virginia Tech.



Was first appointed to the Blacksburg Planning Commission in 1992 after several years of involvement in Neighborhood Issues in Blacksburg. Elected to Blacksburg Town Council in 1996 and then Mayor in 2006.

Served on almost every advisory committee of the town in the almost 20 years of town involvement.

Served two years as Vice President and two years as President of the Virginia Transit Association. Currently President Elect of the Virginia Municipal League and will assume the position of President in October. Also active in the U.S. Conference of Mayors and is Vice Chair of Southern Municipal Conference.

## Monday, November 9

### • NACo SPEAKERS •

The Honorable **Sallie Clark**, President, National Association of Counties and Board of County Commissioners, El Paso County, Colorado



El Paso County, Colorado Commissioner **Sallie Clark** was elected president of the National Association of Counties (NACo) on July 13, 2015 at the NACo Annual Conference.

Active in NACo since 2005, Clark is a longtime member and subcommittee vice chair of the Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee. Clark's 2015-2016 Safe and Secure Counties Initiative is designed to enhance counties' capacity to protect public safety, support public health and human services, maintain roads and bridges and build local economies.

Clark was elected to serve as an El Paso County Commissioner in 2004 and re-elected in 2008 and 2012. She was the fourth woman to have been elected to the El Paso County Board of Commissioners and is the third woman to have served as board chair.

### • KEYNOTE SPEAKER •

**Tom M. Davis**, former member Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, former U.S Congress representative, political scientist, and author of "Partisan Divide"



Tom Davis was first elected to office in 1979, winning a hard-fought campaign to represent Mason District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. This would be the first of 12 straight victories, a winning streak spanning three decades.

In 1991, after spending 12 years as a County supervisor, Tom defeated the incumbent chairman of the county board, taking the top elected office in Fairfax County.

In 1994, Tom successfully took on another incumbent, this time winning a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives to represent the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Virginia. He was the first freshman in 50 years to be given a subcommittee chairmanship, taking the gavel of the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia.

After the 2002 election, he was named chairman of the House Committee on Government Reform, gaining



## Monday, November 9

national prominence once again by chairing hearings on the use of performance enhancing substances in professional sports.

### Monday Morning Break

10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. • Regency Ballroom Foyer

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### GENERAL SESSION

10:15 a.m - 11:15 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

**Presiding:** The Honorable **Penelope A. Gross**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County

#### • SPOTLIGHT ON VACo EDUCATION •

**Phyllis A. Errico**, General Counsel, Virginia Association of Counties; **Dr. Michael A. Chandler**, Professor Emeritus, Virginia Tech University; and **Dr. Martha A. Walker**, Community Viability Specialist, Virginia Cooperative Extension

#### • KEYNOTE SPEAKER •

**Jan Bazow**, CEO, Fortis Group, LLC  
The 2020 Workplace...Five  
Generations Working Side by Side

As we approach the 2020 Workplace you will notice that our teams and our boardrooms are getting a bit more crowded. As we invite the 5<sup>th</sup> Generation to join us in the world of work, and the Baby Boomers delay retirement, the workplace landscape will continue to shift. You will notice a rising tension as each generation approaches communication, relationships and their work in very diverse ways. Millennials prefer texting and Baby Boomers still like email, while Traditionalists wonder whatever happened to a phone call or even better yet, a face-to-face meeting. Leading effectively in 2020 and beyond will require leaders to leverage the strengths of all five generations, intentionally creating a culture of civility, honor and respect.

Jan Bazow, CEO Fortis Group will be sharing insight in what it will require to lead effectively in 2020 and beyond.

Jan's 30 years of experience spans both corporate and nonprofit entities. She has led the process of merging various cultures and has held senior Human



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Resources and Organizational Development leadership positions in several well-known organizations including A&W Rootbeer; Anthem BCBS; and The Mid-Atlantic Entity of the American Heart Association.

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

11:30 a.m - 12:45 p.m.

#### ANTICIPATING STORMWATER CHANGES – WHAT IT MEANS TO YOUR COUNTY • Stratford

**Moderator:** The Honorable **Janine F. Burns**, Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors, Mathews County and Chair, VACo Environment and Agriculture Steering Committee

**Speakers:** The Honorable **Keith M. Hodges**, 98<sup>th</sup> House District; **Melanie Davenport**, Water Division Permitting Director, Department of Environmental Quality; **Eldon James**, President, Eldon James and Associates

In three of the last four legislative sessions, the General Assembly passed major legislation resulting in significant changes to Virginia's Stormwater Program. In 2014, the General Assembly passed legislation allowing the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to manage stormwater programs on behalf of smaller, rural localities. This session is intended to inform county officials of anticipated legislative changes for Virginia's Stormwater Management Program in 2016.

#### UNDERSTANDING THE NEW ETHICS LAWS • Mount Vernon

**Moderator:** **Phyllis A. Errico**, General Counsel, Virginia Association of Counties

**Speakers:** The Honorable **Sharon Bulova**, Chair, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County; The Honorable **Todd Gilbert**, 15<sup>th</sup> House District; **Chris Piper**, Executive Director, Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council

Ethics and Conflicts have been major issues in the General Assembly in the past few years. The 2014 and 2015 Sessions resulted in major changes in the laws that affect a large number of public officials. We will hear about those changes from Delegate Todd Gilbert, one of the patrons of the legislation. In addition, we will find out more about the newly constituted *Virginia* Conflict of Interest and *Ethics* Advisory Council from the Councils' Executive Director Chris Piper. We will also hear from Supervisor Sharon Bulova about the impact of the law on local officials and her experience as a member of the Governor's Commission on Integrity and Public Confidence in State Government.

# Monday, November 9

## SAVE \$\$\$\$ FOR YOUR COUNTY, YOUR EMPLOYEES, YOUR CITIZENS • Chesapeake

**Moderator:** The Honorable **Charlotte A. Moore**, Board of Supervisors, Roanoke County

**Speakers:** **Matt East**, Program Manager for Virginia, U.S. Communities; **Alex Koroknay-Palicz**, Membership Coordinator, National Association of Counties; **Peter O. Torvik**, Senior Vice President, Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. (MBS); **Greg Watson**, Client Acquisition Director, Nationwide Retirement Solutions (NRS)

Hear from some of VACo's partners about programs that you can use to save tens of thousands of dollars for your county, for your employees and for your citizens.

## HOT TOPICS IN PUBLIC SAFETY – BODY CAMERAS, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, 911 • Lexington

**Moderator:** The Honorable **William A. Robertson, Jr.**, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Prince George County

**Speakers:** **Douglas A. Middleton**, Chief of Police, Henrico County; **Dr. Jeffrey D. Stern**, State Coordinator, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Police Body Worn Cameras, upcoming changes to 911 technology and emergency preparedness are hot topics in public safety that will be considered during the 2016 General Assembly session. Learn the latest on these topics from local and state experts looking into future challenges and opportunities.

### **Deli Luncheon**

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Grand Ballroom

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### **VLGMA Luncheon**

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Crystal and Empire

(Must have ticket to attend)

**Speaker:** The Honorable **Todd Haymore**, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Commonwealth of Virginia

### **Credentials Committee**

1 p.m. • Monroe

### **Walk and Talk**

1:20 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Meet at Registration Desk

Avoid the afternoon sleep crash by simply walking! Enjoy a stroll around the grounds or indoors; topics discussed are whatever the group decides.

# Monday, November 9

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:45 p.m - 3 p.m.

### BUILDING A READY WORKFORCE THROUGH K-12 • Stratford

**Moderator:** Erik Johnston, Director of Government Affairs, Virginia Association of Counties

**Speakers:** The Honorable **Kathy J. Byron**, 22<sup>nd</sup> House District; The Honorable **Frank M. Ruff, Jr.**, 15<sup>th</sup> Senate District; **Anna Healy James**, Policy Director, Office of Governor Terry R. McAuliffe

Business and government leaders have identified bolstering connections between K-12 education and workforce initiatives as major opportunity for the Commonwealth. Learn from state leaders about recent changes to the state's workforce development system and upcoming proposals to enhance the number of students leaving the K-12 system with workforce ready credentials that employers demand.

### LEVERAGING PRIVATE INVESTMENT THROUGH PUBLIC

#### PROJECTS • Chesapeake

**Moderator:** Randy R. Silber, Deputy County Manager, Henrico County

**Speakers:** **Christine Campbell**, Assistant Library Director, Henrico County; **M. Shane Finnegan**, Vice President, Gumenick Properties; and **Charles W. Wray**, Principal, BCWH Architects

Discover how Henrico County leveraged a new public library to jump-start an urban mixed-use development. Explore the library design and public space planning concepts used to create a focal point for a walkable, multi-use, high-end redevelopment site.

### UPDATE ON STATE BUDGET • Mount Vernon

**Speakers:** The Honorable **Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.**, 24<sup>th</sup> Senate District; **Jim Regimbal**, Principal, Fiscal Analytics, LTD

The 2016 General Assembly is shaping up as a critically important session when major spending decisions will be made and counties will have a major stake in them. Highest priority issues will be public education, public safety, and various forms of financial aid to localities. The speakers will be key decision makers who will answer your questions about state and local budget priorities.

# Monday, November 9

## SNAPSHOTS OF INNOVATIVE COUNTY PROGRAMS •

Lexington

**Moderator:** William Quarles, Achievement Awards Judge and former Goochland County Supervisor

**Speakers:** Charles M. Culley, Jr., County Administrator, Caroline County; Joel M. Friedman, Self-Directed Services Program Manager, Fairfax County; The Honorable David V. Hutchins, Board of Supervisors, Carroll County; Christopher P. McKlarney, County Administrator, Giles County; John A. Vithoukias, County Manager, Henrico County, Audrey Parrish, 2015 Intern, Henrico County

An important objective of the VACo Achievement Awards Program is to celebrate innovative and smart solutions to problems in our counties. This session shares those innovative and smart solutions as Achievement Award winners tell their stories on how they handled issues in education, jails, workforce development and more.

### **Soda Break & Mini-Drawing**

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom

**Sponsored by Bartlett Financial Consulting Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC**

## **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

3:30 p.m - 4:45 p.m.

### Q&A WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP • Mount

Vernon

**Moderator:** The Honorable William B. Kyger, Jr., Board of Supervisors, Rockingham County

**Speakers:** The Honorable William J. Howell, Speaker of the House, 28<sup>th</sup> House District; The Honorable Terry G. Kilgore, 1<sup>st</sup> House District

This session will be a free flowing discussion with the House of Delegates leadership. Speakers will respond to questions on top issues facing the 2016 General Assembly and top issues facing counties.

### EMERGING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES •

Stratford

**Moderator:** The Honorable Jane D. Dittmar, Chair, Board of Supervisors, Albemarle County

**Speakers:** The Honorable Charles D. Poindexter, 9<sup>th</sup> House District; and Bill Shelton, Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

## Monday, November 9

This session will provide an update on state efforts to partner with localities on community development initiatives. Traditional areas of focus such as housing and business development will be discussed along with new opportunities to explore broadband infrastructure improvements.

### **ISSUES IMPACTING THE LINE OF DUTY ACT** • Chesapeake

**Presenter:** **Chris Carey**, Administrator, VACORP

The Line of Duty Act (LODA) continues to be an increased burden on county budgets. Hear some tips on controlling your LODA exposure on volunteers and other first responders. In addition, get the latest ideas being considered by the General Assembly.

### **ILLEGAL DRUG USE: LOCAL AND STATE CHALLENGES** •

Lexington

**Moderator:** The Honorable **Stephanie L. Koren**, Board of Supervisors, Louisa County

**Speakers:** The Honorable **Dr. William A. Hazel, Jr.**, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia; The Honorable **Barbara A. Favola**, 31<sup>st</sup> Senate District

This session will examine the impacts of illegal drug use statewide. The use of illegal drugs such as heroin and methamphetamines, as well as the ongoing abuse of prescription medications, continue to affect localities' ability to provide and maintain a healthy workforce. This session will highlight the actions the state is taking and how localities dealing with these issues can be involved and stay educated.

### **High Growth Coalition**

5 p.m. • Dominion

### **Rural Caucus**

5 p.m. • Stratford

**Speakers:** The Honorable **Frank M. Ruff, Jr.**, 15<sup>th</sup> Senate District; **Bill Shelton**, Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development; and **Christy Morton**, Executive Director, Virginia Rural Center

### **Nominations Committee**

5 p.m. • Wilson

## Monday, November 9

### President's Reception

5:45 p.m. - 7 p.m. • Crystal and Empire

Sponsored by Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates

### Hosted Music

9 p.m. - Midnight • DownTime

## Tuesday, November 10

### CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. • Regency Ballrooms

**Presiding:** The Honorable **Penelope A. Gross**,  
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Vice  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County

### • KEYNOTE SPEAKER •

**Jeff E. Schapiro**, Politics Columnist,  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Jeff E. Schapiro is politics columnist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He has covered campaigns and government for nearly 35 years, a period during which Virginia has emerged as a decisive swing state prized by the national political parties.



Schapiro joined the Times-Dispatch in 1987 after reporting from the state Capitol for United Press International and Virginia Business magazine.

He has covered nine gubernatorial campaigns, 10 governors, every session of the General Assembly since 1981, nearly 10 presidential primaries and conventions, as well as dozens of congressional and legislative elections.

Schapiro's column appears in the Times-Dispatch Wednesday and Sunday. It also is carried by many other Berkshire Hathaway-published newspapers in Virginia. Schapiro's video column is posted Thursday to the Times-Dispatch's website, [richmond.com](http://richmond.com). Schapiro can be followed on Twitter.com at @RTDSchapiro.

Schapiro is a 2015 inductee of the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame at Virginia Commonwealth University.

**Tuesday, November 10**

**Tuesday Morning Break**

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. • Regency Ballroom Foyer

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**Annual Business Meeting followed by Drawing and Adjournment**

10:30 a.m. - Noon • Regency Ballrooms

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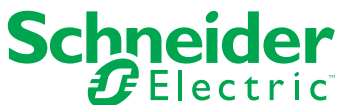
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## VACo Elects Penny Gross President for 2014-2015



### The new VACo Executive Committee

Pictured left to right are President-Elect David V. Hutchins, Carroll County; First Vice President Judy S. Lytle, Surry County; President Penelope A. Gross, Fairfax County; Immediate Past-President Harrison A. Moody, Dinwiddie County; Secretary-Treasurer Donald L. Hart, Jr., Accomack County; Second Vice President Mary W. Biggs, Montgomery County.

[Click here to see VACo's new Board of Directors.](#)

The membership of the Virginia Association of Counties elected Fairfax County Supervisor Penelope A. "Penny" Gross as 2014-2015 President during VACo's 80th Annual Conference in Bath County. Gross and other newly elected officers started their terms at the association's Annual Business Meeting on November 11.

Gross succeeds Dinwiddie County Supervisor Harrison A. Moody. Gross becomes the ninth president from Fairfax County and the second in four years. Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins was VACo President in 2011-2012.

"I'm excited for the challenge of being VACo President, and I'm humbled by this opportunity," Gross said. "VACo is coming off a successful year of implementing the strategic plan, and I want to continue the progress. I'm also thrilled to lead an organization that promotes the well-being of all counties, and I hope to make a difference in my year as President."

Gross was first elected to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 1995 and was re-elected to her fifth term on November 8, 2011. She currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Board.

"Penny has been a leader locally and in VACo for a long time," VACo Executive Director James D. Campbell said. "Penny is a tireless worker and has a knack for solving problems with fresh and innovative ideas as well as taking practical approaches to issues. VACo is going to grow stronger under Penny Gross. We are fortunate to have her as our President."

On the state and national level, Gross currently is vice-chair of the National Association of Counties' Energy, Environment and Land Use Committee. She completed a one-year term as President of the National Association of Regional Councils Board of Directors in June 2014. Gross was appointed by Governor Mark Warner to the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC), which provides policy advice to Chesapeake Bay Executive Council. Gross chaired LGAC from March 2006 until August 2008. She continues to serve after being appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe.

Prior to her tenure as Supervisor, Gross worked for 20 years as staff in various congressional offices. She served on the Board of the Lincoln Park Civic Association (1985 to 1997), and on the Executive Board of the Mason District Council of Civic Associations (1988 to 1995). She has held numerous offices with PTA, and is an Honorary Life Member of the Virginia State PTA.

Gross was elected to the VACo Board of Directors in 1996 as the Region 8 representative. "People often ask me where I get my energy," Gross said. "I simply love my job. I love to work, and I get energy from the people I serve. Being out in the community and getting to know the people of Virginia as friends and having them consider me as a friend keeps me going."



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# Steering Committees

Members are listed in order by their VACo region.  
(C)-Chair; (VC)-Vice Chair

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

1	Kevin Onizuk	James City
1	Mark Popvich	Isle of Wight
1	Jeffrey Stoke	Prince George
2	Mindy Moran	Mathews
2	Reese Peck	Essex
2	Bob Pemberton	Richmond
2	Bret Schardein	King William
3	Richard Glover	Henrico
4	Steve Bowen	Nottoway
4	Daniel Lee-C	Dinwiddie
5	Thomas Foley	Albemarle
6	Kevin McGhee	Madison
6	Douglas Stanley	Warren
7	R. Bryan David	Orange
8	Peter Candland	Prince William
8	Janet Clarke-VC	Loudoun
8	John Vihstadt	Arlington
9	George Anas	Rockingham
9	Michael Shull	Augusta
10	Brenda Bowman	Pittsylvania
10	Gary Tanner	Appomattox
11	David Mooreman	Botetourt
12	Gary Larrowe	Carroll
12	Jonathan Sweet	Grayson
13	Dane Poe	Lee

## EDUCATION

1	Robert Hamlin	Sussex
1	Donald Hart	Accomack
2	Jason Bellows	Lancaster
2	Rosemary Mahan	Westmoreland
3	Sean Davis	Hanover
3	Dorothy Jaeckle	Chesterfield
3	Frank Thornton	Henrico
4	Mark Moore	Dinwiddie
4	Gary Simmons	Nottoway
5	Donnie Bryan	Buckingham
5	Mike Sheridan	Fluvanna
7	Calvin Taylor-C	Caroline
8	Maureen Caddigan	Prince William
8	Cathy Hudgins-VC	Fairfax
9	Shannon Cox	Alleghany
9	Fred Eberly	Rockingham
9	William Kyger	Rockingham

9	<b>Tracy Pyles</b>	Augusta
10	<b>Mary Biggs</b>	Montgomery
10	<b>Fred Gerald</b>	Floyd
10	<b>Annette Perkins</b>	Montgomery
12	<b>Joe Sheffey</b>	Pulaski

## **ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

1	<b>Jerry Skalsky</b>	Prince George
2	<b>Janine Burns-C</b>	Mathews
2	<b>Prue Davis</b>	Essex
2	<b>Peter Mansfield</b>	Middlesex
2	<b>Otto Williams</b>	King William
3	<b>Randall Silber</b>	Henrico
4	<b>Harrison Moody</b>	Dinwiddie
5	<b>Ann Mallek</b>	Albemarle
5	<b>Cassandra Stish</b>	Buckingham
6	<b>Steven Baker</b>	Shenandoah
6	<b>David Cox</b>	Greene
6	<b>Clary Jackson</b>	Madison
7	<b>Ann Heidig</b>	Spotsylvania
8	<b>Gerry Hyland</b>	Fairfax
8	<b>Jeanine Lawson</b>	Prince William
9	<b>Rick Chandler</b>	Rockingham
9	<b>Dean Rodgers</b>	Amherst
9	<b>Larry Wills</b>	Augusta
10	<b>Jessie Barksdale</b>	Pittsylvania
10	<b>Sara Carter</b>	Appomattox
10	<b>Clifton Tweedy</b>	Campbell
11	<b>Billy Martin</b>	Botetourt
12	<b>Dean Pratt</b>	Pulaski
12	<b>Timothy Reeves-VC</b>	Wythe
13	<b>Robby Robbins</b>	Wise

## **FINANCE**

1	<b>William Robertson</b>	Prince George
2	<b>Vivian Calkins-McGettigan</b>	York
2	<b>Ashley Chriscoe</b>	Gloucester
2	<b>Morgan Quicke</b>	Richmond
3	<b>Allan Carmody</b>	Chesterfield
3	<b>Joseph Casey</b>	Henrico
3	<b>Jim Holland-C</b>	Chesterfield
3	<b>David Kaechele</b>	Henrico
4	<b>John Cataldo</b>	Brunswick
4	<b>Sherman Vaughn</b>	Nottoway
5	<b>Ken Boyd</b>	Albemarle
6	<b>Brenda Garton</b>	Frederick
6	<b>Michael Hobert</b>	Clarke
7	<b>Ruby Brabo</b>	King George
7	<b>Christian Goodwin</b>	Louisa
7	<b>Ernie Hoch</b>	Culpeper
7	<b>Bob Thomas</b>	Stafford

7	<b>Paul Trampe</b>	Spotsylvania
8	<b>Sharon Bulova</b>	Fairfax
8	<b>Melissa Peacor</b>	Prince William
9	<b>Carolyn Bragg</b>	Augusta
9	<b>Pat Coffield</b>	Augusta
9	<b>Claire Collins</b>	Bath
9	<b>Pablo Cuevas</b>	Rockingham
9	<b>Joseph Paxton</b>	Rockingham
9	<b>John Strutner</b>	Alleghany
10	<b>Craig Meadows</b>	Montgomery
11	<b>Kathleen Guzi</b>	Botetourt
12	<b>Henry Blessing</b>	Bland
12	<b>Nikki Cannon</b>	Carroll
12	<b>Peter Huber</b>	Pulaski
12	<b>Phil McCraw</b>	Carroll
12	<b>Andy McCready-VC</b>	Pulaski
13	<b>Jon Bowerbank</b>	Russell
13	<b>David Cox</b>	Wise

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

1	<b>Percy Ashcraft</b>	Prince George
2	<b>O.J. Cole</b>	Mathews
2	<b>Sidney Johnson</b>	Essex
2	<b>Jack Miller</b>	Middlesex
3	<b>Sheryl Bailey</b>	Chesterfield
3	<b>Patricia O'Bannon</b>	Henrico
3	<b>Canova Peterson</b>	Hanover
4	<b>Kevin Massengill</b>	Dinwiddie
4	<b>Charlette Woolridge</b>	Brunswick
5	<b>Jane Dittmar</b>	Albemarle
5	<b>Steve Nichols</b>	Fluvanna
6	<b>Doris Lackey</b>	Madison
7	<b>Charles Culley</b>	Caroline
8	<b>Penny Gross</b>	Fairfax
8	<b>John Jenkins</b>	Prince William
8	<b>Walter Tejada</b>	Arlington
9	<b>Thomas Miller</b>	Rockingham
9	<b>Marshall Pattie-C</b>	Augusta
10	<b>Roger Hayden</b>	Patrick
10	<b>James Snead-VC</b>	Pittsylvania
11	<b>Mark Reeter</b>	Bedford
12	<b>Dave Hutchins</b>	Carroll
13	<b>J.H. Rivers</b>	Wise

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

1	<b>Bill Gandel</b>	Prince George
1	<b>Judy Lyttle</b>	Surry
2	<b>Sherrin Alsop</b>	King & Queen
2	<b>Bud Smith</b>	Essex
3	<b>Jane Crawley</b>	Henrico
3	<b>Sarah Snead</b>	Chesterfield

4	<b>Brenda Ebron-Bonner-C</b>	Dinwiddie
4	<b>Larry Giordano</b>	Halifax
4	<b>Judy Jones</b>	Amelia
5	<b>Connie Brennan</b>	Nelson
6	<b>Jonathan Weakley</b>	Madison
7	<b>Stephanie Koren-VC</b>	Louisa
7	<b>Donna Krauss</b>	Stafford
7	<b>Cathy Pemberton</b>	Powhatan
7	<b>Laura Sellers</b>	Stafford
8	<b>Elijah Johnson</b>	Prince William
9	<b>Suzanne Adcock</b>	Alleghany
9	<b>Michael Breeden</b>	Rockingham
9	<b>David Karaffa</b>	Augusta
11	<b>Bill Thomasson</b>	Bedford
12	<b>Thomas Littrell</b>	Carroll

## TRANSPORTATION

1	<b>Raymond Warren</b>	Sussex
2	<b>Stanley Langford</b>	Essex
2	<b>Sheila Noll</b>	York
3	<b>Steve Elswick</b>	Chesterfield
3	<b>Wayne Hazzard</b>	Hanover
3	<b>Tyrone Nelson-VC</b>	Henrico
4	<b>William Chavis</b>	Dinwiddie
4	<b>Glanzy Spain</b>	Mecklenburg
6	<b>Kevin McGhee</b>	Madison
6	<b>Dick Neese</b>	Shenandoah
6	<b>Doug Stanley</b>	Warren
7	<b>Wayne Acors</b>	Caroline
7	<b>Jim Crozier</b>	Orange
8	<b>Jeff McKay-C</b>	Fairfax
8	<b>Martin Nohe</b>	Prince William
8	<b>Ken Reid</b>	Loudoun
9	<b>Stephen King</b>	Rockingham
9	<b>Jeffrey Moore</b>	Augusta
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12	David Hutchins	Carroll

## CONFERENCE PLANNING

2	Vivian Calkins McGettigan	York
2	Jack Miller	Middlesex
2	Bret Schardein	King William
4	Susan Adams	Charlotte
4	Bill Chavis	Dinwiddie
5	Cassandra Stish	Buckingham
6	Brenda Garton	Frederick
7	Stephanie Koren	Louisa
7	Calvin Taylor	Caroline
8	Walter Tejada	Arlington
10	Mary Biggs-C	Montgomery
10	Annette Perkins	Montgomery

## NOMINATIONS

1	Ernest Blount	Surry
2	Prue Davis-VC	Essex
3	Jim Holland	Chesterfield
4	Steve Bowen-C	Nottoway
5	Constance Brennan	Nelson
6	Doris Lackey	Madison
7	Wayne Acors	Caroline
8	John Jenkins	Prince William
9	Claire Collins	Bath
10	James Snead	Pittsylvania
11	John Williamson	Botetourt
12	Dean Pratt	Pulaski
13	Larry Mosley	Lee

## RESOLUTIONS

1	Donald Hart	Accomack
1	Judy Lyttle-C	Surry
2	Janine Burns	Mathews
3	Jim Holland	Chesterfield
3	Tyrone Nelson	Henrico
4	Brenda Ebron-Bonner	Dinwiddie
4	Daniel Lee	Dinwiddie
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# At-A-Glance 2015

**Sunday, November 8**

## **Nondenominational Worship Service**

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. • Chesapeake

**Speaker:** The Honorable **William J. Howell**, Speaker of the House, 28<sup>th</sup> House District

## **VACo Board of Directors**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Dominion

## **Exhibitor Setup**

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

## **The Omni Homestead History Tour**

10 a.m. • Register at Concierge Desk

## **Annual Conference Registration**

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer

## **VACORP Annual Business Meeting**

10 a.m. • Crystal and Empire

## **Sunday Morning Break**

1 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. • Regency Ballroom Foyer

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## **Steering committee meetings**

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Education** • Blue Ridge

**General Government** • Piedmont

**Health and Human Resources** • Stratford

## **Exhibits Open**

1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

## **Sunday Afternoon Football & Refreshments**

2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

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## **Steering committee meetings**

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**Economic Development and Planning** • Piedmont

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## **Regional Caucuses to Nominate Representatives on Board of Directors**

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Region 2** • Blue Ridge

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### **Sunday Evening Opening Reception**

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. • Crystal and Empire  
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### **Banquet**

(Must have ticket to attend)

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. • Regency Ballrooms

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**Welcome:** The Honorable **Claire A. Collins**, Chair, Board of Supervisors, Bath County

**Invocation:** The Honorable **Harrison A. Moody**, Board of Supervisors, Dinwiddie County

**The Jefferson Cup Award**

### **Hosted Music**

9 p.m. - Midnight • DownTime

## **Monday, November 9**

### **Resolutions Committee**

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. • Dominion

### **Annual Conference Registration**

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer

### **Exhibits Open**

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

## **OPENING GENERAL SESSION**

8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. • Regency Ballrooms

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**Presentation of the Colors:** Police Department Color Guard, Roanoke County

# Monday, November 9

- **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** •

The Honorable **Terence R. McAuliffe**, Governor,  
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- **VML WELCOME** •

The Honorable **Ron Rordam**, President, Virginia Municipal  
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The Honorable **Sallie Clark**, President, National Association of  
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- **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** •

**Tom M. Davis**, Former member Fairfax County Board of  
Supervisors, former U.S. Congress representative, political  
scientist, and author of "Partisan Divide"

## Monday Morning Break

10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. • Regency Ballroom Foyer

Sponsored by **Virginia Housing Development Authority**

## GENERAL SESSION

10:15 a.m - 11:15 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

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- **SPOTLIGHT ON VACo EDUCATION** •

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Viability Specialist, Virginia Cooperative Extension

- **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** •

**Jan Bazow**, CEO, Fortis Group, LLC  
The 2020 Workplace...Five Generations Working Side by Side

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

11:30 a.m - 12:45 p.m.

**ANTICIPATING STORMWATER CHANGES – WHAT IT MEANS  
TO YOUR COUNTY** • Stratford

**UNDERSTANDING THE NEW ETHICS LAWS** • Mount Vernon

**SAVE \$\$\$\$ FOR YOUR COUNTY, YOUR EMPLOYEES, YOUR  
CITIZENS** • Chesapeake

**HOT TOPICS IN PUBLIC SAFETY – BODY CAMERAS,  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, 911** • Lexington

# Monday, November 9

## Deli Luncheon

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Grand Ballroom

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## VLGMA Luncheon

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Crystal and Empire

(Must have ticket to attend)

**Speaker:** The Honorable **Todd Haymore**, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Commonwealth of Virginia

## Credentials Committee

1 p.m. • Monroe

## Walk and Talk

1:20 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Meet at Registration Desk

Avoid the afternoon sleep crash by simply walking! Enjoy a stroll around the grounds or indoors; topics discussed are whatever the group decides.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:45 p.m - 3 p.m.

**BUILDING A READY WORKFORCE THROUGH K-12** • Stratford

**LEVERAGING PRIVATE INVESTMENT THROUGH PUBLIC PROJECTS** • Chesapeake

**UPDATE: STATE TAX, BUDGET AND REVENUE** • Mount Vernon

**SNAPSHOTS OF INNOVATIVE COUNTY PROGRAMS** • Lexington

## Soda Break & Mini-Drawing

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom

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## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

3:30 p.m - 4:45 p.m.

**Q&A WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP** • Mount Vernon

**EMERGING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES** • Stratford

**ISSUES IMPACTING THE LINE OF DUTY ACT** • Chesapeake

**ILLEGAL DRUG USE: LOCAL AND STATE CHALLENGES** • Lexington

## High Growth Coalition

5 p.m. • Dominion

## Monday, November 9

### Rural Caucus

5 p.m. • Stratford

**Speakers:** The Honorable **Frank M. Ruff, Jr.**, 15<sup>th</sup> Senate District; **Bill Shelton**, Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development; and **Christy Morton**, Executive Director, Virginia Rural Center

### Nominations Committee

5 p.m. • Wilson

### President's Reception

5:45 p.m. - 7 p.m. • Crystal and Empire

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9 p.m. - Midnight • DownTime

## Tuesday, November 10

### CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. • Regency Ballrooms

**Presiding:** The Honorable **Penelope A. Gross**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County

• **Keynote Speaker** •

**Jeff E. Schapiro**, Politics Columnist, Richmond Times-Dispatch

### Tuesday Morning Break

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. • Regency Ballroom Foyer

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### Annual Business Meeting followed by Drawing and Adjournment

10:30 a.m. - Noon • Regency Ballrooms



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**1. Spring regional meetings:** VACo members are invited to attend regional meetings to identify and discuss key statewide legislative and policy issues.

**2. Resolutions Committee meetings:** The committee oversees the development of the annual Legislative Program. They meet in early fall and during the annual conference in November. The committee receives legislative updates during the annual legislative session.

The Resolutions Committee includes the six members of VACo's Executive Committee and the chairs and vice chairs of VACo's seven steering committees. VACo's First Vice President chairs the Resolution Committee.

The seven steering committees are Economic Development and Planning, Education, Environment and Agriculture, Finance, General Government, Health and Human Resources and Transportation.

**3. Steering Committees:** The seven steering committees meet at least twice - once in late summer and again November during the annual conference. The Steering Committees develop their policy sections for the annual Legislative Program.

**4. VACo membership:** The VACo membership adopts the new Legislative Program during the annual business meeting on the last day of the annual conference in November.

## **Additional information**

The President appoints steering committee chairs and vice chairs. VACo members volunteer to serve on steering committees.

In early Fall, prior to the annual conference, the membership receives a Preliminary Legislative Program. This draft is revised during the annual conference.

Contact **Dean Lynch**, Deputy Executive Director, for more information about VACo's legislative policy process: [dlynch@vaco.org](mailto:dlynch@vaco.org) or 804.343.2511.



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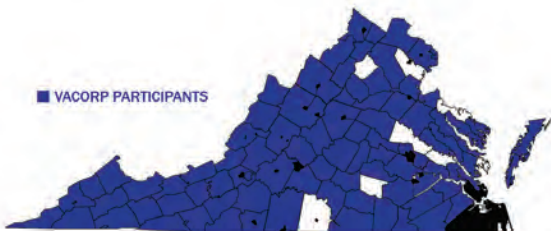
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