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September 16 VGEA Annual Membership Meeting Was well-attended and power-packed

The VGEA held its Annual General Membership Meeting on September 16 at the Virginia Crossings Hotel and Conference Center in Glen Allen. The morning was full of anticipation, as VGEA President Gale Grant (Department of Health) welcomed everyone and introduced Governor Terry McAuliffe, our Keynote Speaker.

Governor McAuliffe thanked all of the state employees and recognized many attendees from his nearly four years of visiting workplaces all over the Commonwealth. He said, "Virginia runs well because of each of you, and the important work you do every day. I thank you for being the best workforce in the country."

The Governor also did us the honor of presenting the 2017 VGEA Scholarship Awards. (Please look in the upcoming *ForeSight* for those photos and more!)

After Governor McAuliffe, Secretary of Administration Nancy Rodrigues followed with an excellent question and answer session. If you haven't yet met Secretary Rodrigues, she will be speaking at our two last Regional Meetings of the year (details below). Please join us!

The Director of the Department of Human Resource Management Sara Wilson and VRS Director Trish Bishop presented to two separate groups; active employees and retirees.

Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Ed Gillespie spoke to the group, as