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VIRGINIA GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

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VOTE NOW for New Members of the VGEA Board of Directors

Deadline is September 3!

There are currently eight positions open on the Virginia Governmental Employees Association Board of Directors and 10 members running to fill them. That means we need each member to vote for their fellow members by September 3 so we know who you want to represent you on the Board.

[Click here](#) to get the ballot of nominees, which appears on page 4 in the latest issue of *ForeSight*. You may vote by email to info@vgea.org or by fax 804-228-4501. Please include your member number in order for your vote to be counted.

Thank you for taking your time to consider these willing and able volunteers for **VGEA - your VOICE for state employees and retirees!**

Shenandoah & Tidewater Regional Meetings, Plus Annual Meeting Set *Bringing VGEA Issues to a Location Near You!*

VGEA Bylaws Update

The bylaws define an organization; providing its mission, principles and guidelines for the way its run. First written in 1959, the VGEA bylaws are on their eighth revision.

These [Proposed Bylaws](#) will be either accepted or rejected at the upcoming Annual Meeting. Please take the time to review the [current Bylaws](#) on www.vgea.org under About VGEA, or just click the links above to make an informed vote at the meeting. Bylaws ballots will be distributed at the Annual Meeting registration table.



[Click Here to Renew Your Membership!](#)

Virginia Governmental Employees Association



Your Voice at the Capitol!

Share this newsletter with your fellow employees and remind them that the VGEA is the

only organization working to protect and improve state employee salaries, benefits and retirement.

The vital work of the VGEA is supported by member dues alone.

Click here to join.

At just \$4 per pay period (\$2 for retirees) it's an investment in yourself and your future.

Like us on Facebook 

Add your email address to our mailing list

Call Today for a FREE Quote!

All members, prospective members and guests are invited to attend:

Shenandoah Regional Meeting

This Thursday, August 22, 6-8 p.m.

Frontier Culture Museum, 1290 Richmond Rd., Staunton 24401
540-332-7850

Please **RSVP NOW** if you plan to attend so we can get an accurate food count. Call **877-302-7146 (toll-free)** or email **info@vgea.org**.

VGEA Annual Meeting

September 14, 8:30 a.m. through lunch.

DoubleTree by Hilton (formerly named Holiday Inn Koger Conference Center; same place as last year), 1021 Koger Center Blvd., Richmond, VA, 804-379-3800

One of the two panel discussions is called **The Challenges Ahead for State Employees and Retirees** and will feature these participants who will review issues from VRS funding to salaries to health insurance and the outlook for action on those issues:

Staff Director, Senate Finance Committee **Betsey Daley**; Director, Virginia Retirement System **Robert Schultze**; Staff Director, House Appropriations Committee **Robert Vaughn**; and Director, Department of Human Resource Management **Sara Wilson**. **If you have a question for someone on this panel, please email it to info@vgea.org** Because of the limited panel time available, we encourage you to submit your questions in advance.

REGISTER NOW for the Annual Meeting by completing the form on page 11 of the *ForeSight*. [Click here to download the newsletter.](#)

Tidewater Regional Meeting

October 10, 6-8 p.m.

First Landing State Park - Trail Center, 2500 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach 23451
757-412-2300. RSVP by contacting the VGEA Office by phone 877-302-7146 or email at info@vgea.org.

Annual GOLF Tournament at Brickshire Golf Club

The 2013 VGEA Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 13 at noon (lunch at 11 a.m.) at Brickshire Golf Club in New Kent County. A Curtis Strange signature course, *Golf Digest* magazine rates Brickshire four and a half stars out of five on its "Best Places to Play list.



You'd expect to pay a lot to play this course, especially with lunch, a couple drinks, cart, greens fee and VGEA Scholarship donation included - but our VGEA fee is just \$55 per player! We hope you can join us for an awesome day of golf and prizes! If not, sponsorship opportunities are available, with hole sponsorships starting at just \$100 **ALL proceeds go only to the VGEA Scholarship Fund** which provides four \$2,500 college scholarships yearly to VGEA members, their spouses and/or their children.



Take a few minutes this summer to think about saving money on Auto Insurance! VGEA members save an **EXTRA 15% off Elephant's already low rates!**

For more information, visit the **VGEA Insurance Program page on the website www.vgea.org!** You must be a member to sign-in.



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The Golf Registration and Sponsorship Form is on page 9 of the *Foresight*. [Click here](#) for that issue, then just complete the form and return it to us with payment by fax 804-228-4501 or email at info@vgea.org. If you have questions, please call the VGEA Office toll-free at 877-

302-7146.

Member Insurance Payout Raised!

EVERY VGEA member has been **automatically** covered by an Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit for several years. **By just paying your regular VGEA dues, this benefit has gotten even better!** This insurance has **just increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500. Member's spouses are also covered for \$1,000 and each child for \$500. This is at NO COST TO YOU.** You don't have to do anything to receive this insurance benefit, but designating a beneficiary may save you and/or your survivors estate taxes

[Click here](#) to read the letter from American Income Life and then [follow the link](#) to complete the [online reply card](#) to designate your beneficiary. You are under *no obligation* to do anything further to receive your [free \\$2,500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance](#).

New, Higher Interest Rates for Retirement Investment Options

Good news! New, higher interest rates for retirement options are available through the VGEA's retirement investment partner. Some are also tax-deferred or tax-free.

- 3-year contract: 2 percent guaranteed
- 5-year contract: 2.85 percent guaranteed
- 6-year contract: 3 percent guaranteed
- 9-year contract: 7 percent bonus deposit credit, 1 percent monthly cap, plus 4 percent new deposit bonus credit for five years
- 10-year contract: 6 percent bonus deposit credit, 1.25 percent monthly cap, plus 6 percent new deposit bonus credit for five years. Three percent annual cap. Return of premium guaranteed. No surrender fees
- 14-year contract: 12 percent bonus deposit credit, 1.25 percent monthly cap

All of the products above are available for qualified and non-qualified rollovers and start-ups to include IRAs, deferred comp plans, Roth IRAs, 403B CDs and Mutual Stock accounts. All transfers are income tax free.

For more information, email Charlie O'Connor at charlieoconnor82@yahoo.com or call him at 804-339-7039, He will also have a table at the Annual Meeting on September 14, so you can meet with Charlie and speak with him in person then.

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