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General Assembly Begins

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Legislators Gather From Across Virginia
VGEA Already Working to Maintain/Raise July Salary Increase

Every year, prior to the General Assembly session, the VGEA Board of Directors and staff convenes and adopts a list of Legislative Priorities. These provide an agenda which lays the groundwork for our lobbyists and Political Action Committee and helps to set the tone for the upcoming session.

During the 2012 session, we achieved the 3 percent bonus we received last month and the salary increase set for July. That raise is currently set at 2 percent, but the VGEA's top legislative priority for this session is to have it increased. With your support, we can do it! Remember the **VGEA is The Voice for Virginia's State Workers and Retirees!** We can only achieve our goals if we strive for them by working together.

[Click here to read the rest of the 2013 Legislative Priorities.](#) If you have questions or comments, email them to info@vgea.org.



What Legislation Will the VGEA be Watching During This General Assembly Session?
Legislative Information System Enables Bill Tracking

Unless this is your first year of VGEA membership, and your initial General Assembly session, you are probably used to our VGEA newsletters following important pieces of legislation through the process from introduction all the way through enactment by the Governor. It's just one of the benefits that you get from your VGEA membership. We communicate to you about issues vital to government employees so you can take action - contact your legislators to let them know how you feel about bills that are meaningful to you.

Time to Join or Renew




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 state employee salaries, benefits and retirement.

The work of the VGEA is supported only by member dues.

[Click here to join.](#)
 At just \$4 per pay period (\$2 for retirees) it's an investment in yourself and your future.

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VGEA Board of Director Officers

2013-2015

Wendy Brown, president
 Gary Wagner, first vice president
 Walt Pulliam, Jr., secretary
 Mindy Stembridge, treasurer
 J. Marshall Terry, immediate past president

For the rest of the Board of Director members and all their contact information, [click here.](#)

Today is the first day of a new session, and we will continue this important service. Keep your eyes peeled for every weekly VGEA eNews during the next 45 days. If you'd like to follow bills that we may not be tracking, read this article from the Fredericksburg *Free Lance-Star*, which gives you important details about Virginia's legislative website: [Ways to Track Virginia Legislation Online.](#)

Payroll Deducted Tax-free Roth IRAs
VGEA Members: LOCK-IN GUARANTEED RATES NOW

Start the New Year by thinking about your future! VGEA Retirement Broker Charlie O'Connor can help. He will advise you about setting up a payroll deducted Roth IRA to deposit \$30 per pay minimum to \$200 per pay maximum in your account tax-free. All accounts are guaranteed and the current rate of return is 4.25 percent. **No fees, no commission loads and no income or capital gain taxes apply!**

Other rollover account options available include traditional IRAs, 401(k)s, deferred compensation plans and non-qualified monies. **Contact Charlie O'Connor by email at charlieoconnor82@yahoo.com or call him at 804-737-2801 or 804-339-7039.** Your prompt response may return a higher interest rate or deposit bonus credit on some products.

VGEA - Start the New Year With A New Chapter

Attend a meeting of your local VGEA Chapter and network! For more information, contact those listed below or email the VGEA Office at info@vgea.org.

- Augusta Chapter**
 Chapter reorganizing! Looking for members to accept leadership positions to build the group. If you'd like to help, please contact Teresa Craig, 540-586-6465, tcraig@vgea.org
- Department of Forestry (DOF) Chapter**
 Contact Kenny Mohler, 540-460-6618, smohler10@gmail.com
- Marion Correctional Treatment Center (MCTC)**
 New chapter forming! Contact Jeffery McGrady, 276-783-7154, jmcgrady@embarqmail.com
- Pocahontas Chapter (DOC)**
 Contact Bobby Cartwright 276-945-9173 ext. 6313, Bobby.Cartwright@vadoc.virginia.gov
- Powhatan Chapter**
 Contact President Angela Edmonds 804-598-4251, ext. 4011, angela.edmonds@vadoc.virginia.gov
- Prince William Area Chapter**
 Contact Linda Pierce 703-505-1481, meanmom@erols.com
- Richmond Retirees Chapter**
 Meets monthly on second Monday at Imperial Plaza, Richmond. (Except for December!) For details, contact President Kermit Spruill 804-272-7065, kermit8@verizon.net
- Southside Chapter**
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