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**The VGEA is
Coming to YOU!**

**Northern Regional
Meeting**

April 7, 6 p.m.

Olive Garden, Woodbridge

**Southwest Virginia
Regional Meeting**

April 24, 6 p.m.

Peking Chinese Restaurant,
Wytheville

**Far Southwest Virginia
Regional Meeting**

May 20, 6 p.m.

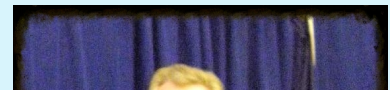
Magnolia Kitchen, Norton



Governor Proposes New Budget; General Assembly Reconvenes

On Monday morning, March 24, Governor Terry McAuliffe hosted a press conference in the Patrick Henry Building to introduce his proposed budget changes. This standing-room-only event included media representatives, delegates, senators, lobbyists, and other interested parties (*see the crowd photo above and photo of Governor McAuliffe below right*).

McAuliffe's proposals are his version of the 2014-2016 Budget (HB/SB 5003) and build on the budget originally submitted by former Governor Bob McDonnell. It includes:



Spring Summit Meeting
June 7, 9 a.m.
Sheraton Roanoke Hotel and
Conference Center

**Southside Regional
Meeting**
July 24, 6 p.m.
O'Kelly's Restaurant, Danville

**Shenandoah Regional
Meeting**
August 21, 6 p.m.
Frontier Culture Museum
Staunton

**Tidewater Regional
Meeting**
October 16, 6 p.m.
Kelly's Tavern,
Greenbrier Mall, Chesapeake

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meetings by email:*
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members. Call for menu details.*

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- A two percent across the board salary increase for state employees, teachers and other state supported positions effective March 2015, and
- Continued support to achieve full funding of VRS while controlling increased health insurance costs.



General Assembly State Budget Standoff Continues

The Virginia General Assembly adjourned on March 8, without accomplishing one of its most important tasks - adopting a new state biennial Budget. The Governor promptly called for a Special Session beginning March 24.

On Monday, the General Assembly reconvened to start the Budget process anew. The House of Delegates and the Senate then adopted amendments to the current, 2012-2014 Budget Bill (HB 5001, also referred to as "the caboose bill"), sending it to the Governor for his signature.

The Virginia Senate subsequently recessed without further action and will meet perfunctorily until April 7. Meanwhile, the Senate Finance Committee has scheduled a public hearing for April 1 on all the budget proposals.

On Tuesday, March 25, the House of Delegates adopted their version of a 2014-2016 Budget (HB 5002). It includes:

- A one percent bonus for state employees in December 2014
- A one percent base salary increase effective June 2015
- A two percent targeted salary adjustment for 19 critical high turnover position classifications (these employees would not be eligible for the bonus and separate one percent increase)
- Support to achieve full funding of VRS state employee plans in 2016, two years earlier than scheduled
- Actions to control increased health insurance costs.

The VGEA is seeking a two percent base salary increase in each year of the biennial budget period. We encourage members to contact their state legislators and ask them to support these salary increases. You can find their contact information by clicking this link:

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<http://viriniageneralassembly.gov/membersAndSession.php?secid=1&activesec=0#!hb=1&mainContentTabs=0>

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