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VIRGINIA GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

TAKE ACTION!

May 29, 2014

Mark Your Calendar!

*The VGEA is
Coming to YOU!*

Spring Summit Meeting

June 7, 8:30 a.m.

Sheraton Roanoke Hotel
and Conference Center

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DETAILS**, and more.

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,



State Budget Standoff Becoming Dire

VGEA members need to pay attention: Senior members of the Virginia Senate, House of Delegates, and the Governor's staff are publicly warning that **the standoff on the 2014-16 State Budget is becoming more serious. State employee jobs and Retiree benefits could be at risk.** You need to **communicate your concerns to your elected officials *immediately.***

Without a new State Budget in place on July 1, there is considerable doubt and speculation about whether and how state government would continue to operate. **Furloughs, layoffs, and shut downs of citizen services are possible.** At the heart of the standoff is **disagreement about the Commonwealth accepting new federal funds to expand Medicaid health benefits** for the uninsured.

Now, legislative and executive **experts are further predicting that even if a budget deal is reached in time, there may still be massive budget shortfalls by June 30 and the next two years.** [Click here](#) to read the latest article about the possible \$1

Greenbrier Mall, Chesapeake

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billion shortfall from the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

The predicted budget shortfall is in large part due to an anemic economy, reduced federal spending in Virginia and its impact on income and sales taxes. In addition, housing remains sluggish.

Throughout the Virginia General Assembly's regular session, which adjourned on March 8 without a budget agreement, the **VGEA Board and staff worked hard to advocate increased employee pay, retiree benefits and related issues.** Until recently, we were encouraged that progress was being made - and then, no budget agreement. While we continued to work from the beginning of the session into the March 23 legislative Special Session, no progress is yet evident. Your VGEA legislative team continues to monitor developments constantly, and we will keep you posted.

All VGEA members *should* contact their Delegates, Senators and the Governor now to tell them the 2014-16 Budget stalemate needs to be resolved as quickly as possible. [Click here](#) to find out who your Delegates and Senators are and/or their contact information.

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