



# Virginia Local Government Management Association

**Our vision is to support local government managers building great Virginia communities through ethical, inclusive, and innovative leadership.**

**A State Affiliate of ICMA**

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## About VLGMA

The Virginia Local Government Management Association (VLGMA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization made up of professional local government managers and key members of their management teams. VLGMA's membership is comprised of over 300 leaders representing Virginia Cities, Towns, and Counties.

The primary goal of the association is to strengthen the quality of local government through professional management. The association seeks to promote professional management in a variety of ways including training, networking, and resource sharing.



VLGMA is an affiliate of ICMA, the International City/County Management Association. This mutual agreement highlights collaboration on leadership and professional development, ethics, membership, and knowledge sharing. Members of the association are governed by the ICMA Code of Ethics.

## Benefits of Membership

**Professional Development & Training** - VLGMA offers professional and personal development opportunities via two conferences each year as well as a variety of meetings and webinars. VLGMA also grants partial scholarships each year for members to attend the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia.

**Support Network** - The VLGMA Support Network is designed to help members get to know one another better and be available to help each other. There are 22 support districts, each with a coordinator who facilitates support activities within his/her support district. The network is supplemented by the VLGMA/ICMA Senior Advisor Program.

**Newsletter** - The association publishes a monthly e-newsletter that includes a message from the president, member spotlight, position changes, ICMA news, and a calendar.

**Professional Development Committee** - PDC plans and executes two annual VLGMA conferences.

**Civic Engagement Committee** - CEC develops a civic engagement program and resources that facilitate enhanced citizen participation in the civic process.

**Communications and Networking Committee** - CNC uses social media, email and website tools to better connect all members to information and each other.

**Strategic Planning Committee** - SPC helps plan the future of VLGMA by reviewing and updating the strategic plan each year. This committee meets twice a year at each of the annual conferences.





## What Our Members Say...

*“Every aspiring local government manager should be an active member of our association.”*

Bonnie Svrcek  
City Manager  
City of Lynchburg

*“VLGMA has connected me with members from throughout the State, from rural to urban, and the advice and instruction that I have received along the way has been invaluable.”*

R. Morgan Quicke  
County Administrator  
Richmond County

*“The mentoring and training prepared and encouraged me to take on my first management position, and it's helped me to succeed.”*

Matt Lawless  
Town Manager  
Town of Boones Mill

## Training & Professional Development Resources

**ICMA University** offers an expansive range of professional development opportunities, including half- and full-day workshops, and webinars.

**The Virginia Institute of Government** hosts a variety of training sessions.

**The Alliance for Innovation** produces a webcast training series. Check out the Alliance for Innovation website.

**The Virginia Tech Graduate Certificate Program** offers coursework in local government management that addresses the pressing need for leadership development in the workforce.

## Who Can Join

**MEMBER** - Virginia local government chief executives, managers, or administrators; and deputy/assistant managers or administrators. Also included are executive directors of regional planning districts, regional service authorities, or similar regional government entities.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER** - Virginia local government employees who do not qualify as a “Member.”

**AFFILIATE MEMBER** - Non-Virginia local government employees who have a strong interest in local government management in Virginia.

**STUDENT MEMBER** - Any person who is primarily a student and intends to pursue a career in local government; or any full-time intern, fellow, or equivalent working in local government and who is not eligible for, or more appropriately classified in, another membership category.

**RETIRED & LIFE MEMBER** - See the VLGMA website for RETIRED and LIFE MEMBER opportunities.

Membership or eligibility for membership in ICMA, NACA, or other groups is not a prerequisite to joining VLGMA and members of such national organizations are not automatically members of VLGMA. For a full description of the membership categories and an application form, visit [www.icma.org/en/va/about/membership](http://www.icma.org/en/va/about/membership)

