Support Network

The VLGMA Support Network is a commitment of the executive committee and the membership to help members get to know one another better and be available to help each other, particularly in times of personal need or stress. The state is divided into 23 support districts, that coincide with the boundaries of the state planning district commissions. Each support district has a coordinator who facilitates support activities within the district and is the point person to turn to in time of need. Work of the support network is supplemented by the VLGMA/ICMA Range Rider Program. Fourteen retired Virginia managers serve as friends and counselors to the profession and as a resource to call on during time of need.

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Newsletter

The association publishes a monthly e-newsletter that informs members of association activities and events in the professional lives of its members. This supplements other communications to members throughout the year.

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Who We Are
The Virginia Local Government Management Association (VLGMA) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization composed primarily of city, town and county managers and members of their management teams. Association membership is offered on an individual basis. Funding is provided by dues. A 19-member executive board governs the association.

Purpose
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, member support and resource sharing.

Membership Categories

MEMBER: (formerly known as Full Member) A local government chief executive, manager, or administrator, deputy manager or deputy administrator, assistant manager or assistant administrator. Also included is any person actively engaged as an executive director of a regional planning district, a regional service authority or any other similar regional government entity. Dues are based on salary ($2.50/$1,000); minimum dues are $200 annually.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Any local government employee who would not otherwise qualify as a “Member.” Dues are $150 annually.

AFFILIATE MEMBER: Any individual who has a strong interest in local government management in Virginia including members in transition, military base commanders, individuals who teach local government administration full time at a college or university, staff members of the Virginia Municipal League, Virginia Association of Counties, Virginia’s First Cities, The Weldon Cooper Center, and members of non-profit research and staff agencies that serve local government. Dues are $50 annually.

STUDENT MEMBER: Any person whose primary activity is as a student in public administration, public affairs or a similar subject area and who intends to follow 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. Dues are $25 annually.

RETIRED MEMBER: Any member of VLGMA or a local government professional who has retired and wishes to remain affiliated with the Association. If a retired member returns to full-time work, the “retired” status shall be put on “hold” until the member re-retires, at which time the retired status will be reinstated. Dues are $25 annually.

LIFE MEMBER: A VLGMA member and local government professional who has retired from active service and completed 25 or more years of VLGMA membership is eligible for Life Membership. Life Membership may also be bestowed by unanimous vote of the VLGMA executive board for individuals who have not satisfied the 25 year requirement but have a distinguished record of service to the profession and the association.

MEMBERS IN TRANSITION: Any member in good standing who goes into transition shall retain VLGMA membership as an Affiliate Member.

Membership or eligibility for membership in the International City/County Management Association, the National Association of County Administrators or any other group is not a prerequisite to joining VLGMA. Members of these national organizations are not automatically members of VLGMA. Dues must be paid to VLGMA in order to be a VLGMA member.

Professional Conduct
The professional conduct of all members of the association is governed by the Code of Ethics of the International City/County Management Association. The Second Vice President of the association heads a standing committee on ethics.

Professional Training & Education Opportunities
The association offers professional and personal development sessions each year, primarily at the winter and annual conferences, as well as meetings of the Deputies, Assistants and Others (DAO) group. In addition, an affiliate contract with the Alliance for Innovation provides members with access to low-cost webinars on a variety of topics.

Membership Application
Please complete both sides of the application form and return with your check to:

VLGMA
P.O. Box 12164
Richmond, VA 23241

For more information contact Janet Areson, Executive Secretary of VLGMA or Sherall Dementi, Executive Assistant, at (804) 649-8471

I fully understand and meet the criteria for membership in the Virginia Local Government Management Association.

Signature

Title

Locality or Entity

☐ Member: Calculate dues (as follows)

1. Salary __________

2. Deferred Compensation __________

3. Total (line 1 + line 2) __________

4. Multiply .0025 for each $1,000 on line 3 to get dues amount (minimum dues are $200) __________

☐ Associate member: $150

☐ Affiliate member: $50

☐ Retired member: $25

☐ Student member: $25