

**15. MISCELLANEOUS****A. VACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

VACo's annual conference is scheduled for November 10-12 at the Omni Homestead in Bath County, Virginia. Some of the major issues likely to receive attention during breakout sessions include: how to deal with the General Assembly on issues critical to local governments; the most recent VACo/VML fiscal survey; Virginia's Compensation Board and its legal responsibilities; building better relationships with school boards; local budgeting practices; the political landscape and its implications for local governments; Right-to-Farm Issues; and stormwater management.

The general sessions will feature such personalities as Political Scientist Stephen Farnsworth and Dr. Joey Faucette author of the #1 best seller *Work Positive in a Negative World: Redefine and Achieve Your Business Dreams*.

As a sidenote, Supervisor Jones will be recognized for 30 years of service to the people of Southampton County. Registration materials are attached. The Board's budget includes up to \$3,000 for Board related travel and education.

**B. NOTICES**

Attached for your reference please find copies of various notices.

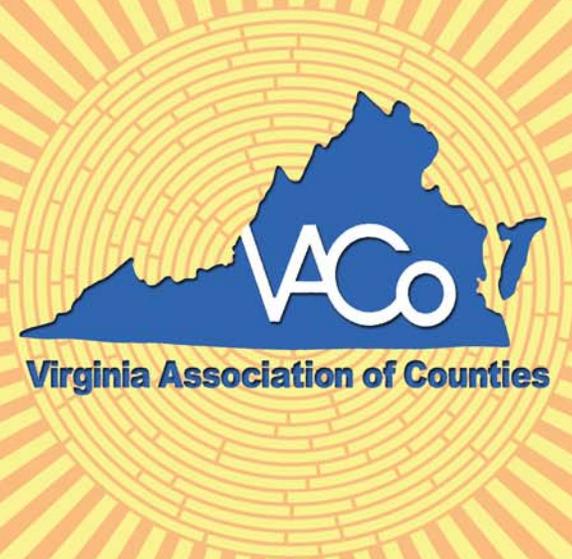
**C. CORRESPONDENCE**

Attached for your reference, please find copies of various items of correspondence.

**Virginia Association of Counties**

**79<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Blazing  
New  
Trails**



**REGISTRATION  
MATERIALS**

**NOVEMBER 10-12, 2013**

**The Omni Homestead • Bath County, VA**

# 2013 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION



## ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Please print or type.

FIRST & LAST NAME	
PREFERRED NAME TAG NAME	
TITLE	
COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION	
MAILING ADDRESS (street or P.O. Box)	
CITY/STATE/ZIP	
E-MAIL (for confirmation/receipt)	
2 <sup>nd</sup> E-MAIL (Optional)	
CONTACT PHONE	Area Code _____ - _____

## GUEST INFORMATION

*There is no additional fee charged for a spouse/guest.*

MY SPOUSE or GUEST'S NAME	
NO GUEST	<input type="checkbox"/> (Check here if you are not bringing a guest to the conference.)

## BANQUET INFORMATION

The Banquet is Sunday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Those who are staying at The Omni Homestead Resort may attend the banquet at no additional cost. Please mark your choice below. Attendees staying elsewhere may purchase banquet tickets @ \$75 per person.

YES, I PLAN TO ATTEND THE BANQUET	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO, I am not going to the banquet	<input type="checkbox"/>
YES, GUEST PLANS TO ATTEND BANQUET	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guest is not going to the banquet	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check here for vegetarian dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>		

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

	Per Person	How Many	TOTALS
Member Conference fee (County Members / Associate Members)	\$225		
Non-member Conference fee	\$250		
Late fee after Nov. 1 [date received by VACo]	\$50		
Banquet Ticket (for those not staying at the Omni Homestead)	\$75		
REGISTER FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS			
VACo's Annual Golf Tournament, Sat. Nov. 9 [Golf handicap/Avg. Score is: _____]	\$75		
Rental Golf Clubs for the tournament	\$75		
VLGMA Networking Luncheon, Mon., Nov. 11	\$40		
Gourmet Safari Cooking Demonstration, Mon. Nov. 11	\$55		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			

## CREDIT CARD PAYMENT OPTIONS

Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> VISA	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover
Card Number:	Exp. Date _____ / _____
Name as it appears on card:	
Authorized Signature:	
E-mail for credit card receipt:	

**Fax registration form with payment information to: 804.788.0083**

Make checks payable to **VACo**. Mail check with completed registration form(s) to:  
 Virginia Association of Counties, 1207 E. Main St., Ste. 300, Richmond, VA 23219  
 Questions? Call VACo at 804.788.6652

# Conference Schedule (preliminary)



Details are subject to change.

## Saturday, November 9

9:15 a.m.....Supervisor Certification

11 a.m.....Golf tournament/Old Homestead Course

8:15 p.m....VACoRP and VACoGSIA Board of Directors

## Sunday, November 10

9 a.m.-1 p.m.....VACo Board of Directors meeting

9 a.m.-2 p.m.....Exhibitor setup

10 a.m.....History tour of the Homestead, register at the Concierge Desk

10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.....Registration

1-4:15 p.m.....Coffee break for committee members

1-2:30 p.m.....Steering committee meetings

2-5:30 p.m.....Exhibits open with refreshments

2:45-4:15 p.m.....Steering committee meetings

4:15-5:15 p.m.....Regional caucuses to nominate representatives to Board of Directors

5:30-6:30 p.m.....Opening Reception (everyone is cordially invited to attend)

6:30-9 p.m.....Banquet

## Monday, November 11

7:15-8:15 a.m.....Resolutions Committee

8 a.m.-2 p.m.....Registration

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.....Exhibits open

8:30-9:45 a.m.....Opening session

9:45 a.m.....Coffee break

## Monday, November 11 (continued)

10 a.m.....History tour of the Homestead, register at the Concierge Desk

10-11:15 a.m.....Concurrent sessions/topics to be announced

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.....Concurrent sessions/topics to be announced

Noon-2 p.m.....Gourmet Safari Cooking Demonstration (registration required)

12:45-1:45 p.m.....Deli lunch

12:45- 2 p.m.....VLGMA Luncheon

1:45-3 p.m.....Concurrent sessions/topics to be announced

3 p.m.....Mini-affle in exhibit hall

3:30 p.m.....Soda break in exhibit hall

3:30-4:45 p.m.....Concurrent sessions/topics to be announced

4:45 p.m.....High Growth Coalition Meeting  
Rural Caucus Meeting  
Credentials Committee Meeting

4:45-5:30 p.m.....Nominations Committee Meeting

5:45-7 p.m.....President's Reception

9 p.m.-midnight.....DJ in the Sports Bar  
(no registration required)

## Tuesday, November 12

7:45-8:15 a.m.....VACoRP Business Meeting

8:15-9 a.m.....VACoGSIA Business Meeting

9-10:15 a.m.....General Session

10:15 a.m.....refreshment break

10:30-11:30 a.m.....business meeting, raffle and adjournment

# VACo's 2013 Annual Conference

## November 10-12, 2013



### You Are Invited. . .

We will convene Nov. 10-12 for VACo's 79<sup>th</sup> annual Conference. Local officials, VIPs, exhibitors and guests are expected. The agenda will be packed with educational sessions and opportunities to discuss county concerns. A preliminary schedule is printed in this packet and additional details will continually be provided in VACo's newsletter *County Connections* and on the website at [www.vaco.org](http://www.vaco.org).

One of the most important items on the agenda is our legislative action plan for 2014. VACo's steering committees will wrap up the details on Sunday, then the full membership will vote on the legislative program during Tuesday's business meeting. Another vital part of the conference is the exhibit hall that will feature companies and organizations offering products and services of particular interest to Virginia counties. Please support our business partners, sponsors and exhibitors. This is your meeting – your presence and input are important. We encourage you to register today!

### How to Register

There are two ways to register. Fill out the enclosed conference registration form and mail it with your check made payable to VACo or credit card information to the address provided or fax to 804.788.0083. On-line registration, including group registration, is available by going to the VACo website [www.vaco.org](http://www.vaco.org) and clicking on the Blazing New Trails conference logo. Click on the [2013 Annual Conference Registration](#) link and sign in with your e-mail address. If you have not used the on-line system previously, use **Guest1** as your initial password. The system will prompt you to create your own password. Deadline for registration is Nov. 1. Registrations made after Nov. 1 will be charged a \$50 late fee.

**Refund policy** – Cancellations may be made by sending request in writing to [ccameron@vaco.org](mailto:ccameron@vaco.org) no later than **Nov. 1**. All conference cancellations are subject to a \$50 processing fee which will be deducted from the refund amount. Refunds will not be issued for cancellations received after Nov. 1.

### Lodging

Hotel reservations can be made directly with The Omni Homestead. Use the [VACo room reservation form](#) to receive the special conference rate. The Modified American Plan includes breakfast and dinner. Alternative lodging is available at nearby bed and breakfast inns and motels. VACo has prepared a list for your convenience [Alternative Lodging Information](#). The list is general information only; VACo does not have agreements or special arrangements with any of the listed establishments.

### Banquet Tickets

All conference attendees who are staying at The Omni Homestead may attend the Sunday banquet at no additional cost. So that we may provide an accurate headcount for the dinner, please indicate on your registration whether you will be attending the banquet or not. Banquet tickets are available for purchase by those who are staying off-site for \$75 per person. Tickets are available in advance or at the VACo registration desk. Those persons who are on the Wait List for a room at the hotel and have purchased banquet tickets can receive a refund if a room becomes available. Notify VACo to request your refund.

### Golf Tournament

VACo is sponsoring a golf tournament in connection with the Annual Conference on Sat., Nov. 9, 11:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$75; rental golf clubs are available for \$75. Golf handicap or average score is used by the golf pro to form teams. The tournament fee is refundable if cancellation is received by Nov. 1. Notify VACo to cancel. Substitute players will be accepted.

### Guest/Spouse Activities

The Omni Homestead has undergone a massive renovation project and is now offering many new activities. Information is available on their website at [www.thehomestead.com](http://www.thehomestead.com) or at the Concierge Desk. The Gourmet Safari is being offered again from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 11. Tickets are \$55 per person; registration is limited to 30.