

AGENDA ITEM FORM

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM:

- CONSENT AGENDA
- PRESENTATION
- ACTION ITEM
- TOWN MANAGER & STAFF COMMENTS
- PUBLIC HEARING
 - Duly Advertised

PURPOSE OF ITEM:

- INFORMATION ONLY
- DISCUSSION ONLY
- DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION
 - Introduction Resolution
 - Ordinance Grant/MOU
 - By Motion Bylaws
 - Certificate

PRESENTER: Dan Taber

PRESENTER TITLE: Town Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Discussion and Decision on Nominating Individuals to serve on the 2012 Virginia Municipal League (VML) Policy Committee's

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY:

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter
- Nomination Form
- Background Information

REQUESTED ACTION: NO ACTION REQUESTED

Nomination of Individuals to the Various Committee's

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Name:

Phone#:

E-mail:

FOR USE DURING MEETING

VOTE:

PASSED

NOT PASSED

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| Y | N | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Barr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jurgensen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | West |

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| Y | N | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Foreman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Toney |

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| Y | N | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Forrester |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Washington |



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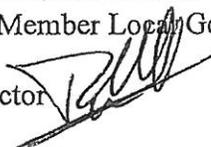
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March 20, 2012

To: Key Officials of Full Member Local Governments
Council and Board Clerks of Full Member Local Governments

From: R. Michael Amyx, Executive Director 

Subject: 2012 VML Policy Committee Nominations

The Virginia Municipal League is now accepting nominations for its 2012 policy committees. A description of the policy committee process is attached, along with a nomination form. **Please complete the enclosed form and return it to VML by April 16. If your community has an election in May, please return this form by the requested date even if you must revise it later.**

Please observe the following guidelines when making your policy nominations:

- Only full-member local governments may participate.
- You may nominate two individuals to a committee; if two are nominated, at least one nominee must be a governing body member.
- **Only members of a council or board of supervisors and appointed officials (i.e., employees of the local government) are eligible to serve.**
- **No individual may serve on more than one committee.**
- The chief administrative officer or mayor/board chairman must sign the nomination form.
- **Please return nomination forms by April 16.**

We will forward information about policy committee meeting times and rooms as soon as they are confirmed. Policy committee recommendations that emerge from the July meeting will be forwarded to the Legislative Committee for consideration at its September meeting.

Please call Janet Areson at 804/523-8522 if you have any questions about the appointment process.

VML 2012 Policy Committee Nominations

Please return this form by April 16 to Joni Terry at VML, P.O. Box 12164, Richmond, VA 23241; Fax 804/343-3758; email: jterry@vml.org

Community & Economic Development

Name & Title: _____

Name & Title: _____

Environmental Quality

Name & Title: _____

Name & Title: _____

Finance

Name & Title: _____

Name & Title: _____

General Laws

Name & Title: _____

Name & Title: _____

Human Development & Education

Name & Title: _____

Name & Title: _____

Transportation

Name & Title: _____

Name & Title: _____

Signed: _____ Locality: _____
(Mayor/Chair, or Manager/Administrator)

Understanding VML's Legislative and Policy Committee Process

Each year the Virginia Municipal League develops two separate documents -- a legislative program and a compilation of policy statements -- through a process that involves the Legislative Committee and six separate policy committees. The Legislative Committee is responsible for developing the legislative program, but it may also rely on input from the policy committees to do so. The policy committees develop broad policy statements, in addition to submitting specific legislative recommendations for consideration by the Legislative Committee.

Legislative Committee

What is the role of the Legislative Committee?

The Legislative Committee is responsible for considering and reporting on existing or proposed state and federal legislation or regulations, and urging the enactment or amendment of, or opposition to, such legislation or regulations.

How is the Legislative Committee appointed?

VML's Constitution spells out the composition of the Legislative Committee. The committee consists of 24 people holding elective or appointed positions, all appointed by VML's President. Of the 24 members, 12 must be representatives of cities and urban counties with populations in excess of 35,000, 6 must be representatives of cities and urban counties with populations of 35,000 or less, and 6 must represent towns.

What is included in VML's Legislative Program?

The legislative program adopted by the Legislative Committee reflects specific legislative objectives that VML hopes to achieve during the upcoming legislative session. It is subject to the approval of VML's membership at the annual conference.

What is the relationship between the legislative committee and VML's policy committees?

The Legislative Committee meets prior to the steering and policy committees to identify issues that it would like the committees to consider for potential inclusion in the league's legislative program. It meets again after the policy committees have met to consider their recommendations.

Policy Committees

What is the role of the policy committees?

Policy committees receive briefings on statewide issues identified by the steering committee, consider possible changes to the policy statement, and develop legislative recommendations for the Legislative Committee to consider.

How are policy committees appointed?

Policy committee membership consists of elected and appointed officials of full-member local governments. Nomination letters are sent in the spring to each locality, and each local government determines which of its officials will be nominated for each of the six policy committees. Each local government may nominate up to two people per policy committee, at least one of whom must be an elected official.

What are the benefits of serving on a policy committee?

VML policy committees offer members an opportunity to learn about current and emerging statewide issues that affect local governments, to develop through policy statements the broad philosophical framework that guides the league, and to network with local officials with similar policy interests.

How many policy committees are there?

There are six policy committees: community and economic development, environmental quality, finance, general laws, human development and education, and transportation.

What issues does each policy committee cover?

- **Community & Economic Development:** Authority, administration, and funding of local governments to manage a full range of community and economic development issues, including business development and retention, international competitiveness, infrastructure development and investment, planning, land use and zoning, blight, enterprise zones, housing, workforce development and historic preservation.
- **Environmental Quality:** Natural resources and the authority of local governments to manage the environment, including water resources and quality, solid and hazardous waste management, air quality and the Chesapeake Bay.
- **Finance:** Powers, organization and administration of local government financing, including taxing authority, debt financing, state aid to local governments and federal policies affecting local finance issues.
- **General Laws:** Powers, duties, responsibilities, organization and administration of local governments, including state-local and interlocal relations, conflicts-of-interest, freedom-of-information, information management and personnel, telecommunications, utilities and law enforcement, jails and courts issues.
- **Human Development and Education:** Management and funding of social services, education, health, mental health, juvenile justice, recreation, rehabilitation and programs for the aging.
- **Transportation:** Development, maintenance and funding of a comprehensive land, sea and air transportation system for the Commonwealth, and federal, state and local roles in the provision and regulation of transportation.

What is a policy statement?

Each policy committee develops a policy statement that covers issues in its respective area. The policy statement expresses the agreement of VML's membership on matters of interest to local governments. The statement addresses broad, long-term, philosophical positions, as opposed to positions that address immediate, short-term issues. The VML membership approves the policy statements at its annual meeting.

How do policy statements differ from VML's legislative program?

Policy statements are general in nature. They reflect local governments' positions on a range of issues. The Legislative Program is more specific and immediate. It is limited to legislative positions that VML expects to lobby on during the upcoming legislative session.