

## February 2024 VLGMA eNews

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### Tim's Thoughts

This month we have the pleasure of hearing from another one of our Senior Advisors, Bonnie Svreck. Bonnie served as the Deputy City Manager and the City Manager for the City of Lynchburg for a combined term of over twenty years. Prior to working for the City of Lynchburg, she worked for the Town of Blacksburg, Fairfax County, and the City of Los Angeles, Washington D.C. office.

Bonnie had the incredible opportunity to give back to the local government profession through service on the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Executive Board as a regional vice president for three years followed by three additional years including a year as President.

Bonnie is most proud of co-creating the Virginia Women's Municipal Leadership Institute in partnership with Virginia Women Leading Government and the Virginia Tech Roanoke Center.



### Senior Moments Advice



Got problems? The Seniors have solutions!  
Send in your questions to the Seniors  
at [seniormomentsvlgma@gmail.com](mailto:seniormomentsvlgma@gmail.com).

All questions and comments shall remain  
anonymous.

Dear Seniors,

I'm not a manager. I'm a supervisor, but I think I need help communicating with those above me in the chain of command...

Read the Advisors Advice



## A DAO in The Life:Volunteers Needed

Hello fellow DAO's! I hope you all had a great 2023 and I wish each and every one of you all the best in the coming year. With that, I am in great need of articles and 2 volunteer localities to host the DAO meetings next year.



## Winter Conference



The Winter Conference is to be held February 14-16th at The Hotel Roanoke.  
**Registration closes on February 6th!**



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## Gound Hog Day

From the secure ground of home's retreat,  
an uncomfortable disturbance interrupts this insular peace.  
The choice to come out into the bright light  
or return to sleep for a long winter's night.

What will Mr. Ground Hog decide to do?  
How will he respond to the panoramic view?  
Will he venture out of default mode  
and let life spontaneously unfold?  
Will he respond to an inconvenient truth  
and not, in ignorance, take refuge?  
Will he choose to answer the call  
and welcome the challenge of it all?

Or will he burrow back down and pray  
for all the commotion to go away?

Will I choose to burrow deep inside  
and hide  
or accept the invitation to be

the presence of love, kindness and unity?



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