

## March 2024 VLGMA eNews

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### Tim's Thoughts

It was great to see many of you at the winter conference in Roanoke a few weeks ago. Special thanks to Natalie Guilmeus, Cody Sexton, Danny Davis, and Alysse Dowdy for an excellent conference filled with great sessions and activities. Melissa Rollins, Surry County Administrator and Carl Rush, Chief Equity Officer for Loudoun County are busy working on an exciting summer conference that you will not want to miss, will be once again at the Marriott Oceanfront Hotel. Be sure to keep June 5-7 on your calendars.



### The Advice Column: Help from the Senior Advisor

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 had a situation come up with week, and I think it is resolved, but would love to know if I made a misstep. My governing body is split. Like, really split. The two sides don't like each other, don't trust each other and don't really want to do anything to resolve it. I've asked and brought up several options. They are not interested. So, we just walk it out with each issue.

We have a position opening up that is a Council hire. It is going to be a mess. There is a strong internal candidate who is related to a member of the governing body, which as you remember, is divided.

Read the Advisors Advice



## Marshaw Award: Nomination Process

Nominations will soon open for VLGMA's 2024 Marshaw Outstanding Assistant Award, which will be presented during the VLGMA Annual Conference in June.



## Winter Conference Recap



The Winter Conference held in Roanoke, was a great success! Thank you to our co-chairs Natalie Guilmeus and Cody Sexton. If you were in attendance, please be sure to complete the survey form linked [HERE](#).



## ICMA Partners with American Councils



We are seeking U.S. organizations interested in hosting a young professional from South East Asia as part of the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative Professional Fellows Program (YSEALI PFP). YSEALI PFP is a program of the U.S. Department of State and is supported in its implementation by American Councils for International Education. ICMA partners with American Councils to implement the institutes for the Sustainable Development and the Environment Fellows.



## Leprechaun Mischief

On St. Patrick's Day be sure to wear green  
or by a Leprechaun, you may be seen.  
They love to play a trick on you,  
perhaps your glasses or keys, remove.

A four leaf clover is a bargaining chip in fact  
for getting all your missing items back.  
A shamrock provides you with added protection  
from their devious and surreptitious intention.

If lucky you might catch a fortuitous glance  
of a Leprechaun doing a celebratory dance.  
Your whole being will joyously respond  
at this serendipitous and rare sighting of a Leprechaun.

Leprechauns, four leaf clovers, March madness, wearing green,  
what is real and what is a dream?  
Maybe this world is not what it seems.



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