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**State Revenue Up October 2012 Over 2011**

According to an article published November 14 in the *Virginian-Pilot*, the state revenue collections for October 2012 were 15.7 percent higher than the same period last year. [Click here](#) to read the whole story.

In the next day's news, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* reported *Virginia Senators Receive Cautionary Report on State Finances*. [Click here](#) to read that article.

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**Chinese Government Delegation Visits VGEA**  
*Provincial HR Directors Learn About How State/VGEA Work*

Last week, a score of Chinese men and women came to hear about the purpose and goals of the VGEA; how we work with the legislature to help our members, and the benefits our members get from the association. There are no similar associations in China so the delegation was very interested in how the VGEA works.

We will include a larger story on their visit in the next *ForeSight*, so watch for it in your mailboxes in the coming weeks.

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- Walt Pulliam, Jr.**, secretary
- Mindy Stembridge**, treasurer
- J. Marshall Terry**, immediate past president

***For the rest of the Board of Director members and all their contact information, [click here.](#)***



*The Chinese delegation is shown with VGEA Past President Marshall Terry (middle row, third from right), Advantus President Robert Crockett (back row, middle), and VGEA Communications Director Johnna Cossaboon (front row, fourth from right).*

## VGEA - Get Active in a Chapter Near You!

Consider becoming active in your local VGEA Chapter. Attend a meeting and network! For more information, contact those listed below or email the VGEA Office at [info@vgea.org](mailto:info@vgea.org).

### Augusta Chapter

Chapter now reorganizing! We are looking for members to accept leadership positions to build the group. If you'd like to help, please contact Teresa Craig, 540-520-7876 or 540-586-6465, [tcraig@vgea.org](mailto:tcraig@vgea.org)

### Department of Forestry (DOF) Chapter

Contact Kenny Mohler, 540-460-6618, [smohler10@gmail.com](mailto:smohler10@gmail.com)

### Marion Correctional Treatment Center (MCTC)

New chapter forming! Contact Jeffery McGrady, 276-783-7154, [jmcgrady@embarqmail.com](mailto:jmcgrady@embarqmail.com)

### Pocahontas Chapter (DOC)

Contact Bobby Cartwright 276-945-9173 ext. 6313, [Bobby.Cartwright@vadoc.virginia.gov](mailto:Bobby.Cartwright@vadoc.virginia.gov)

### Powhatan Chapter

Contact President Angela Edmonds 804-598-4251, ext. 4011, [angela.edmonds@vadoc.virginia.gov](mailto:angela.edmonds@vadoc.virginia.gov)

### Prince William Area Chapter

Contact Linda Pierce 703-505-1481, [meanmom@erols.com](mailto:meanmom@erols.com)

**Richmond Retirees Chapter**

Meets monthly on second Monday at Imperial Plaza, Richmond. (**Except for December!**) For details, contact President Kermit Spruill 804-272-7065, [kermit8@verizon.net](mailto:kermit8@verizon.net)

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