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NEWSLETTER

FALL 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear NOVAGA Membership,

It is indeed an honor and privilege to serve as the Northern Virginia AGA (NOVAGA) Chapter President. I expect NOVAGA to resume regular in-person monthly meetings as we move past the pandemic restrictions. We have already scheduled the first two. On September 21, 2022, we will hear from Teresa Hunter, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Internal Revenue Service. On October 18, 2022, Bret Edwards, CFO of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Both events will be held at the Washington Golf and Country Club, 3017 N. Glebe Road, Arlington,

Virginia. We are putting the finishing touches on our DMV Tri-Chapter Picnic, a wine outing this Autumn, our annual ski trip, and many other networking events. I look forward to seeing as many of our as I can at our in-person events.

On a grander scale, in-person AGA PDT resumed in Anaheim, CA this July 17-20 for the first time since July 2019 in New Orleans, LA. More than 2,500 people (a new record) attended the educational sessions offered during the four days, both in person and virtually. NOVAGA was well represented in attendance and on the podiums. We appreciate everyone who found the time to make this training such a success!

As we look to the future of the new AGA I will focus on the growth of our chapter through enhanced training, perhaps including chapter sponsored CGFM opportunities. Please do hesitate to contact me with any ideas, suggestions, or questions.

Respectfully,

Joseph Hungate President, 2022-2023, Northern Virginia Chapter





Dear NOVAGA Membership,

It has been an absolute pleasure serving as President of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the last year. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting some of you in-person and many others virtually. I very much look forward to gathering with all of you again soon.

Throughout this period, we made it through COVID restrictions that plagued our ability to gather in person and regained a sense of normalcy chapter wide. We maintained our ability to provide robust opportunities to hear from high profile well-respected industry experts, all while earning valuable CPE credits. We began a new monthly membership initiative, returned our annual gala, and established a new venue for our events at the Washington Golf and Country Club.

I am ecstatic to be passing the ceremonial gavel to Joe Hungate. His decorated career of senior executive service within several government agencies makes him an unparalleled

leadership asset to this chapter and I'm looking forward to working with him in the coming year!

Thank you to all our committee members, board members, volunteers, and sponsors who worked tirelessly to keep this chapter running over the past year! We could not have done it without your help and hard work!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and looking forward to continued involvement with NOVAGA for many years to come!

Respectfully, Justin Lang President, 2021-2022, Northern Virginia Chapter







MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Is Your AGA Membership Current?

AGA's program year ends June 30th. Check your membership card or log into your AGA profile today to confirm your renewal date. If you haven't already renewed, consider doing so today!

Your AGA membership gives you many benefits, including education and networking opportunities, discounts on chapter and national events, and access to many resources. In fact, each year, AGA members receive at least 14 hours of complementary training / CPE credit on a variety of topics – FOR FREE!

Membership in the NOVAGA chapter only increases this benefit! NOVAGA is one of 90+ AGA chapters nationwide and supports AGA's core values of service, accountability, integrity, and leadership. The NOVAGA chapter provides networking opportunities within and with other local chapters, CPE credit through chapter meetings and special events, and assists members in obtaining their CGFM® certification by offering study groups to its membership.



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NOVAGA Chapter Events

2022 Multi-Chapter Program Year Kickoff Picnic

Join NOVAGA and other chapters in our area on **Saturday, September 10th** for a fun day of food, family, games, music, and fun! Meet members of multiple AGA chapters in the DMV area at Haines Point, Picnic Area C.

Questions? Contact Jacob MacDonald at Jacob.MacDonald@ey.com.



NOVAGA Chapter Meetings

Our next chapter meetings will be held in-person at the Washington Golf and Country Club, located at 3017 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA. Members may also attend virtually. For additional details and to register, check your email and the chapter's website at www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/NOVAGA.

SEPTEMBER 21st

Join the NOVAGA Chapter for its monthly meeting on **September 21st** from 6pm to 8:30pm. Our speaker is Teresa R. Hunter, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). She is the principal advisor to the IRS Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners. She leads the IRS's financial management programs and oversees financial policies and programs, budget formulation, and execution of a multi-billion-dollar budget. Ms. Hunter also manages the multi-trillion-dollar revenue collected each year.

Previously, Ms. Hunter served as the Deputy CFO at IRS. She also served at the Department of the Interior (DOI) as the Deputy Director of the Office of Financial Management. Before DOI, Ms. Hunter served as the Assistant Director in the Risk Management and Assurance Division at the Department of Homeland Security and the Internal Control Manager in the Office of Financial Policy and Operations at General Services Administration. She graduated from James Madison University, is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and has six years of public sector financial management experience at KPMG LLP.



OCTOBER 18th

Join the NOVAGA Chapter for its monthly meeting on **October 18th** from 6pm to 8:30pm. Our speaker is Bret Edwards, Deputy to the Chairman and CFO at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Since joining the FDIC in 1989, Mr. Edwards has held a series of increasingly responsible and complex roles. He began his FDIC career in the former Division of Liquidation, both in Washington, DC, and in San Francisco. He later served in the Division of Finance as Chief Investment and Funding Officer and thereafter as the Division's Director. He also served as Senior Advisor to the Deputy to the Chairman and CFO. After running the Division of Finance for four years, Mr. Edwards became the Director of the Division of Resolutions and Receiverships, a position that he held from 2011 until mid-2019. Before joining the FDIC, he worked as a management and benefits consultant with leading accounting firms.

Mr. Edwards holds a BA in Economics from the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis), an MBA from Cornell University (with distinction), and is a graduate of the Stonier School of Banking. He is a CPA, a Chartered Financial Analyst, and a Certified Treasury Professional.

Please join us in-person or virtually for these networking and CPE opportunities!



Upcoming AGA Meetings & Events

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UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS AND TRAININGS

September 20-21

Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training | In-Person and Virtual | 14 CPEs

The Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training focuses on management's responsibility for ensuring good systems of internal control and the role of accountability professionals to minimize the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse. Leaders in government and private industry discuss the latest discovery techniques, lessons learned and how governments are cooperating to improve services to citizens. Plenary speakers at this year's conference include Rachel Wilson, Director of Cybersecurity, Morgan Stanley Wealth management, Former head of Counterterrorism Operations, National Security Agency, and Kurt Eichenwald, Award-Winning Investigative Journalist; New York Times Best Selling Author; Senior Writer at Newsweek, Contributing Editor at Vanity Fair, and MSNBC Correspondent.

Click here to learn more/ register.

See AGA's website at https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events.aspx for additional trainings and events.

AGA WEBINARS

Check out AGA's Training & Events page for upcoming Webinars (https://www.agacgfm.org/ Webinars.aspx). Webinars marked with an asterisk (*) are free members-only events; all others include a registration fee.

- ♦ September 7* | Evidenced-based Policymaking: Who's Doing it Right? | Virtual | 1.5 CPEs
- **♦ September 28 | Communications | Virtual | 2 CPEs**
- **♦ October 19 | Internal Control | Virtual | 2 CPEs**

AGA ONLINE TRAINING PORTAL

Check out AGA's Online Training Portal page for its Federal Financial Management Course Library contents (https://aga.learnupon.com/store). AGA's Federal Financial management Course Library was developed and presented by Wendy Payne, former Executive Director of FASAB, and provides online, on-demand courses. For a nominal charge, AGA members can purchase any of the five courses currently available online.



New NOVAGA Members

We are excited to welcome new members to the Northern Virginia Chapter; these new members joined our chapter since the last newsletter (Spring 2022).

May 2022			
Ann W. Moser	Greggory Burris	Lois C. Hite	Simon Hwang
Bob Misch	Jessica Oo	Rhoda G. Williams	Steven T. Kirkbride
Bonnie Shin	Kathryn McVay	Robert Cojocaru	Towanda Stewart
Daniel Molina	Laura Null	Sedra B. Sediqi	
June 2022			
Anthony Dizon	Hung P. Huynh	Lanetha Neal	Paul Spicer
Bridget K. Tolan	Kenneth Kidd	Maria Ocop	Robert Daniel Speer
David-Tito F. Dale	Kristin Heinle	Nathaniel Barfield	Sharon O. Byrd
July 2022			
Anna Smith	Eric L. Twyman	Raymond Urias-Rivera	Susan Carrai
Bridget B. Reilly	Kristopher Kershaw	Sorrano M. Littleton-Jones	Tamer Abofreka
Deborah-Ann N. Tyler	Mulugeta Marye	Steven R. Sabol	Thomas Coyne
August 2022			
Connie E. Lipko	Kristina J. McCabe	Rushang A. Patel	
Ken Davis	Nawfal Kulam	<u> </u>	
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Lifetime Members

Lifetime membership is bestowed upon individuals who have maintained active members status for at least 40 consecutive years, to recognize their distinguished service to AGA. This means that as of today, NOVAGA's lifetime members have been active since at least 1981; in fact, NOVAGA has two lifetime members that have been active since joining in 1965 – 57 years ago!

Lifetime memberships are awarded each January. This past year, NOVAGA had three of its members attain lifetime status, bringing our total lifetime number to 32!

To all of our Lifetime Members, thank you for your continued support, and your service to our chapter, and to AGA.



thank you!

NOVAGA Membership Anniversaries

The NOVAGA Chapter recognizes and congratulates our chapter members on their milestone anniversaries as of April 2022.

Thank you for your continued support!

Lifetime Members (40+ Years)			
Edward J. Migliore	Joseph C. Brown, Jr.	Philip D. Lavietes	Thomas E. Young
George H. Stalcup	Joyce L. Fitzhugh	Raymond D. Kidd	Thomas F. McCarty
James C. Stewart	Michael Slachta, Jr.	Sheila B. Clark	William J. Keating
Jeffrey C. Steinhoff			
30 Years			
Charles Norfleet			
25 Years			
Mark R. Frye			
20 Years			
Bernard Anthony Holmes	Heather I. Keister	John Edward Homan	Keith E. Taylor
Daniel Ogbon	Jeffrey T. Trussell		
15 Years			
Elizabeth J. Schneider	Eric O. Engelbrektsson	Matthew T. Dwyer	
10 Years			
Brad J. Biondi	David R. Zorzi	Kwame Opoku-Mensah	Mathieu G. Zahui
Brenda Walker	Ho Yeon Noh	Larry D. Shoop	
5 Years			
Aalap V. Sabnis	Charles Reaves	Karen Masters	Sally Sui Po Ng
Ava Bell	Christopher N. Horton	Michael Robert Saraniero	Thomas P. Byers
Brian Preston Shubargo	Eric D. Hill	Neda Haghighat	Tiffany R. Seward
1 Year			
Adriana I. Saucedo	David P. Hebert	Joseph Lataille	Saira Malik
Audry Haynes	Denise H. Lippuner	Karey Garlinger	Scott B. Vieira
Bradlee Simoneaux	Edwin B. Keene	Lindsay Sparks	Sharon Johnson
Caroline H. Berk	Jason Y. Dillon	Patrick D'Aurora	Shivendra Verma
Daega Fatah	Joe M. Oh	Priscila M. Funes	Stephen C. Beller
Daniel W. Chandler	John Rutledge	Ron Polito	Vanessa Hester



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NOVAGA recognizes and applauds our chapter members who have obtained their CGFM® certification since the last publication of the chapter's newsletter.

For more information on the CGFM, check out the CGFM page on our Chapter's website here.



Lisa Yoo, March 2022

Russell D. Fulcher, April 2022

Audry Haynes, April 2022

Upcoming CGFM Event:

Free Members-Only Webinar Evidence-based Policymaking: Who's Doing It Right?

- √ Free for AGA members!
- ✓ September 7, 2022
- ✓ 2:00 3:15PM ET

To learn more, click <u>here</u>; to register, click <u>here</u>.

Have you checked out AGA's CGFM Online Training Portal? Check it out here.



Tips of the Month:

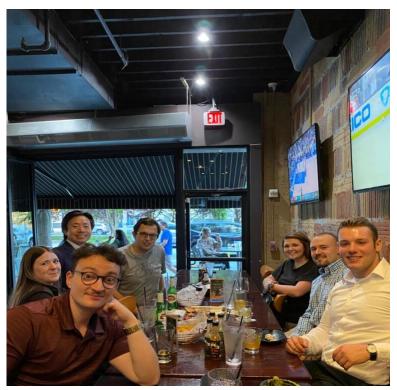
In 2020, the CGFM® CPE policies were updated to include clarifications to current policies and the following changes:

- Requirement of 4 ethics hours per cycle (see Section 2)
- Limit of 20 hours in taxation per cycle (see Section 12)

To help one determine whether the course would qualify for CPE, the CGFM should answer 'yes' to all of the following:

- ✓ Is the information covered in this course applicable to government financial management?
- ✓ Does this course contribute to my professional proficiency as a CGFM?
- ✓ Does this course provide information that directly benefits me in my job as a government financial manager, or enhance my overall knowledge of government financial management?

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Young Professionals Happy Hour

On May 12th, several Young Professionals chapter members met for a happy hour and some networking at Don Tito's in Arlington, VA. Young Professionals in attendance learned about the chapter and scholarship opportunity to attend AGA's Professional Development Training this held this past July.

Thanks to all who attended!

To send ideas on and for information about future networking and social gathering events, please contact Jacob MacDonald, Membership Chair at Jacob.macdonald@ey.com.

Update Your Email

Each year, NOVAGA's Membership Committee plans the various chapter-level events that occur alongside the educational and award events, and the many happy hours, skiing, and other sporting events, and fundraisers. While the events were far fewer in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID restrictions and safety concerns, the Committee began hosting some in-person events in late 2021 and even more in 2022.

In this upcoming year, our social, educational, and other events will take place in-person and virtually when possible. Events that are in-person will also depend on COVID-related guidance from CDC and Virginia to ensure that all attendees are safe.



To make sure you receive all updates on future educational and social events from AGA and NOVAGA, check your profile and make sure your email is up to date! And don't forget to check your spam folder – you may need to add NOVAGA as a safe address to receive updates.

Attention Chapter Members!

If you have any pictures taken at any NOVAGA events (virtual or in-person events) or have information that should be included in the newsletter, please email the Newsletter Editors (Naomi Martinez at naomimartinez@kpmg.com or Sonia Kessler at skessler@cottoncpa.com).



Past Chapter Events

HEROES Golf Event

NOVAGA was a proud sponsor of a hole at the HEROES (*Honor Every Responsible Officer's Eternal Sacrifice*) golf tournament at Kenwood Golf and Country Club in Bethesda, MD on May 9th.

NOVAGA had two teams participating in the tournament.



Spring Workshop

On May 13th, NOVAGA held its annual spring workshop virtually. The workshop featured speakers from Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) and the Department of the Treasury (Treasury). Speaker presentations included:

- Domenic Savini, Assistant Director, FASAB presented an update on new guidance and active projects of the Board.
- Robert Bell, Treasury discussed the 25th anniversary of the Financial Report of the United States Government and highlights from 2021 Report.
- Tammie Johnson, Treasury, discussed the implications of blockchain technology on federal financial management.
- Reed Waller, Financial Management Quality Service Management Office (FM QSMO) discussed the FM QSMO approach to financial management and its current priorities.

Those members who attended the Spring Workshop earned 4 CPE credits.

NOVAGA Chapter Meeting

On May 24th NOVAGA held its chapter meeting and networking event at the Washington Golf & Country Club in Arlington, VA. Victoria Collin, Chief Compliance and Finance Officer, Office of Recovery Programs, US Department of the Treasury shared how Treasury rapidly developed and operated its grant program and the accountability approach to assure that all funds are appropriately used in accordance with applicable legislation.

At this event, attendees were also treated to a panel discussion on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Federal Workforce. Panelists included Cheryl L. mason, Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, Alissa Bookwalter, People & Programs innovator, Advisor at Rutgers University, and were moderated by Mary Reading, Executive Advisor, U.S. Department of Transportation.

NOVAGA Annual Gala

We are so excited to announce our annual gala is back after a two-year hiatus from the pandemic!

Join us **June 22nd** at the Washington Golf and Country Club from 6pm to 8:30pm for an evening of fun, dinner, and entertainment.

The Washington Golf and Country Club is located at 3017 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA. Entertainment will be provided by Big Ray and the Kool Kats Band, who will play a wide range of songs from Frank Sinatra to today's hits plus everything in between.

Check out the Gala pictures on the next page and on the chapter's website here.

















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Next Year!



Additional CPE Opportunities

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For information on becoming a corporate sponsor for this program year, please contact our Corporate sponsor Chair (Neda Haghighat at n.haghighat@rmafed.com) or our President Joseph Hungate at (j.hungate@rmafed.com).

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We would love to hear from you! Feel free to email one of our board members directly, connect with us on social media, or check out our home page at www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/NOVAGA.





