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NEWSLETTER

Fall 2021



Dear NOVAGA members,

Please join me in thanking Marc Hebert for his term as President. The circumstances imposed on the chapter were unprecedented. The NOVAGA board and support team did an AMAZING job keeping the chapter running in the face of great adversity. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the Northern Virginia chapter!

A brief glimpse into EOY 2021 and 2022:

I am excited to begin my term as NOVAGA chapter president and am looking forward to what this year will bring. As we begin to transition back into normal activities once again, I want to ensure that we provide you the opportunity to share your opinions concerning future meetings and activities. We recently sent out a brief survey to take the temperature of the membership and test members' appetites for in-person vs. virtual events.

If you have not already, please take a minute to complete the "NOVAGA in-person event climate survey" which should have hit your inboxes last Friday. The survey is very short and the information provided will shape our chapter's plans for the remainder of this year's activities.

Hopefully, you have all received the invitation to this year's AGA birthday celebration the NOVAGA chapter will be hosting in conjunction with the DC AGA chapter. This will be an in-person networking event this fall to celebrate the birthday of AGA. We will be gathering at Clyde's Gallery Place and following all DC indoor gathering protocols. We hope to see those who feel comfortable and are available at the event!

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One other note, our NOVAGA chapter meeting kick-off is coming soon! Please be on the lookout for additional information surrounding this announcement and continue to check the website for updates.

The fall season is upon us and we are looking forward to scheduling future events (both virtual and in-person) throughout the remainder of 2021 and into 2022 that continue providing our members the chance to reconnect and network. I am hopeful that 2022 will be yet another exciting and successful year for this storied chapter!

Looking forward to meeting all of you in-person and virtually in the coming months as we begin resuming pre-pandemic activities as a chapter.

Best,
Justin L. Lang
President, 2021-2022, Northern Virginia Chapter



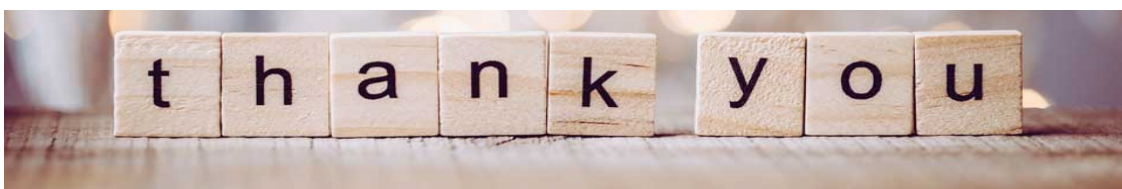
Past President's Message



It's been an honor to serve as your President this last year. The Chapter Leadership offered creative solutions for our members to interact and learn from each other throughout the pandemic. Whether it was learning from our federal or industry leaders on emerging topics through monthly Chapter meetings or the newsletter or safely getting together outdoors, I'm proud to have worked with a remarkable group of professionals. As my stint ends, I'm lucky to turn the reins over to Justin Lang, a senior leader at RMA Associates. His energy, creativity, and positive attitude will serve our members well.

I hope each of you had a restful and safe summer with family and friends and look forward to seeing many of you in person.

Marc Hebert
President, 2020-2021, Northern Virginia Chapter



Upcoming NOVAGA Chapter Events

Join your fellow DC and NoVA
Chapter members in celebration of
AGA's 71st birthday!

When: Tuesday, September 14
happy hour: 5:30-6:30PM
followed by dinner at 7:30PM

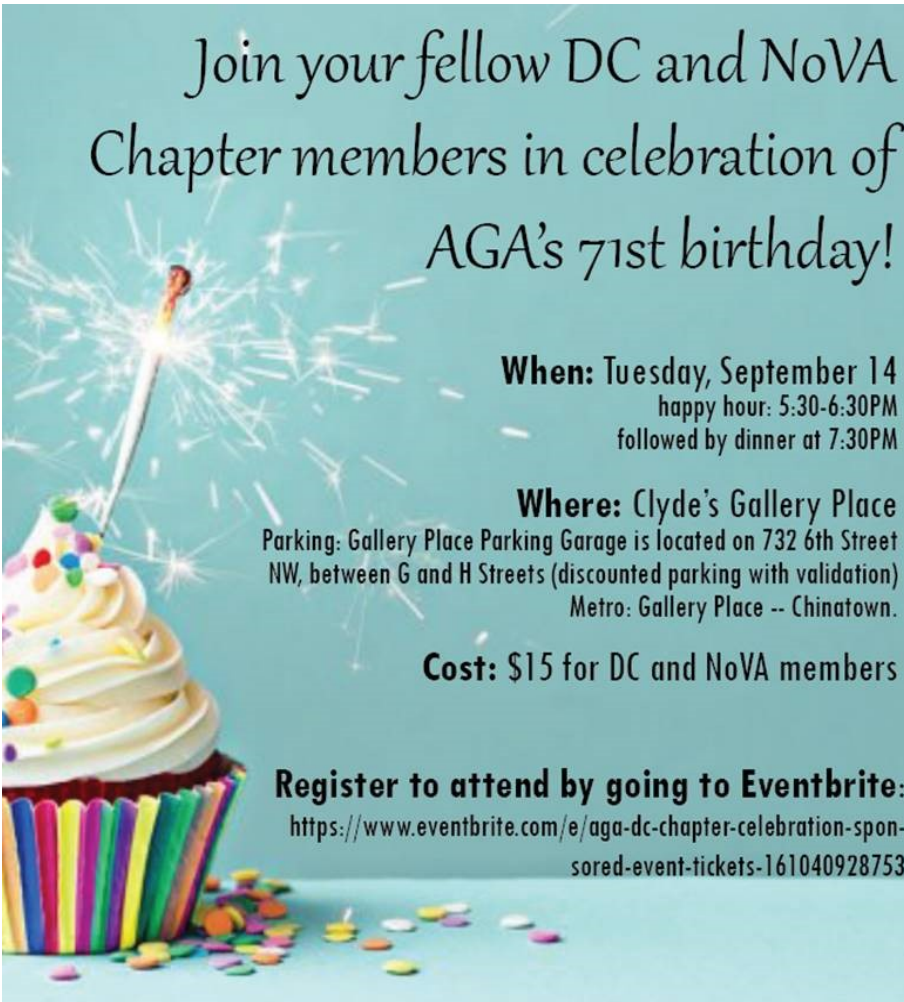
Where: Clyde's Gallery Place

Parking: Gallery Place Parking Garage is located on 732 6th Street
NW, between G and H Streets (discounted parking with validation)
Metro: Gallery Place -- Chinatown.

Cost: \$15 for DC and NoVA members

Register to attend by going to Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aga-dc-chapter-celebration-sponsored-event-tickets-161040928753>



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Upcoming AGA Meetings & Events

September 2021

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

October 2021

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

November 2021

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS AND TRAININGS

September 21-22

Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training 2021 | Virtual | 14 CPEs

The Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training has a rich history of providing the latest and greatest developments in the field. Together we can find solutions and make a difference in our workplace and in the government finance profession. Plenary speakers for this event include Traci Brown (Top Deception Detection Expert), Brett Johnson (Cybersecurity & Identity Theft Expert), and Juliette Kayyem (National Security Analyst, Harvard Faculty, Former DHS Assistant Secretary. Click [here](#) to learn more/register.

November 18, 2021

Technology & Transformation Summit | Virtual | 8 CPEs

This event will bring more than 1,600 government leaders and industry experts together to discuss how IT innovation, workforce as an enabler, security and cloud are transforming mission delivery. Digital transformation is now, more than ever, a major focus for federal, state and local governments in performing their missions more efficiently and effectively. And back for the third year is the Innovation Challenge! If you have a great idea or solution that could help government agencies and organizations solve complex problems or issues, then you need to participate! The submission deadline is October 1, 2021. Attend the TTS to see who wins! 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>)

- ◇ September 2, 2021 | Maintaining Professionalism in a Culture of Oversharing* | Virtual | 1.5 CPEs
- ◇ September 8, 2021 | Communication | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ October 6, 2021 | Internal Control / Improper Payments | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ November 3, 2021 | Ethics | Virtual | 2 CPEs

Webinars marked with an asterisk (*) are free members-only events; all others include a registration fee



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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 2021).

April/May 2021

Lynette L. Auchmuty
James Fleming
Joann M. Gallagher

Alexandria Heusinger
Brendan W. Kearney

Zaria Nicholson
Kathryn Valentine

Ryan C. Waguespack
Billy Whisenant

June 2021

Jennifer L. Apesos
Stephen Beller
Daniel W. Chandler
Christopher R. Cocco

Jason Y. Dillon
Karey Garlinger
Joseph Lataille

Joe M. Oh
Gillian H. Rosendale
John Rutledge

Adriana I. Saucedo
Bradlee Simoneaux
Lindsay Sparks

July/August 2021

Zain Ul Abidin
Patrick D'Aurora
Kenneth A. Davis

Daega Fatah
Catherine E. Gauthier

John Hale, III
Audry Haynes

David P. Hebert
Sharon Johnson



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Is Your AGA Membership Current?

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

Your AGA membership gives you many benefits, including education and networking opportunities, discounts on training and 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, this benefit is only increased!

To renew, sign into your account at agacgfm.org and renew today!

NOVAGA Membership Anniversaries

Below NOVAGA Chapter recognizes and congratulates our chapter members on their milestone anniversaries as of July 2021.

Thank you for your continued support!

Lifetime Members

(40+ Years)

Edward J. Migliore
George H. Stalcup
James C. Stewart
Jeffrey C. Steinhoff

Joseph C. Brown, Jr.
Karl L. Boettcher
Michael Slachta, Jr.

Philip D. Lavietes
Raymond D. Kidd
Sheila B. Clark

Thomas E. Young
Thomas F. McCarty
William J. Keating

30 Years

Scott H. McKelvey

25 Years

Anna M. Dettbarn
Carl W. Hoecker

Daniel K. Chandler
Deirdre M. Reed

Diahann M. Arzu
John K. Zimmerman

Matthew H. Johnson
Neysa M. Slater-Chandler

20 Years

Paul L. Roberts

15 Years

Kelly T. Fahel

Jeanne Carolann
Valentine

Randal G. Vellocido

10 Years

Carolyn J. Hicks
Daniel E. King
Erika Danielle Correll
Ilene Caruso

Jack Reeves
Jeffrey Jon Olewinski
Jessica G. Boucher

Maria Christoforatos
Mark J. Terman

Mohammad Kohistani
Scott Malzahn

5 Years

Alexia Cristina Melko
David J. Allan
Jon M. Holladay

Joshua Forbush
Jung H. Walley
Mani Allu

Marie N. Godwin
Olufemi R. Fakinlede
Pedro Dela Mar, Sr.

Sairah Ijaz
Taylor N. Larimore

1 Year

Alexander Nicholas
Novelliere
Allen B. Jones
Andrea Minter
Angelina Vogel
Aniqa Iqbal
April A. Sherman
Bailey Fallon
Bola M. Boasmanboon
Branco M. Garcia
Brendan Joseph Bower
Carol Nguyen
Danila Weatherly

David J. Primmer
Donald Holzinger
Donna Culbertson
Felicity W. Akenten
Greg S. Archambault
Heather S. Maxwell
Hojatullah T. Mojadidi
Jackie Henderson
Jacob D. Phillips
Jason A. Guintu
Jeremiah R. Hathorn
Jon Desenberg

Joshua Williams
Karim Camara
Kimberly Warren
Kristene McMinn
Kristy L. Williams
Laura McGill
Leonard Cutajar
Mark B. Stehmer
Maryclare C. Warren
Maxwell Boland
Mehmet S. Akarsu
Michael A. Kabia

Nicholas Zappola, III
Nicole M. Pounds
Niki A. Lizarraga
Rashad I. Hassan
Sharain Ward
Takiyia K. Middleton
Thomas Parrotta
Timothy B. Martin
Truc Nguyen
Ume N. Onwuka, Sr
Yvette Solange B. Petrescu

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Update Your Email

Each year, NOVAGA's Membership Committee plans the various chapter-level events that occur alongside of the educational and awards events. In prior years, those events included happy hours, skiing and other sporting events, fundraisers, and even a local ski/snowboard trip. 2020 saw in-person social and networking events being cancelled due to COVID safety concerns, and in 2021, the Committee began hosting some in-person events.



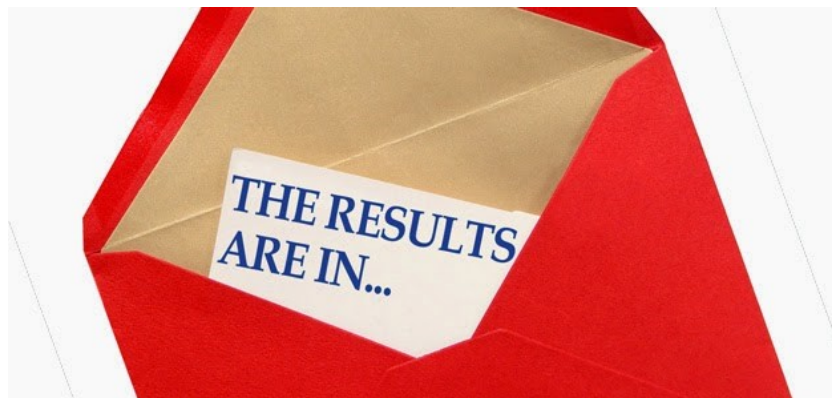
In this upcoming year, our social, educational, and other events will depend on COVID-related guidance from both the CDC and Virginia to ensure that all attendees are safe. To make sure you receive all updates on future educational and social events from AGA and our chapter, check your profile and make 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.



Survey Results

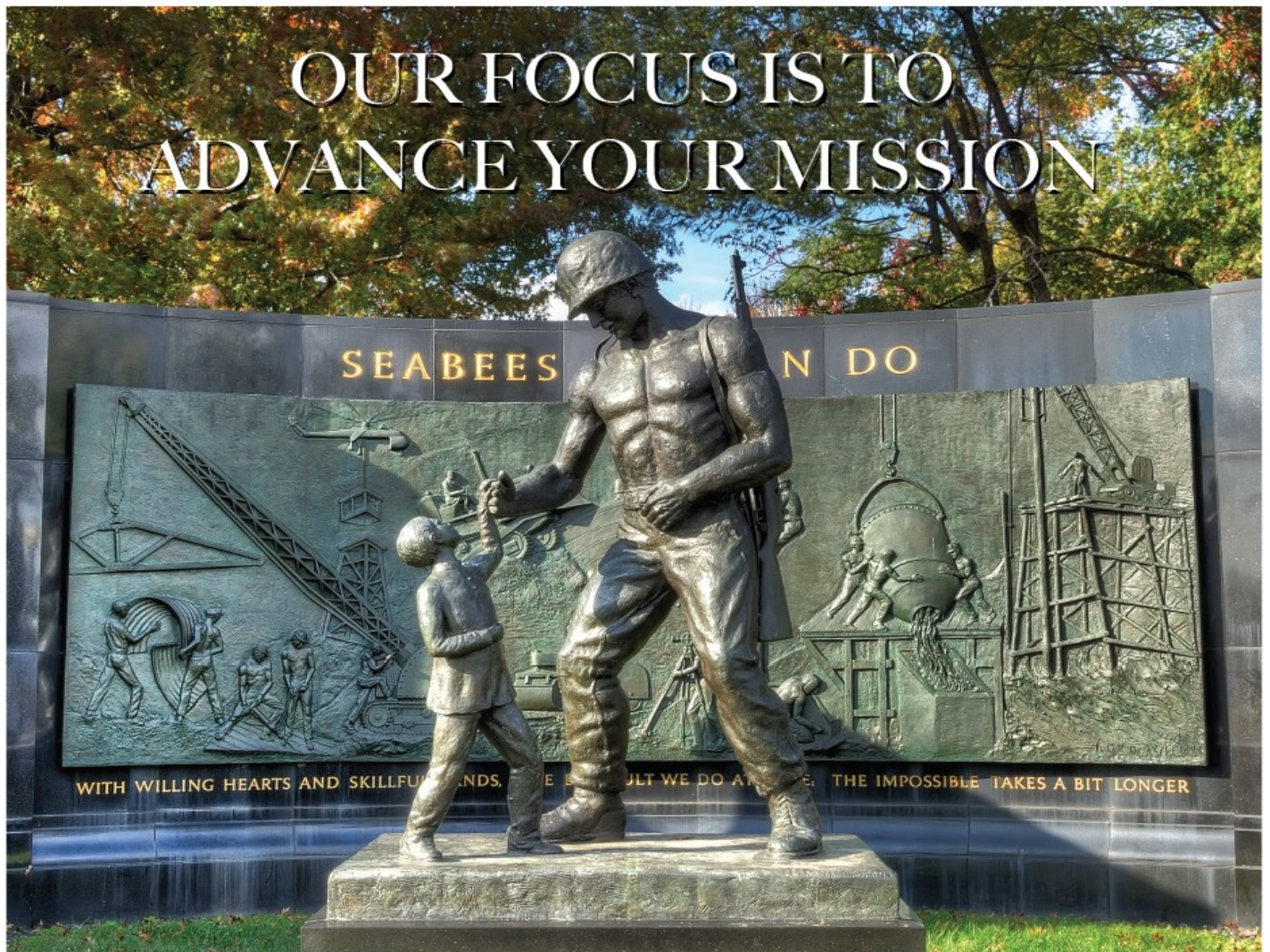
Every wonder what happens to the results of that membership survey you take each year?

The Membership Committee is working through the responses they received to plan the 2021-2022 membership year. Check back here for results of the most recent survey!!



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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.



Jeffrey C. Lovelace, Jr., March 2021

Sara D. Mehretab, May 2021

Diane Ward, May 2021

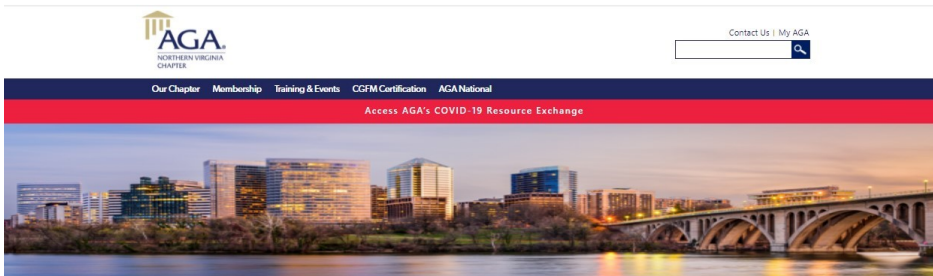
Tip of the Month:



AGA has partnered with Credly to provide members with an active CGFM certification a digital badge of their CGFM certification. This digital badge provides a link to verify the credential in real time and includes a description of what was done to earn the certification. This digital token can be displayed on a webpage, email signature, social media platform, or other online venues.

Have You Checked Out NOVAGA's New Website?

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/NOVAGA/Home.aspx>



Our new **Home Page** presents our chapter — who NOVAGA is and what NOVAGA does — along with

- ✓ Upcoming Events
- ✓ Chapter News
- ✓ Latest Newsletter Issue
- ✓ Our Chapter's Sponsors
- ✓ CGFM News & Events

Upcoming Events

NOVAGA's Annual Spring Workshop

Date: May 4, 2021
Location: Virtual
Join us Tuesday, May 4th from 8:30 - 12:30 am for NOVAGA's Annual Spring Workshop.

Chapter News

April 2021 Luncheon with Ms. Mobola Kadiiri, DASN (FO)

The Northern Virginia AGA Chapter was honored to host our April 2021 Luncheon speaker, Ms. Mobola Kadiiri, DASN (FO).

March 2021 Luncheon with Mr. Joshua Williams, FASAB

The Northern Virginia AGA Chapter was honored to host our March 2021 Luncheon speaker, Mr. Joshua Williams, CPA, FASAB (senior analyst).

February 2021 Luncheon with Mr. John Lynskey, U.S. National Science Foundation

NOVAGA CGFM Study Group

Chapter Newsletter

View the Latest Newsletter

NOVAGA Supports Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia!

The NOVAGA chapter of AGA is proud to partner with Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia in the month of April. For the last 30 years, Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia has helped low-to-moderate income families achieve the dream of affordable homeownership. Their mission is to ensure affordability and sustainability for the Habitat NOVA first-time homebuyer. Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia has built or rehabilitated more than 100 homes and improved the lives of hundreds of people living right here in our local communities. Please help Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia to continue providing affordable homeownership for low-to-moderate income families in the Northern Virginia region. NOVAGA members who make a donation can send their proof of donation to Katie Labadie to be entered into this month's raffle.

Who We Are

The Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA (NOVAGA) was chartered on June 1, 1988 and includes over 1,000 professionals in the government financial management community. The NOVAGA chapter is primarily composed of members from Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, and other surrounding Northern Virginia cities.

What We Do

NOVAGA supports the Association's Core Values of Service, Accountability, Integrity, and Leadership. We serve our members by providing continuing education and professional networking meetings. We promote accountability and integrity by ensuring transparency of our association's operations. NOVAGA promotes leaders groups to encourage the promotion and certification of Governmental Financial Managers (CGFMs).

Our Sponsors



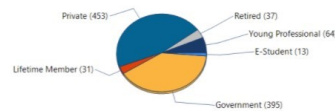
Check out the **Membership Page** for our chapter's demographics, showing our membership by

- ✓ Types of Members
- ✓ Length of Membership
- ✓ CGFM Certification
- ✓ Education Level / Degree
- ✓ Employer Type
- ✓ Field of Study

Member Demographics

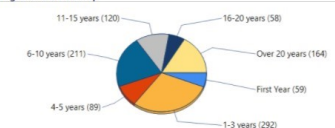
Member Demographics

Member Types



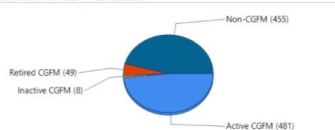
Count by Member Type	
E-Student	13
Government	395
Lifetime Member	31
Private	453
Retired	37
Young Professional	64
Total	993

Length of Membership



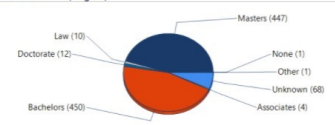
Summary	
First Year	59
1-3 years	292
4-5 years	89
6-10 years	211
11-15 years	120
16-20 years	58
Over 20 years	164
Total	993

Members with CGFM Certification



Summary	
Active CGFM	481
Inactive CGFM	8
Retired CGFM	49
Non-CGFM	455
Total	993

Education Level (Degree)



Summary	
Associates	4
Bachelors	450
Doctorate	12
Law	10
Masters	447
None	1
Other	1
Unknown	68
Total	993

Employer Types

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Attention Chapter Members!

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



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The Northern Virginia Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (NOVAGA) is an association with almost 1,100 members from the federal, state, local, public and private practices, with a mission statement to serve professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

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 <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/NOVAGA/Home.aspx>.

