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Northern Virginia
Chapter

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2022



Dear NOVAGA Membership,

The NOVAGA team is excited to provide the spring 2022 NOVAGA newsletter. I hope all is well with each of you. Hopefully, all of you are enjoying rapidly increasing temperatures and longer daylight hours. I am pleased to report that our membership is still on the rise and thank you to all of our new members for joining our chapter. The NOVAGA team is excited to welcome each of our new members to the organization.

As NOVAGA returns to regularly scheduled events, I am happy to announce the NOVAGA

board approved a new monthly membership initiative led by our membership committee. Moving forward, we will be hosting recurring monthly happy hours/networking events on the third Thursday of each month (unless the date falls on a holiday). The first event was held on March 31st at Barrel and Bushel in Tysons Corner and thanks to all those who organized and attended this wonderful event!

Upcoming Event Notice: NOVAGA Young Professional Happy Hour and a chance to win a scholarship to attend this year's PDT in Anaheim!!! Please join us on May 12th @ Don Tito (3165 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201) for a free event to learn more about our scholarship opportunity for the AGA National Professional Development Training. The young professional scholarship provides: Complimentary registration to AGA's PDT, lodging, recognition during the PDT awards ceremony, and a feature in future AGA publications and social media.

If you personally don't fall into this membership category, please consider sharing this opportunity with non-members and younger members who are interested in careers within Government and learning more about all the great benefits of AGA. This is a great way to pay it forward for the next generation of AGA members and a great way to assist with the growth of our storied chapter.

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Finally, please see page 6 of this issue for information regarding this year's gala, which will be held at Washington Golf and Country Club in Arlington. I am very much looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting other members! This will be a very exciting event and one you will not want to miss.

As always, please feel free to contact me or any of our incredible NOVAGA team members directly with any questions, concerns, or highlights that can be shared with the membership in the next newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you in person at future events!

Respectfully,

Justin Lang
President, 2021-2022, Northern Virginia Chapter



MEET JOSEPH HUNGATE, NOVAGA'S INCOMING PRESIDENT



Q1: Tell us a little bit about yourself and your career.

A: I was born in San Antonio at Brooke Army Hospital but moved to Columbia, South Carolina at a young age and stayed close to home for college earning my bachelor's and master's in computer science at the University of South Carolina. I have three adult daughters and live with my wife, Michelle, in Arlington, Virginia.

I joined RMA Associates in January 2022 after retiring last year after 28 years of US Government service. I served as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Deputy Chief Financial Officer and led several CDC financial systems technology transformation efforts. I have held leadership roles in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Treasury's Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), and the US Department of Commerce (NIST & OIG) as well as positions in the private sector. My successes have enabled me to earn a Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive for IT innovation in 2005 and the 2018 Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary's Award for Distinguished Financial Stewardship and Accountability.

Q2: What was one of your first jobs and how did it shape your career?

A: My first job, other than yard work was at Piggy Wiggly Grocery Store. I was fortunate that the owner/manager was a strong believer in developing his employees. I was afforded many different job

experiences starting as a grocery bagger, quickly leading to stock person, cashier, and butcher assistance opportunities. I learned that doing a job well led to greater responsibilities and more complex positions.

Q3: How did you get involved with the AGA and NOVAGA chapter?

A: It was nearly 20 years ago when I was invited to speak on telework at an AGA event. The professional interaction and the ability to share and gain knowledge focused on government were very appealing, and I have participated ever since. A long-standing member of the DC Chapter due to employment location, I recently moved to NOVAGA when I began working at RMA Associates based in Northern Virginia.

Q4: What's been the best aspect with AGA with respect to your career development? Are there any membership benefits you have particularly enjoyed?

A: Aside from the wealth of learning opportunities I was able to avail myself to improve my knowledge and skill set. I would have to say earning my Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) credential was a key career accelerator. Only holding degrees in computer

'Without a deep knowledge of government finance, one cannot achieve their full potential as a government professional.'

~Joseph Hungate

science, it is reassuring for people to see the CGFM and understand I am not just an IT person.

I find the networking aspect the best benefit. AGA creates an environment for thought leadership among the entire spectrum of public and private government professionals.

Q5: Why would you recommend AGA to someone with a career in government accountability?

A: If you are involved in government accountability you should join us at AGA. We offer so much, at minimal cost, that will assist you in your career journey. Training, and certifications that enhance your skills and showcase your achievements. Most importantly AGA connects you to hundreds of others facing similar issues and challenges that you are confronting. So, you will never have to battle big issues alone. Join us and gain access to a wealth of resources that will support you in your role, your organization, and the greater government finance profession.

Q6: Do you have any advice for professionals in government who are considering joining AGA or are not active members? How can AGA play a role in their career?

A: I would start with the maxim that government operates through budgeting from Congressional Appropriations through Performance reports in conjunction with Annual Financial Statements. Without a deep knowledge of government finance, one cannot achieve their full potential as a government professional. I would address the broad Public Management role and indicate it has grown and evolved beyond just governing. It takes many ingredients to create a successful career and AGA can help yours. Join us and unlock a wealth of resources that will support you in your role, your organization, and your government professional role.

Q7: What is something most people do not know about you?

A: I consider myself a whiskey aficionado and started a Scottish-style single malt distillery in central Virginia.



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. If you haven’t already renewed, consider doing so today!

Your AGA membership gives you many benefits, including education and networking opportunities, discounts on training and 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.

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



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Upcoming Events



Upcoming NOVAGA Chapter Events

NOVAGA Golf Tournament

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

Established in 1964, HEROES is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves our community by honoring the supreme sacrifice made by law enforcement officers and firefighters who give their lives in the line of duty while ensuring the safety of citizens in the greater Washington area. HEROES honors these fallen heroes by assisting their spouses and children, starting within the first 24 hours of losing their loved one and continuing indefinitely.

This year's tournament will be giving away prizes, including a new car for anyone that makes a hole in one on a par 3.

In addition to sponsoring a hole, NOVAGA has two teams participating in the tournament. Good luck to both teams!

- Reza Mahbod
- Joe Hungate
- Chris Choi
- Justin Lang
- Jason Guintu
- Joe Oh
- Richard Frank
- Michael Bradshaw



NOVAGA's Annual Spring Workshop

Join us at this year's Spring Workshop to earn up to 4 CPEs. This virtual event will feature speakers from Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) and the Department of the Treasury (Treasury).

Speakers this year include Dominic Savini, FASAB; Robert Bell, Treasury; Tammie Johnson, Treasury; and Reed Waller, Treasury.

Scheduled from 9am to 1pm on **May 13th**, the event is free to AGA members and \$10 for non-members. Please email Katie Labadie at k.labadie@rmafed.com with any questions and to register for the Spring Workshop and receive the registration access.

NOVAGA and AGADC Chapter Meeting

Join the AGA DC and NOVAGA Chapters for the hybrid monthly luncheon on **May 17th** from noon to 1pm. The speaker for this lunch is Teresa R. Hunter, who serves as the Chief Financial Officer 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.

The event will take place in person in the Piedmont Room at Clyde's Restaurant, located at Gallery Place (707 7th street, NW, WDC). Gallery Place parking garage can be accessed at 736 6th street NW; price discounted with Clyde's validation, or the event is a 5-minute walk from Gallery Place Chinatown metro station.

The cost is \$15 for members attending in person and \$40 for non-AGA members; there is no cost for those attending virtually.

NOVAGA Chapter Meeting

Join the NOVAGA Chapter for its monthly meeting on **May 24th** from 6pm to 8:30pm. The speaker will be Victoria Collin, Chief Compliance and Finance Officer, Office of Recovery Programs, US Department of the Treasury. Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Treasury was not a grant-making agency. Established in April 2021, the Office of Recovery Programs oversees programs authorized through the CARES Act, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, and the American Rescue Plan Act, and other legislation.

Ms. Collin will share 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.

The event will take place at the Washington Golf and Country Club, located at 3017 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA. Check your email and the chapter's website at www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/NOVAGA for additional details and to register.

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 band before the gala at www.bigrayandthekoolkats.com. Check your email and the chapter's website at www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/NOVAGA for additional details and to register.

Have you checked out NOVAGA's website lately?

Check out our **Home Page** for who NOVAGA is, what NOVAGA does, and additional information including

- ✓ Upcoming Events
- ✓ Chapter News
- ✓ Latest Newsletter Issue
- ✓ Chapter Sponsors
- ✓ CGFM News and Events



www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/NOVAGA

Young Professionals Event

AGA's Young Professionals members are just starting their careers in government financial management. Young Professionals can enjoy three years of AGA's full membership experience at a discounted amount and receive access to resources that develop their skills, expand their knowledge, boost job performance, and advance their careers.

To network with our chapter's Young Professionals, NOVAGA is holding a Young Professionals Only Happy Hour on **March 12th** at Don Tito in Clarendon, VA from 6pm to 7:30pm. This event will foster interest in applying for the Young Professionals PDT Scholarship.

In addition to the above-mentioned benefits, AGA awards the Young Professionals PDT Training Scholarship each year. This is a scholarship program that provides young professionals with the opportunity to network with and learn from a broad audience of more than 20,000 government financial management professionals and industry experts at AGA's annual Professional Development Training (PDT) that will be held in Anaheim, CA this July.

This year's scholarship applicants applying should complete the online application by Monday, May 16th at 11:59pm ET. This year, AGA will award up to five scholarship recipients, who will be announced by June 10th.

Applicants must:

- ✓ Be a first-time PDT attendee
- ✓ Be an AGA member in good standing (dues paid through March 31, 2023)
- ✓ Be under the age of 35 as of July 17, 2022, or have 3 years or less of professional work experience
- ✓ Work directly for the government, either as an employee or a contractor
- ✓ Be available for the duration of this year's PDT
- ✓ Be able to assist at the AGA Registration booth and other AGA activities throughout this year's PDT event.

The scholarship award benefits include:

- ✓ Complimentary registration to AGA's PDT event and the opportunity to earn up to 24 CPEs
- ✓ Hotel expenses covered (excluding incidentals)
- ✓ Recognition during the PDT awards ceremony
- ✓ Featured in future AGA publications and social media

For more information on the Young Professionals PDT Training Scholarship, including the 2022 online scholarship application, visit www.agacgfm.org/About/Awards-Recognition/Young-Professionals-PDT-Scholarship.

Upcoming AGA Meetings & Events

May 2022

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June 2022

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26	27	28	29	30		

July 2022

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UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS AND TRAININGS

May 12

Performance Improvement Officer/Chief Financial Officer (PIO/CFO) Summit | In-Person | 5 CPEs

Hundreds of PIOs, CFOs and other government officials, managers and analysts attend the PIO/CFO Summit each year to discuss the policies that impact and call for greater collaboration between the federal financial management, evidence and performance communities. Free registration for AGA members who work for government. Private-sector participation is available via sponsorship only. Click [here](#) to learn more/ register.

July 17-20

Professional Development Training (PDT) | In-Person and Virtual | 24 CPEs

AGA's PDT brings together a broad audience of more than 2,000 federal, state and local government financial professionals, including federal, state and local government CFOs, inspectors general, accountants, auditors as well as financial professionals from the private sector. PDT offers educational sessions over three days of training in Anaheim, California Participants gain skills and knowledge toward more effective leadership, performance in a cost-constrained environment, solutions to shared challenges, and best practices. Plenary speakers announced include Mark Schulman, world renowned drummer and author; Princess Sarah Culberson, Princess of Sierra Leone, humanitarian and author of "A Princess Found;" and Dan White, economist. Click [here](#) to learn more/ register.

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

AGA WEBINARS

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

- ◇ May 11 | Fraud / Data Analytics | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ June 8 | Leadership | 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 (Winter 2021).

January 2022			
Megan E. Beckwith	Elizabeth Harris	Jackie L. Olewack	Lynda M. Romero Berenguer
Mark J. Bednarz	Tracey Jordan	Keith K. Omniewski	Paul G. Storer
Ravi Bhatia	Grace K. Milbank	Shane Parker	Adam E. Thompson
Eliana B. Hanebutt	Beau N. Newsome		
February 2022			
Adam Bartell	Courtney Filer	Janell M. James	Dawayne Robinson
Michael A. Bradshaw	Joanne Chavez Foster	Ryan Monaco	Alex D. Rodriguez
Eric Bryda	Heather M. Gallagher	Mark Novelli	Lakeia D. Truesdale
Nadine M. Cipriani	Jordan R. Ghaffari	Rhett Raham	Lisa Wittman
Patricia Diaz-Perez			
March 2022			
Cherisse D. Aquil	Brittany A. Fary	Thomas Anthony Mahalek	Robert Serafin
Benjamin M. Bemby	Lindsey Gullett	Katerin E. Mercedes Franco	Cynthia Vandament
James Boakye	Alisa Harkins	Bhavna Negandhi	Mehzabin Vora
Sandra V. Bryant	Nancy V. Hexmoor	Linda B. Ning	Tabatha M. Walton
James J. Cowen	Sherri Jordan	Hemang Patel	Danila Weatherly
Maria Lorena V. De Leon	Melinda Kristoff	Jessica Reyes	Chad M. Willhite
Brown Dixon			
April 2022			
Robert E. Board	Jason Gould	Tuba Mansoor	Lisa H. Rheingans
Young Cho	Doan V. Huynh	Krystal M. Mason	Alejandra Sierra
Colin M. Finley	Maurice C. Jenkins	Daniel Minger	Amanda Stepp
Ann Elizabeth Flach-Fulcher	Richard B. Kepley	Kevin A. Powers	Conrad Matthew Symber

Lifetime Members

Lifetime membership is bestowed upon individuals who have maintained active members status for 40 consecutive years, to recognize their distinguished service to AGA. To all of our Lifetime Members, thank you for your continued support, and your service to our chapter, and to AGA.

Lifetime memberships are awarded each January. Congratulations to NOVAGA's newest lifetime members.



Rex A. Baggett
Geoffrey B. Frank
Laura L. Koschny

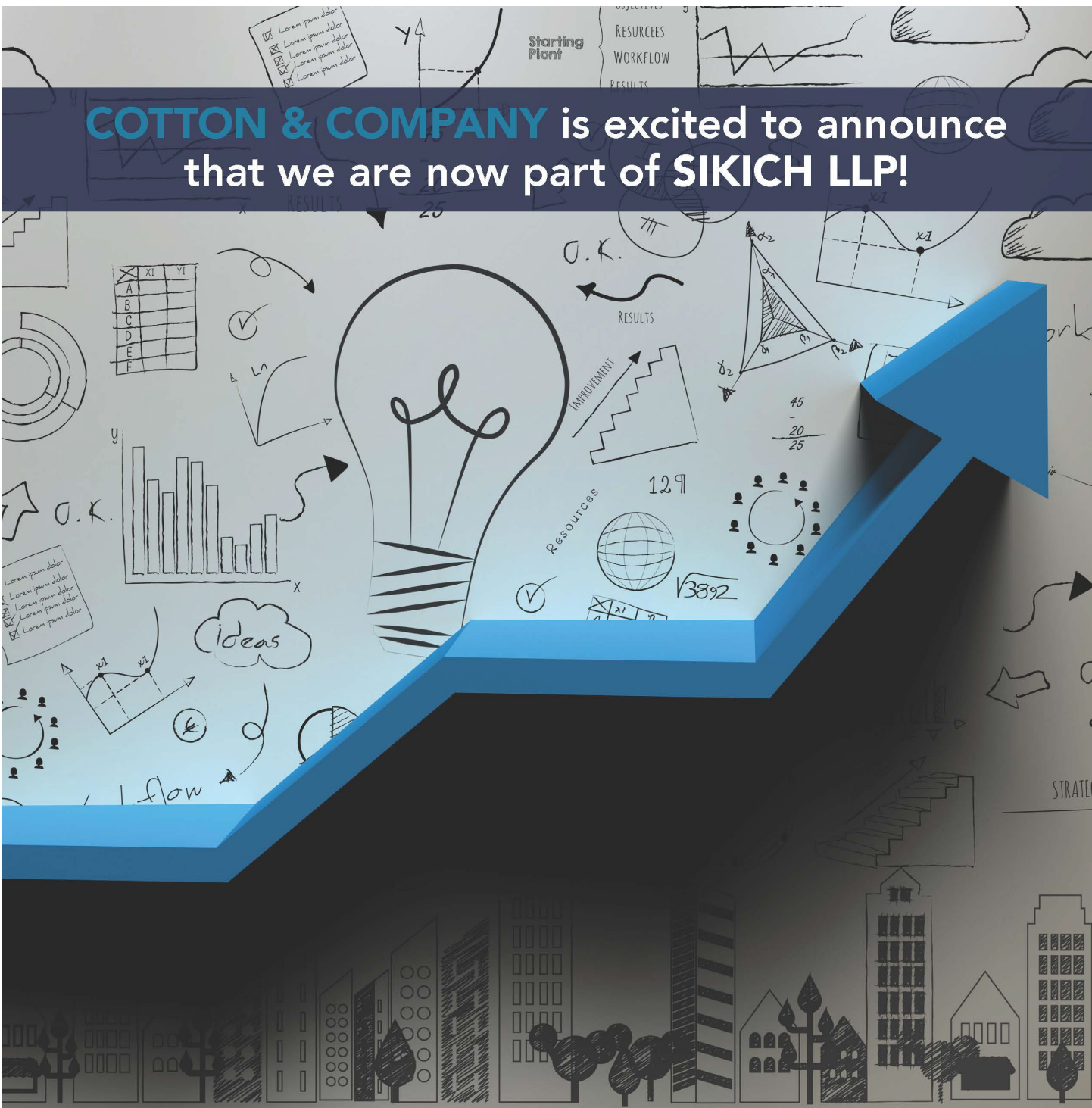
NOVAGA Membership Anniversaries

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)			
Rex A. Baggett	Geoffrey B. Frank	Ronald H. Johnson	Robert B. Peterson
David W. Bieritz	Harold R. Gill	N. Carl Jordahl	Harold L. Stugart
Dennis K. Black	Edward C. Gillen	Laura L. Koschny	Richard W. Sucher
Charles L. Cipolla	Frederic A. Heim, Jr.	Thomas J. Muldoon	Shelton R. Young
Patrick J. Fitzgerald	Charles M. Hicks		
30 Years			
Thomas F. O'Connor	Ogbeide O. Oniha		
25 Years			
Lorine I. Alston	Daniel L. Carney	Charles W. Hamilton	Frank W. Spence
Roy M. Capozzi	Linda P. Fealing	Lisa Y. Johnson	
20 Years			
Margret K. Brillinger	Clarence O. Light	Donell L. Ries	Linda Wyre
15 Years			
Nina A. Beshai	Nicole McGuire Burkart	Lal M. Harter	Sonia L. Kessler
Steven Bromberek	Charity L. Burns		
10 Years			
Michael A. Artiglio	Meredith A. Harrison	Jimmy A. Norris	Scott George Stadtmueller
Sean O. Brennan	Salena D. Harrison	Brian Joseph Petrone	Kelley Tynan
Cozy Nikita Cole	Michael L. Howe	Sarah Hart Pope	Christopher R. Ward
Meghan Cooper	Abdullah Jhangir	Daniel J. Schifsky	David A. White
Michele Macary Cox	Anne Quarles Kahle	Scott M. Schillereff	Michael G. Wilson
Tamonie Deneen Denegall	Jacob MacDonald	Robert K. Smith	Susan E. Yurchak
Christopher Charles Hamilton	James H. Moore, III		
5 Years			
Heather M. Bolsei Tutino	Louis Hirsch	Karissa Matthews	Irfan Satriadhi
Jose C. Carrasco	Mino Kim	William L. Quigley	Waldo R. Serrano
Laura E. Durback	Christopher Kraft	Robert Regan	Susanna R. Skovgaard
Juan H. Garcia	Nestor R. Lizama	Byung S. Ryu	Samuel L. Tate
Michael Hennessy	John O. Mathai		
1 Year			
Adrian M. Alexandrino, Jr.	Jessie Hilliard	Priya Mhatre	Mai Shintani
Christina MH Anderson	J. Sean Hoffman	Jeremy LK Miller	Sara E. Short
Brooke A. Angel Markley	Nancy L. Israel	Dakota T. Morris	Erin Stencel
Carl Robert Biggs	Zouhir Jalal	William Morris	Patricia A. Thomas
Scott R. Bradford	Colleen James	Anitra L. Morrison	Shanley M. Tilson
Christopher Du	Brendan W. Kearney	Laura E. Murphy	Sara Tolpa
Anna K. Elias	Zachary Kennedy	Mavis N. Owusu-Ansah	Janet Tran
Jacob Feldkamp	Mehereen S. Khalid	Ross G. Polar	Elle Uh
Adelaide A. Feukam-Reid	Joseph F. Klimavicz	Mekala Ravichandran	Kathryn Valentine
Raymond Franco	Jennifer A. Lee	Teresa Rios-Pyon	Ryan C. Waguespack
Joann M. Gallagher	D'Marcus D. Lewis	Edward Rojas	Geoffrey L. Weber
Steven J. Gorski	Gerald William Litzler	Brian Rozental	Xuan Wen
Janelle O. Grant	Alejandro Lloreda	Stephanie E. Sahagun	Billy Whisenant
Christine A. Guevara	Laura Long	Farqan A. Sahi	Steve Wong
Anny Guo	Hannah M. Major	Frida M. Sells	Erika Wright
Patricia M. Hanback	Erika McCormick	Kalai Selvan	Silas J. York
Alexandria Heusinger	Sree Chandra Murty Meka	Veronica Shelley	Philip E. Yorkman

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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](#).



Beau N. Newsome, January 2022

Adam Bartell, February 2022

Dakota T. Morris, February 2022

Tips of the Month:

- ✓ Try to relate the CGFM® material to ways you interact with the government every day
- ✓ Do not talk about specific exam questions with anyone

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 ensure you are meeting the updated requirements, view the CGFM CPE requirements on AGA's website [here](#).

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Annual Ski Trip

On March 12th, several NOVAGA members donned their winter gear enjoyed some down – slope – time at Liberty for the chapter’s annual ski trip. From the pictures, everyone had enjoyed the slopes and then some great food and beverages afterwards.

This is one event that you don’t want to miss next year!



Happy Hour

On March 31st, many chapter members met for a happy hour and some networking at Barrel and Bushel in Tyson's Corner. Thanks to the many members that 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.





Other NOVAGA Chapter News

It's Award Season!

The NOVAGA chapter sponsors three awards to recognize public and private individuals for their exemplary work in the field of federal financial management. If you work with or know someone who should be recognized for their outstanding leadership in government financial management, consider nominating them for a NOVAGA chapter award (self-nominations are welcome).



Due to the COVID pandemic, the Chapter has held off on presenting these awards until we could meet in person. And that time has (finally!!!) come with our annual gala currently scheduled for June 22nd at the Washington Golf & Country Club in Arlington, VA.

The Chapter solicits nominations for the following three awards. Please forward your nominations to our Awards Chair, Raymond Urias at ruriasrivera@kpmg.com. Include who you are nominating, the agency or firm where the nominee is employed, and a brief description of why the nominee embodies the spirit and skill of the noted award.

Jeffery Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management

In 2003 the Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA instituted the Jeffery Steinhoff Award to formally recognize federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures. The award recognizes the cumulative achievements of federal professionals who throughout their career have served as a role model for others and who have consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards. Nominees must be employed by the federal government, however, do not have to be members of AGA.

The first recipient of this award was Jeffery Steinhoff, GAO; in 2019, it was awarded to Thomas Harker, U.S. Navy.

Federal Financial Partnership Award

In 2003 the Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA instituted the Federal Financial partnership Award to formally recognize private sector individuals who exemplify and promote excellent through outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, innovative management procedures and partnering with the Federal Government. The award recognizes the cumulative achievement of private sector professionals who throughout their career have served as a role model for others and who have consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards. Nominees must be employed by the private sector but do not have to be AGA members.

The first recipient of this award was John. H. Hummel; in 2019, it was awarded to Mike Frederickson, RMA Associates.

The Pentagon Memorial Service Award

The award was established in 2002 in memory of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on the Pentagon. The award formally recognizes public service to our nation in the field of financial management. The award recognizes dedication and commitment to improved government operations, financial stewardship and accountability through public service to our nation. Nominees must be a civil servant (federal employee) or a member of the Armed Forces, however, nominees do not have to be members of AGA.

The first recipient of this of this award was LTC Christopher Keefer, U.S. Air Force; in 2019, it was awarded to Shawn Sparks.

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

February Luncheon

This past February 22nd, NOVAGA was proud to host Mr. Irving Dennis, former Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), at the Washington Golf and Country Club in Arlington, VA at one of its first in-person / virtual hybrid events.

Mr. Dennis discussed how he established and implemented policies to govern all aspects of financial management in HUD while drawing on his extensive experience at Ernst & Young. He touched on many topics including his career history and book, "Transforming a Federal Agency: Management Lessons from HUD's Financial Reconstruction. Attendees were lucky enough to receive a signed copy of his book.





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Additional CPE Opportunities

NOVAGA has continued its agreement with Becker to offer members even more CPE opportunities!

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- Unlimited access to Becker's OnDemand CPE course catalog
- Earn all required CPE on your own time
- Nearly 1,000 hours of CPE through hundreds of courses and webcasts for accounting, auditing, and professionals
- Twice the amount of federal government-related courses than other online CPE providers
- A \$299 value for a flat cost of \$50 for one year

Once registered, access will be granted within the first week of the following calendar month.

If you are interested in signing up for Becker, please contact Katie Labadie at k.labadie@rmafed.com or Kevin Love, Education Chair, at kevin.love@cohnreznick.com.

Visit NOVAGA's website for more information.

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Thursday, May 19th, 2022

- ✓ 8:30 am - 9:00 am Networking (Zoom Meeting - Optional)
- ✓ 9:00 am - 10:10 am Welcome, Matt Coleman, AGA Atlanta President
- ✓ 9:10 am - 10:00 am John Fuchko, III, University System of Georgia (USG) Vice Chancellor for Organizational Effectiveness, "Building Trust in Teams" **(1 CPE)**
- ✓ 10:00 am - 10:10 am Break
- ✓ 10:10 am - 12:00 pm Charles Hall, McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co., LLC, "The Dark Side of the Moon, Tales from the Other Side" **(2 CPE)**
Mark Twain once said, *"Everyone is a moon, and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody."* This is why governments must stand guard with sound internal controls. In this session, we examine fraud stories from the dark side to see why people steal and how you can stop them.

Friday, May 20th, 2022

- ✓ 8:30 am - 9:00 am Networking (Zoom Meeting - Optional)
- ✓ 9:00 am - 9:10 am Welcome, Matt Coleman, AGA Atlanta President
- ✓ 9:10 am - 10:00 am Pat Salem, Principal and Chief Operating Officer: IAG Forensics & Evaluation, "Trust, but Verify" **(1 CPE)**
We often put those we trust the most in positions of authority and give them control over our organization's funds. But is that trust enough? What are you doing to verify that it is deserved?
In this session, we will explore various cases in which the trust was broken and fraud occurred. We will discuss methods used to commit fraud, control failures that have allowed fraud to occur, and the techniques used to investigate fraud with examples from actual fraud and forensic investigations.
- ✓ 10:00 am - 10:05 am Break
- ✓ 10:05 am - 11:00 am Randy Travis, Fox 5 I-Team Reporter, "Government and Media: Best Practices" **(1 CPE)**
- ✓ 11:00 am - 11:05 am Break
- ✓ 11:05 am - 12:00 pm Melissa Hall, Deputy Chief Ethics Compliance Officer & Director of Investigations at Georgia Institute of Technology, "Lessons Learned in Fraud Investigations - Best Practices" **(1 CPE)**

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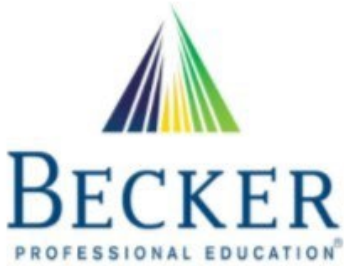


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