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NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018

President's Message



Welcome Northern Virginia AGA members to our Spring Newsletter! During my tenure as President of the Chapter, the focus of the Board of Directors is to (1) grow chapter membership, (2) provide quality educational events, and (3) inform members and their employers about the benefits of the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification.

Through February 2018:

- Membership in the chapter has grown to over 1,000 members with approximately 130 new members this program year. I have no doubt the increase in membership is a direct result of our existing membership touting the benefits of the AGA and the quality of our training. Members please keep spreading the good word!
- The chapter has held 6 chapter meeting providing CPE on topics such as cyber security, block chain, and Enterprise Risk Management just to name a few. In addition, a 2 hour training session was provided on ethics to meet the VA CPA training requirements. Please see our calendar in this newsletter for up-coming monthly meetings and the spring workshop.
- CGFM certification and recognition has been a focus for the chapter. Study groups have been held for chapter members for module 1 and 2. Module 3 study sessions are planned in the next few months. Oh, last but not least the Commonwealth of Virginia's governor has recognized March as CGFM month (please see the proclamation in this newsletter)!

I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the golden anniversary of our chapter. In 2018, the chapter turned 50 years young! Happy 50th anniversary Northern Virginia chapter!!!

I hope to see all of you at our upcoming trainings and the June annual gala.

Brian J. Grega

President of the AGA Northern VA chapter

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NOVAGA Upcoming Meetings and Events

March 2018						
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March 15, 2018

CGFM Study Group Exam 3 (Part 1 of 2) | 7900 Tysons One PI #300, McLean, VA | 6:00pm—9:00pm

This review session will be held at MorganFranklin Consulting and will cover the first half of the CGFM module 3 exam. It is recommended that participants review the AGA Study Guide before the session meets. There will be light food and beverages provided for participants and the study group costs \$5 to register. Register by visiting novaga.org.

March 15, 2018

Owning My Future: Having an Enriching Career in Changing Times | Free Member Webinar | 2:00pm—3:50pm

The AGA Women’s Initiative cordially invites you to its next webinar, “Owning My Future: Having an Enriching Career in Changing Times.” Join us as accomplished women in the profession share what they deem essential success factors for women in today’s ever-changing and challenging government financial management environment. 2 CPEs. Register by visiting agacgfm.org.

March 22, 2018

March Chapter Meeting | Westin, Arlington, VA | 5:30pm—8:00pm

Are you interested in evolving technologies such as BlockChain, Cloud Computing, and Data Analytics? Our March chapter meeting speakers, Jason Gould, Director at KPMG LLP and Nirali Chawla, Director at KPMG LLP. Open bar and heavy appetizers will be provided during the meeting. We hope you can join us for this great networking and educational event! 1 CPE will be provided. Register by visiting novaga.org.

March 22, 2018

Washington Women Speak! Event | National Press Club | 8:00am—11:00am

The NOVAGA Chapter is a Silver sponsor! Flyer on page 5. Register by visiting this [link](#).

March 28, 2018

Cybersecurity | In Person | 2:00pm—3:50pm

This session will provide a basic understanding of cybersecurity concepts and will empower the personnel who own the data and depend on the systems to better collaborate with their IT staff to ensure the integrity, availability and confidentiality of financial data. 2 CPEs. Register by visiting agacgfm.org.

April 2, 2018

NOVAGA Spring Co-Sponsored Workshop with Shenandoah Valley Chapter | 7:30am—4:15pm

Flyer on pages 3-4.

April 11, 2018

Beyond the Code: Ethics in the Real World | In Person | 2:00pm—3:50pm

Attendees will learn effective reasoning approaches to solve difficult ethical and moral dilemmas, assess ethical culture and understand cultural influences that impact ethical reasoning. Register by visiting agacgfm.org.

April 25, 2018

DATA Act | Details Coming Soon | 2:00pm—3:50pm

Details on agacgfm.org.

April 26-27, 2018

CGFM Intensive Review Course | Arlington, VA | 8:00am—5:00pm both days

AGA’s Intensive Review Course (IRC) with CGFM examinations included is a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM! offers up to 18 CPEs. Register by visiting agacgfm.org.

May 1, 2018

2018 CFO/CIO Summit | Washington, DC | Morning Event

Details on agacgfm.org.

NOVAGA Spring Workshop Co-Sponsored with Shenandoah Valley Chapter

Monday, April 2, 2018 (7:30am – 4:15pm)

7:30 – 8:00 am – Breakfast/Registration

Morning Session:

- 8:00-9:00 am – Wendy Payne, Executive Director, FASAB, FASAB Update
- 9:00-10:00 am – Robert Bell, Treasury, Financial Report
- 10:00-10:15 am - Break
- 10:15-11:15 am –Justin Marsico, Treasury, USAspending.gov
- 11:15-12:05 pm – James Gould, KPMG, Changing Landscape of Government Auditing

12:05-1:00 pm – Networking Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00-2:00 pm – Jennifer Files, Yount, Hyde and Barbor, Face of a Whistleblower
- 2:00-3:00 pm – Lou Crenshaw, Crenshaw Consulting Associates, The Failure of Success
- 3:00-3:15 pm – Break
- 3:15-4:15 pm – Alex Yow, Grant Thornton, Millennial Leadership

Event Details

Location

KPMG Office – Training Center (Mezzanine Level)
1801K Street NW
Washington DC 20006

Registration

- On-line at www.novaga.org
- \$75 members; \$85 nonmembers

CPE Credits – 8 CPE

- Accounting (Governmental) – 3.5 CPEs
- Auditing (Governmental) – 1 CPE
- Specialized Knowledge and Applications – 3.5 CPEs

Additional Information

Who Should Attend – Senior-Level Managers and Executives, Auditors, Accountants, Budget Officers, CPAs and CGFMs

Advanced Preparation and Prerequisites – None

Program Level – Basic

Delivery Method – Group Live

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to explain updated accounting and auditing guidance from FASAB, Treasury, and others applicable to the government environment. In addition, participants will learn new management techniques and practical tips to increase efficiency in government financial operations.

Policies

Cancellations must be received 48 hours in advance for a refund to be provided.

For more information on refund policy, complaints, and/or program cancellation policies, please see www.novaga.org



The AGA Northern Virginia Chapter is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be submitted to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors through its website: www.learningmarket.org.

Transportation and Parking

From Farragut West Metro (Orange & Blue Lines)

- Exit Metro towards 18th and I
- Head North on 18th Street NW toward K Street NW
- Continue Straight through intersection of 18th Street NW and K Street NW
- Turn Left onto K Street NW
- Continue 100 feet; the destination will be on your right.
- Enter the main lobby and continue straight through the lobby to the KPMG front desk located past the elevators.

From Farragut North Metro (Red Line)

- Exit Metro towards Connecticut Ave NW
- Head Southeast on Connecticut Ave NW toward K Street NW
- Turn right onto K Street NW
- Continue straight through 18th Street NW intersection
- Continue 100 feet; the destination will be on your right.
- Enter the main lobby and continue straight through the lobby to the KPMG front desk located past the elevators.

From 395 North to L Street Parking Garage

- Follow signs for 14th Street/National Mall and merge onto U.S. 1/14th Street SW
- Turn Left onto Madison Dr NW
- Turn Right onto 15th Street NW
- Turn Left onto Constitution Ave NW
- Turn Right onto 17th Street NW
- Turn Left onto 20th Street NW
- Turn right onto L Street NW
- Arrive at 1828 L St NW #501 Washington, DC

From 66 East to L Street Parking Garage

- Follow 66 East into District of Columbia
- Keep left at the fork, follow signs for E Street and merge onto E Street Expressway
- Turn Left onto 20th Street NW
- Turn right onto L Street NW
- Arrive at 1828 L St NW #501 Washington, DC

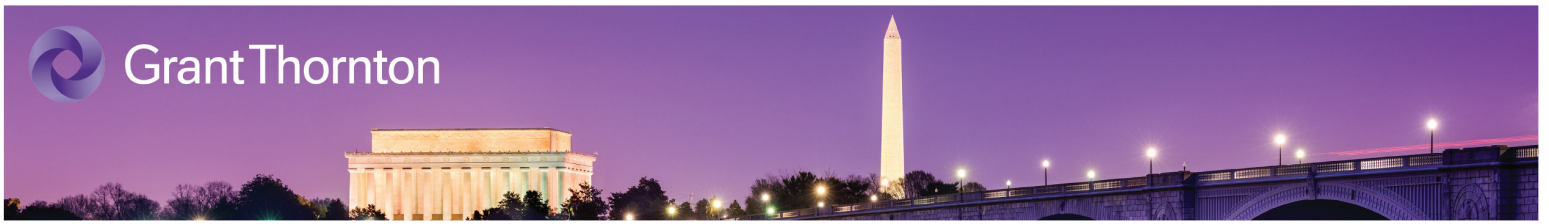
Parking is available at:

Monument Parking Co
1828 L St NW #501
Washington, DC

Note: Parking is \$20/day



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GRANT THORNTON'S 12TH ANNUAL
Washington
WOMEN SPEAK!



Join us for the 12th annual Washington Women Speak! – an inspiring and enriching event that brings women’s real-world experiences to light.

A breakfast and panel discussion, Washington Women Speak! is designed to bring together professional women and men to discuss how our values and cultural experiences impact our work, our personal lives, and our communities.

We hope you will join together with hundreds from across the Washington DC area for this year’s event!



SAVE THE DATE

March 22, 2018

8:00am – 11:00am

National Press Club

Keep an eye out for registration info!



New NOVAGA Members
From 12/15/17—2/28/18

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| Ramsey J. Abdeljawad | April L. Leonard |
| Theodore J. Andrewlevich Jr. | Jason M. Levine |
| Boris E. Barrios | Sean McKenzie |
| Greg Bateman | Kristine Meglasson |
| Megan E. Beckwith | Anthony M. Milhouse |
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| Darrell A. Dorman | Natallia Semiankova |
| Zhenyu Fang | Sarah Seo |
| Joy S. Fought | Kathleen Sifer |
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| Caitlin M. Knapp | Terri Ann Whitt |
| Tyler J. Kraese | Megan Woods |
| Jeanette Kuendel | |
| Kathryn Labadie | |

New CGFMs

From 12/15/17—2/28/18

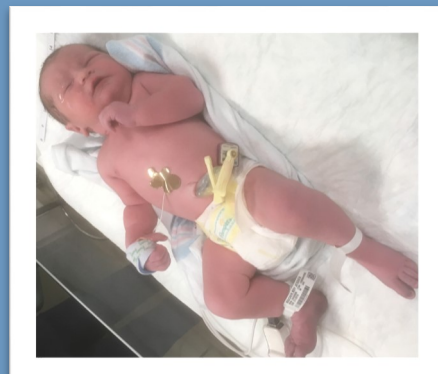
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| Zachary Hallett | Amanda L. O'Neill |
| Judy A. Hairston | Moukdavanh Thamvongsa |
| Brandon K. Ingram | |



IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to our NOVAGA Secretary/ Historian, Jessica Boucher and her husband, Brandon on the birth of their baby boy, Dylan!

Dylan arrived on the morning of March 1, 2018 , weighing 8 lbs. 15 oz. and 20 inches long. The family is doing very well.



CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

MARCH 1, 2018

WHEREAS, the Richmond Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is a professional organization and part of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), which has a network of more than 14,000 members in 101 chapters in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, approximately 307 active members of the AGA representing state, federal, municipal, and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers living in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, AGA Richmond Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of advancing government accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts with an emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, AGA Richmond Chapter members are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the residents of Virginia by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history and to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, CGRM also requires candidates to pass three examinations requiring expertise in governmental environment, governmental financial management and control, governmental accounting, and financial reporting and budgeting. It also requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph S. Northam, do hereby recognize March 2018 as **CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

On March 1, 2018, Virginia Governor Ralph S. Northam officially recognized March as CGFM Month. On behalf of the Northern Virginia AGA Chapter, thank you to our members especially our CGFMs.

Happy Anniversary!

We've Come a Long Way, Baby!

by **Brian J. Grega**

In the middle of the 1960's, the Metropolitan Washington Area experienced explosive growth in the surrounding suburban areas. As a result of this growth, visionaries saw the need for a Virginia "local" Association of Government Accountants (AGA) chapter. In June 1968, Charter Number 66 was granted and the Northern Virginia Chapter was born! Joseph Welsch became the first chapter president. The chapter began with approximately 70 members.

Some historical facts about the chapter and the profession:

- In 1979, the chapter grew to 628 members!
- In 1983, the chapter grew to 720 members!
- In 1984, microcomputers begin to appear in the workplace. What!?!?
- On November 15, 1990, the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 becomes law.
- 1994 was the beginning of the CGFM program!
- In late 1997, the chapter was growing strong at close to 900 members!
- During the 1998-1999 program year, the chapter introduced "Satellite Meetings" to reach other geographical areas of the Northern Virginia Chapter.
- During program year 1999-2000, the chapter began transitioning from paper newsletters to the chapter website for the dissemination of information.
- The events of September 11, 2001 took the lives of three chapter members. Members charged forward to raise funds for the families of these members.
- During program year 2002-2003, the chapter by-laws were rewritten to conform to National standards.
- In 2003, the chapter's membership was steady at approximately 700 members.
- In 2003, the chapter started accepting credit card payments for educational events.
- During program year 2005-2006, the chapter achieved platinum status for the first time in several years.

As the chapter turns 50 years old this year, the chapter has maintained a strong membership base. As of March 15, 2018 the chapter had 1,043 active members! **Please remember to renew your AGA membership by March 31, 2018!**

I would also like to thank all of the past and current members that currently serve or previously served on the chapter board or as chapter president for the past 50 years. The chapter would not be the success it is today without your time and dedication to the AGA and the Northern VA Chapter. I hope all of you can attend our Gala on June 7, 2018 to help celebrate the chapter's 50 terrific years! Please check the Northern VA website for information on the gala.

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