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Northern Virginia
Chapter

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear NOVAGA Membership,

With the hectic FY 2022 Annual Financial Statement season we have an opportunity to reflect and reset prior to the FY 2023 season getting into full swing.

With the NOVAGA resumption of regular in-person meetings and events we have recently enjoyed a number of successful activities. We heard federal government financial insights from Teresa Hungate, CFO IRS, on September 21 and on October 18 Bret Edwards, CFO FDIC. We enjoyed a great Quad Chapter Picnic on

September 10th and are looking forward to our Wine outing on November 19th.

On November 16th we follow the esteemed speakers noted above with a panel on Agency – Inspector General (IG) Alignment that Respects IG independence and Agency Management at Washington Golf and Country Club at 6:00 PM. We are honored to welcome the following distinguished speakers:

- Vinay Singh, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Rae Oliver Davis, Inspector General, HUD
- Irv Dennis, Retired EY Senior Partner; Former CFO, HUD; Founding member of ACI
- Larry Koskinen, Deloitte's Public Sector Consultant, Former HUD Chief Risk Officer

I look forward to seeing as many of our members as I can at our in-person events.

On a national scale, we are beginning preparations for the AGA National Leadership Training (NLT) at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington,



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

DC, February 22 – 23, 2023. NLT provides cutting-edge information from highly respected and distinguished industry leaders and offers the opportunity to earn up to 14 CPEs. The NLT 2023 agenda will be published in mid-December.

If you have any suggestions for the agenda, I am happy to advocate for them as a member of the Technical Committee. Also, please do hesitate to contact me with any ideas, suggestions, or questions with respect to any of the Chapter's activities.

Respectfully,
Joseph Hungate
President, 2022-2023
Northern Virginia Chapter



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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Upcoming NOVAGA Chapter Events

NOVAGA Chapter Meeting

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. Parking is free, and attendees will receive 1 CPE credit. For additional details and to register, check your email and the chapter's website at www.agacqfm.org/Chapters/NOVAGA.

NOVEMBER 16th

Join the NOVAGA Chapter for its monthly meeting on **November 16th** from 6pm to 8:30pm. This meeting will feature a panel on **Agency – Inspector General (IG) Alignment that respects IG Independence and Agency Management**. We are thrilled to host the following distinguished speakers:

- **Vinay Singh**, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- **Rae Oliver Denis**, Inspector General, HUD
- **Irv Dennis**, Ernst & Young Senior Partner, Former CFO of HUD, founding member of ACI, and published author "Transforming a Federal Agency"
- **Larry Koskien**, Consultant with Deloitte's Government and Public Sector Enterprise Risk Management Practice, Former Director of HUD Enterprise Risk Management

2022 Chapter Loudon County Winery Tour

Join fellow NOVAGA chapter members on **Saturday, November 19th** for a tour of three local wineries in Loudon County. You and fellow members will be bussed to each vineyard and try some amazing wines. Vineyards on this year's tour include:

Breaux Vineyard

Located in Purcellville, VA, the Breaux Vineyard provides a great view of the Blue Ridge Mountains from the tasting room. The vineyard covers over 400 acres with 17 different grape varieties planted on more than 100 acres. Breaux Vineyard is family owned. For more information about this vineyard, check out its website here: breauxvineyards.com.

Barns at Hamilton Station

The Barns is a family owned and operated winery; it is located on a refurbished dairy farm in Hamilton, Virginia. The Barns' tasting room is located in a restored dairy barn that is surrounded by eleven acres with beautiful views. For more information about this vineyard, check out its website here: .

Bluemont Vineyard

Located on the first ridge of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Northern Virginia Wine Country, Bluemont's wine tasting room is located 951 foot above sea level, giving beautiful views of the Loudon Valley. Bluemont is a farm winery; its wines are unique as overtones from the local orchards are carried over to the grape vines. Bluemont Vineyard produces ten varieties of grapes. For more information about this vineyard, check out its website here: bluemontvineyard.com.



Space is limited. For more information and to register and confirm seating, contact Membership Committee Chair, Jacob MacDonald at Jacob.MacDonald@ey.com.

*Please join us in-person for these networking opportunities!
CPE events are offered as in-person or virtual events.*

Upcoming AGA Meetings & Events

November 2022							December 2022							January 2023						
Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat	Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat	Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	31				

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS AND TRAININGS

December 8

Technology & Transformation Summit 2022 | In-Person and Virtual | 8 CPEs

More than 1,600 government leaders and industry experts will come together to discuss transformation of mission delivery through IT innovation, personnel, security and cloud technology. Subject matter experts will provide practical implementation tools to strengthen participants' knowledge of emerging technologies and innovations. Program sessions include:

- ◇ Enterprise Resource Planning Systems and Big Data Analytics: a Tale of Two Cities and One Bridge
- ◇ Optimizing Shared Services in a Changing World
- ◇ Technology Transformation, Paths to Success
- ◇ Realizing Digital Transformation: Risk vs. Reward of Proofs of Concepts and Pilots

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.

- ◇ December 6* | FY 2022 CEAR Reviewer's Training | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ December 14 | Risk Management | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ January 11 | Uniform Guidance and Grant Accounting | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ January 25 | TBD | Virtual | 1.5 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).

<u>August 2022</u>			
Laura Corchado	Cortney Hammack	Kimberly Irons Lawrence	Michelle Wiltshire
<u>September 2022</u>			
Jennifer Dubesa	Andrew Manson, Jr.		
<u>October 2022</u>			
Julia Ehrmantraut	Jonathan Jackson	Kim Knight	Brian Murray

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, with the next slate of lifetime members to be award in a couple of months. In 2022, 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!

<u>Lifetime Members</u> (40+ Years)			
John M. Delaware	Thomas F. McCarty	B. Anthony Turner	
<u>30 Years</u>			
No Anniversaries Reported			
<u>25 Years</u>			
Nelda V. Barnes	Nishon R. Evans		
<u>20 Years</u>			
Brenda L. Rodriguez	Tesfaye T. Wyes		
<u>15 Years</u>			
Matthew T. Dwyer Reid Mueller	Eric O. Engelbrektsson Michelle M. Paul	Patricia Thomas Evans	Thomas A. Moschetto
<u>10 Years</u>			
Brad J. Biondi Maureen E. Meehan	Christopher Du Roy Wesley Mills	Matthew G. Hunt Kwame Opoku-Mensah	Christina N. Martinez
<u>5 Years</u>			
Ashenafi G. Arega Eric D. Hill Andrew Tiedeman	Ava Bell Elisa M. Krobot	Kimanh Diep Paul Richter	Theresa A. Falance Farhan Shawn Syed
<u>1 Year</u>			
Kimberly J. Banks Catherine E. Gauthier Sheo Jha Erika Suliga	Brian C. Becker Adam Green William Serber Angel Wang	Carl Brendlinger John Hale, III Alex Starck Jianhao Zhen	Sara E. Duffy Aiden O. Jelle CJ Staton



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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](#).



Mr. David-Tito F. Dale – April 2022
Mr. Chris E. Zimmerman – May 2022

Upcoming CGFM Event:

Free Members-Only Webinar
FY 2022 CEAR Reviewer's Training

- ✓ Free for AGA members!
- ✓ December 6, 2022
- ✓ 2:00 – 3:15PM ET

To learn more about this event and other members-only webinars, and to register, click [here](#).

Have you checked out AGA's CGFM Online Training Portal? Check it out [here](#).



Tips of the Month:

Tip #1

When studying different levels of government (federal, state, and local), note the differences in the levels and think about how these differences relate to similar objectives that tie the levels together.

Tip #2

Your work may have provided you with a strong CGFM knowledge foundation in certain areas. Based on the content outlines, look for gaps that you can use study materials to fill.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Membership Survey

Each year The Membership Committee sends a survey to ask chapter members about the types of events and programs they would like to see during the upcoming program year. This year's survey was emailed in early October. If you haven't seen it yet, check your spam / junk folders. To participate, you can also access the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GV5HVWW>

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, snowboarding, 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. 2023 promises to be no different!

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.

Check Your



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

2022 Multi-Chapter Program Year Kickoff Picnic

On **Saturday, September 10th** the Northern Virginia Chapter joined other local AGA chapters from DC, Baltimore, and Montgomery/Prince George's County for the annual Multi-Chapter Kick-Off picnic at Hains Point. More than 50 members and their family and friends gathered to enjoy food from Famous Dave's, music, and company. A great time was had by all despite some road closures, delays, and unexpected hike to the picnic area from the parking lot!



Kudos and thanks to all volunteers from the all four chapters in the area, with special thanks to Jacob MacDonald (Northern Virginia Chapter), Cherry Ung (DC Chapter), and Manoj Michandani (DC Chapter) for planning this amazing event.

NOVAGA Chapter Meetings

The Northern Virginia Chapter has held several in-person / hybrid networking events this program year. Our members have

On **September 21st** NOVAGA held its monthly chapter meeting and networking event at the Washington Golf & Country Club in Arlington, VA. Our featured speaker, Teresa R. Hunter, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), department of the Treasury shared how the IRS has improved specific processes and implemented new and improved processes to ensure its financial management programs are more efficient.

Ms. Hunter 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.

On **October 18th** NOVAGA held its October chapter meeting and networking event at the Washington Golf & Country Club in Arlington, VA. Our featured speaker, Bret Edwards, Deputy to the Chairman and CFO at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, discussed key financial management topics of interest with our members in attendance.

Additional CPE Opportunities

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

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For information on becoming a corporate sponsor for this program year, please contact our Corporate sponsor Chair (Chris Horton at c.horton@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.

