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NEWSLETTER

Winter 2021-2022



Dear NOVAGA membership,

The NOVAGA team is excited to provide the winter 2022 NOVAGA newsletter. As temperatures are increasing, so are the number of opportunities to engage with our storied chapter. We are excited to announce the beginning of robust spring and summer meetings and event schedules, 30 new NOVAGA members, and other great opportunities for our members to earn CPEs.

On Tuesday, February 22nd, we are thrilled to be hosting the Honorable Irving Dennis the Chief Financial Officer of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Both live and virtual attendees will have the great opportunity to hear Mr. Dennis discuss how he established and implemented the policies to govern all aspects of financial management at HUD followed by a spirited Q&A session. Dates for the next three sessions have been set for March 9th, April 14th, and May 12th. Please check your inboxes and stay tuned for detailed speaker information, for these hybrid events through May!

CONGRATULATIONS to Reid Mueller and Charles "Chuck" Roy for winning Amazon gift cards for completing the survey from earlier this year and please be on the lookout for additional opportunities to share your feedback and opinion! Also, please watch for details surrounding the NOVAGA Liberty Mountain Ski Event. This is always a great opportunity to connect with other members and colleagues while enjoying some time on the mountain.

The NOVAGA team wants to hear from our members! 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 more and more of you virtually and in person in the coming months!

Respectfully,

Justin Lang

CONNECT WITH US



Upcoming NOVAGA Chapter Events



The Northern Virginia AGA Chapter is excited to host the Honorable Irving Dennis



Join the NOVAGA Chapter on Tuesday, February 22nd for our hybrid networking event. Attendees will be able to eat and drink as we listen to the Honorable Irving Dennis. Mr. Dennis is a retired Global Client Service Partner with Ernst & Young LLP (EY). After a 37-year career with EY, he was nominated by the President of the United States, and confirmed by the Senate, to serve as the CFO of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). After HUD, Irv became a Board member of Cypress Mortgage Capital and a founding Board member and Treasurer of American Cornerstone Institute.

Mr Dennis will discuss how he went about establishing and implementing policies to govern all aspects of financial management in the Department, drawing on his extensive experience at EY.

Attendees will also receive a signed copy of Mr. Dennis' book *"Transforming a Federal Agency: Management Lessons from HUD's Financial Reconstruction"*. This will be a hybrid event. Click below for more information on how to register.

Attendees will receive 1 CPE credit. Food and beverages will be served.

When: Tuesday, February 22nd from 6:00 - 9:00 PM

To register, navigate to the NOVAGA website at this location (<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/NOVAGA/Training-Events/Event-Calendar/February-2022-Networking-Event.aspx>) and follow the link for registering in person or virtually.

Upcoming NOVAGA Chapter News

Spring Workshop Coming Soon!

The Chapter is currently planning this year's Spring Workshop, which promises annual updates from GAO, FASAB, Treasury, and other standard setting agencies as well as additional topics. This year's event will be a hybrid event, with both virtual and in-person opportunities for our members.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

The Chapter has set the next three chapter meeting dates. Check your email for details on speakers and topics for these next meetings:

- March 9th
- April 14th
- May 12th

Chapter Event Registration Changes

The Chapter is moving from 123Sign-Up to EZSign when sending emails to register for NOVAGA chapter events. Make sure to add EZSign to your safe senders so you don't miss any chapter events and registrations!



Upcoming AGA Meetings & Events

March 2022

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April 2022

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May 2022

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UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS AND TRAININGS

March 9

AGA’s Council for the Advancement of Women: Inaugural Women’s Forum | Virtual | 5 CPEs

AGA’s Council for the Advancement of Women is a network of professionals who support government and, advancing women as leaders in the profession and in the communities we serve. Interactive sessions for this event include the following focus areas: unconscious bias, recruiting and promotion, DEI&A best practices, leadership challenges/techniques, mentors, coaches and sponsors, and self-care. Click [here](#) to learn more/register.

April 14

2022 ERM Workshop—The Journey to Integrate ERM | In-Person | CPEs TBD

This event provides participants with practical insight from ERM leaders and will include presentations and facilitated table discussions to get to “how-to” explanations and examples and allow for hands-on work and Q&A sessions Click [here](#) to learn more/register.

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.

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.

- ◇ March 2 | Improper Payments | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ March 16 | Retrospective on the Financial Report of the U.S. Government: Past, Present and Future* | Virtual | 1.5 CPEs
- ◇ March 23 | Cybersecurity/ERM | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ April 6 | Ethics | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ April 20 | CARES Act | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ May 11 | Fraud / Data Analytics | Virtual | 2 CPEs

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 (Fall 2021).

<u>August/September 2021</u>			
Jihan Ahmed Kimberly J. Banks	Michael F Bingham Carl Brendlinger	Patrick D’Aurora Adam Green	Sheo Jha Erika Suliga
<u>October 2021</u>			
Brian C. Becker Sara E. Duffy	Aiden O. Jelle William Serber	Alex Starck CJ Staton	Angel Wang Jianhao Zhen
<u>November 2021</u>			
Joseph C. Arnold Colin T. Crigger	Bethany R. Hey Caelen Marinelli	Diane W. Schroeder Saravy S. Koeu	
<u>December 2021</u>			
Kelsey A. Bruce Richard C. Frank	Robin Greenway Catrina Johnson	Emily S. Law Mark A. McAlister	Kiera N. Murphy Lisa Sinow



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 December 2021.

Thank you for your continued support!

<u>Lifetime Members</u> (40+ Years)			
Christine Baughman John M. Delaware	Richard L. Jackson Douglas R. Smith	B. Anthony Turner Dale C. Williams	
<u>30 Years</u> Wendy L. Whitaker			
<u>25 Years</u>			
Craig W. Feigt Wayne Ference Hon. Gaston L. Gianni, Jr.	Brian J. Grega Richard Levine Rosemary V. Hutchison	Rosemary V. Hutchison Randal G. Vellocido	Michael L. Walker Hai-Jui Wu
<u>20 Years</u> Sean M. Walker			
<u>15 Years</u>			
Judy A. Hairston	Juan A. Lasanta Camacho	Alicia S. Pelikan	Michael Stuart
<u>10 Years</u>			
Justin Allison David M. Colangeli Robert R. Grabowski	Donyala Huckaby-Christie Steven R. Kramer	Jennifer A. Miller Heidi H. Ren	Thomas Schweinefuss Sarah Z. Stearns
<u>5 Years</u>			
Kristina M. Billard Adrena L. Brunais Jesse J. Carpenter Kimberly J. Carroll	John S. Cochenour Kimberly Dickerson Oanh Huynh Jennifer Kotey	Jude G. Koval Amanda L. O'Neill Diana L. Rodriguez	Shawn N. Steele Carrie V. Volkman Kelly M. Wilcox
<u>1 Year</u>			
Aaron Allgeyer James D. Baker Kevin Clark Michael Crain Pamela L. Crockett James Davila Heather L. Dixey	Roderick H. Fillinger Miracle R. Hempel Carrie Jones Ahmad Fahad Khawaja Andrea T. Lolagne Jeffrey C. Lovelace, Jr. Zachary M. Mayo	Marcel L. Migliore Grace K. Milbank Lisa A. Mitchell Danielle Norris-Calderon Elisabeth M. Pabst Tyler G. Parker Matthew J. Reeder	Robert Shea Lauren M. Sipple Brian J. Sledz Samantha L. Taitt Nicole Vorst Kimberly S. Wright

Lifetime Membership

Lifetime membership is bestowed upon individuals who have maintained active member 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.



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.



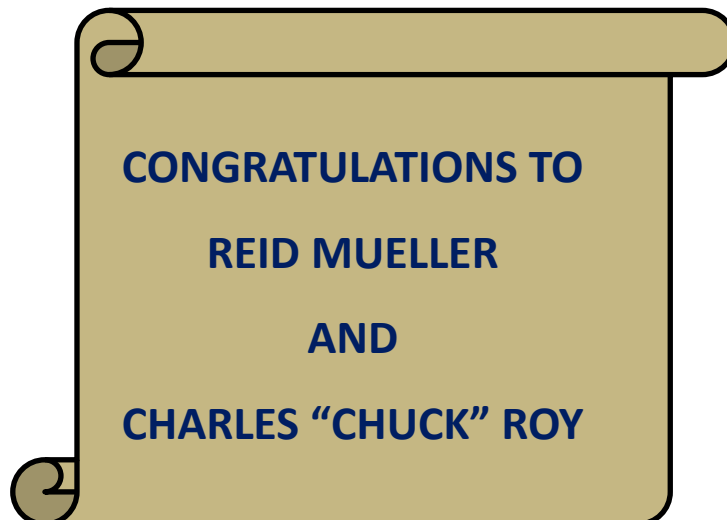
In this upcoming year, our social, educational, and other events will depend on COVID-related guidance from both the CDC and Virginia to ensure that all attendees are safe. To make sure you receive all updates on future educational and social events from AGA and our chapter, check your profile and make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



And the Results of the Survey are In!!

Every year our Membership Committee sends a survey to the membership to find out what the members like and want to see more of during the next program year.

This year, the Membership Committee selected two members who responded to the survey to receive a \$25 Amazon gift card.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

AGA Winter Walk of Lights

On December 10th, the Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA hosted an outdoor group outing at the Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna, VA where members had a chance to regroup, reconnect, and enjoy a winter wonderland of festive lighted decorations. Afterwards, a warm meal was enjoyed at Hot Pot after a frosty night of celebration!



Liberty Mountain Ski Event

Check your email soon for updates on the Chapter's annual ski event! The Membership Committee is currently in the planning stages and will send an update soon!





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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](#).



Lynor Abetria, September 2021

Emily G. Steinhagen, October 2021

Maurice D. Preston, October 2021



Tips of the Month:

⇒ *Make flashcards to use as a study tool for CGFM material.*

⇒ *First work on answering practice questions correctly; then work on answering practices questions correctly in a minute or less.*



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

Check out the **Home Page** for who NOVAGA is, what NOVAGA does, and more information on

- ✓ Upcoming Events
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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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Once registered, access will be granted within the first week of the following calendar month. Registration is open until 12/23/21.

New User? Register [here](#).

Renewing? Register [here](#).

Visit NOVAGA's website [here](#) for more information.

NOVAGA Corporate Sponsors

Thank you to our corporate sponsors for supporting our chapter and members during the 2020-2021 program year. Through your continued support, we can continue to offer the Becker CPE program at a discounted rate, chapter meetings, and CGFM[®] study groups.

For information in becoming a corporate sponsor for the 2020-2021 program year, please contact our Corporate Sponsor Chair (Neda Haghighat at n.haghighat@rma.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.agacqfm.org/Chapters/NOVAGA/Home.aspx>.

