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President's Message



Dear AGA Members,

What a great program year it has been so far! We have had successful monthly dinners, happy hours, winery event, and ski trip. We have many more exciting events in store for the remaining months, including our annual Spring Workshop Training and Spring Gala.

I would like to remind everyone it is renewal season. Please take a few minutes to renew our membership dues by the end of March.

Renewing is easy and fast. Please follow the instructions below:

1. Go to agacgfm.org/renew
2. Login using your ID # and password
3. Click "Proceed to Checkout"
4. Verify AGA membership dues and/or CGFM renewal amount(s)
5. Click "Check Out" and enter credit card payment
6. Click "Submit Payment"

I would also like to acknowledge all CGFM members as it is CGFM month. Please renew your CGFM dues. Please follow the same instructions above to renew your CGFM. The only difference is at step 3 where you can choose between renewing your membership or your CGFM, or both, as applicable.

We would like to see more of you in our events, especially our monthly dinners. Our next dinner will be on March 21st at 6pm. Our location changed a few months ago to Metro Offices in the Ballston area of Arlington, on Fairfax Drive.

Details for the next dinner will be sent via email and also uploaded to our website. We strive to always improve our monthly dinners and would love to hear from you. If you have any suggestions for our speakers, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at r.mahbod@rmafed.com or 571-429-6598.

Please refer to www.novaga.org for the details of our upcoming events and trainings.

Reza Mahbod
President 2018-2019, Northern Virginia Chapter
571-429-6598

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NOVAGA Upcoming Meetings and Events

March 2019

April 2019

May 2019

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March 14, 2019

CGFM Study Session Exam 2 Part 2 of 2 | MorganFranklin Consulting | 3 CPEs

Address: 7900 Tysons One Place #300, McLean, VA. This review session will be held at MorganFranklin Consulting and will cover the material from the CGFM exam 2. It is recommended that participants review the AGA Study Guide before the session meets. Garage parking will be available on-site through Colonial Parking and will have a maximum charge of 12 dollars (all day parking rate). MorganFranklin is metro accessible via the silver line (Tysons Corner stop). There will be light food and beverages provided for participants and the study group costs \$5.

To register: <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=rqzht>

March 14, 2019

AGA Women’s Leadership Series | Webinar | 1 CPE

More information and registration available by visiting <http://www.agacgfm.org>

March 21, 2019

NOVAGA Chapter Meeting for March | Metro Offices in Ballston | 6:00pm—8:00pm | 1 CPE

Address: 4601 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203. Our March speaker is still TBA. Light food and beverages will be provided during the meeting. We hope you can join us for this timely and relative educational topic and great networking event! \$25 to register. More info and registration: <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=rghbx>

March 27, 2019

Protecting and Utilizing Government Data | Webinar | 2 CPEs

More information and registration available by visiting <http://www.agacgfm.org>

March 28, 2019

Financial Systems Summit | Washington DC or Virtual | 6 CPEs

The Financial Systems Summit (FSS) unites government leaders and industry experts to discuss how to improve government services through systems modernization in a budget-constrained environment. Sessions will highlight CIO/CFO priorities, agile, shared services, cybersecurity and emerging technologies. Register by visiting <http://www.agacgfm.org>

NOVAGA Upcoming Meetings and Events

April 1—2, 2019

CGFM Intensive Review Course | Arlington, VA | 18 CPEs

More information and registration available by visiting <http://www.agacgfm.org>

April 10, 2019

Ethics | Webinar | 2 CPEs

More information and registration available by visiting <http://www.agacgfm.org>

April 11, 2019

ERM Workshop | Washington, DC | 5 CPEs

More information and registration available by visiting <http://www.agacgfm.org>

April 18, 2019

NOVAGA Chapter Meeting for April | The Westin Arlington Gateway | 6:00pm—8:00pm | 1 CPE

Address: 801 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203. Our March speaker is still TBA. Light food and beverages will be provided during the meeting. We hope you can join us for this timely and relative educational topic and great networking event! \$25 to register. More info and registration: <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=rghbp>

April 24, 2019

DATA Act | Webinar | 2 CPEs

More information and registration available by visiting <http://www.agacgfm.org>

May 15, 2019

Fraud / Data Analytics | Webinar | 2 CPEs

More information and registration available by visiting <http://www.agacgfm.org>

May 16, 2019

NOVAGA Chapter Meeting for May | The Westin Arlington Gateway | 6:00pm—8:00pm | 1 CPE

Address: 801 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203. Our March speaker is still TBA. Light food and beverages will be provided during the meeting. We hope you can join us for this timely and relative educational topic and great networking event! \$25 to register. More info and registration: <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=rghdj>



13TH ANNUAL

Washington **WOMEN SPEAK!**

April 2, 2019 | 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

National Press Club | Washington, DC

<https://gt-us.co/GTWWS>



Grant Thornton



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NOVAGA Past Meetings and Events

September 15, 2018

NOVAGA Winery Event

Attendees were picked up by bus and enjoyed a nice day outside by visiting two wineries: Bull Run Winery and Green Hill Vineyards.



February 28, 2019

AGA Tri Chapter Networking Event – NLT Happy Hour

The DC, Maryland and Northern Virginia AGA chapters met at Elephant and Castle for a post-National Leadership Training happy hour.



March 2, 2019

NOVAGA Liberty Mountain Ski Trip

The Northern Virginia chapter of the AGA enjoyed a day of skiing and snowboarding at Liberty Mountain Resort! This was the second annual NOVAGA ski trip. We hope that you will join us next year.



Attention Chapter Members!

If you have any pictures that you have taken at NOVAGA events that you've attended, please email them to Newsletter Editor, [Diane Nguyen](mailto:Diane.Nguyen@novaga.org) for inclusion in our newsletters.



**New NOVAGA Members
From 10/1/2018—2/7/2019**

Hasan Ahmed
Nazifa Alavy
Charlita Allen
Peter Ansah
Sudhir Atreya
Summiyyah Badar
Nicholas Bair
Vijayalakshmi Balasubramanian
William Berry
Nhia Bolen McColgan
Willie Boykin
Michael Cain
Louise Campanale
Paul Carstensen
Tzu Chen
George Davis
Scott Dickson
Emily Ehrreich
Chris Fink
Michael Floyd
Thomas Fraser
Shonnel Geary
Sarah Grace

Lovelyn Marie Halstead
Marc Hebert
Alina Horvath
Cynthia Hufty
Josnel Jarbouin
Monica Kapoor
Phung Lam
Nannette Langford
Hyun Lee
James Lee
Steven Levy
Debra MacPhee
Mark Mandel
Maureen Meehan
Sara Mehretab
Gerald Montoya
Jedidiah Morris
Stephen Nicholson
Laura Nicolosi
Stephanie Nunn
Brian O'Mara
Mary Reddinger
Christopher Rice

Thomas Rice
Sarah Roberts
Donald Rogers
John Sadik
Bryan Self
Jacqueline Shue
Tessia Smith
Emily Steinhagen
Ronald Stephens
Oranous Tavoosi
Daniel Wan
Paul Weiss
Matthew Yang
John Yonaitis
Chris Zimmerman
Fatima Zoury

**RENEW YOUR AGA MEMBERSHIP AND CGFM
CERTIFICATION TODAY!**

The renewal season is upon us—log in today to renew your membership dues and CGFM certification, if applicable. The renewal deadline is March 31, 2019. Being an AGA member offers great benefits and networking opportunities with others in the industry. Visit <http://www.agacgfm.org> for more benefits and to renew.

NOVAGA Members Milestone Anniversaries

Please join us in recognizing and congratulating our Northern Virginia AGA Members on their milestone anniversaries from the 2018 calendar year through May 2019. We will continue to recognize anniversaries in each newsletter. **Thank you for your continued support!**

Lifetime Members (40 years +)

David Bieritz	Edward Gillen	Philip Lavietes	Jeffrey Steinhoff
Dennis Black	Frederic Heim, Jr.	Thomas McCarty	James Stewart
Joseph Brown, Jr.	Richard Jackson	Edward Migliore	Harold Stugart
Charles Cipolla	Ronald Johnson	Thomas Muldoon	Dale Williams
Sheila Clark	N. Carl Jordahl	Robert Peterson	Shelton Young
Jack Fawsett	William Keating	George Stalcup	
Harold Gill	Raymond Kidd	Hal Steinberg	

30 Years

Anita Bales	Carol Christian	Robert Fisher	Donna Peterson-Jones
Gregory Bitz	Dennis Duquette	David Harr	Hoa Huu Pham

20 Years

Vincent Adams	Matthew Farage	Harminder Jassal	Michael Petscavage, III
Erin Beckles	Robert France	Rosemary Jellish	William Phillips
Joseph Bentz	Jeanette Franzel	Mark Lambert	Katherine Reed
David Bloom	Christopher Gayle	Ronald Larosa	Sandra Silzer
Larry Borchgrevink	Norman Graves	Reza Mahbod	Victoria Smith
Richard Brown	Bruce Halper	Lynne Martin	Dale Stoutenburgh
Roy Burton	Kathy Hammer	Vicki McAdams	Damon Sutton
Donald Cairns	Donald Hammond	Michael McPoland	Leo Tayamen
Bernice Dawson	Darrell Heim	James Miller	Jacqueline Walker
John Dettbarn, Jr.	Patricia Houck	Valerie Neal	Marilyn Wiles
Kevin Dugas	Leon Hutton	Carl Patton	

10 Years

Angela Acheampong	Kevin Grillot	Diane Magrum-Doegah	Riaz Siddiqui
M. Conrad Agresti	Andrew Hale	Abiy Metchia	Melissa Sizemore
Andrew Alabi	James Harvey	Kenneth Miller	Stephen Smith
Kevin Alsop	William Hill	Martha Mulugeta	Torsten Timm
Eric Baltas	Steven Holler	Yuriy Nikitin	Claudia Vaquerano
Rajeev Batra	Jeffrey Hubler	Curt Nusbaum	Laura Vosburg
Duane Bollers	Victoria Hulick	Joseph Oliva	Brett Ward
Danielle Bromberek	Ericca Jones	Ketan Patel	Anthony Wisdom
Deborah Detwiler	Wesley Kenyon	Eric Peters	John Wishon Siegwarth
James Fleischman	Indira Kumar	Heather Rasmussen	Carol Wronosky
Margaret Flores	David La Mar	Alice Rice	James Yu
John Gioeli	Aaron Lewis	Fred Runnels, Jr.	
Kristy Green	Lucy Luo	Roma Sexson	

5 Years

Marc Allen	Dora Clarke	Gianina Jaisinghani	Carol Nguyen
Jacob Anning	Carita Colding	Richard Jung	Mebrahtu Ogbe
Yolanda Bailey	Theresa Corbett	Allan Kim	Ohjin Pak
Brenton Barbeau	Judith Cotter	Amanda Kozak	Harry Pelto, Jr.
Sabah Bashiruddin	Selma Cowan	Steven Kramer	Oscar Perla
Robert Benefiel, Jr.	Georgina Cupp	Chiau-yun Kung	Scott Pittman
Piyavuth Bhutrakarn	DeSean Davis	Frank Landefeld	Leta Potts
Ryan Bobby	Candice Dean	Gerald Litzler	Richard Quinones
Melanie Bonarski	Mark Dever	Jennifer Lopez	Aaron Reed
R. Bruns	David Galway	Devin Magee	Frank Rendon
Daniel Butala	Matthew Gorman	Naomi Martinez	Mary Rich
Meggan Campbell	Karen Hill	Richard McCarthy	Vincent Sacco
Blake Carpenter	Jeffrey Hoge	Stuart Merrill	Andrea Sampanis
Susan Carter	Daniel Hong	Kevin Merrill	Jessica Saunders
Cynthia Cassic	Tracey Hopkins	Carl Messalle	Wanda Scotland
Charles Chaffin	Brandon Ingram	Chanon Miller	Kenneth Sessums

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Hira Shafqat	Nicholas Talian	Jill Wagner	Mekdes Yifru
Kevin Shers	Debra-Ann Thomas	Jeannie Walker-Bridges	Genet Yohannes
Karen Shrum	Michelle Thomas	Teresa Weipert	Asma Zafar
Andrew Snyder	James Velez, Sr.	Sharon Willoughby	
Jonatan Soto Tubens	Gregory Viola, II	Benjamin Wilson	
Shah Sulaiman	Eric Von Guggenberg	Tesfaye Wyes	

1 Year

Ramsey Abdeljawad	Erik Gabriel	David Kunselman	Maura Russell
Lynor Abetria	Alexander Green	Kathryn Labadie	Natallia Semiankova
Theodore Andrewlevich, Jr.	Habiba Haider	Wendy Laguarda	Jacqueline Shue
Cherisse Aquil	Rebecca Halsey	Shannon Lawrence	Kathleen Sifer
Joseph Bardwell	Antoinette Hand	April Leonard	John Slone
Greg Bateman	Marc Hebert	Jason Levine	Herman Smith
Nhia Bolen McColgan	Kara Hogue	Chris Matthews	Nolan Smith
Edward Bouryng	Angela Ivy	Sean McKenzie	Tewodros Tessema
Melanie Colston	Shannethia Jackson	Sanjeev Mehta	Geoffrey Tetterton
Andrea Conover	John Ji	Anthony Milhouse	Jonathan Thomas
Jose Cruz	Denise Johnson	Ronald Miller	Christof Thurn
Pamela DeLillio	Dorothy Jones	Rafael Munoz	Yi Chun Tsai
Prithviraj Dhakal	Kwang Jung	Bobby Murphy	Nohaim Valery
Paige Diller	Eric Kaba	Ahmed Nadeem	Juliet Vargas
Jessica Dinarte	Quimby Kaizer	Judith Neifert	LaToya Watkins
Denise Doran	Timothy Kim	Andrea Newsome	Georgia Weindling
Darrell Dorman	Jasmine Kline	James Noel	Taylor Welch
Alex Everhart	Caitlin Knapp	William Parker	Matthew Yang
Zhenyu Fang	Peter Kocis	Francine Pierce	Melissa Zellers
Joy Fought	Jeanette Kuendel	Garrett Ramela	

Article: How federal employees can become card-carrying experts on risk management

By Jory Heckman from Federal News Radio

November 6, 2018

Link to original article [here](#).

The Office of Management and Budget raised the bar on enterprise risk management through an update to its Circular A-123 two years ago. Now federal employees can become card-carrying experts on the topic.

Tom Brandt, the IRS's chief risk officer and president-elect of AFERM, said the new credential helps set a governmentwide standard for the skills and expertise risk analysts should have on the job, even though agencies still face challenges that are unique to their missions.

"I think what it is we're tasked with accomplishing and the types of risk that can manifest do vary. There are some commonalities in risk that organizations will face around the workforce, human capital, IT, cyber, etc.," Brandt said in an interview Monday. "But then when you look at the operational risk and what are the missions that we're each tasked with delivering and what are the risks associated with those missions, there's got to be some flexibility in the types of positions that support that work."

While OMB's update to Circular A-123 outlined a flexible ERM framework for agencies to follow, Cynthia Vitters, a managing director at Deloitte, and an AFERM board member, said the federal government still lacks a common career ladder for risk professionals.

"We certainly don't see any risk analyst job series that have popped up yet. I think that it's very possible that we could be moving into that direction," Vitters said in an interview.

Part of the impetus behind the new credential, she added, was to better identify individuals to fill risk analysts positions in a "more streamlined way and also a more thoughtful way."

Under the Obama administration, the Office of Personnel Management in 2012 created a new job series for Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act personnel, the move aimed at elevating the work of transparency professionals.

But in the absence of a revamped job series for ERM professionals, Brandt said the certification does demonstrate that employees have the skills needed for the job.

"That is, I think, the one nice thing about this credential: Folks from any of those areas, if they've developed that base of knowledge and understanding and the practice of risk management, they can take the test and earn this credential, which can then demonstrate that they are well-equipped to support the practice of enterprise risk management in the federal sector," he said.

Mixed results governmentwide on ERM implementation

A study released Oct. 26 by AFERM and the consulting company Guidehouse shows mixed results in how agencies have stood up ERM programs.

Nearly a quarter of the 21 agencies surveyed said they don't have an ERM program in place, while half of the agencies have had ERM programs in place for one-to-three years, up from 37 percent in 2017.

Another 35 percent of agencies said they've implemented their ERM program for three-to-five years, more than double last year's numbers.

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Article: How federal employees can become card-carrying experts on risk management (continued)

“I think what we’ve seen is a significant increase in the number of agencies that are establishing enterprise risk management programs, developing risk profiles and really getting actively engaged in identifying and addressing risk,” Brandt said. “I think we’ve seen a lot of growth in the practice of enterprise risk management across the federal government and a number of practitioners who have taken this on as a core responsibility on their day-to-day work within the agencies.”

AFERM worked with RIMS to create a micro-credential focused on federal enterprise risk management for its existing RIMS-Certified Risk Management Professional (RIMS-CRMP) certification.

“Through the research that we did in trying to identify what some of our credentialing options were, that was very attractive about the RIMS-CRMP and then being able to work with them in adding on this federal component was a way, I think, to offer those who are practitioners,” Brandt said.

“A strong enterprise risk management program, led by a strong risk professional can not only help identify emerging risks but, also, make important connections across the entity to more strategically address them,” RIMS Chief Operating Officer Annette Homan said in a statement. “RIMS-CRMP certification holders are invested and committed to their work and our newly awarded RIMS-CRMP-FED brings that same level of excellence to the public sector.”

Starting in January 2019, federal employees will be able to complete the RIMS-CRMP-FED testing will online.

To read more related stories, visit the links below:

[Federal risk managers say implementing A-123 takes teamwork and transparency](#)

[With A-123 update, OMB knits together risk management, internal controls](#)

[A-123 circular to bring agencies back to 1980s around internal controls](#)

New CGFMs From 11/1/2018—2/26/2019

**Dickson K. Annor
Ashenafi G. Arega
Dylan J. Erickson
Scott S. Geary
Karen Masters
Judith L. Neifert**

**Garrett M. Ramela
Andrew Tiedeman
Jung H. Walley**

Congratulations!

Tip of the Month:

“When sitting for the CGFM exam, slow down and read each question thoroughly – look for specific terms in the question that might help you identify the correct answer.”

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