



MONTGOMERY/PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY CHAPTER

FY 2013-2014

YEARBOOK

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Events

Eric Rasmussen began recruiting new members for the FY 2013-2014 Board of Directors in early spring, FY 2013. The FY 2012-2013 Board of Directors approved the slate as proposed. Then a planning conference date was established during the summer of 2013, where program committees proposed their plans and budgets for the new year. These plans were approved and submitted to the AGA National Office. A new budget was developed by Alex Dickey and approved by the Board. The chapter was now ready to begin its programs for the new fiscal year in September.

September 2012

September 11	Audio Conference	Fraud Deterrence, Prevention, and Detection
	Dinner Meeting	Hilton Hotel Rockville
September 14	Early Careers BBQ	Hains Point, Washington, DC
September 25	Audio Conference	GPRA at Twenty

Dinner Meeting Recap

The September Dinner Meeting was held on 9/11 at the Hilton Hotel in Rockville, MD. David Fitz, Partner, KPMG Risk Advisory Services provided an exceptional presentation over "Data Analytics".

The presentation covered the following topics:

- Data and Analytical Overview
 - ⇒ Definition of "Big" Data and how to analyze data.
- Value Proposition and Opportunities—Saving Lives, Reducing Crime, Improving the Quality of Life, and Saving Money.
- Current State—Only 31% of agencies say they have an adequate big data strategy.
- Success Factors—Viability, Value and Visualization.



Pictured above are KPMG partners (from left-to-right) Eric Rasmussen and David Fitz.

Audio Conferences

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CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) and KPMG provided their offices for our members to attend monthly AGA audio conferences where each attendee received 2 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) units at no charge. AGA's National Office sets up the schedules and makes them available for a modest charge to the chapters or their sponsors. The conferences have been well received by our members. It is another service that AGA National, KPMG and CLA have provided to our chapter.

October

October 9	Dinner Meeting	Hilton Hotel Rockville
October 17	Audio Conference	Grants Management Reform and Agency Insights
October 19	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) evening walk and fundraising event	Freedom Plaza, DC. This was a joint Community Service Event with the DC and Northern Virginia (NOVA) chapters.
October 29	Oktoberfest	Union Jack's, Bethesda

Dinner Meeting Recap

The October Dinner meeting was on "Assess Risk from an Audit Perspective," led by Pete Pupshis of Morgan Franklin. The presentation covered the following

- Eliminate Risk with Risk Management
 - ⇒ Why Risk Management, Risk Management Framework Model, and the Risk Management Audit Approach
- Types of Risk
- Societal Concerns for Risk
- COSO—Revised: Achievement of Objectives
- Risk Management (RM) Framework Model
- Audit Approach to ERM
- Internal Controls



Pictured above (from left-to-right) are Pete Pupshis, presenter, and Eric Rasmussen, AGA Maryland Chapter President.



Pictured above (from left-to-right) are Mark Eyerly, Jim Brett, Corinne Dougherty, and Denise Reyes.

Oktoberfest Recap

Christine Tritsch coordinated a successful member appreciation and recruitment event at Union Jack's on October 29. Pictured opposite are Paul Ambrozewicz and John Hebron. Below are from left to right: Christine Quinto and Carla Mewborn, Doreen Shute, Christine Tritsch, Paul Ambrozewicz, Joan Hebron, Christian Burns, Christine Quinto, and Carla Mewborn.





November

November 13	Audio Conference	Grants Management Reform and Agency Insights
November 19	Dinner Meeting with NOVA	Hilton Hotel, Arlington, VA
November 20	Audio Conference	How to Stay Cutting Edge in Tough Financial Times

Dinner Meeting Recap

The November Dinner meeting was on "What Will Audited Reports Look like in a Hundred Years?" led by Wendy Payne, Executive Director of FASAB. The presentation covered the following:

- Transparency—Coverage is comprehensive, frequency and timing right, quality (classification, consistency), and integrity (reliable and audited).
- Current Transparency in Federal Finances
- Forward Look at Transparency
- Guiding Principles
 - ⇒ Connectivity of Information
 - ⇒ Reliability and Completeness & Consistency and Comparability
- Reporting Model
 - ⇒ Next Steps in the reporting model: What, How and Role of Cost Accounting
- Managerial Cost Accounting—NAPA Study of Internal Information Needs
- Other Projects—Reporting Entity, Public-Private Partnerships, Leases, Risk Assumed, and Internal Use Software.



Pictured above (from left-to-right) are Carl Patton, AGA NOVA Chapter President, Wendy Payne, FASAB Executive Director, Eric Rasmussen, AGA Maryland Chapter President, Jeff Cole, Kathleen Sobieralski, Jim Brett, and Flora Milans.

December

December 16	NCCF Holiday Party	Georgia Avenue Baptist Church
December 18	Winter Workshop	KPMG Office, Washington, DC

National Center for Children and Families Holiday Party

The MPG Chapter assisted the National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) in hosting their annual Christmas Dinner at the Georgia Avenue Baptist Church. The holiday party, held on December 16, 2013, hosted families that are part of the Family Stabilization Program (FSP). The FSP provides homeless families with an opportunity to work on barriers that have made them homeless and connects them to community resources, resulting in permanent and safe housing. Thanks to the Joan Hebron and Troy Hailey, Community Service Co-Chairs, the MPG Chapter and NCCF volunteers, the families that attended the holiday party enjoyed food, fellowship, and fun.

Winter Workshop Recap

The Winter Workshop was held on December 18, 2013 and included a wide range of training courses. The following topics were covered:

- Ethics 2013—Your License Depends on It! Presented by Molly Brown of James Madison University
- OMB Update presented by Michael Wetklow of OMB.
- GTAS, CARS, and IPAC, including Agency Impact and Key Implementation Dates presented by Katy Boris, Dominique McCreary, and Luz Davila Lopez of the Treasury's Bureau of Fiscal Services.
- Internal Control Standards Update present by Grant Simmons and Lee Evans of GAO.
- Emerging Trends in Computer Crime and the Steps Government Agencies Should Take to Effectively Manage these Risks presented by Matt Flick of FYRM Associates, Steven Burke of the Department of Energy, and George Fallon of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP.

The workshop was followed by a happy hour at Nantucket's Reef for additional networking and membership recruitment. Overall, the winter workshop was a great success and provided participants with 8 CPE credits. A picture of attendees at the workshop follows.



January 2014

January 8	Dinner Meeting	Hilton Hotel, Rockville, MD
January 15	Audio Conference	Fraud Detection & Prevention
January 16	Early Careers Tri-Chapter Mentoring Event	Elephant & Castle Pub and Restaurant, Washington, DC
January 29	Audio Conference	Tackling Improper Payments

January Dinner Meeting Recap

The January dinner meeting was on “AGA: Leading the Way in Intergovernmental Relations” led by Helena Sims, Director of Intergovernmental Relations. The presentation covered the following:

- AGA’s Strategic Goals—(1) Member Value, (2) Empowerment, (3) Certification, (4) Thought Leadership, and (5) Collaboration
- AGA’s Intergovernmental Partnership Tools and Resources:
 - ⇒ Risk Assessment Monitoring Tool Kit
 - ⇒ Financial and Administrative Monitoring Tool Kit
 - ⇒ Fraud Prevention Tool Kit
 - ⇒ Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight Initiative (CAROI)
 - ⇒ Candidate Assessment Tool Kit for Grants Managers
 - ⇒ Making Better Decisions—Leveraging Government Resources in Challenging Financial Times



- The Importance of a Shared Mission

Pictured above (from the left) are Kevin Love, Karl Boettcher, Reid Mueller, Helena Sims, Eric Rasmussen, and Carl Patton.

Tri-Chapter Mentoring Event

The Early Careers groups of DC, NOVA and MPG got together on January 16, 2014 for a Mentoring Event at the Elephant and Castle in Washington, DC. They networked and listened to career advice from mentors from the Chapters.



February

February 3	Early Careers Event	Washington Wizards Game, Wash., DC
February 5	Audio Conference	Government Financial Management
February 12	Dinner Meeting	Hilton Hotel, Rockville, MD

Early Careers Wizards Game

Early Careers hosted a successful event on February 3rd as the Washington Wizards beat the second place Portland Trailblazers 100-90. See pictures from the event below.



February Dinner Meeting Recap

The February dinner meeting was on "What do Multigenerational Works Do for you?" led by Kristen Piersol-Stockton, Associate Director of Workplace Solutions, KPMG Human Resources. The presentation covered the following:

- Generational Workforce—(1) "Work First" Silent Generation, (2) "Live to Work" Baby Boomers, (3) "Work to Live" Generation X, and (4) "Life Style, Work Style" Millennials.
- Defined tastes and times of the four generations.
- Events, Traits and Behaviors of the four generations, including:
 - ⇒ Communication;
 - ⇒ Feedback;
 - ⇒ Work Environment;
 - ⇒ Management;
 - ⇒ Career; and
 - ⇒ Expectations.



Pictured to the right is speaker, Kristin Piersol-Stockton.



Pictured above (on the left) is Christine Quinto and Joan Hebron participating in the monthly 50/50 drawing. Pictured on the right is chapter president Eric Rasmussen, KPMG and speaker, Kristen Piersol-Stockton, KPMG.

March

March 5	Audio Conference	Accountability in Government
March 5	Board Meeting	Ambrosia Grille, Rockville, MD
March 12	Dinner Meeting	Hilton Hotel, Rockville, MD
March 19	Audio Conference	Internal Controls

Board Meeting

The Prince Georges/Montgomery County AGA Chapter held a board meeting on March 5, 2014 at Ambrosia Grille in Rockville, MD. The board meeting began with a welcome by chapter President, Eric Rasmussen, followed by several opening remarks. We went on to review the prior month's minutes and vote on them. Each work plan was then presented by the director (s). The meeting was finalized with comments from the Regional Officers and closing comments. See below for a couple of pictures from the meeting.



March Dinner Meeting Recap

The March dinner meeting was on "Building a Modern Workplace and a Modern Workforce" led by Mika Cross (pictured to the right). Ms. Cross set the context of the presentation by beginning with a quote from President Barack Obama.

"Because in the end, we believe that all of this isn't just about providing a better work experience for our employees, it's about providing better, more efficient service for the American people—even in the face of snowstorms and other crises that keep folks from getting to the office...

It's about attracting and retaining top talent in the federal workforce and empowering them to do their jobs, and judging their success by the results that they get—not by how many meetings they attend, or how much face-time they log, or how many hours are spent on airplanes. It's about creating a culture where... "Work is what you do, not where you are."

Ms. Cross went on to cover the following items:

- Cultural Transformations
- Mission Efficacy
- Telework Services
- Measurement and Morale
- Telework Week
- Managing Performance
- Effective Communication
- Clarity and Expectations
- Virtual Communication



April

April 9	Audio Conference	Fraud Prevention
April 9	Dinner Meeting	Hilton Hotel, Rockville, MD
April 16	Early Careers Bowling Event	Gaithersburg, MD
April 21	Crab Feast	Bethesda Crab House, Bethesda, MD

April Dinner Meeting Recap

The April dinner meeting was on "Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century: Re-inventing the House Office of Inspector General" led by Theresa M. Grafenstine (pictured to the right). Ms. Grafenstine's presentation addressed the following topics:

- The Birth of the House OIG: The Dawn of a New Era (1994)
- Fall from Grace: A Case Study (2004)
- Path to Recovery
 - ⇒ Create an environment of accountability and equality
 - ⇒ Invest in the new workforce
 - ⇒ Restructure to meet the demands of the 21st century
 - ⇒ Sustain improvements by:
 - * Developing the next generation of leaders
 - * Building relationships with key stakeholders.



Bowling and Pizza Party

Bowling and Pizza Party Event

Where was it held? Bowlmor Lanes Shady Grove

When was it held? Wednesday April 16, 2014



Crab Feast

A great time was had by all at the Bethesda Crab House at the annual Crab Feast honoring our chapter's sponsors. In addition to the great food, it was a great networking event as can be seen in the pictures to follow.

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Crab Feast— Thanking Our Sponsors!

Where was it held? The Bethesda Crab House
When was it held? Monday April 21, 2014



May

May 1	Spring Workshop	KPMG Office, Wash. DC
May 7	Audio Conference	Understanding Costs through Performance Management
May 12	Awards Dinner	Hilton Hotel, Rockville, MD
May 17	National Capital Area Kidney Walk	Washington, DC
May 21	Audio Conference	Ethics

Spring Workshop

The Spring Workshop was held on May 1, 2014 at the KPMG LLP Washington, D.C. office. The workshop covered the following sessions:

- Current Government-wide Accounting/Auditing Issues and Challenges—Danny Werfel, Director, The Boston Consulting Group
- Federal and Local IGs; Same Animal, Different Stripes—Allison Lerner, NSF, and John Hummel, Montgomery County
- Paving the Way for the Next Generation of Financial Managers to Answer the “Call to Duty” in Times of Fiscal Challenge and Transformation—Jeffrey Steinhoff, KPMG
- Shared Services and Financial Management—Dorsy Yoffie
- Cyber Security—George Fallon, CliftonLarsonAllen
- Reporting Model—Wendy Payne, FASAB; Douglass Glenn, US Department of Interior; and Hal Steinberg, Independent Consultant AGA
- Standards for Internal Control (Green Book Update) - Grant Simmons, GAO; and Michael Wetklow, OMB
- Data Analytics: Four Perspectives—Edward Blansitt, Montgomery County; Gordon Alston, US Department of Commerce; and Michael Sciortino, US Department of the Interior



Awards Dinner Meeting Recap

In Recognition of Excellence

Welcome and Guest Introductions

Eric Rasmussen, CPA, CGFM President

Corporate Sponsor Remarks

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Keynote Speaker

John Homan, CPA, CGFM AGA National President-Elect

Awards for Outstanding Achievement

Distinguished Leadership Award Doreen Shute, CPA, CGFM

Achievement of the Year Award Danny Werfel

Education and Training Award Grant Simmons

Ralph Flaherty Award – President Eric Rasmussen, CPA, CGFM

Outstanding Contributions to the Chapter

Chapter Special Achievement Jeff Cole

Early Careers MVP Award Christine Quinto

Recognition of Chapter Board Members

Eric Rasmussen, CPA, CGFM

Transition of Chapter Leadership

Appreciation for Chapter Service Special Award
Eric Rasmussen, CPA, CGFM

Passing of the Gavel Eric Rasmussen, CPA, CGFM

Closing Remarks

Carla Mewborn President Elect

2014 Awards Banquet

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Gabrielle Chapman, CPA, CGFM	Certification Co-Director
Troy Hailey	Community Co-Director
Joan Hebron	Community Co-Director
Paul Ambrozewicz	Early Careers Co-Director
Doyin Ogunbajo	Early Careers Co-Director
Carla Mewborn Careers Co-Director	President Elect & Early
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Narendraneth Vedula	Meetings Co-Director
Denise Reyes, CPA, CGFM	Meetings Co-Director
Christine Tritsch, CGFM Past President	Membership Co-Director &
Marlon Perry, CPA Awards	Membership Co-Director &
Isaiah Okyere	Recognition Co-Director
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Doreen Shute, CPA, CGFM	Special Projects Co-Director

Monday, May 12, 2014

Pictures of the awards banquet participants are shown on the following page.

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Our Chapter's annual banquet was held on May 12, 2014, and honored our chapter's members, board members and corporate sponsors. It was a great way to cap off a stellar year for our AGA chapter!



Chapter members gather prior to the banquet.



Members and guests mingle during dinner.



Various award presentations



Passing of the gavel from outgoing Chapter President Eric Rasmussen to incoming Chapter President, Carla Mewborn.

Additional Awards Banquet pictures follow on the next page.

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Doreen Shute receiving Distinguished Leadership Award from President Eric Rasmussen



Jeff Cole receiving Chapter Special Achievement Award from President Eric Rasmussen



Christine Quinto (far right) received the Early Careers MVP Award. With her, from left to right are Early Careers Co-Directors Paul Ambrozewicz, Doyin Ogunbajo and Carla Mewborn.

2014 Professional Development Training Recap

AGA's annual PDT was held from July 13—16, 2014, in Orlando, FL. The event included education sessions with up to 24 CPE Hours, AGA Business Meetings, engaging speakers, and a national award ceremony.

Several members of our chapter attended this year's PDT, and our chapter received several awards, including the #1 Chapter Newsletter and the #1 Chapter Website! Mark your calendars now for the 2015 PDT, which will be held from July 12-15 in Nashville, TN!

"The 2014 PDT was a great way to connect with other professionals and hear new thoughts and ideas about the future direction of government and Shared Services." - Christine Tritsch, Chapter Past President, Current Community Service Co-director.

"It was exciting to meet and network with AGA and CGFM members from around the country. I worked the registration desk, the AGA and CGFM booth, scanned people in and out of sessions and provided information to the participants. Between volunteering, I attended some of the sessions, which were excellent! The end of all of my AGA PDT experience was that I won a raffle for a free registration to the 2015 PDT... I'll be there too!" - Jeff Cole, Chapter Historian Co-Director



Andrew Lewis, Regional President



Carol-Ann Boothe,
Chapter Education Co-
Director



Christine Tritsch,
Chapter Past
President, Community
Service Co-Director



Marlon Perry, Chapter
President-Elect, and guest



Jeff Cole, Chapter Historian Co-Director, with Relmond
Van Daniker, AGA National CEO, and guest.



Jeff Cole with Evelyn Brown, AGA National Past
President

FY 2013-2014 WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR!