



MONTGOMERY/PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY CHAPTER

FY 2014-2015

YEARBOOK

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Events

Carla Mewborn began recruiting new members for the FY 2014-2015 Board of Directors in early spring, FY 2014. The FY 2013-2014 Board of Directors approved the slate as proposed. Then a planning conference date was established during the summer of 2014, 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 2014

September 10	Audio Conference	Applying Moneyball Principles to Government
	Dinner Meeting	Hilton Hotel Rockville
September 24	Audio Conference	Using a Stat System to Manage State or Local Government Programs
September 28	Early Careers BBQ	Hains Point, Washington, DC

Dinner Meeting Recap



The September dinner meeting featured Pete Pupshis, KPMG discussing the implications of the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act). Each attendee received one Continuing Professional Education (CPE) unit. Pictured to the left are Pete Pupshis and Carla Mewborn, Chapter President.

Audio Conferences

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.

Early Careers Barbeque

Our chapter's Early Careers BBQ was held on September 28th with the DC and Northern Virginia chapters. All enjoyed the bright and sunny fall day and some great food catered by Famous Daves! Thank you to our Early Careers committee for hosting the event.

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October

October 8	Dinner Meeting	Hilton Hotel Rockville
	Audio Conference	Wow! She Stole That Much?
October 11	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Light the Night Walk	Rockville Town Center
October 22	Audio Conference	The New Green Book

Dinner Meeting Recap

We had an excellent dinner meeting in October as we welcomed Mr. Paul Lionikis from the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Paul's interactive and interesting presentation highlighted the functionality of the Invoice Processing Platform.



Light the Night Walk Recap



Chapter Members participated in the LLS Light The Night Walk on Saturday, October 11th.



November

November 18	CEAR Reviewer Recruiting Event	KPMG, Washington, D.C.
November 19	Audio Conference	Fraud Risk Management
	Dinner Meeting with NOVA	Hilton Hotel, Rockville, MD

CEAR Reviewer Event Recap

Our Chapter hosted a Certificate of Excellence Award in Accountability Reporting (CEAR) Reviewer Recruiting Event on November 18th, at the DC office of our corporate partner, KPMG LLP. We heard from Eveanna (Evie) Barry, the AGA Director of Performance Reporting, as well as the new AGA Chief Executive Officer, Ann Ebberts regarding the benefits of serving as a CEAR Reviewer. Benefits to serving as a reviewer include:

- Gaining exposure to the broad range of current performance and accountability reporting practices;
- Maintaining and sharpening your technical skills;
- Staying abreast of the latest developments in authoritative standards affecting accounting;

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- Gaining experience in financial reporting and performance measurement for the federal government;
- Making a valuable contribution to improving the quality of performance and accountability reporting; and
- Receiving free training!



Dinner Meeting Recap

Our November Dinner Meeting was jointly hosted by our chapter and the Northern Virginia chapter. We heard from Ann Ebberts, the AGA Chief Executive Officer, and from Evie Barry, AGA Director of Performance Reporting. Ms. Ebberts provided an overview of AGA's strategy and recent activities, and Ms. Barry discussed the importance of AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) Program.

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Ann Ebberts, AGA CEO



Anne Ebberts presenting a Certificate of Excellence to Carla Mewborn, Chapter President for the Chapter's Citizen Centric Report submitted for the 2013-2014 Program Year.



Evie Barry, AGA Director of Performance Reporting



Early Career Members of the Montgomery/Prince Georges Chapter

December

December 3	Membership Appreciation	UMUC Largo Academic Center
December 9	Winter Workshop	University of Maryland, Shady Grove
	Networking	Nantucket's Reef, North Potomac, MD
December 13	Donation and Placing of Wreaths for Veterans	Arlington National Cemetery, VA

Membership Appreciation Event




On December 3, 2014, our chapter hosted its Annual Membership Appreciation, Networking and Recruitment Event at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC)—Largo Campus. We had a great time getting to know our current and new members!



Winter Workshop and Networking Recap

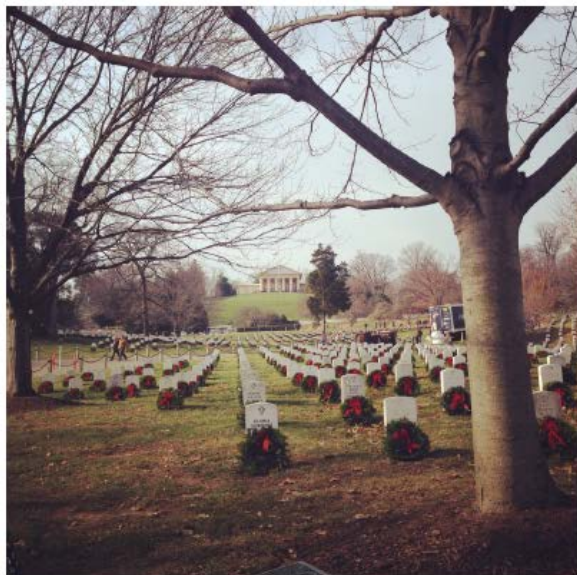
We had a fabulous winter workshop in December held at the Universities at Shady Grove. We were given a FASAB and OMB update as well as presentations regarding risk management and the DATA Act. In addition, the ethics session met the requirements for Maryland, Virginia, and DC's CPA license holders. Thanks to our Education committee for putting together an excellent day which provided up to 8 CPEs to attendees.

The workshop was followed by a happy hour at Nantucket's Reef for additional networking and membership recruitment. Pictures of speakers at the workshop follow.

		
<p>David Fisk, KPMG on Enterprise Risk</p>	<p>Heather Pajak or Michele Kaplan?, OMB on OMB Update</p>	<p>Molly Brown, James Madison University on Ethics</p>

Remembrance Wreaths for Veterans

On December 13th, remembrance wreaths were placed at the headstones of thousands of fallen veterans across the US and overseas. Our chapter donated wreaths that were placed at Arlington National Cemetery. A special thank you to our Community Service committee for coordinating the donated wreaths, and thank you to those who were able to attend in person!



January 2014

<p>January 14</p>	<p>Dinner Meeting</p>	<p>Hilton Hotel, Rockville, MD</p>
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	Audio Conference	Auditing/Internal Control
January 28	Audio Conference	Strengthening Grants Management
January 29	Miriam's Kitchen	Tackling Improper Payments

January Dinner Meeting Recap

George Fallon , IT Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen, discussed “The Changing Security Landscape of 2015: Cloud Computing, Third-Party Services, PII Breaches and the Internet of Everything”. His remarks were both timely and relevant.



Community Service Event-Miriam's Kitchen

On Thursday, January 29th, members of our Chapter volunteered at Miriam's Kitchen, along with volunteers from the DC and Northern Virginia Chapters. Together, we raised over \$1500 in donations for this wonderful organization that is doing great work to address homelessness in our local area! Paul Ambrozewicz (third from left) and Chapter President Carla Mewborn (second from left) represented our as we served a meal to over 180 truly gracious people in need. The volunteer group was joined by AGA National Past President Evelyn Brown (fifth from left, standing).



February

February 4	Audio Conference	Potholes on the Path of Performance
February 12	Tri-County Happy Hour at NLT	Elephant & Castle, Washington, DC
February 17	Dinner Meeting with NOVA	Hilton, Arlington, VA
February 18	Audio Conference	Fraud Prevention
February 23-24	CGFM Intensive Review Course	Washington, DC

Recognition at National Leadership Training

Two of our chapter's members, **Andrew Lewis, CGFM, CPA** and **Gregory Bussink III, CGFM, CPA, CGMA** were honored during AGA's National Leadership Training (NLT) in February.



Andrew received the Andy Barr Award in recognition of his exemplifying and promoting excellence in federal financial management, demonstrating outstanding leadership, developing professionals through his supervisory positions, his teaching at local colleges and his industry writing contributions. Andrew is a partner at KPMG LLP, past president of our chapter, and immediate past regional vice president of the AGA Capital Region.

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Gregory received the Private Sector Financial Excellence Award for promoting excellence in state and local financial management, with outstanding vision and leadership, and for providing integrity and candor in improving financial management at numerous state and local governmental agencies. Gregory is a principal at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP.



Happy Hour after National Leadership Training

Following the second day of AGA'S National Leadership Training, our chapter co-hosted a happy hour with the Northern Virginia and DC chapters at the Elephant & Castle in DC. From left to right: Doreen Shute, Carla Mewborn, Renwei Shi, Anu Sharma, Paul Kolar (DC Chapter), Chris-tine Tritsch, and David Colangeli.



Dinner Meeting Recap

Our chapter joined the Northern Virginia (NOVA) chapter at the Hilton in Arlington for our February dinner meeting. Mr. Thomas Steffens, Director for Accountability and Audit Readiness Department of the Army was the speaker. It was a great opportunity to network with the NOVA chapter and earn a CPE!

March

March 4	Audio Conference	Government Financial Management
March 11	Dinner Meeting	Hilton Hotel, Rockville, MD
March 12	Early Careers Wizards Game	Verizon Center, Washington, DC
March 18	Audio Conference	Internal Controls

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Dinner Meeting Recap

Our chapter welcomed speakers Bill McCabe, Department of Health and Human Services, and Molly Dawson from Cotton & Company to our March dinner meeting. Ms. Dawson gave a presentation on Enterprise Risk Management and Mr. McCabe discussed the Unintended Consequences of Internal Controls.



Early Careers Wizards Game

On March 12, Early Careers hosted our members' attendance at the Washington Wizards vs. Memphis Grizzlies game at the Verizon Center. A great time was had by all.



April

April 8	Dinner Meeting	Hilton Hotel, Rockville, MD
April 14	Spring Workshop	KPMG, Washington, DC

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April 20	Annual Crab Feast	Bethesda Crab House, Bethesda, MD
April 29	Audio Conference	Preventing Fraud and Building Public Trust and Confidence in Government
April 28-May 1	Habitat for Humanity Community Service Project	New Orleans, LA

April Dinner Meeting Recap

Tal Seaman, AOC Solutions, presented Continuous Monitoring and Budget Resource Management Process at the April 8 dinner meeting. His remarks included a discussion of how budget resource management analytics can be applied to risks related to funds control and the status of funds. The meeting, conducted by Chapter President-Elect, Marlon Perry, also recognized the Chapter's Citizen Centric Report contest winner, the University of Maryland University College (UMUC). Sherianne Wilson, Accountability Co-Director, presented the award, which included a \$2,000 scholarship.



Tal Seaman, AOC Solutions



Sherianne Wilson presents award to Debra Harsh, UMUC



President-Elect Marlon Perry with Past Presidents Richard Kaplan, Christine Tritsch, and Alex Dickey

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Spring Workshop

Our spring workshop was held at KPMG's DC Office at 1801 K Street, NW, Washington, DC on April 14th. Below are the some of the speakers and their related topics with links to their slides posted on the marylandaga.com website:

Topic	Speakers
GAO Update	Christie Pugnetti and Maria Morton, GAO
OMB Update	Michael Wetklow, OMB
Fresh IT challenges for the CFO Shop	Sunil Datt, IBM
FASAB Update - Progress on Major Projects	Monica Valentine, Robin Gilliam, and Ross Simms, FASAB
Update on CARS, Treasury's Official Central Accounting and Reporting System of Record	Maria Davis, Senita Beverly, and Shaquita Darby, Bureau of the Fiscal Service



President Carla Mewborn with GAO speakers



Past President Eric Rasmussen with Audit Panel

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!



May-June

May 7	Bowling Social	Bowlmor Lanes, Gaithersburg, MD
May 13	Awards Dinner	Hilton Hotel, Rockville, MD
	Audio Conference	Beyond the Code: Ethical Decisionmaking in the Real World
June 3	Audio Conference	Update and Implications of the DATA (Digital Accountability & Transparency) Act: Beyond the Beltway?

Bowling Social

On May 7, the chapter enjoyed an evening of bowling. Another great time was had by all!



Joan Hebron and Troy Hailey



Jared Zaideman, Renwei Shi, and Ashlei Pope



?, Jeannie Chan and Jane Stephen



Bhavin Patel bowling

Awards Dinner Meeting Recap

<i>In Recognition of Excellence</i>		<i>Recognition for Board of Directors</i>	
Welcome and Guest Introductions		Alex Dickey, CPA	Treasurer
Carla Mewborn, CGFM	Chapter President	Erica Williams	Secretary
<i>Corporate Sponsor Remarks</i>		Denise Reyes, CPA, CGFM	Webmaster
Doreen Shute, CPA, CGFM	Clifton Larson Allen, LLP, Platinum Sponsor	Ashley Hagans, CPA, CGFM	Newsletter Co-Director
Molly Dawson	Cotton & Company, Gold Level Sponsor	Michelle Merritt, CGFM	Newsletter Co-Director
<i>Early Careers Scholarship Recipient Remarks</i>		Tom Birchall, CPA, CGFM	Certification Co-Director
Danielle DiGregory, B.S- Accounting, Supply Chain Management, University of Maryland, College Park		Gabrielle Chapman, CPA, CGFM	Certification Co-Director
<i>Keynote Speaker</i>		Christine Tritsch, CGFM	Community Co-Director
William Miller, CPA, CGFM		Colleen McElwee	Community Co-Director
AGA National President		Doyin Ogunbajo	Early Careers Co-Director
<i>Awards for Outstanding Achievement</i>		Ashlei Pope	Early Careers Co-Director
Distinguished Leadership Award	Flora Milans, CPA, CGFM	Steve Craft	Early Careers Co-Director
Achievement of the Year Award	Deborah Stover-Springer	Carol Boothe, CPA, CGFM	Education Co-Director
Education and Training Award	Carol Boothe, CPA, CGFM	Corinne Dougherty, CPA, CGFM	Education Co-Director
	Corinne Dougherty, CPA, CGFM	Adam Pantano	Accountability Co-Director
Ralph Flaherty Award – President	Carla Mewborn, CGFM	Sherrienne Wilson, CGFM	Accountability Co-Director
		Jimmy Hauer, CPA, CGFM	Programs Co-Director
		Eric Rasmussen, CPA, CGFM	Past President & Programs Co-Director
		Temoor Khan	Meetings Co-Director
		Narendraneth Vedula	Meetings Co-Director
		Kathleen Sobieralski	Membership Co-Director
		Christine Quinto	Membership Co-Director
		Isaiah Okyere	Recognition Co-Director
		Marlon Perry, CPA	President Elect & Recognition Co-Director
		Jeff Cole, CGFM	Historian Co-Director
		Flora Milans, CPA, CGFM	Historian Co-Director
		Danielle Rosemond	Sponsorship Co-Director
		Troy Hailey	Sponsorship Co-Director
		Doreen Shute, CPA, CGFM	Special Projects Director

Everyone celebrated the many successes of the chapter and the financial management community at the May 13 Awards Banquet. Following are some of the pictures at the banquet.



AGA National President, William Miller, was the Keynote speaker.



Achievement of the Year Award presented to Deborah Stover-Springer by President, Carla Mewborn



Education and Training Award to Carol Boothe (pictured) and Corinne Dougherty

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Additional Awards Banquet pictures:



2015 Professional Development Training Recap

AGA National held its Professional Development Training (PDT) in Nashville, Tennessee on July 12-15. Our chapter was represented well at the PDT, where our President was presented a Platinum Award—the highest level of achievement for a chapter. The training featured many top national speakers in the field of financial management, including a keynote address from the Comptroller General of the United States, Gene Dodaro.



FY 2014-2015 WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR!