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of the
Association of Government
Accountants**

A 50-year History

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Much has transpired in the last 9 years! We published individual chapters at the end of 2010, 2011, and 2012 (which were officially versions 4-1, 4-2, & 4-3 and have been incorporated here). Alice & Jack got married and moved to Texas in 2012 and handed the project over to a new historian. With our 50th Anniversary fast approaching, Alice has again taken over the reins of the History project to help celebrate our Golden Anniversary.

As Editor, I would once again like to thank:

- Presidents from 2010 through 2018, as well as their secretaries, newsletter editors, webmasters, historians, and other Board members that kept records in the last 9 years.
- The many internet resources that helped us fill in the blanks, add pictures, & confirm data.
- And, as always, all the Past Presidents and their families for their dedication to the profession, and past members, who kept old files, dug through their memories, and were willing to share everything with us.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AAA	U.S. Army Audit Agency
AGA	Association of Government Accountants
AICPA	American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
ASMC	American Society of Military Comptrollers
CCR	Citizen-Centric Report
CDFM	Certified Defense Financial Manager (an ASMC Certification)
CFE	Certified Fraud Examiner
CGFM	Certified Government Financial Manager
CIA	Certified Internal Auditor
CPA	Certified Public Accountant
DOT	Department of Transportation
FGAA	Federal Government Accountants Association (later AGA)
GAO	U.S. General Accounting Office (now U.S. Government Accountability Office)
HEW	Health, Education and Welfare (later HHS)
HHS	Health & Human Services
NOVAGA	Northern Virginia Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
RCOW	Regional & Chapter Officers' Workshop
VA	Department of Veterans Administration (later Veterans Affairs)

PUBLICATIONS

The Federal Accountant	The Professional Publication of the Federal Government Accountants Association, through 1975
The Government Accountants Journal	The Professional Publication of the Association of Government Accountants, starting in 1976

INTRODUCTION

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NOVAGA is an association with approximately 800 members from the federal, state, 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.

AGA National

The Association of Government Accountants published "The First Twenty-Five Years of the Federal Government Accountants Association" in 1975. It contained some excellent research, and describes AGA's founding in the following words:

The source of the idea to organize what became the Federal Government Accountants Association (FGAA) is somewhat clouded. Some believe that it was in a most informal but select organization, now called the "Accounting Forum," but in 1950 better known as the "Round Table Group." Others are of the opinion that the idea originated with a group of CPAs--employees of the Government and members of the District of Columbia Institute of Certified Public Accountants, who were dissatisfied with the Institute's emphasis on the activities of its members engaged in public accounting almost to the exclusion of attention to the work of its members identified with Federal agencies. There is probably merit to both views, for at that time the D.C. Institute geared its programs almost entirely to the interests of public accounting practitioners, while the Round Table Group--whose meetings were held around a circular table that could seat only twenty-two persons, and whose members included the most prestigious Federal accountants--took pride in its exclusiveness. There is no doubt, however, that the one to light the fuse that started the fire for the Federal Government Accountants Association was Robert W. King. An active participant in professional accounting societies, he benefited from the experience of his friends and of himself in such organizations to be the guiding force for the creation of FGAA.

Upon the invitation of Mr. King, twenty-one Federal accountants with top accounting positions attended a luncheon on May 12, 1950, to discuss the need for an organization of accountants in the employ of Federal Government agencies. It being agreed at this meeting that such an organization should be formed, Mr. King was elected chairman of a working committee to develop plans for the "Federal Accountants Association." The first meeting of this committee was on June 6, 1950, at his home, where subcommittees were appointed to analyze the various matters to be considered in forming the new organization.

At another luncheon meeting on July 12, 1950, the fifty Federal accountants in attendance agreed to go forward with the organization of the Federal Government Accountants Association. At the official organizational meeting at the old Raleigh Hotel on September 14, 1950, by-laws were adopted and officers elected. The first fifty-nine membership certificates were issued as of that date, their recipients being designated as charter members. See Appendix 1 for a list of the charter members and original officers.

The Association was incorporated in the District of Columbia on April 27, 1951. Outlined in its certificate of incorporation, a copy of which is in Appendix 9, are its four initial objectives which, during the first quarter century of its life, have constituted the essential motivation of its operation:

- to unite professional accountants for constructive endeavors;
- to encourage and provide a means for free interchange of ideas

- to aid in the improvement of accounting and auditing; and

- to contribute to the improvement of education.

The early membership of the Association included only uppergrade Federal employees with accounting responsibilities. Gradually, admission rules were liberalized to admit--in some cases on a limited basis--individuals with appropriate professional qualifications or interests, who were not Federal employees. As early as 1963, it was proposed that the doors be opened wide to state and local finance officers, but it was not until February 1972, that the by-laws were amended to give effect to this proposal. Recognition of this broadened membership base culminated in changing the name of the Association, toward the end of its twenty-fifth year, to "Association of Government Accountants," the change to be effective as of July 1, 1975. In February 1975, a revision of the by-laws was authorized. As amended, they have been published as of July 1, 1975, as the By-laws of the Association of Government Accountants.

In the amended by-laws, the four objectives stated above are retained but as applicable to financial management and its professional practitioners rather than to accounting and accountants and auditors. Two additional objectives are included:

- to enhance the professional image of financial managers and management in government service; and
- to encourage expansion and improvement of service to the public.

In a generation, the "Federal Government Accountants Association" has become a mature, strong and vigorous organization, inspired by a vision that has led to a change in name to "Association of Government Accountants," to identify it with the breadth of its activities, now and in the future.

NOVAGA

AGA's "The First Twenty-Five Years of the Federal Government Accountants Association" also included information about NOVAGA's founding and its first seven years:

Northern Virginia Chapter
Virginia Area Adjacent to the District of Columbia
Charter Number 66, Granted June 1968

Chapter Presidents:

1968-69	Joseph P. Welsch	1972-73	Gretchen C. Schwarz
1969-70	Donald L. Scantlebury	1973-74	Frederic A. Heim, Jr.
1970-71	Charles E. Jarrett	1974-75	John P. Carroll
1971-72	William E. Crouch		

In the middle of the 1960s, the Metropolitan Washington Area experienced a phenomenal population growth in the surrounding suburban areas. A number of visionaries observing this growth saw the need for a local Northern Virginia Chapter that would afford members greater opportunities for involvement in FGM affairs. The Chapter with 70 original members largely from the Defense audit agencies, was chartered by the National Association in the latter part of 1968.

The founding fathers' perception proved correct. Under the direction of Joseph Welsch, the Chapter's first president, the membership roster by the end of June 1969 had grown to 208. A total of 29 different organizations were represented and the Chapter received national awards both for the largest percentage increase in new members and the greatest net increase in new members.

Through the combination of excellent program speakers, congenial meeting places and the opportunity for membership involvement, the Chapter continued to grow and attract new members in its second and third years. Under Don Scantlebury and Chuck Garrett, respectively, this period saw the Chapter jointly sponsor educational seminars and promote the profession. Members visited local schools and spoke on a local radio station on the satisfactions inherent in a career in accounting and financial management. A Chapter research project was also initiated which won the National Research Competition in Fiscal Year 1972. This research project resulted in a compendium of articles of which over 3,000 copies have been distributed to interested individuals and organizations.

In the succeeding years, past presidents Bill Crouch, Gretchen Schwarz, Fred Heim, and John Carroll have continued to build on previous accomplishments. In 1972, the Chapter began the practice of having an annual joint meeting with the Northern Virginia Chapter of CPAs. These meetings have proven to be professionally enriching to both groups and are a program highlight each year. Emphasis has continued to be placed on the educational interests of Chapter members. Seminars have been held--either by the Chapter or jointly with sister chapters--on such topics as Management by Objectives, The Government Manager, A Strategy for Success in Managing Resources, Operational - Performance - Program - Management Auditing, and the Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974. Attendance at these seminars has been high and reflects interest of the membership.

Another reflection of the member interest is evident in the Chapter's having received the 1974 Membership Retention Award for chapters in our size grouping. Two members of the Chapter have received National Distinguished Leadership Awards--William Petty in 1969 and Bernard B. Lynn in 1972--and many others have accepted positions at the Association's national level. The Chapter's accomplishments have been great and it looks forward to the future with confidence.

On the following pages, we attempt to give you a little flavor of each of the chapter's years.

THE PROGRAM YEARS

Chapter 1 1968—1969

Vital Statistics

President Joseph P. Welsch, Office of the Deputy
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Audit)



Joseph P. Welsch
as a Member of AGA's 1984
National Executive Committee

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Mr. Welsch remained active with AGA for many years. He was also on AGA's National Executive Committee (NEC).

To show you just how small the world is, former NOVAGA President John Laney (2001-2002) writes of Mr. Welsch:

"He worked with my father in OSD Audit. I knew him and he came over to the house for dinner when I was 9 years old in Albuquerque. Played ping pong with him when he came to dinner. I remember he sent a letter thanking me for the game. He transferred my father from Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque to Washington D.C. to work in the D.C. office of OSD Audit. I have good memories of Mr. Welsch. He was very much admired by his colleagues for his work."

Mr. Welsch went on to the Department of Transportation.

In 2004 when we contacted Past Presidents, Mr. Welsch had moved to New Jersey.

In 2008, we tracked Mr. Welsch to Florida.

Chapter 2 1969—1970

Vital Statistics

President Donald L. Scantlebury, GAO

According to The Federal Accountant, Volume XIX, No. 1, March 1970, and updated by his daughter, Don Scantlebury, was manager of the Washington Regional Office of the U.S. General Accounting Office (now Government Accountability Office). At the time of his chapter presidency, he had 13 years of service with GAO in various capacities. Prior to joining GAO, he was employed in public accounting for several years. Mr. Scantlebury is a CPA (Iowa and Wisconsin) and member of the AICPA, as well as the Federal Government Accountants Association (FGAA) (now AGA).



Donald L. Scantlebury, GAO
NOVAGA President 69-70
AGA National President 76-77

Mr. Scantlebury was very active in a local and national level. He authored several articles for The Federal Accountant, including such topics as:

- Reporting Audit Findings, March 1970
- Future Directions in Government Accounting, December 1975, co-authored with Ronell B. Raum

He also co-authored Operational Auditing with Ronell B. Raum.

By 1975, he was director of the Financial and General Management Studies Division at GAO.

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His daughter updated us that he was GAO's first Chief Accountant, and represented GAO at meetings of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (pre-FASAB). He also served as the Chairman of the JFMIP Steering Committee and there is an annual memorial award given in his honor.

Mr. Scantlebury went on to become AGA National President for Fiscal Year 1977. Here is a copy of his message to the membership that year:

I am very pleased to accept the presidency of the Association of Government Accountants for the fiscal year 1977 and wish to gratefully acknowledge the high honor the Association has bestowed upon me. I would like to assure all of you here that I will do my utmost to continue the effective leadership you have enjoyed under my distinguished predecessors.

The Association of Government Accountants is a lively, growing organization with a very able staff and a membership comprised of the finest government accountants and auditors in the country. During the past year we have added four new chapters and have increased our membership by nearly 300. Moreover, we have done a great deal for which we can be proud. We have disseminated information on current matters of concern through a top notch technical journal. We have a first rate course on operational auditing which many have taken and we have done other work in helping our members improve their professional skills. The work we have done in training minority business people in accounting techniques under the OMBE program is indeed a bright spot in the Association's activities. Few, if any, others have done so well in meeting this need.

Despite what we have done, I think we have before us the greatest challenge we have ever had. Many of our cities and some of our States face overwhelming financial problems. They are unable to pay bills on time, their accounting systems do not give them prompt reliable information on where they stand financially and they are unable to give employees promised salary increases. Furthermore, the Federal Government has been running up record deficits and many of its agencies are plagued with problems in getting vitally needed financial information. There are also concerns with whether programs like social security and our federal pension system will be able to stand the financial strain when the percentage of retirees to total population increases substantially as it is predicted to do in the future.

Because of all these pressing problems in our area of concern—Government finances—I believe we should dedicate this year to service. To helping our Federal, State and city Governments get better control over their financial activities. Toward this end, I have chosen as the theme for the Association of Government Accountants for 1977—Serving Government More Effectively. I challenge each chapter and each member of AGA not only to do his best for the Government he serves but also to undertake projects that will move us forward in this endeavor.

For myself, I pledge to you my best efforts during this year to see that the Association moves forward and that the National Committees will pursue our theme energetically.

**FROM
THE
PRESIDENT**

**1977
Theme—
Serving
Government
More
Effectively**

by Donald Scantlebury
National President
Association of
Government Accountants

He was also a frequent AGA speaker. From the Internet, his daughter found that the topic of one of his speeches was "Electronic Funds Transfer -- Friend or Foe."

Mr. Scantlebury passed away on June 18, 1981. His daughter, Sandy Silzer, was working for GAO in 2009 and contributed additional information for this chapter.

A special treat at our May 2009 Awards Banquet was to welcome **Don Scantlebury's** (1969-70) daughter, **Sandy Silzer**. She was still working at GAO and was clearly very proud of her father.



Sandy Silzer,
Don Scantlebury's Daughter

Chapter 3 1970—1971

Vital Statistics

President Charles E. Jarrett, DCAA

The First Twenty-Five Years of the Federal Government Accountants Association says:

A Chapter research project was also initiated which won the National Research Competition in Fiscal Year 1972. This research project resulted in a compendium of articles of which over 3,000 copies have been distributed to interested individuals and organizations.

Sources at DCAA that we contacted in 2009 questioned whether Charles Jarrett was really Charles Starrett, former DCAA director, who was very active in AGA and is now deceased.

Past President Fred Heim (73-74) confirmed to us that Charles Jarrett and Charles Starrett were two separate people, so we will continue our search!



Charles O. Starrett
DCAA Director
1985

Chapter 4 1971—1972

Vital Statistics

President William E. Crouch, DCAA



William Crouch Gives the Chapter an Update
at the May 2004 Awards Banquet

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Past President Mike Janoski (84-85) & his wife Dorothy
Past President Bill Crouch (71-72), and
Past President Fred Heim (73-74) & his wife Janet
May 2004 Awards Banquet

Chapter 5 1972—1973

Vital Statistics

President Gretchen C. Schwarz, GAO

Gretchen Schwartz was very active on the local and National levels. While serving as chapter president, she was on the 22nd Annual National Symposium Family Activities Committee. At the time of the Symposium, NOVAGA already had 273 members!



Gretchen C. Schwarz



22nd Annual National Symposium

*“Dynamics of
Financial Management”*

*A “Now” Appraisal of
Motivation and Progress
in Federal, State, Local and
Industrial Environments*

June 13, 14 and 15, 1973
The Sheraton Park Hotel and Motor Inn, Washington, D.C.

In 2004 when we contacted Past Presidents, Gretchen was living in Sedona, Arizona and was getting ready to move to Kansas City in May.

In 2009, AGA National told us that Gretchen was living in Alexandria, Virginia.

Chapter 6 1973—1974

Vital Statistics

President Frederic A. Heim, Jr., Commerce

We interviewed Fred in 2009 and he provided us much valuable AGA and NOVAGA information.

Fred worked for DCAA for numerous years, where he was Assistant Director for External Audit. At the time of his NOVAGA Presidency, Fred had become the Assistant Inspector General for Auditing at the US Department of Commerce.

He served as National AGA President in 1982-83. On an interesting note, Fred's wife, Janet, worked for AGA National (then FGAA) for a while – and that is where they met and have been married ever since!



Frederic A. Heim, Jr.
National AGA President 1982-1983



Past National President Gerald Murphy took the Association's highest honor, the Robert W. King Memorial Award, in 1983. He is at center in the photo above, along with President Fred Heim, at left, and U.S. Comptroller Charles A. Bowsher, at right.

In 1983, he was detailed as the Financial Integrity Task Force Coordinator in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), responsible for working with the executive departments and agencies to foster complete implementation of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and OMB Circular A-123. We also read this in The Government Accountants Journal in 1984.

Mr. Heim holds a BS degree in Accounting from the University of Illinois (He was a classmate of former Comptroller General Charles A. Bowsher, Class of 1953!) and an MBA degree from the University of Santa Clara.

Fred authored at least one article for The Government Accountants Journal:

- Implementing the Internal Control Process in the Federal Government, Winter 1983-84, co-authored with Harold Steinberg

Meetings

Meetings were held in Crystal City.

The First Twenty-Five Years of the Federal Government Accountants Association says:

Seminars have been held--either by the Chapter or jointly with sister chapters--on such topics as the Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

Life after AGA

Fred retired in 1985 (the first time!) and went on to work at the United Nations as the Director of Financial Funds and Agriculture in Rome, Italy, where he worked until 1992. He continued on as the Director of Financial Administration for the US Export Council for Renewable Energy, which the Clinton Administration subsequently disbanded.

In 1999 he went to work for the Smithsonian Institution, where he was in charge of A-133 (Single Audit Act) audits. He also helped set indirect rate costs with the Office of Naval Research, who developed a space vehicle in connection with NASA and Harvard University through the Smithsonian. He retired from the Smithsonian in September 2004.

In 2009 Fred and Janet were living in Springfield, Virginia. They were getting ready to sell the house, packing and moving their belongings to storage. They retired to Deland, Florida.



Frederic Heim Gives the Chapter an Update
at the May 2004 Awards Banquet

Fred provided us numerous items from both his NOVAGA and AGA National presidencies, which was being incorporated into the History book by 2012 NOVAGA Historian Debra Hoffman. He was unable to attend the 2009 awards banquet.

Fred is a lifetime member of AGA and still a NOVAGA member! He is also a member of the AICPA, and the Virginia Society of CPAs.

Chapter 7 1974—1975

Vital Statistics

President John P. Carroll, GAO

As we went to press in 2009, Fred Heim provided newsletters for John Carroll's year, as well as research papers in which the chapter contemplated new ventures.

An awards program was inaugurated at the end of the year.

Watch for more details in the next version of the History Book!

Chapter 8 1975—1976

Vital Statistics

President James K. Wright, Army Audit Agency

After he retired, Jimmie Wright lived in Winchester VA. By 2009, he had moved to South Carolina, where he still resided in 2017. He is a member of the Army Audit Agency Alumni Circle.

Chapter 9 1976—1977

Vital Statistics

President Frank S. Sato, Deputy Assistant Secretary of
Defense (Audit)

Frank Sato was very active with the local chapter, as well as with AGA National. Here he is in 1973 presenting an award at the 22nd Annual National Symposium:



Frank Sato

Chapter Activities

In the April 1984 NOVAGA News & Views, NOVAGA Charter Member Stan Haddock and Chapter Historian writes:

I found that Frank Sato was our president, and under his leadership our chapter played a large part in the success of the 1976 AGA National Symposium which was held in Philadelphia. While we had 48 registered attendees, we also had considerable participation in all facets of the program. Four of our members were involved with Symposium Committee tasks for a number of months: Jim (DCAA) Brown (publicity), Dick Nygaard (workshops), Larry Olewine (programs), and Don Whitford (finance). We also had a number of participants who shared their talents, expertise and experience by conducting various parts of the program:

Don Scantlebury, Plenary Session Panelist
Bernie Lynn, Plenary Session Moderator
Frank Sato, Presiding Officer, AGA Honors
Herb Garland, Workshop Panelist
Bobby Oakley, Workshop Moderator
Larry Olewine, Workshop Moderator
Fred Heim, Bill De Moyne and Max Minkin were active in manning the Audit Compendium Sales table, while Jack Fawsett and Chuck Woehrle assisted at the late registration desk.

In addition, we took a goodly share of the AGA Awards - Joe Welsch received the Distinguished Leadership Award and Gordon Harvey was honored with the Author's Award. Also, our chapter took second place in the Chapter Competition Program. The Symposium was successful on all fronts, and those listed above made significant contributions to the sharing of knowledge and knowhow.

Life After NOVAGA

When he was NOVAGA president, he was serving as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Audit) in the Department of Defense, a position he held from October 1974 to May 1979. In addition, from March 1977 to May 1979 he also concurrently held the position as the first Director, Defense Audit Service.

According to the Government Accountants Journal, he went on to serve as the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation (DOT) from May 1979 to January 1981. On July 31, 1981, Frank S. Sato was appointed Inspector General, Veterans Administration by President Reagan, after confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

Over his career, he was associated with the U.S. Air Force Auditor General and the Office of the Secretary of Defense for 25 years. He is also a member of the AICPA, the Virginia Society of CPAs, the Association of Federal Investigators, and the National Association of Asian American CPAs, as well as numerous other federal and civic associations.

Mr. Sato wrote at least one article for the Government Accountants Journal:

- Financial Statements Help Promote Efficiency and Effectiveness in Government, Summer 1985

He also served as AGA National President (1979-80). Mr. Sato received the Association of Government Accountants Distinguished Leadership Award in 1978, the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 1979, and the Association of Government Accountants Gold Medal Award in 1981. He continued to serve AGA after his retirement, serving on the Publications Committee of The Government Accountants Journal in 1994.

Mr. Sato currently resides in Washington State and is an At-Large AGA Member. He emailed us to thank us for the kind invitation to our 2009 Awards Banquet, but was unable to attend.

Chapter 10 1977—1978

Vital Statistics

President Reginald V. Shaw, SBA

Chapter 11 1978—1979

Vital Statistics

President Barbara Schmitt, GAO

In the late 1990s, Barbara was living in Annandale, VA. By 2009, she had moved to Loudon County, Virginia. She was unable to attend our 2009 Awards Banquet.

Chapter 12 1979—1980

Vital Statistics

President Jack Fawsett, CPA CIA CGFM, Army Audit Agency

According to The Government Accountants Journal, in 1975, John W. (Jack) Fawsett was an Associate Director for Audit of Research, Development, and Procurement, U.S. Army Audit Agency. A CPA (Texas) and CIA, he holds BCS and MCS degrees from Strayer. He is a member of NOVAGA, as well as the Maryland State Society of CPAs.

Jack Fawsett was another local president also involved in the National scene. He was **AGA National President from 1986-1987**.



Jack Fawsett, Dec 75

He wrote at least one article for The Federal Accountant:

Effectiveness Evaluations, Volume XXIV, No. 4, December 1975, which drew from his experience as Associate Director for Audit and Organizational Analysis, AAA.

In the February 1985 NOVAGA News & Views, NOVAGA charter member **Stan Haddock** writes:

In reviewing past events, I found that "professional development and communications" seemed to be the key words for the 1979-1980 year. Jack Fawsett was our president and planned the activities during the year. Three seminars were held on:

1. Improving interpersonal relations between managers and staff level accountants and auditors.
2. Cost accounting standards issues.
3. Quantitative techniques in operational auditing.

The theme for 8 dinner meetings was "Fraud in Government Programs: Is There a Solution?" In addition, thanks to the efforts of our president, Jack Fawsett and our OMBE Conductors, Frank May, a new 12-week basic course in Accounting and Financial Management for Minority Business Persons was begun. In addition, our chapter completed a video tape which gave an overview of the OMBE basic course. Our chapter held its first ever Fall Dinner Theater outing at the Lazy Susan Dinner Theater with 47 NOVAGA members attending. **Hal Stugart** was credited for the enjoyable evening.

Attendees at our monthly meetings reached new records (over 135 at one meeting). The seminars were a great success and membership increased to over 700. The monthly newsletter became a hallmark for other chapters to achieve. When Jim Brown took over for Jack in the following year he asked "How did we attain these achievements?" The reasons were Jack's boundless energy and the substantial contributions of each officer and director. Ron Johnson was awarded the Chapter Service Award and he still continues to give his time to make our chapter one of the best.



Jack Fawsett – PDC '07

Our meetings were held at Valle's, the dinner price was \$8.50 and cocktails were \$1.65.

Jack is a lifetime AGA member and still a NOVAGA member. When we contacted him in May 2004, he was living in Florida and was still there in 2009. He spoke at the PDC in Orlando in 2010 ([see chapter 42](#)). We again saw him at the PDT 2015 in Nashville & he was doing well.



Chapter 13 1980—1981

Vital Statistics

President James R. Brown, DCAA

We attempted to contact Mr. Brown through DCAA contacts in 2009 but were unsuccessful.

Chapter 14 1981—1982

Vital Statistics

President Harold L. Stugart, CPA, Army Audit Agency

Harold (Hal) Stugart went on to serve as AGA National President in 1985. In the Spring 1985 Government Accountants Journal, Hal wrote:

AGA's publications policy provides that individual issues of this journal may be built around a theme of current interest when adequate material is available, and I believe that GAO's recent issuance of a revised title 2 of its *Policies and Procedures Manual for the Guidance of Federal Agencies* provides an excellent opportunity for us to publish such a theme issue.

Title 2 now contains significant new requirements for summary-level financial statements for the government as a whole, as well as at department and agency and lower levels. Its drafters feel that it will facilitate an independent audit, and that the process of compiling statements through consistent application and enforcement of specifically defined standards will provide a discipline that is reinforced when the process is repeated annually. All financial managers in government should be aware of this impact.

As is the case with any new concept, there are elements of controversy surrounding the new title 2. I feel it is the privilege, as well as the responsibility, of each AGA member to join the informed discussion of these points, and to assist in their resolution. In doing so, we achieve perhaps the most lofty reason for our existence as a professional body.

We are extremely fortunate to have United States Comptroller General Charles A. Bowsher as a "keynoter" for this issue. Mr. Bowsher, whose General Accounting Office (GAO) promulgated title 2, is naturally in strong support of the key element of title 2, summary financial statements at all levels of government.

Mr. Bowsher points to two of the most significant events in financial management lore as prime examples of what can happen when financial statements contain little, if any, reliable information. The earlier event, in the private sector, was the stock market crash in 1929; at that time, many companies were providing investors unaudited financial statements that supported stock values that management desired. The crash led to the establishment of the SEC and resulting close regulation of reporting and auditing activity.

The other event, in the public sector, was the severe financial crisis in New York City and New York State in 1975, when the financial markets declined to purchase the securities of these governments because the two entities did not have good pictures of their own financial conditions. Neither city officials nor professional accountants could reconcile the cash accounts, or determine the amount of debt, or make sense of any of the numbers. All this led to much more attention being paid to accounting standards for state and local governments, and the eventual establishment of the Government Accounting Standards Board.

While neither of these crises may have been prevented by the summary level statements described in title 2, these statements together with strict standards and disciplined accounting systems surely would have sounded an alarm of impending danger, Mr. Bowsher says. He expands his case in describing the advantages of the concepts advanced in title 2, and how these concepts apply to today's circumstances.



Harold L. (Hal) Stugart

In a follow-on article, Jerry Murphy identifies 1984 as a memorable year in Federal financial management. Three major government initiatives, he says, moved "in harmony, if not in concert," to make the year memorable. These were the issuance of revisions to GAO's title 2, the release of OMB's Circular A-127, and the development by the Treasury Department of a conceptual design for a new Central Financial Management System (CFMS). Mr. Murphy goes on to describe fully the rationale and workings of the CFMS, and how it ties in to the other initiatives.

John Lordan next tells of the significant actions OMB has taken to "put the M back into OMB," or to improve the way government does business, through such well-known initiatives as the emphasis on internal controls, cash management, audit follow-up programs, financial systems reforms, etc. At the same time, he cautions that summary-level financial reporting, or the revamping thereof, is not a cure-all. The current attention to this topic, he says, is warranted, timely and potentially constructive. "But one should guard against overstating the role of historical financial reports in macroeconomic deci-

sion making or in 'managing' the cost of government," he continues. Rather, he maintains, most spending choices will be made from political considerations and not through improved bookkeeping or financial reporting. Priority attention should be given to more contemporary problems, he argues.

Following these three articles by representatives of three of the principal agencies in the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP), other authors expand the scope of this close examination of the new title 2. It is further planned that the ensuing issue of this journal will carry an article on auditing Federal agency financial statements, by GAO's Fred Wolf, plus pieces carrying Federal agency opinions of title 2, by authors from within those agencies. I commend all this to your close familiarization.

Finally, I would like to express our appreciation to Bruce Michelson, of the General Accounting Office, for his assistance in gathering much of the material and manuscripts which appear in this theme issue.

*Harold L. Stugart
National President*

In 1987, he was awarded AGA's top award, the Robert W. King Memorial Award.

Hal is still a NOVAGA member and living in Pennsylvania. In 2004, although he wasn't able to make it to our Awards banquet, he said:

We were just in the Washington area for our 49th wedding anniversary at our son's in Centreville, so hate to face the traffic again right away. Also, Janet and I both sing in two local choruses and our first spring concert is on May 20th. After all the hard work we've put into practicing, we don't want to miss it. So, enough excuses. Although we visit the area often, we seldom venture inside the Beltway. I thank you for the invitation. Please give my regards to everyone, and tell them that if they are ever up Lancaster County way and want to visit PARADISE, give me a call.

2011 Update

Hal attended **US Army Audit Agency's 65th** Birthday in November 2011. Hal was the Agency's first civilian Auditor General from 1979-1992.



USAAA Auditors General 1979-Present
(L-R) Francis E. (Gene) Reardon, NOVAGA President 91-92
Harold L. (Hal) Stugart, NOVAGA President 81-82 and
AGA National President 84-85
Joyce E. Morrow, Patrick Fitzgerald,
Randy L. Exley, The Army Auditor General

Chapter 15 1982—1983

Vital Statistics

President James H. Curry, DAS

James Curry served on National AGA's Publications Policy Committee in 1981 and 1982, according to The Government Accountants Journal.



Jim Curry
During a 1984 NOVAGA Meeting

In 2004, he was retired and living in Hershey, Pennsylvania.



Jim Curry
During a 1985 NOVAGA Meeting

Fred Heim was National AGA President in 1982-83. As we went to press, he provided us numerous NOVAGA newsletters, Government Financial Management Topics, and other documents during this time period. Watch for it in the next version of the History Book!

Chapter 16 1983—1984

Vital Statistics

President Wilbur D. Campbell, GAO

Wil Campbell was reassigned by GAO to its Norfolk VA office early in 1984, and Mike Janoski stepped in to complete Wil's year.

In 2004, Wil was living in Washington, North Carolina with his wife Ophelia. He intended to join us for the Awards Banquet, but was unable to due to medical tests. He wanted to thank us for inviting him.



The Fiscal Year 1984 National Executive Committee poses for this informal photo at the Chicago PDC. Nearest the camera, from left, are Fletcher Lutz, Hal Stugart (face partially hidden), Henry LaRosa, Chuck Starrett, and Dave Roth. Behind them are Joe Welsch, June Brown, Fred Heim, Milo Weitstock, Sus Uyeda, Alex Ingram, and Jack Moore. NEC member Ron Lynch is missing from this photo.

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The AGA Professional Development Conference was held in Washington, D.C. July 8-11, 1984.

Chapter 17 1984—1985

Vital Statistics

President Michael A. Janoski, CIA, CPA, CFE
Army Audit Agency

At the time of his Presidency, Mike was Deputy Auditor General of the Army. As a certified member of the Senior Executive Service and occupying the second highest professional auditor position in the U.S. Army, he functioned as Chief of Audit Operations directing the activity of nearly 750 auditors in over 40 duty stations throughout the world.

Mike holds a Bachelor of Science in Commerce from DePaul University and a Master of Arts in Public Administration from Oklahoma University.



Mike Janoski

His accomplishments at AAA during this time included establishing a Developmental Assignment Program to facilitate the broadening of individual experiences by providing challenging temporary assignments to auditors who were not able to permanently relocate. Over 100 auditors participated in the program. He issued audit reports indentifying potential monetary benefits to the Army averaging \$696 million annually. These accomplishments were recognized by Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

This period of time began the introduction of microcomputers into our world, and Mike was on the forefront of that effort, a theme you will see he sought to impart onto his fellow NOVAGA members. At AAA, Mike went on to become the Director for Acquisition and Systems Audits at AAA, where he provided direction to 230 auditors conducting audits in acquisition, research and development, and automation areas within the Department of the Army. In this position, he was responsible for audits that identified potential monetary benefits exceeding \$2.6 billion. He effectively dealt with key managers of the Department of Defense and external audit and inspection groups in minimizing the potential for duplication of efforts. His accomplishments were recognized by receipt of the prestigious Presidential Meritorious Rank Award.

AAA Involvement

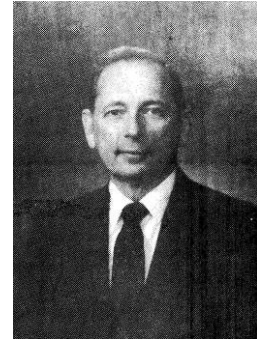
During 1984, many other Army Auditors held prominent roles in AGA, to include the following personnel on the Publications Policy Board of The Government Accountants Journal: **Charles A. (Tony) Arigo**, **Patrick E. Daly**, **Francis E. (Gene) Reardon** (Chairman – who would become NOVAGA's 24th President in 1991), and **G. Bradford Snead**. Also on the Board was HEW's **James B. Durnil** (who would become next year's NOVAGA President).

Resurrecting the Chapter

Mike was the president of NOVAGA for 1 ½ years. The prior president (Wil Campbell) was reassigned by GAO to its Norfolk VA office early in 1984. Mike provided us Newsletters of his presidency, which you can read on our Web site, www.novaga.org, under History Project. Mike writes:

The chapter was going through a hard time with limited attendance at its monthly meetings and a cash balance that barely supported the publication of the newsletter. Therefore, my emphasis the first year was on raising attendance and getting solvent. A combination of techniques was

employed. I knew that if the leaders came, followers would fill the room. I therefore contacted the heads of the major audit organizations in town and got attendance commitments from - **Mr. Welsch** (DOT IG)[and first NOVAGA President], **Mr. Kusserow** (HHS IG), **Mr. Stugart** (AAA) [and 14th NOVAGA President as well as Army Auditor General, & National President Elect], **Mr. Starrett** (DCM)[Director DCAA], and **Mr. Uyeda** (Executive Director JFMIP & AGA President). Next, we focused on generating educational seminars that were timely and pertinent and identifying speakers for our meetings that people wanted to hear. The desired results were obtained. For example:



- A **March 1984** educational seminar on **Methods Utilized in the Audit of Computer Systems in the Federal Government** drew 124 people while 220 people attended the evening dinner meeting to hear **Senator John Warner** comment on a variety of subjects.
- An **October 1984** educational seminar on **New Applications and Software for Microcomputers** drew 124 people. Top speakers such as **Fred Heim** [NOVAGA President 73-74 and AGA National President 82-83], **Chuck Starrett**, **Fred Wolf**, **Frank Sato** [NOVAGA President 76-77 and AGA National President 79-80], and **Hal Stugart** [NOVAGA President 81-82 and AGA National President 84-85] were brought in to build up attendance.
- The last three meetings of calendar year 1984 drew 350 people.
- A recruiting drive brought overall NOVAGA membership to over 800 and the chapter became solvent with over \$20,000 in the bank.

The second year of my term turned out to be one of fine tuning the well-oiled machine. I cut the number of directors from 16 to 11 by consolidating some responsibilities. I did establish a new Advisory Committee/Special Activities body to provide advice and counsel to the rest of the Board based on many years of experience in AGA activities. Early in 1985, I also started predinner meeting discussions or mini-seminars on various subjects to provide some free education to our members.

The Chapter also decided that **Jack Fawsett** [NOVAGA President 79-80] should be the next AGA National President rather than the individual selected by the National Office. I became Jack's campaign manager and solicited enough support from other chapters to get him on the ballot as a write-in candidate. In the subsequent election, Jack won every AGA chapter but one and proved to be an excellent National President. In retrospect, I'm most proud of that accomplishment during my tenure as NOVAGA President.

After Jack became the AGA President [1986-87], I was selected to be a member of the National Executive Committee. The only memory that sticks out was the political nature of that body and the major emphasis placed on hiring a new Executive Vice President at the National Office - a job that could have been executed less politically.

I remained active with NOVAGA for a few more years after my presidency serving on the Advisory Board. In January 1987, I authored an Advisory Group Report on Chapter Cash Requirements, Scholarship Commitments and Membership Benefits. [Read it at www.novaga.org under History Project]

Meetings

From the newsletters, we saw meetings at the beginning of 1984 were held at the Springfield Hilton, generally on the third Tuesday of the month, with Board meetings in between at US Army Audit Agency, Park Center, Alexandria:

Date	Topic	Speaker
March 15, 1984	Board Meeting, AAA	
March 1984 Afternoon Seminar	Methods Utilized in the Audit of Computer Systems in the Federal Government	

March 1984
Dinner Meeting



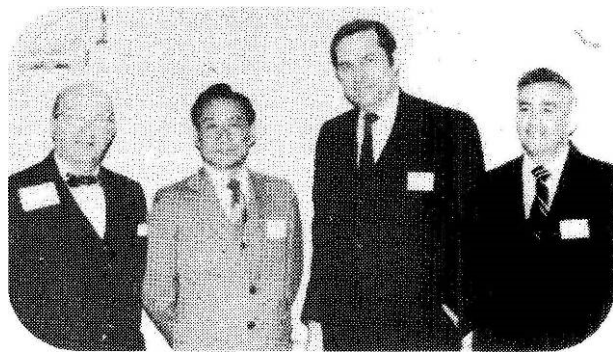
Sen. John Warner (R. VA) makes a point during his presentation to the NOVAGA Chapter.



The Inspectors General corner Sen. Warner. From left to right: Richard Kusserow, IG-HHS; Joe Welsch, IG-DOT; and Joe Sherick, IG-DoD.



Just a part of the head table. From left to right: Hal Stugart, Auditor General of the Army; Chuck Starrett, Director, DCAA; Fred Heim, OMB Coordinator for the FMFIA; Frank DeGeorge, Deputy IG-Commerce; Jim Curry and Jack Fawsett, both Past Presidents-NOVAGA.



National Officers welcome Richard Kusserow to membership within AGA. From left to right: Fletcher Lutz, Executive Vice President; Sus Uyeda, National President; Richard Kusserow, IG-HHS; and Hal Stugart, National President-Elect.

April 5, 1984
Board Meeting, AAA

Treasurer's Report. Cash and Accounts Receivable total \$10,500.

Chapter Competition. President Janoski informed the board that NOVAGA was currently second to the Washington Chapter in this area.

April 17, 1984
Implementing the Financial Integrity Act
– Where Do We go From Here?



John F. Simonette, Associate Director, US GAO



Judith L. Tardy, HUD
Assistant Secretary for Administration

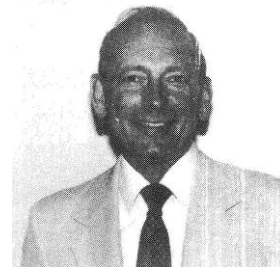


James B. Thomas, Jr. is Inspector General for the
Department of Education

Date	Topic	Speaker
April 25-26	Small Business Workshop.	Ed Canady held his last course for the year. It was a tax workshop.
May 14, 1984	NOVAGA Board Meeting, AAA	
May 22, 1984	Educational Seminar – Effective Writing for Auditors	Ms. Katherine Carlson , currently working in the Executive and Management Development Program of the U.S. General Accounting Office with specific responsibility for revising the GAO's training courses in writing skills. Ms. Carlson has a Doctorate degree and has taught effective writing at the University of Minnesota and other schools.
1-5 pm	\$50-Members \$60 non-members (includes Awards Banquet)	
6 pm	Annual Awards Banquet \$15 for members and non-members London Broil, Wine	Awards Program. Total cost for awards program was estimated at \$3,100 including scholarship awards. Jim Curry volunteered to be the MC for the Awards Night since Jim Nirschl would be in Europe.
	The awards to be presented and their recipients are:	
	Award	Recipients
	Distinguished Leadership	Fred J. Newton
	Achievement of the Year	Dennis J. Stowe
	Special Achievement	Mary T. Cress
	Chapter Service	Francis G. May
	Training Program	Edwin Canady
	NOVAGA Newsletter	JoEllen Kowalski, Stanley J Haddock
	Scholarship	Penny Hill (Marymount College)
	FY 83/84 Service/Facilitators	Scott T. Purkey (George Mason University) Officers and Directors

NOVAGA also received a cash award from National for the number of new members it recruited!

Starting in September 1984, NOVAGA met at Imperial 400 Motor Lodge, 1395 and Edsall Road (East), Alexandria, after also considering the Hilton, Best Western, Valle's, and the Ramada at Seminary Road. Meetings were held on the third Tuesday of each month with the exception of February 1985 when the meeting was held on Wednesday of that week instead of Tuesday because of a holiday the preceding Monday.




Mike Janoski
1984-1985

Board meetings were again held at AAA, Park Center, Alexandria.

Date	Topic	Speaker
September	Meeting Trends in the IG Community	Richard P. Kusserow, IG, HHS
	NOVAGA Board Meeting, AAA	
September 13, 1984	National Elections - The President requested the Board's decision concerning a recent letter from the Baton Rouge Chapter. The letter solicited NOVAGA support for Mr. Joseph Burris as National President-Elect for the year 1985-86. The Board decided to address National nominations when nomination guidance from the National Office is received.	Treasurer's Report. The Chapter Financial Statement at 31 August 1984 showed: Cash \$7,170; Receivables - \$6,874; Membership Equity \$14,044. Audit. An unqualified opinion has been rendered on the chapter's financial records as a result of a recently completed audit. We appreciate the efforts of Grady Grisham, CPA and NOVAGA member, who conducted the audit. The chapter is implementing meaningful recommendations made by Grady to strengthen internal controls.
		Advisory Committee - Ron Raaum formerly submitted the Advisory Committee report on Chapter Dues to the President. The next activity of the Committee will be to participate in the process of identifying members for next year's Board. Jim Durnil, President-Elect, will chair the Committee and discuss some of his ideas

Date	Topic	Speaker
October 2, 1984	NOVAGA Board Meeting, AAA	on how to identify candidates. Jim said he was considering establishing an audit committee for his term.
	Education Extravaganza #1	
	New Applications and Software for Microcomputers	Research - Ed Canady submitted the 84-85 Research Plan. The plan consisted of 15 proposals and will be submitted to National for Chapter recognition points by the President.
Tuesday, October 16, 1984		John Hummel , Partner, & John Mendona , Senior Manager, Peat Marwick Mitchel & Co opened the program by discussing MacIntosh microcomputers they use.
Seminar	<i>Pictured above is Mr. John Hummel, Partner, Peat Marwick, Mitchel and Co., who made a presentation at the seminar.</i>	Joseph J. Friedl , Chief, Budget Division, Budget & Finance Directorate, Washington Headquarters Services, DOD led a workshop on microcomputers in budgeting at DOD.
		Jack Fawsett discussed Harvard Project Manager.
	<i>A hands-on demonstration is presented to Mr. Barry Lipton, HQ, USAAA, by Mr. John Mandona, Senior Partner, Peat Marwick, Mitchel and Co.</i>	Demonstration of LOTUS Software (Symphony and Framework) by Andy Kitt during the seminar preceding the October dinner meeting.
		Read the Article in the November 1984 NOVAGA News & Views at www.novaga.org at History Project.
		
	Computer Innovations	<i>Mr. Jack Fawsett, Education/Publicity Director, NOVAGA, talking with Mr. Sam Farrar from Technology Services Inc.</i>
Dinner Meeting	Alan Duncan , CISA, President, Duncan & Associates Formerly Director of Computer Audits and Technical Support at Department of Transportation OIG	
November 8, 1984	NOVAGA Board Meeting, AAA	
	Implementation of the Federal Managers' Integrity Act	
November 20, 1984	Frederic A. Heim Jr Coordinator of the OMB Internal Control Task Force	
December	No Meeting	

Date	Topic	Speaker
January 10, 1985	Board Meeting, AAA	
	Government Auditing – The Growth of a Profession	
	Achieving Professional Excellence	
January 15, 1985	Harold L. (Hal) Stugart AGA National President	
	Army Audit Agency Organization Night	
Courses continued February through May	Small Business Training Program Ron Deering and Ed Canady of your board are doing yeoman work in teaching these courses.	"Taxes for Small Business," "Small Business Accounting and Financial Management" (February 4 th) and "Listening and Communication - Profit Oriented Skills" These courses will be given at Hammond High School.
February 12, 1985	NOVAGA Board Meeting, AAA	National Awards Program. The board agreed to nominate Fred Heim for the Robert W. King Memorial Award. Chapter Service Award. The board agreed unanimously that Mike Janoski should receive the Chapter Service Award.
	Educational Extravaganza #2	An Update on the Comptroller General's Audit Standards - Bill Broadus, GAO
	Accounting Standards Development Workshop	A Synopsis of the new DoD Internal Audit Standards - How and Why They Were Developed - Jim Curry, DoD IG
February 20, 1985	Status of Significant Actions Underway by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board-Venita Wood, GASB	New and Revised IIA Internal Audit Standards - Don Nelson, Institute of Internal Auditors
	New Initiatives by the Financial Accounting Standards Board - Robert Van Riper, FASB	Hardware Demonstration - GRiD Corporation





Part of the head table at the dinner meeting. L to R: Jack Fawsett, NOVAGA Education/Publicity Director; Jim Curry, NOVAGA Past-President; and Ike Barbre, Deputy Auditor General of the Army.




Bill Broadus, GAO, discussing An Update on the Comptroller General's Audit Standards.



Don Nelson, Institute of Internal Auditors, discussing New and Revised IIA Internal Audit Standards.

Date	Topic	Speaker
February 20, 1985	<p>AICPA Relations With Government Accountants</p> <p>Frank Sato Inspector General Veteran's Administration</p>	 <p><i>The Honorable Frank S. Sato, Inspector General at the Veteran's Administration, discussing AICPA Relations with Government Accountants, at the dinner meeting.</i></p>
March 12, 1985	<p>NOVAGA Board Meeting, AAA</p> <p>President Janoski opened the meeting by discussing a letter he had received from Jack Moore who was charged by the National President, AGA, to head a committee to look into the need for a certification program for government accountants. A questionnaire has been sent out to each chapter to fill out and comment on as to their thoughts for a program of this nature. President Janoski responded to this request and said that the Chapter supported such a program.</p> <p>Audit of Chapter Books. Subsequent to the meeting, President Janoski appointed Mr. Grady Grisham, CPA, to audit the Chapter's books at year-end to facilitate the transition to the new Treasurer.</p>	<p>Awards and Scholarship Program. The Advisory Committee met and in conjunction with that, as well as other judgments made by the Board, we have nominated the following individuals to the National Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fred Heim: Robert W. King Award; • Edward Mazur: Distinguished Leadership Award; • William Broadus & Joseph Comtois: Achievement of the Year Award; • Michael Janoski: Chapter Service Award; and • Robert Lastrico: Special Achievement. • Mary Renee Deering was nominated for the National Scholarship Award. <p>The President also announced the following local Chapter awards: Mary Jacobs: Newsletter Award; Ron Deering and Jack Fawsett: Training Program Awards.</p>
March 19, 1985 Pre-dinner Discussion	<p>Civil Service Retirement System, & A New Approach to Life Insurance</p> <p>Accounting & Financial Management in Government</p>	<p>The President also asked that all facilitators be given appropriate recognition and gifts at the Awards Banquet in May.</p> <p>As an additional service to our members, we have added a feature to our monthly dinner meeting, a pre-meeting discussion on special topics of personal and technical interest. These pre-meetings will be held from 5:30 to 6:30.</p> <p>Tom Eickmeyer, NOVAGA member and Group Director at GAO in charge of reviews in the federal employee benefits area.</p>
March 19, 1985 Meeting	<p>Frederick D. Wolf Director Accounting and Financial Management Division U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO)</p> <p>Prior to joining the GAO in August 1983, Mr. Wolf spent 21 years with Arthur Andersen & Co., CPAs.</p>	

Date	Topic	Speaker
April 18, 1985	Managing an Independent Agency	
April and May	Small Business Administration	<p>Tax classes will start up again on 24-25 April.</p> <p>Classes for Small Business and Accounting Management will run from 15 April-1 May and</p> <p>Listening and Communicating Skills from 13-22 May.</p>

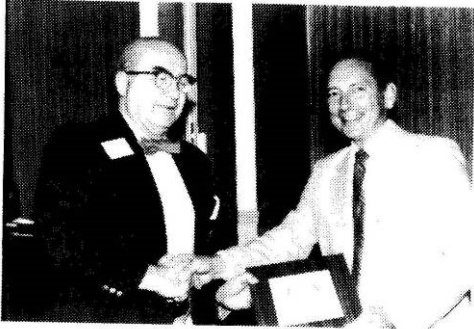
C. O. Starrett, Jr.
Director, DCAA

Ron Deering stated that arrangements made with Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) have worked out well.

May 29, 1985
Awards Dinner



NOVAGA Directors 1984-1985: Al McBride, Ron Deering, Ron Johnson, JoEllen Kowalski, Watt Sammons, Ed Canady, Jack Fawsett, Stan Haddock, Dick Sucher, Fred Newton.



Flecher Lutz, AGA Executive Director, presenting President Janoski an award plaque for achieving the 10,000 point threshold on chapter competition. NOVAGA was the final national award winner for category "A" in chapter recognition.



Mike Janoski presents the Distinguished Leadership Award to Edward Mazur, Comptroller of Virginia.



Jack Fawsett receives Chapter Training Award from Mike Janoski.

Date

Topic

Speaker



Dr. A. J. Stagliano, Chairperson, Department of Accounting, Business, and Legal Studies, George Mason University and scholarship winners accept the NOVAGA Plaque for display at their school.

Dr. Richard Ross, Dean, School of Business Administration, Sister Marie Berg, and scholarship winners from Marymount College accept the NOVAGA Plaque for display at their school.

Membership

Interesting statistics from the October 1984 Newsletter – membership appears to be fairly constant throughout the years:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Members</u>
4-30-79	628
4-30-80	724
4-30-81	764
4-30-82	719
4-30-83	720
4-30-84	757

Members in the News

We recognized many names in the old newsletters, including:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Congratulations to:</u>
April 1984	Stan Haddock was a charter member of the Chapter when it was established in 1968. He's been on numerous of its Boards functioning as Treasurer and Director of Awards, Publicity and most recently Chapter History over the last 2 years. He has published numerous articles in the newsletter and has been a source of consistently sound advice on operations of the Chapter. I'm pleased to announce that Stan will again be on the Board next year continuing his fine contributions to overall Chapter activities. Congratulations to Dave Clark (GAO), who recently completed his Masters of Public Administration at George Washington University. Pete Aliferis (GAO) recently represented the Comptroller General and the General Accounting Office at the 150 th Anniversary Celebration of the Supreme Court of Audit of the Republic of Greece.
October 1984	Jim Kaplan (Fairfax County) was recently awarded the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) designation by the Institute of Internal Auditors. Birta Johnson (DODIG) was recently promoted to GM13 and reassigned to the Office of Assistant Inspector General for Inspections.
November 1984	AAA celebrated its 38 th Anniversary at Fort McNair. POCs were Steve Keefer and Dan Pawlak . Fred Newton has recently been named the Deputy Director at DCAA. Bill Sharkey has become the Assistant Director for Policy & Plans at DCAA. James Popelarski of DODIG has transferred from Inspections to Auditing.
December 1984	Jim Durnil , President Elect, testified before the Committee on Government Operations, U.S. House of Representatives, on the budget processes used by the Offices of Inspector Generals. The testimony discussed the Agency budget processes for the Offices of Inspector General and the impact the budget processes could have on the independence and operations of the IGs.

Date	Congratulations to:
February 1985	Garry L. Duncan (VA) was promoted to Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Regional Audits. Randy Exley (USAAA) recently received a Significant Accomplishment Cash Award and the GM-14 Director's Award. Jack H. Kroll (VA) was promoted to Assistant Inspector General for Policy Planning and Resources. Renald P. Morani (VA) was promoted to Deputy Inspector General. Marlin Starling (USAAA) was recently promoted to GM-14 in the Acquisition Division, Acquisition and Systems Audits Directorate.
April 1985	Don Cress (USAAA) has been named Assistant Program Manager for Acquisition & Systems Audits Directorate, Research & Development Division. Mac MacDonald (formerly of USAAA) has been named Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Policy, Planning & Resources, Veterans' Administration.

The Government in 1984

The Intergovernmental Audit Forum – an article appeared in the April 1984 NOVAGA News & Views that discusses the history of this body.

Based on numerous discussions in the early 1970's on the need for better communication, coordination and cooperation among Federal, State and local government audit organizations, in September 1972, several State auditors and representatives of the Council of State Governments met with officials from GAO and OMB to propose establishing national and regional audit forums where problems of mutual concern to auditors of all three levels of government could be discussed. The proposal was received favorably by Federal officials and Comptroller General Elmer Staats agreed to provide leadership in the creation of the National and ten Regional Intergovernmental Audit Forums - a regional forum for each of the 10 standard Federal Regions. It was still considered viable by Comptroller General Charles A. Bowsheer in 1984.

The National and ten regional Intergovernmental Audit Forums held their 5th Joint Biennial Conference of Audit Executives at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in New York City from May 6-9, 1984. The theme of the conference was "Improving Governmental Auditing Through Cooperation." The program emphasized an intergovernmental perspective in the sharing of audit experiences on the basis of the current state-of-the-art. The three day meeting had 3 plenary sessions, 5 technical audit tracks, an evening banquet, and several interesting spousal activities. Mayor Edward Koch and Harrison Goldin (Comptroller, City of New York) were 2 of the keynote and luncheon speakers. Mr. Frank Fee, Assistant Comptroller General for Operations, U.S. General Accounting Office and Mr. James Dolan, State Auditor, State of New Jersey were also keynote/luncheon speakers.

Microcomputers Now at USAAA. Do you remember these days? Mary T. Cress authored this article in May 1984:

The U.S. Army Audit Agency entered the age of microcomputer auditing with the arrival of four grid microcomputer systems in February 1984. The microcomputers were used to facilitate a special financial review requested by the Department of Justice. Two auditors and the computer specialist from the agency's Southwestern Region and an auditor from headquarters met in San Antonio, TX for 4 days of training and familiarization with the grids. Two of the people had attended formal grid training and assisted the others in learning how to set up and run the grid and its related peripheral equipment. During this first week each grid system (consisting of a compass computer, hard disk drive, portable floppy disk drive and an Epson printer) was set up in the morning and used extensively during the day.

A draft worksheet to collect the requested financial data had been created in headquarters and brought to San Antonio where it was finalized during this period. After the first week, three of the grid systems were taken to Edgewood Arsenal, MD, Vicksburg, MI, and Denver, CO. The fourth system remained at the audit control point in San Antonio. Using the finalized worksheet as a model, financial data was entered regarding specified time periods and activities at each of the sites. The next week audit personnel and equipment from each of the sites reconvened in San Antonio where the results of the review were consolidated and stored on floppy disks. Approximately 150 worksheets capturing data covering 13 commands and government entities, 13 fiscal periods and 4 Army appropriations were created. The worksheets were manipulated to summarize costs for each of the 13 commands and government entities.

Communications were established via telephone lines between headquarters and San Antonio on a grid-to-grid basis and a complete copy of the draft report was transmitted to headquarters. Members of the audit team estimated that 175 auditor days were saved in the collection and summarization of data and over 9 administrative days for typing and retyping were saved by using grid generated printouts of the worksheets. Based on the results of this first use, the agency is experiencing a significant demand for microcomputers for use in other audits.

Audit Milestones and Related Time Goals. This is a great 2-part article, including keys to Audit Time Control. If you're groaning because you're expected to do an audit in 6 months – or even in 165 days – read this series of articles by Jim Durnil in the October & November 1984 newsletters. It proposes a schedule and timeline for an audit lasting 4 months and 250 staff days!

The Single Audit Act Legislation and Attachment P to OMB Circular A-102. The long awaited "Single Audit Act" (S1510) passed both the House and Senate and was signed into law by the President on October 19, 1984. S1510 provides a statutory basis for the type of single audit prescribed by Attachment P to OMB Circular A102 and, it is believed by many in the audit community, should provide the needed impetus for a more rapid shift to single audit. The legislation applies to any state or local government with respect to any of its fiscal year beginning after December 31, 1984. A summary of key difference between S1510 and Attachment P is in the November 1984 NOVAGA News & Views at www.novaga.org under History Project.

NOVAGA Representation on the FMSB. Our chapter is well represented on the AGA National board responsible for reviewing proposals of the FASB, GASB, AICPA, etc., and preparing comments on behalf of AGA. The Financial Management Standards Board has 12 members, 5 of whom are members of NOVAGA: Fred Newton of DCAA is the chairman and is accompanied by Frank Alston of Price Waterhouse. Tom McCarty of OASD (Comptroller), Bob Oakley of VA and Carol Payne of Fairfax County Public Schools.

Other Professional Organizations

Several other professional organizations were spotlighted in the newsletters, including:

- The Montgomery-Prince Georges County Chapter of AGA.
- Battlefield Chapter of AGA (more information in Annex E).
- Washington DC Chapter of AGA.
- Washington Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors. AGA members were cordially invited to hear Martin Ives speak on plans for the new Government Accounting Standards Board on April 25, 1984 before the regular luncheon meeting of the Washington Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors at the Pier 7 Restaurant (650 Water Street, S.W.) at noon. (Cash bar 11:30 a.m., Luncheon 12:00N \$9.00). Call Ruth Ann Harrold 755-9083 for reservations by April 20. Seating is limited to 120 persons. A former Deputy Comptroller of both New York State and New York City, Ives is one of the country's top authorities in the field of governmental financial management and auditing. Informed sources indicate that he will soon be named a member of the new GASB as well as its permanent staff director.
- Joint Financial Management Improvement Program's 14th Annual Conference: "Managing the Government's Financial Resources" March 20, 1985 from 9-4, with Keynote Speaker: Charles A. Bowsher, Comptroller General of the United States.

AGA National News

Next Professional Development Conference - June 24-26, 1985

Theme: **Governments and the Private Sector - A Partnership for Public Profit**, Town & Country Hotel, San Diego, CA.



Scholarship Award. This year for the first time the National Office will be awarding a National Scholarship Award. The National Executive Committee has approved the award in the amount of \$1,000.

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Life After AGA

In 1989, Mike earned his CPA, retired from AAA, and became the Director of Audit Operations/Managing Auditor at Irving Burton Associates, Inc, where he supervised activities of a core group of 50 auditors providing government clients with audit review and evaluation-type services. Here he developed an audit plan for and personally executed a series of audits of the Superconducting Super Collider--a multibillion dollar Energy Department (DOE) project. Audits of this highly visible project entailed briefings to the Secretary of Energy as well as members of Congress. He also developed and applied an approach for reviewing "front-end" controls over another major DOE project - the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor. He developed generic guidelines for auditing mission-oriented activities at DOE laboratories, which were adopted throughout that Agency's Inspector General audit operations. He also oversaw development of an Audit Manual addressing quality control of financial and financial-related audits. He also became a CFE in 1990.

In 1994, Mike moved to KPMG Peat Marwick, where he served as Managing Auditor/Consultant until 2001. He directed and coordinated the efforts of a 12-member Investigative Process Improvement Team that developed a reorganization plan and policies and procedures manual for the DOE Office of Investigations. He also assisted the DOE's Office of Inspector General (OIG) in its implementation of the Government Management Reform Act of 1994, which required audit of the Department's consolidated financial statements. He developed the initial Strategic Plan and performed risk assessments, forming the basis of the approach adopted for auditing the Department's consolidated financial statements. He prepared a number of subsequent annual Strategic Plans as well as publications identifying "best practices" dealing with: Management Representations, Presentation of Performance Measures in the Financial Statements, and Financial Statement Disclosures. He designed a local report format to be used in reporting on local issues identified during the audit of consolidated financial statements. He evaluated the organization and content of OIG performance audit reports and proposed a redesigned audit report format which was approved by the Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services for adoption throughout the OIG. He then provided assistance in updating the OIG Audit Manual updating specific chapters and directing the development of the entire product. He provided technical assistance for a complex performance audit of the Management of Tank Waste Remediation at the Hanford Site. At an estimated cost of nearly \$50 billion, the Hanford tank waste program is one of the largest, most technologically challenging environmental remediation efforts ever undertaken. The resulting audit report identified significant managerial shortcomings. The hard-hitting product was nevertheless well received by management and was considered an outstanding product by OIG management both from the point of view of its content as well as its timeliness.

In 2001, Mike briefly retired to concentrate on senior softball every Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting in April and extending through October with golf a ritual every Wednesday. In 2003, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB), a product of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, decided they needed an Internal Audit staff and established a small group of 5 people headed by the former General Counsel from the DOE OIG. After they had been in operation about 2 years, I was asked to come in to critique their operation and make necessary changes to assure that they passed an upcoming external peer review. He has been working under a consulting contract with them ever since with the proviso that it does not interfere with his softball and golf!

Mike was able to attend the 2004 Awards Banquet with his wife Dorothy. Along with all of Mike's other accomplishments, we consider their successful raising of eight grown children a noteworthy accomplishment!



Mike Janoski Gives the Chapter an Update at the May 2004 Awards Banquet



Mike Janoski and Ronell Raam at the May 2009 Awards Banquet

Mike also attended the 2009 Awards Banquet (picture at left)

In 2017, Mike was still a member of the Army Audit Agency Alumni Circle, living in Springfield, Virginia.

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Vital Statistics

President James B. Durnil, AID

Jim Durnil has long been active in AGA. According to The Government Accountants Journal, in 1983 he was the Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Veterans Administration. He previously served with U.S. Army Audit Agency; Health, Education, & Welfare (HEW) Audit; and with the Inspector General, Department of Transportation (DOT).

He is a graduate of Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas. A CPA and CIA, Mr. Durnil is a member of AICPA and AGA.

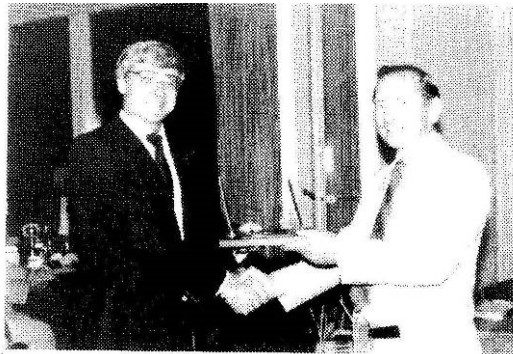
He authored numerous articles for The Government Accountants Journal, including:

- Detecting Fraud, Waste, and Abuse through Computer Matching, Summer 1983.
- Government Auditing and Legal Liability, Fall 1998, co-authored with Peter Millsbaugh.

Jim was also on The Government Accountants Journal Publications Policy Board in 1984.



Jim Durnil, VA, 1983



James B. Durnil accepts Chapter Presidency from Mike Janoski, Past President.

When Jim took over the chapter, his President's Message in the September 1985 NOVAGA News & Views said:

As the NOVAGA Chapter starts the 1985-86 year, we all should be proud of Mike Janoski and last year's board's performance. Their performance was reflected by winning National Chapter Competition in Category A (chapters with 300 or more members). They set a hard pace to follow, but I believe this year's board is equally capable of last year's effort. I feel privileged to serve as president this year and the board and I look forward to serving you, our membership, to the fullest.


The major thrust of this year's activities is to "Improve Service to Membership." This will require keeping up

the good management techniques that Mike initiated, such as the Advisory Board and searching out more thoroughly the needs of membership. I am going to ask the Advisory Board to identify how our Chapter operations can be of more benefit to our members - such as expanding or improving the quality of the Newsletter. With this theme, we should be able to expand our membership - both through retention and acquiring new members. The Chapter Board has made an excellent start. Bobby Oakley has established a fine meetings program and Gary Neil is developing a good education program. These efforts should result in increased meeting and educational event attendance. The other board members are working with last year's board to ensure an orderly transition of responsibilities. As we move into the year, we will be able to serve our membership to the fullest.

One problem still facing me and the board is identifying a member to handle the Small Business Training Program. Small Business Training is an important service of our chapter and has benefited numerous people in the past. This is a most gratifying experience and the only real opportunity our chapter has in public service. If anyone is interested, please call me as soon as possible.

The board and I look forward to a successful year in serving our members.

Meetings

Date	Topic & Speaker
	<p>Current Events of Interest to Federal Employees</p> <p>Mike Causey</p> 
September 17, 1985	Author of the Federal Diary column which appears five days a week (Monday through Friday) in The Washington Post. The column is also syndicated to almost 400 U.S. newspapers by the Los Angeles Times/Washington Post News Service.
October 15, 1985	The October 15 NOVAGA educational seminar will be a one day, two track session. One track will relate to Federal auditors (DCAA, HHS, etc.) performing audits for other Federal audit agencies. The second track will relate to nonfederal auditors (CPA firms) performing work for Federal audit agencies.
October 15, 1985	The American Institute of CPA's will complement our training session with a speaker on the subject of Quality Assurance. "What is the Profession Doing to Assure Quality Assurance?" The AGA Capital Region will sponsor a full two day Professional Development Seminar.
November 5-6, 1985	The workshop schedule is still tentative, however, emphasis is being placed on operational auditing, report writing, effective speaking, and ADP, in addition to a number of timely issues. There will be keynote presentations and luncheon speakers both days. If you plan to attend, applications should be processed as soon as you receive the announcement, since both locations currently being considered have limited space.
November 19	Mr. Michael Barrett, Senior Staff Assistant to Congressman John Dingell will share with us some of the concerns that have led to recent and continuing legislature proposals affecting the accounting and auditing profession.
January 21, 1986	The new DCAA Director will share with Chapter members any changes in course that might be anticipated in the Agency - or - an endorsement of tried and proven operations into FY 1986.
February 18	Mr. Charles (Chuck) Dempsey will discuss his experiences with Alexander Grant & Company. He will provide contrasting views of operations in the public and private sectors of our profession.
March 18	Ms. Melissa Allen, Assistant to the Director, Office of Management and Budget with views regarding the perceived effectiveness of the Inspector General community.
April 15	Ms. Sandra Stephenson, Counsel in the law firm of Krivitt and Krivitt, will discuss auditors' responsibility in report presentation. Ms. Stephenson's comments may start some thoughts about the need for personal liability insurance - mark your calendars for this meeting

Board News

The Board met at AID. Some highlights of the first Board meeting in August, as reported in the September NOVAGA News & Views (read the full newsletter at www.novaga.org under History Project):

Treasurer. As of 30 June 1985, our financial status is as follows: Cash - \$14,395.05; Accounts Receivable \$355.00; Total Assets - \$14,750.05. We are currently having our books audited by Grady Grisham. When this audit is completed, we will be able to claim points for the Chapter.

National Office and Legislative Liaison. President Durnil stated he would like to see 2 things accomplished in this area: (i) include in our newsletter each month any notes from the National Office, and (ii) periodically publish an article in NOVAGA on significant events in Congress that involve any Bills or Acts passed relating to the accounting and auditing profession.

Meetings and Attendance. Meetings will continue to be held at the Imperial 400 Motor Lodge, I-395 & Edsall Road. Dinner prices have been increased from \$12.00 to \$13.00 this year. This is due to an increase in the price of meals - \$12.30. The remaining 70¢ will offset the cost of the guest speaker's meal.

Membership. We ended last year with a total of 788. This year we have gone from 788 to 801 in a 3-month period. Our goals this year are: 20% acquisition, 10% growth, and 90% retention.

Member News

Bill Roderick (DOOIG) passed the May 1985 CPA examination. Congratulations, Bill!

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Jim Durnil, AID, 1988

Life After NOVAGA

After his NOVAGA Presidency, Jim went on to become the deputy inspector general for the Agency for International Development (AID) in 1988.

Jim retired from AID and went to work for Coopers & Lybrand.

At the time of our May 2004 Awards Banquet, Jim was the President of National Rural Electric Cooperative Association International Ltd. They handle electricity for foreign countries and have five overseas offices.



When we contacted him in March 2009, Jim was living in Arp, Texas. He thanked us for inviting him to our banquet, but couldn't attend.

At the time, Jim's son, **Jamie**, was working with 2007-2008

NOVAGA President **Bill Hughes** at Morgan Franklin – small world, isn't it?



Jim Durnil Gives the Chapter an Update at the May 2004 Awards Banquet

In 2017, Jim was still living in Arp, Texas and was a member of the Army Audit Agency Alumni Circle.

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Vital Statistics

President Fred J. Newton, DCAA

Fred contributed at least one articles to The Government Accountants Journal:

- Audit Challenges—Present and Future, Winter 1985-1986

In the April 1985 NOVAGA News & Views, then President Mike Janoski stated that:

Fred Newton is Mr. Dependable when it comes to his role as Program Director. He has lined up an excellent group of speakers, provided the innovative "Spotlight" information on organizations being honored, and made sure that everything is in its place and at the right time. Fred has made a demanding job look easy.



Fred J. Newton

So we shouldn't be surprised that he was elected as NOVAGA President two years later!

In 2009, sources at DCAA told us that Fred Newton now lives in Austin, Texas.

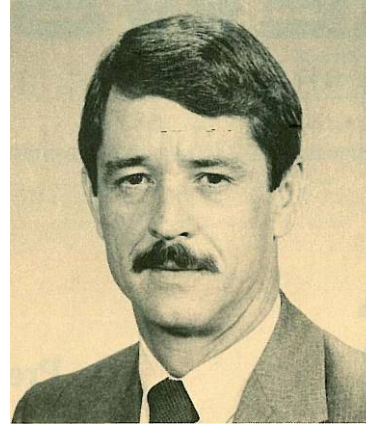
Chapter 20 1987—1988

Vital Statistics

President Steven A. Switzer, HUD

20th Anniversary of NOVAGA

Steven Switzer was kind enough to allow himself to be subjected to an interview in March 2009. Here's what he told us:



Steven A. Switzer

- Please tell us about yourself. What were you doing when you served as NOVAGA President? And what have you been up to since then? Do you have a current bio and picture that you can provide us?

Steven was the OIG Assistant Inspector General at HUD when he served as NOVAGA President. He then worked as the Deputy Inspector General at the Resolution Trust Corp and FDIC. He retired in 2001.

- What types of activities did the chapter do? Do you have a list of meetings that you held, with location, topics and speakers? What about half-day and all-day educational events and mini-maxes (and who came up with that term and when was that?)

The Chapter education program was excellent. I think Jim Durnil coined the terms mini- and maxi-educational seminar for the Chapter. Educational meetings/classes usually attracted 100 – 150 people. AGA National's chapter competition program served as the impetus driving chapter educational activities. NOVAGA consistently won or finished in the top 5 in the AGA competition.

- What types of community service events did the chapter do? We've noticed MS Walk participation for many years – did you all participate and do you know when that started?

Steve recalls that NOVAGA started to participate in MS Walk in 1986, a year before he became the President. Andrea Walker, HHS IG initiated and coordinated the effort for NOVAGA. We also participated each year in the VITA program. (Volunteers in Tax Assistance).

- What types of social or outreach programs did you do?

NOVAGA issued newsletters.

- Did you have a focus on Early Careers – our youngest/newest members, and if so, what types of activities did you do to promote Early Career involvement?

NOVAGA annually provided a couple of \$1,000 or \$2,000 scholarships as part of the NOVAGA Early Career initiative. Additionally, NOVAGA each year would have an Early Career focused meeting where we invited Accounting professors and students from local universities such as Mary Mount and George Mason. Scholarship winners were honored at these meetings.

- What accomplishment are you the most proud of during your tenure as NOVAGA President?

NOVAGA was financially well off during his presidency and the years preceding and after his tenure.

We were also lucky enough to locate an April 1988 issue of NOVAGA News and Views, in which NOVAGA President Steven Switzer said:

Our March Educational Seminar and meeting were a success due to the efforts of Fred Wolf and Janet Smith. I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to them for their efforts in developing and presenting the Seminar. *Ninety-seven* individuals attended and enjoyed an informative discussion on initiatives promoting the use of computers in auditing. The speakers did an excellent job in making their presentations.



The April meeting will be just as enjoyable if not more so. June Brown, Inspector General, DoD, will be speaking on public and private sector perspectives concerning financial management. This is another in our series of programs designed to present topics of concern and interest in the audit community. Please plan to attend; you won't regret it.

Another event you won't want to miss is the May meeting. Ron Johnson is finalizing plans for the meeting and he promises that it will be one you won't forget. We will be honoring several colleagues who have distinguished themselves through professional achievement or special service. Also, because it is our 20th Anniversary the meeting will be even more special. Be sure to mark your calendar now for Tuesday, May 17.

One last note. April and May are a transition period in Chapter activities as the current Executive Group prepares to turn over their duties and responsibilities to next year's Executive Group. Also, after the May meeting, the next meeting will be held in September. However, this does not mean that Chapter activities cease over the summer months. Your help is still needed during this period. One of the problems that continues-to-plague the Chapter is membership. You can help by convincing inactive members to pay their dues and by sponsoring new members. Serving the Chapter takes some time and effort but is a rewarding experience. Please think about it.

Meetings

From the Newsletter, we learned that Meetings were held at the Sheraton National Hotel, Columbia Pike & Washington Blvd, in Arlington. Here are highlights of some meetings:

Date	Type & Topic	Speakers	
March 15, 1988	Educational Seminar The Use of Computers in Auditing	John Melchner, DOT IG Michael Slachta, Jr., Deputy Assistant IG for Audit, VA Paul Hoshall, Director of ADP/Special Audits Div, VA Dennis Duquette, Associate Director, Accounting and Financial Management Division, GAO with Alana Updegrove & Kurt Hyde, Audit Managers Marty Caulk, Computer Specialist John Hummel, Partner, Peat, Marwick, Main & Co., Keynote dinner address	 Dennis Duquette at PDC '87
Tuesday, April 19, 1988	Dinner Meeting – Financial Management – Public and Private Sector Perspectives	Ms. June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General, DOD and former National AGA President (1985-86)	 AGA's first national presidents from the distaff side were elected during the period of this history. Above are June G. Brown, who entered office in 1985, at left, and Eleanor Clark, FY 1982 national president, at right.
May 17, 1988		Fifteenth Annual NOVAGA Awards Ceremony	

Members in the News

On April 11, **Patricia A. Dalton** will become the Philadelphia Regional Inspector General for Audit, Department of Labor. Also, Ms. Dalton was recently asked to serve on the AICPA Government Accounting and Auditing Certificate and Educational Achievement Task Force.

On April 22, **Sophie Jasinski** will receive a Personal Achievement Award from the Federal Women's Program.

National AGA News

The National President was **Don Kirkendall**. The 1988 Professional Development Conference was held from June 20-22 in Washington DC with a theme of "Commitment to Professional Excellence." A chapter leaders' workshop was held on Sunday, June 19th.

Annual Dues were:

	National Dues	Chapter Dues	Total Dues
Full Member	\$40	\$5	\$45
Associate Member	28	5	33
Special Associate	14	5	19

Other Professional Meetings

NOVAGA also advertised meetings for Montgomery-Prince Georges Chapter and the Washington Chapter.

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Steven Switzer returned for our May 2009 Awards Banquet. Here he is with 1990-1991 NOVAGA President and 1998-1999 National AGA President Tom Roslewicz.



Tom Roslewicz and Steven Switzer
at the May 2009 Awards Banquet

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Vital Statistics

President Rich Davis, GAO

by Myron S. Lubell

'T WAS THE MORN OF THE AUDIT

*'Twas the morn of the audit, and all through the firm
The employees were nervous and starting to squirm.
The ledgers were posted and set out to view
For this was the time of the year-end review.
The time when the auditors annually consented
To see if our statements were "fairly presented."*

*Then out in the hallway there arose such a clatter,
We jumped from our desks to see what was the matter.
Then entered this pot-bellied, balding, galoot,
With a gold Cross pen and a striped vested suit.
And eight matching juniors, with silver Cross pens,
Micro computers, for columns of tens.*

*More eager than beavers, these juniors they came.
As their leader, he shouted, then called them by name.
Now Arthur! Now Ernest! Now Horwath and Cooper!
On Lybrand! On Mitchell! On Haskins and Hooper!
Get those journals and ledgers, stacked up by the wall.
Now add away, check away, foot away all!"*

*Then they twisted their pencils - inserted new leads
While visions of "making partner" danced in their heads.
Some stumbled and fumbled, nervously grouching.
Yet others they grumbled, methodically vouching.
They labored each day and they labored each night.
Chanting "Debit on the left, credit on the right."*

*Then with footings completed and banks reconciled,
Confirmations prepared and worksheets compiled.
Hooper, the young junior, somewhat of jerk,
Was quickly selected to deliver the work.
To the partner-in-charge, a middle-aged fellow,
With an expressionless face, pallid, and yellow.*

*Who silently sat, content with his mission,
Mechanically testing the junior's addition.
But not a wince nor a flinch, nor even a trace
Of a wrinkle or crinkle showed on his face;
With emotions so sifted, I think it's best said,
That his wife often checks him, to see if he's dead.*

*Then out of his silence, he rose in a dither
And shouted and bellowed, "Comptroller, come hither.
I can't permit LIFO, for FIFO is better.
You must change methods, 'ere a note in my letter."
The controller, he argued, and made a good case,
But quickly conceded the issue with grace.*

*Then, with a wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
The partner let us know there was nothing to dread.
"An unqualified opinion! Hooray!" We did clap.
The books were OK in accordance with GAAP.*

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President William Sharkey, DCAA

William Sharkey has retired – three times, he said when we contacted him in 2009, but he doesn't like being retired!

In 2009, he was still a NOVAGA member and resided in Fairfax, Virginia. He was unable to attend our 2009 banquet due to illness.



Bill Sharkey
At PDC 1987

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President Thomas D. Roslewicz, CPA CGFM, HHS



Tom Roslewicz

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Tom served as deputy inspector general for audit services in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General since 1986 until his retirement in 2002. As the head of the executive branch's largest audit operation, Tom helped to save and recover billions of dollars in public assets. Under his command, 700 auditors were responsible for providing comprehensive audit services for more than 300 HHS programs, including Medicare and Medicaid. His career began in 1963 at the US General Accounting Office, where he served until his 1970 move to HHS.

Meetings

During his presidency between 1990 and 1991, NOVAGA held monthly dinner meetings at Sheraton National Hotel at Columbia Pike and Washington Blvd, in Arlington, VA. The dinner and program took place between 6:30 pm and 9:00 pm on Tuesday or Wednesday every month. The dinner menu for the meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 1990 included Fresh Fruit in a Pineapple Boat, Prime Rib of Beef, Double Stuffed Baked Potato, Broccoli Polanaise, and Chocolate Layer Cake! In addition to the dinner, a cash bar was open at 5:30 pm.

In the President's Message of the September 1990 NOVAGA Newsletter, Tom said that "We will again be offering a series of mini-educational events. These events will be offered 4 times this year, for 2 hours prior to regularly scheduled dinner meetings. A total of 8 CPE credits can be obtained by attending these 4 sessions. The sessions are free – not bad in what looks like a tight budget year coming up. Our October educational event on 'Designing Audit Steps to Detect Illegal Acts' is beginning to shape up." The newsletter also provided a new meeting policy: "this year, the cost for dinner meetings will be \$14.00 if reservations are made by noon on the preceding Friday, otherwise it will be \$18.00. Previously, the cost was \$14.00 with the address label from the newsletter. We hope this will improve service by allowing us to better plan how many meals are needed at each meeting."

Tom also stated in the newsletter, "The three qualities that have made this Chapter successful are the commitment, leadership and participation of its members. In this regard, the new Executive Board and I look forward to another exciting educational and social program. If you have not been attending our monthly meetings and educational events, I invite you to do so."

During Tom's presidency, the following people contributed to the monthly meetings as guest speakers:

Date	Topic	Speaker	
September 18, 1990	Assuring IG Audit Quality: The Birth of the Peer Review Concept	James B. Thomas, Jr., CPA, CIA Inspector General, U.S. Department of Education	
October 16, 1990	Similarities and Differences in Standards Applicable to Audits, Inspections and Investigations		Richard P. Kusserow, Inspector General, HHS, AGA National President
November 20, 1990	The Future of Auditing In the Department of Defense	Susan J. Crawford, Inspector General, Department of Defense	
December 18, 1990	Failed Promises: Insurance Industry Insolvencies	John B. Chesson, Counsel, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Committee on Energy and Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives	
January 16, 1991	Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990: An Important Challenge for the Future	Robert E. Coakley, Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs	
February 20, 1991	Financial Statements: How They Can Be Made More Useful to Decision Makers	S. Anthony McCann, Assistant Secretary for Finance and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs	
March 19, 1991	The Budget Crisis: Where Are We? Where Are We Going?		Harry S. Havens, Assistant Comptroller General of the United States
April 16, 1991	Setting Relevant Federal Accounting Standards: The Challenge of the FASAB and the Financial and Audit Communities	Ronald S. Young, Executive Director, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board	
May 21, 1991	Chapter Awards Banquet and Introduction of 1991-92 President		

Awards

The year's awards banquet honored the following individuals:

Renald Morani - Distinguished Leadership Award
John Gannun - Achievement of the Year Award
Joseph Comtois - Chapter Education Award
Carol Markson - Chapter Service Award
Andrea Walker - Chapter Service Award
Robert Fisher - Chapter Newsletter Award
Ronell Raaum - President's Award

At the end of Tom's presidency, the Government Accounts Journal, Summer 1991 issue, listed the NOVAGA dues at a very affordable \$5 per year.

Life After NOVAGA

During 1998-1999, Tom went on to serve as AGA National President. The January 1997 AGA National Newsletter, TOPICS introduced Tom as President-Elect.

"The committee has chosen Thomas D. Roslewicz, CGFM, for the position of President-Elect. He is a member of AGA's Northern Virginia Chapter in the Capital Region. Mr. Roslewicz is the Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He is currently a member of the Association's National Executive Committee (NEC) and has served, among other positions, as president of the Northern Virginia Chapter in 1990-91, and as chairman of the 1996 Professional Development Conference and Exposition in Little Rock. He was the recipient of the Association's Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award in 1993 and has received Distinguished Leadership Awards from the Northern Virginia and Montgomery/Price George's Chapters."



Tom Roslewicz (AGA National President 98-99) passes the gavel to incoming AGA National President (99-00) Tom Sadowski

The AGA National Letter issued on August 11, 1998 described Tom as AGA National President:

"With an accomplished career that began at the U.S. General Accounting Office in 1963, AGA's 1998-99 National President, Thomas D. Roslewicz, CGFM, CPA, is ready to begin a strategic plan of action for his term. As the Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Mr. Roslewicz has chosen the theme, "**Dare to Be Bold**," as the foundation for his term as AGA President.



Dare to Be Bold!

A Lifetime of Government Service

After 39 years of daring to be hold on behalf of the American people, Tom retired in May 2002 from his post as the Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services at HHS. The June/July 2002

AGA National Newsletter, TOPICS announced his retirement in the “AGA Members in the News” section along with the following list as Tom’s accomplishments of his long career:

- Building the most professional audit organization in the federal government’s executive branch with 40 percent of his staff holding the CPA designation and 21 percent being CGFMs.
- Reforming the audit process, which was criticized for years for being ineffective and cumbersome. Now most audits are completed in a year or less as opposed to the former two- to three-year time frame.
- Installing PwC’s TeamMate software, which automated work paper storage on disk, so auditors no longer had to carry tons of paper with them. Every auditor working for his division was using the software when he retired.
- Training his staff to be the best. With the hiring of 600 new auditors in the past five years, the audit services branch faced a training crisis. “So we have established a program to teach them to do government work, which helps on the retention side as well,” Roslewicz said, adding that he fully supported giving staff time off to study for and take the CPA and CGFM Examinations.
- Being elected AGA’s National President, which he views as recognition of one’s accomplishments.

Tom underwent heart bypass surgery shortly before his retirement, but recovered well and went on to enjoy retirement activities of traveling, model railroading, and playing grandpa to his grandsons, who were 2 and 4 at the time of his retirement.

Tom was able to attend both our 2004 & 2009 Awards Banquets and told us that his current hobbies included Mountain Climbing! NOVAGA’s Dare-to-Be-Bold was still a chapter member in 2018!



Tom Roslewicz Gives the Chapter an Update at the May 2004 Awards Banquet



Tom Roslewicz and Steven Switzer at the May 2009 Awards Banquet

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President Francis E. (Gene) Reardon, Army Audit Agency



At the time of his presidency, Gene was Deputy Auditor General of the U.S. Army and had served on numerous AGA and AICPA committees, including Chairman of the Publications Policy Board of The Government Accountants Journal in 1984. He contributed at least one article to the Government Accountants Journal:

- Setting Standards, a chapter in “Forty Years of Progress in Government Financial Management,” 1950-1990, co-authored with Pat Copeland.

Gene played a large role on the government auditing scene, culminating in his receiving the prestigious Einhorn-Gary Award, which recognizes Service to Community and AGA, at the National Professional Development Conference in 2004.



Gene receives the Einhorn-Gary Award from AGA National President Jullin Renthrope at the 2004 PDC

At that time, Mr. Reardon has been an active AGA Member for over 36 years. He first joined AGA on April 11, 1968, while working for the US Army Audit Agency in St. Louis. During the 1980's, when reassigned to St. Louis, he became president of the St. Louis chapter and continued his involvement with AGA while working for AAA in Texas and Europe. He was instrumental in working with the State Board of CPAs to recognize Federal Government auditing as qualifying experience for CPA certification in Missouri. In his last years in the Northern Virginia area, he not only served as NOVAGA Chapter President from 1991-1992, but followed and encouraged six other prominent AAA leaders to serve as Chapter President. He continuously encouraged AAA employees to become involved with AGA – for example, this year's NOVAGA Board includes five AAA employees and monthly Board meetings are held at AAA Headquarters in Alexandria. He carried this tradition to IG DoD.

At the National level, he has been part of a core group of members that could always be counted on to lend his expertise and enhance the profession. He was a member of the National Executive Committee and served on many Program Development Conference (PDC), budget, and publication committees. He has also served on AGA's National Awards Committee for several years.

This was a culmination of numerous other awards throughout his career, including:

- In 1994, he was selected as the recipient for AGA's prestigious Elmer Staats Award, presented at AGA's annual National Leadership Conference, to formally recognize

federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management procedures.

- In 1997, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants recognized him as one of the top five Certified Public Accountants in Government.

- In 2000, in recognition of his excellence in advancing government accountability, Mr. Reardon was awarded the prestigious Meritorious Executive Award. Each year, the President confers the rank of Distinguished Executive and Meritorious Executive on a select group of career members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) who have provided exceptional

service to the American people over an extended period of time. These senior executives are outstanding leaders, who consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry, and a

relentless commitment to public service. Through their personal conduct and results-oriented leadership, they have earned and kept a high degree of public confidence and trust. They have demonstrated their success in balancing the needs and perspectives of customers, stakeholders, and employees with organizational results. Executives from across Government are nominated by their agency heads, evaluated by citizen panels, and, finally, designated by the President. The awards are prestigious and unique.



Francis E. (Gene) Reardon
CPA, CIA, CGFM
The Auditor General
U.S. Army

- In May 2001, his alma mater, Washburn University, bestowed upon him an Honorary Doctorate of Commerce Degree.

- In November 2003, Mr. Reardon was awarded the Army Superior Performance Award.

He has saved the Army billions of dollars and helped it transform into the 21st Century. After over 30 years with the U.S. Army Audit Agency, culminating as The Auditor General of the Army, he took over the role of Deputy Inspector General for Auditing for DOD in 2003.

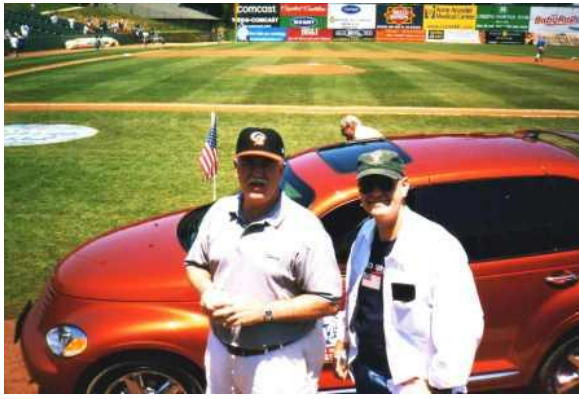
Below are some scenes of Gene's farewell from USAAA, which was held at the Bowie Baysox stadium in July 2003:



Bruce Levy, Programs Coordinator for IIA's Northern Virginia Chapter thanks Gene for his Presentation on IIA Standards April 3, 2003



Gene throws out the first ball



Former NOVAGA President Tom Druzgal
Farewells Gene from AAA



In May 2005, NOVAGA presented Gene the **Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management**, which formally recognizes federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures. At the time of the award, he had almost 40 years of contributions to auditing in the federal government.

He was always on the forefront of interpreting and incorporating new standards for defense auditors. He radically changed the way auditors operate, transforming them from an adversarial role to a customer-oriented focus. He streamlined his business to make it more responsive. Through his almost 40-year involvement in AGA at all levels, he has broadened his impact to all federal agencies.

Thoughts on a Government Career

In the March 2006 Issue of NOVAGA News, President Pat Brannin interviewed Gene and contributed the following article:

On February 1, 2006, approximately 200 people gathered at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia, to bid farewell to retiring Acting Principal Deputy Inspector General, Department of Defense, Francis E. "Gene" Reardon. NOVAGA members in attendance included Tom Gimble, DoD Acting Inspector General; Joyce Morrow, then- Auditor General of the Army; Dick Leach, Auditor General of the Navy; Shel Young, DoD Deputy Inspector General for Intelligence; Mary Ugone, DoD Deputy Inspector General for Auditing; and Jeff Steinhoff of GAO. Mr. Reardon has been an AGA member since 1968. He has supported the NOVAGA and AGA for these many years, including being President of the NOVAGA. At the NOVAGA 2005 Awards Banquet, he was presented with the Jeffrey Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management in recognition of his work to exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Reardon received the DoD IG Distinguished Civilian Service Award "for exemplary civilian service during his 38 years of federal service" and "for his exceptional leadership, tireless commitment to integrity, excellence, and selfless service which enhanced the mission of the department of defense." Mr. Reardon was also presented with a letter of appreciation from President George W. Bush, followed by a series of other presentations from the OIG Deputy Inspectors General and friends.

We asked if he would write an article to share those lessons he learned and how he succeeded in his career with the NOVAGA members who are starting their careers or who might consider midcareer corrections. His thoughts on how he managed his very successful career follow.

Gene: Your NOVAGA friends and colleagues wish you the best in your retirement!

Gene's Thoughts Upon Retirement.

Retirement from the Federal Government has finally arrived for me. I know the statement leaves open some doors – like does that mean I might seek other work – perhaps. I am not quite sure what I will be doing in a few months: it could be fishing, golfing, consulting, or auditing.

I give you that background for what follows -- my thoughts on my career and how some things I have done or not done have helped me retire as a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Throughout my career I always had a plan or vision of what I wanted to achieve or aspire to. I usually focused these aspirations in 3- to 5-year timeframes. I then adjusted those goals as I reached certain levels or timeframes. For example, as a GS-7 or GS-9, I was thinking about making the GS-11 or GS-12 level. As a GS-7 my goal to be a GS-12 was at the far end of my 3- to 5-year timeframe. Just like organizations have strategic plans, I believe individuals should have the same. This plan needs many of the same elements that an organization's plan would require – goals, strategies, feedback, periodic assessment, etc. When I discuss goals I am speaking of establishing target grades or positions that I wanted to achieve and a time period or range for that achievement. I observed and used others who had reached those target positions as models for me to build on. I examined what skills they had. Sure they possessed technical ability. But what else – in the way of education, certifications, broader experience -- and what they had done – in the way of job mobility, professional organizations, committee participation. I used all of this in an endeavor to make or adjust my plan and execution.

In addition, I always asked for feedback on my performance; how I could do better. And I did not ask just my boss, I also asked my boss's boss and my team. Many people do not want to do this, nor do people want to provide feedback. With a supervisor you may get that you are doing fine. However, I would advise you to press for more; choose an appropriate time to try to probe your boss a little more with "even if I am doing well, is there something I could do better. If so, what might it be?" Do the same with others who know your work.

Using this type of information I would put it all together as a general plan of things I needed to do. In addition to a plan, I sought and got a lot of mentoring – I did not often recognize it as mentoring then, but that is what it was and it came from lots of people. You need to listen when people are talking to you about your work or your performance. We often cast off a comment from a boss or even a peer as non-important, yet it might be very important – especially to your boss. These one phrase or one minute discussions may be feedback or mentoring; recognize it and use it.

During my career I moved a bit more than the average Federal employee, but not nearly as often as military personnel. These moves greatly helped my career as they gave me new experiences and exposed me to many more bosses and potential bosses. I have found that many more people than you think are watching you as you go through your professional career. You never know when one of these observers has an opening that you have applied for. I believe that the more people that your skills are exposed to the better. Relocating was something that I was pretty willing to do until my sons got into high school. As a result, I was much more open to opportunities from a variety of locations. This brings me to the place where I say you can have a plan but if you are not putting it in place and considering honestly the circumstances of your situation you might never have a chance for success. Say your plan is to be a GS-15 at your current duty station, but there are no GS-15 billets at that location. I do not hold out much hope for your plan. In addition, if you are one of six to eight people vying for one and only one position in a certain location, you had better have a great plan for success or a much longer timeline on which to measure success. In short, as I moved through my career, I tried to locate myself in situations where there were options for promotions and for added experience.

Along the way as you are striving to achieve your goals, I would recommend that you try to an extent to be as great an expert in your functional area as possible. In addition, I recommend that you also try to learn something about the business or organization you are in. No one is able to do their job without support, whether from IT, budget, personnel, etc. And as you move up the ladder of success, you become more and more involved in overall management issues such as personnel, budget, travel, etc. All the necessary but often forgotten things needed to run an organization. I believe that the more you know about these "back shop" duties the better manager and leader you will be when you reach that level. Therefore, I strongly recommend as you go through your 30- to 35- year career, you try to spend a little of your time in the administrative type positions that I have discussed. These types of assignments as well as other developmental opportunity not only afford you skills you will need later as a Senior Executive or other senior leader but keep you refreshed as you go through your career.



Gene Reardon Gives the Chapter an Update at the May 2004 Awards Banquet

I mentioned developmental opportunities above. Again I would advise if possible during your career that you try to do one or two meaningful developmental assignments that are work related -- such as a special assistant or a stint in policy, oversight, follow-up, or personnel. In addition, and especially if you cannot obtain one of these assignments at work, consider giving me experience in leadership, project management, negotiating, contracting, etc., I was able to meet interesting people, some of whom have been and continue to be very instrumental in my career. Those sorts of assignments do take added work and time, but I have found them to be great, non-job or non-performance appraisal threatening experiences, that build your repertoire of knowledge and skills. In saying all this it should be apparent that I believe in the value of professional associations such as the Association of Government Accountants, Institute of Internal Auditors, and American Society of Military Comptrollers.

As you progress in your career, you need to be realistic in your expectations and be honest with yourself about your future. For example, if others around you are getting leadership responsibilities and you are not, or if vacancies exist for the grade you would like to move to and they remain vacant, you may have some hard decisions to make about your career. In fact it may be time to change your career. Sometime recognizing this is one of the most important things you can do in your life.

The last thing I offer as advice about your career is that it is your career and you have to manage it. No one but you can nor should be responsible for your career. You, therefore, need a plan and you need to adjust it as your life and situation change. The biggest, most important thing to your career and plans is to be brutally honest with what is going on in your career and life and after those self assessments taking the actions necessary to achieve your goals.

Gene returned to Missouri with his wife, Melody. He has done some work with Management Consultants.

When we contacted Gene in **March 2009** about his tenure with NOVAGA, he said that:

“...We had fund raising through education events and did something for the community...As you know my main job now is hitting coach and recruiter for the Central Methodist Lady Eagles softball team.”



US Army Audit Agency Alumni at AAA's 70th Anniversary, Nov 2016
Left to Right: Tom Brown (NOVAGA President 1997-1998) & wife Mary,
Gene Reardon (NOVAGA 1991-1992 President) & wife Melody,
Steve & Debbie Keefer

Gene, along with many other distinguished AAA Alumni, attended AAA's 70th Anniversary Celebration in **November 2016** at Fort Belvoir. He currently resides in Boonville, Missouri.

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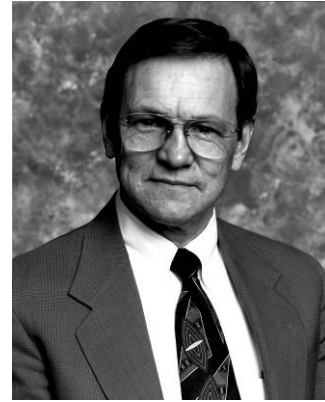
Vital Statistics

President Ronell B. Raaum, CGFM CGAP, GAO

Ronell is familiar to many of us, having been active in AGA for many years.

He authored numerous articles in *The Federal Accountant*, later *The Government Accountants Journal*, including:

- Future Directions in Government Accounting, December 1975, co-authored with Donald L. Scantlebury, former NOVAGA and National AGA President.
- A Recipe for Writing Management Audit Reports, Summer 1982.
- A Professional Sports Type Personnel System for Auditors, Summer 1984
- Summarizing Audit Results to Satisfy an Operational Auditor's Many Customers, Winter 1985-1986, co-authored with Ira Goldstein and Thomas F. O'Connor.



Ronell during his Presidency

According to *The Government Accountants Journal*, Ronell began his professional career with the U.S. General Accounting Office (now Government Accountability Office) in 1962 and served in the Seattle regional office and the European branch of GAO's International Division. In 1975, Ronell was a supervisory auditor with the Financial and General Management Studies Division of GAO. By 1982, he was a Group Director in the Accounting and Financial Management Division of GAO. He has a BS in Accounting, and is the author and co-author of several articles, including a book on Operational Auditing. For NOVAGA, he was a member, a board member, and finally President, and continues to be involved with the chapter.

Ronell was kind enough to allow himself to be subjected to being interviewed in March 2009. Here are the results of that interview:

- First, tell us about yourself. What were you doing when you served as NOVAGA President? And what have you been up to since then?

When I served as NOVAGA President I was an Assistant Director at GAO doing what we called productivity audits.

- Can you share any pictures of you during your Presidency, of chapter activities and members, or updated pictures of you and prominent members?

I am sure pictures were taken, but that was sooooo many years ago. I do not have any. I am not a big picture keeping guy.

- What types of activities did the chapter do? Do you have a list of meetings that you held, with location, topics and speakers? What about half-day and all-day educational events and mini-maxes (and who came up with that term and when was that?)

We were holding meetings at the Sheraton by the Pentagon when I was President. It was a good location. The hotel ran a shuttle from the Pentagon metro stop. I think most people drove. There was ample free parking.



Ronell in 1982

I was one of the inventors of the mini-max training event. Minimum cost for maximum training. It was free if you came for the evening meeting. The idea was to increase attendance at the monthly meeting. The 2-hour mini-max became popular but it did not add much attendance to meetings. I once held the record for the highest attendance at a mini-max I presented – I think with around 65 people. I ran the mini-max events for a couple years.

We also had at least one full-day education event. Those were to make money to run the chapter. I ran those for a couple years.

I arranged to have an Astronaut speak at a monthly meeting.

- What types of community service events did the chapter do? We've noticed MS Walk participation for many years – did you all participate and do you know when that started?

I know we did community service events when I was President, but I don't remember what they were; nothing big. I think we had a couple members participate in public service tax service.

- What types of social or outreach programs did you do?

Well, those were the days when we did some drinking before the evening meeting and after the evening meeting. That was our social outreach. But that was mild compared with what we did 10 years before. I was young then.

- Did you have a focus on Early Careers – our youngest/newest members, and if so, what types of activities did you do to promote Early Career involvement?

I don't think we had a focus on Early Careers, other than new NOVAGA members got to attend a meeting for free. We had a Greeter program (before Wal-Mart) where the goal was to greet all the people who came to NOVAGA the first time. We would talk with them and line them up with someone they could talk and sit with during the meeting. After my Presidency I did that on an informal basis.

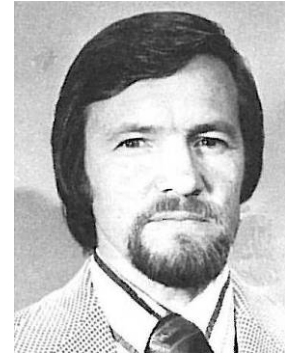
- What was going on in the Federal Government at the time you were NOVAGA President? What was the mood of the country? Did you use typewriters and punch cards and close out year-ends manually?

Wow! Gosh, it was so long ago I have forgotten what year I was president. I think we were using computers for word processing.

- How long were you involved with AGA (possibly also at the National level) and do you have any significant memories or events that stand out in your mind?

I was pretty active with AGA for 25 years. I worked at Hq for six months. I was on several National committees, including the committee that reviewed applications for the CGFM Certification.

One small accomplishment. I was asked to head the National Newsletter competition committee. The AGA communications guy made one request, "Ronell, please select the best Newsletters so that I do not have to spend my time explaining to Chapters why their Newsletter did not win." I developed a spread sheet with criteria that judges used. Believe it or not, it worked. AGA posted the winning Newsletters at the PDC and, I was told, that the complaints went away. It proves the merits of having a good system.



Ronell B. Raaum, Dec 75

I wrote a play that was put on at a NOVAGA meeting. Two of my friends were the actors, along with two younger members.

- What accomplishment are you the most proud of during your tenure as NOVAGA President?

I am most proud of the fact that I had the largest Board up to that time. I think I had about 35 people on the Board. I had more people ask to be on the Board but I ran out of things for people to do. My belief was that if members were once on the Board they would remain an active member of NOVAGA for the remainder of their professional career. I think it worked to a degree. Also, if folks were on the Board they tended to come to meetings which increased our attendance. In those days our averaged attendance was about 70 attendees. In earlier days we used to average over 100.

- Do you have anything else that you'd like to add or would like our future leaders to know?

Making members welcome who come to a NOVAGA meeting for the first time is, I believe, critically important. It is a human thing to do and it helps make them feel like a real NOVAGA AGAer.

After his NOVAGA presidency, Ronell continued to be active AGA. He was on the Publications Committee of The Government Accountants Journal for many years, including 1986-1991

Ronell attended our May 2004 Banquet to catch us up on what he has been doing. Although retired from the Federal Government, Ronell is still actively imparting his wisdom on new generations of accountants. He works for the USDA Graduate School and lives in Springfield, Virginia. He has been a faithful NOVAGA member.



Ronell Raaum Gives the Chapter an Update at the May 2004 Awards Banquet



Mike Janoski and Ronell Raam
at the May 2009 Awards Banquet

Ronell also attended our May 2009 Awards Banquet. He continues to join us to impart his wisdom!

As we prepared for our Golden Anniversary in 2018, Ronell was no longer in AGA's national database. We surmised that he may have retired and returned 'home' to Minnesota? We wish him luck & thank him for his time with NOVAGA!

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President Thomas Druzgal, Army Audit Agency

Tom served as Deputy Auditor General, US Army, and served time as Acting Auditor General, US Army.

In 2009, Tom wrote:

During my tenure as AGA pres I remember that we did several training events during the course of the year but I can't tell you what they were specifically. The training events were necessary for the fiscal survival of the chapter.

(Does that sentiment sound familiar to many of you?)

Tom did well in this area – the 30 Jun 94 Balance Sheet shows Assets of \$39,556.99, boosted by excess of revenue over expenses of \$11,393.62 for the year!

Tom also ensured that many people from AAA were involved with AGA, a tradition that continues to today.

We noted in a later newsletter that July 1, 1994 marked the beginning of the CGFM program! A grandfathering period was scheduled to end June 30, 1996.



Tom Druzgal Gives the Chapter an Update at the May 2004 Awards Banquet



Left to Right: Ronell Raaum (92-93), Tom Druzgal (93-94), Edna Knight, Tom Roslewicz (90-91), & Jim Durnil (85-86) at May 04 Banquet

Tom retired from AAA in 2004 and moved to Pennsylvania. NOVAGA News had the following article in January 2005 about Tom:

Acting Army Secretary Rewards Former NOVAGA President

The Honorable Les Brownlee, Acting Secretary of the Army, presented the **Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service** award to Thomas Druzgal on October 4, 2004. This prestigious award is at the top of the hierarchy for civilian awards given by the Army and only the Secretary of the Army can grant this award. Secretary Brownlee cited Tom's distinguished service and exceptional accomplishments as Deputy Auditor General during the ceremony.

Tom's mother, Anne Druzgal, and his wife Sandy attended the impressive ceremony along with about 50 Agency employees. Congratulations, Tom!!

Thomas Druzgal is the Deputy Auditor General for Acquisition and Logistics. In this capacity, he is responsible for managing and advising The Auditor General of the Army on all matters concerning Agency programs for auditing the Army's major functional areas of acquisition, research and development; the Army Working Capital Fund; logistics; maintenance, installation operations; installation studies; and Theater Operations, Europe. Prior to this assignment, he held a variety of Agency positions both in the field and Operations Center. These assignments included Deputy Auditor General, Acquisition and Materiel Management; Associate Director for Personnel Audits; Associate Regional Auditor General, European Region; Regional Auditor General, East Central Region; Director, Audit Policy, Plans and Resources; and Deputy Auditor General, Financial Audits. He was promoted to the Senior Executive Service in 1989.



The Honorable Les Brownlee, Acting Secretary of the Army presented Mr. Thomas Druzgal with the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service Award during his visit to the Operations Center on 4 October 2004, as Mr. Druzgal's wife, Sandy, looks on.



Mr. Thomas Druzgal, Mrs. Sandy Druzgal and Mrs. Anne Druzgal (Mr. Thomas Druzgal's mother).

Mr. Druzgal received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Drexel University and his Masters of Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma. He served in the U.S. Army from 1967 through 1969, and he is a Vietnam Veteran.

Mr. Druzgal is a member of the American Society of Military Comptrollers and is a Past President of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants. His other awards include the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Presidential Rank Awards (Meritorious Executive), and the Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

In 2009, Tom wrote:

My days are primarily filled with golf, travel, volunteer work, and helping our two sons and their families.

Tom said he appreciated our invitation to the 2009 Awards Banquet, but he and his wife would be in Michigan babysitting their son and daughter-in-law then.

Tom was still a member of the US Army Audit Agency Alumni Circle in 2017. Tom and Sandy still reside in Fayetteville, Pennsylvania.

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President Jacquelyn K. Howard, HUD

We don't have much information on Jacquelyn Howard's presidency, but do know that President-Elect Carol Stagg took over most of the year's events. In the September 1995 NOVAGA News & Views, we had a recap of the accomplishments for this year, as evidenced by awards won at the Professional Development Conference (PDC), held in San Diego:

NOVAGA was very well represented at the San Diego PDC awards ceremony. You may want to personally congratulate these winners.

Donald R. Smuland, CGFM- Education and Training Award. As Director of the Government Audit Training Institute, Mr. Smuland has developed and maintained approximately 40 courses to ensure quality, cost-effective training for federal, state and local government auditors and audit organizations which add value to the individual auditor and audit organization. As Manager of Training and Development for the IRS Internal Audit Division, he developed a comprehensive program on internal auditing, report writing, information system auditing, and audit management.

Charles W. Culkin, Jr., CGFM- Chapter Service Award. An active member of NOVAGA for 15 years, Mr. Culkin was instrumental in fostering the development of the chapter's Mini-Max program (two-hour CPE events). He has represented the chapter in conference planning for the annual Federal Leadership and Professional Development Conferences, and assisted the Hawaii Chapter in planning its biennial Pacific Emerging Issues Conference.

John H. Hummel, CGFM- President's Award. For outstanding leadership in developing and executing AGA's membership campaigns which resulted in the growth of the Association.

Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CGFM- President's Award. For distinguished leadership in developing and implementing the prestigious Certified Government Financial Manager program.

The Chapter received the **Gold Award** Designation for again exceeding 10,000 chapter recognition points for five consecutive years. Chapter President **Carol Stagg**, CGFM, was recognized as were the last four Presidents-**Tom Druzgal**, CGFM, **Ronell Raaum**, CGFM, **Gene Reardon**, CGFM, and **Tom Roslewicz**, CGFM.

Much in evidence during the entire conference were NOVAGA members **Carol Codori**, CGFM, in her role as AGA Director of Professional Certification, and **Charlie Culkin** as Conference Manager.

The **NOVAGA newsletter** was once again recognized as one of the best in AGA. Much of that recognition is attributable to the quality financial management articles written by our members. We ask that you continue that fine performance by sending in your articles now. Share your thoughts and ideas with your fellow NOVAGA members. What's happening in your agency, your discipline, your professional community? This is your chance to get those creative juices flowing and see your name in print. Who knows who may be reading the newsletter.

At the end of the year, the audited financial statements showed Total Assets of \$34,026.43; with an excess of expenses over revenue of \$6,467.01 for the year.

Note From Julie Bryant - President Elect

I want to extend a special thank you to the NOVAGA members that contributed to the successful 1995 PDC in San Diego. Putting on a PDC is not an easy endeavor, and it takes competent and capable workers to make it successful. This year several new things were attempted, which made it even more important for competent volunteers to step forward.

On PDC committees we were represented by such distinguished members as:

Charlie Culkin, Vice Chair, Planning Committee Cornelius Tierney, Awards Committee
Tom Roslewicz and Carol Codori, Vice Chairs, Technical Program Committee
Russell Allen, June Gibbs Brown, Gene Dodaro, Fred Wolf, Valerie Lau, Ronell Raaum, Carol Stagg

And most important of all were the behind the scenes volunteers who moderated and facilitated:

Ronell Raaum Kay Daly Cathy Crowley Patt Summers Pete White Maureen Barry

I also thank our members who served as speakers. If I have forgotten anybody, I sincerely apologize, and please let me know. Again, thank you for your professionalism and continuing support of our association and specifically NOVAGA.

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President Carol Stagg Christian, CGFM, Grant Thornton

Carol's September newsletter included the following commentary:

As is our custom, we will meet nine times, once a month from September to May. We're planning two one-day education events, three free-to-members mini-max sessions with CPE credit, and a joint meeting with the American Society of Military Comptrollers so that you can expand your networking. Since the awards dinner is generally a standalone event, this means that only the January meeting isn't associated with another activity, so double your benefit and attend every one!

I'm hoping that we can increase our public service this year for two reasons: (1) because the community needs us; and (2) because it's fun and we might get some members involved who rarely get to meetings. If you have an organization you're active in, please let our Public Service chair know. We'd be happy to publicize them and/or help find more members to participate. Remember that we need two months lead time for the newsletter (articles being due a month before it's published, and adequate notice being needed by interested members.) In the past we've worked with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (new volunteers need to have been trained by December for this); collected Toys for Tots; contributed money from 50-50 raffles to Children's Hospital; walked for MS; and collected eyeglasses. What else can we do? What do you want to do?



Carol Stagg Christian

Meetings



Meetings were held at the Sheraton Arlington



The theme this year was **“Challenges and Opportunities in a Reinvented Government.”** Meetings were held at the Sheraton National Hotel, Columbia Pike and Washington Blvd, in Arlington.

Social Period 5:30 pm
Dinner and Program 6:15-8:30 pm

Cost: \$17 for members with reservations
\$20 for nonmembers and members without reservations

Thanks to Pat Reese and Carol Stagg, NOVAGA has **voice mail**. To obtain meeting information or to make a reservation, you may call either your hard working facilitator or our voice mail at 703-758-4490. We will also check for cancellations which must be made by noon the day before the meeting so that neither our members nor the chapter is charged for an uneaten meal. Of course, you can also use the system to leave a message on other matters. Call Pat Reese at 202-205-7204 if you wish to record a message.

Date	Topic	Speaker
Tuesday, Sep 19, 1995 3:15-5:15	Mini-Max – Customer Service – Building Auditor-Client Relationships	Tom Druzgal & Fred Hofferbert U.S. Army Audit Agency

Date	Topic	Speaker
Tuesday Sept 19, 1995 5:30 pm – Social 6:15-8:30 pm Dinner & Program	Performance Measurement and Accountability	The Honorable Stephen Trodden Inspector General, Veterans Affairs
Tuesday Oct 17, 1995	Mini-Max	Auditor Preparation for Consolidated Financial Audits
Tuesday, Oct 17, 1995		G. Edward DeSeve, Controller, Office of Management and Budget
Nov 20 Luncheon Meeting	Making Procurement Simpler and Better	
Dec 5 Luncheon Meeting Fort Myer Officers' Club	Eleanor Hill DODIG – Joint Meeting with ASMC	Derek Vander Schaaf Deputy Inspector General, DOD
Dec 18 Half-Day Training Rescheduled from Nov 20	Acquisition Reform Streamlining and Restructuring Organizations Changes in the Acquisition Process Auditing in the New Acquisition Environment	Colleen Preston DOD Assistant Secretary for Procurement Dr. Kenneth Oscar Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Army GAO Panel Edward M. Shubert Assistant Special Agent in Charge, FBI
Jan 23, 1996	Mini-Max Personal Financial Planning	Virginia Brizendine AGA National President
Feb 21	Performance Measurement	
Feb 21		
Mar 18		

Date	Topic	Speaker
March 19, 1995. All-Day Training	Value of Audit to Government Decision Makers.	
Apr 16	Mini-Max ADP Auditing	
April 16		Thomas Downs AMTRAK CEO
May 21	Awards Banquet	

Board Members at Work

Board meetings were held three times in the summer in preparation of this year. In addition, Board meetings not held in conjunction with a dinner meeting were held in the AAA Training Room in September, November, December, and March.



Pete White and
Nancy Sinclitico (left)



Cathy Crowley
Maureen Barry
Carol Staff
Andrea Walker
(right)



Tom Druzgal and
Ron Johnson (left)



Anne-Marie Chavez and
Don Smuland (right)

<i>1995 Executive Group</i>					
	OFFICERS			DIRECTORS	
President	Carol Stagg	703-847-7636	Attendance	Andrea Walker	202-619-3066
Past President	Tom Druzgal	703-681-9819	Awards	Bob Fisher	202-205-9103
President-Elect	Julie Bryant	202-512-9375	CGFM	Carol Codori	703-684-6931
Secretary	Watt Sammons	202-708-0351		Russell Allen	202-708-5198
Treasurer	Peter White	703-681-8349	Chapter History	Mark Payne	202-467-3986
	Nancy Sinclitico	703-681-9875	Chapter Recognition	Marcia Buchanan	202-512-9321
			Continuing Education	Maureen Barry	202-273-3054
	ADVISORY BOARD			Pete McClintock	202-205-7203
	Anne-Marie Chavez	703-602-9986	Education	Pat Reese	202-205-7204
	Ronald Johnson	703-614-6184		Ann Collins	703-604-9619
	Tom Roslewicz	202-619-3155	Employment	Tom Druzgal	703-681-9819
	Steven Switzer	703-908-7803	Meetings	Tony Arigo	703-681-9968
	Ronell Raam	202-401-7187		Don Cress	703-681-9830
	Don Smuland	202-401-9400	Membership	Gordon Hansen	202-452-5142
	Jim Durnil	703-875-4151	Newsletter	Russell Allen	202-708-5198
	Charles Culkin, Jr.	202-512-9486	Programs	Cathy Crowley	202-401-7634
			Publicity	Joan Hobbs	202-708-3635
			Public Service	Janice LeRoy	202-708-0351
				Greg Fletcher	202-467-3369
				Jack Hufnagle	202-512-9470
				Tom Brown	703-681-9938
				Kay Daly	202-512-9312
				Laura Koschny	202-205-5609
				Lex Stefani	202-366-0500

In addition to the above Board members, **Ronell Raam** was RVP-Elect.

What's Happening in Government?

OMB Circular A-87 Out

The final revisions to OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles Applicable to State and Local Governments, conforms many of the A-87 requirements to those in OMB Circular A-21, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions. Among other things, the final revisions will allow interest on certain equipment and building acquisitions or improvements, clarify the allowability of depreciation and use charges, disallow self-assessed taxes that have a disproportionate impact of federal programs, and clarify lobbying and mass severance pay cost prohibitions.

The revision applies to cost-allocation plans and indirect cost proposals submitted or prepared for fiscal years that begins on or after September 1, 1995. For other costs, this revision should be applied to all awards or amendments made on or after September 1, 1995.

Community Service

The Public Service program was headed by Lex Stefani. The chapter's income from 50-50 raffles at each meeting went to Children's Hospital. They also had collection boxes for Lion's Club and homeless shelters.

Carol's year included a large MS Walk event in which many people that are currently still involved in AGA participated.



Having a good time at last April's MS Walk are NOVAGA representatives (left to right) Brian Crowley, Cathy Crowley, Joan Hobbs, Julie Bryant, Lex Stephani, Tom Roslewicz and his significant other Edna, Horace Kreitzman, Ann Collins, Andrea Walker, Charles Collins, and Ronell Raam.



April 1996 MS Walk

Members in the News

Army Audit Agency congratulates new CGFMs **Peter White, John Flaherty and Mary Presnell** (Sep 95).

HUD congratulates **Joan Hobbs**, new CGFM (Sep 95).

Congratulations to **Laura Hamilton**, for receiving an "Assistant Comptroller General Award" for "sustained outstanding performance on a wide variety of technically challenging budget. jobs while maintaining active involvement in citizenship activities in the agency and the Budget Issues Group."

Also, hats off to **Pat Marsh** on her recent promotion at the Army Audit Agency!

Some pictures from Carol's year:



Jim Durnil, Tom Roslewicz, Tom Druzgal



Kay Daly and Friend



Carol Stagg and Russ Allen



Carol Stagg, Bob Fisher, Andrea Walker, Janett Smith

Treasurer's Report

The chapter concluded program year 1995-1996 with healthy excess of receipts over expenditures. Total receipts for the period were over \$45,000. Expenditures totaled nearly \$32,000. Most of the receipts can be attributed to our successful education events. As expected, meal subsidies at meetings, costs to stage educational events, and, newsletter expenses topped the expenditures.

Membership

As of April 30, 1996, NOVAGA had 753 members—a 9 percent overall increase from the same date last year. On the up side, during the past year we gained 124 new members, 16 transfers in, and 40 reinstates. On the downside, we had 4 deceased/resigned, 105 suspends, and 12 transfers out.

Julie Bryant ran an innovative Member Points program this year to get members involved – with prizes ranging from PDC registration to full PDC costs covered!

In her last newsletter, Carol wrote:

As many of you know, this newsletter is the last one for the 1995-96 program year. As we wrap up the year, I'd like to extend special thanks to the Board members who worked so diligently to continue NOVAGA's tradition of excellence. Although each worked hard to provide you with services such as thought-provocative speakers and timely training sessions, or to take care of our chapter's administration, there are a few who went above and beyond the call of duty. Please join me in thanking:

- **Russ Allen**, who variously negotiated with, badgered; begged maneuvered, and cajoled the hotel into providing the service we wanted on the dates we wanted at a price we could live with, in addition to coordinating our CGFM program.
- **Don Cress**, who managed to be everywhere at once, taking care of problems before they arose, as he orchestrated training events.
- **Tom Druzgal**, who should have been able to rest on his laurels as past president, and instead was tormented trying to set up a training session while the government kept shutting down.
- **Jack Hufnagle**, who not only selected fascinating dinner speakers, but was always there to introduce them and provide our token gift.
- **Laura Koschny**, who managed to get NOVAGA mentioned more than any other organization in Mike Causey's Washington Post column.
- **Janice LeRoy**, who devoted exorbitant energy to reaching out to our many members whose primary contact with NOVAGA is the interesting and, attractive newsletters she put together every month, and who exhibited incredible patience as we prepared our last-minute input - for the second year in a row.
- **Nancy Sinclitico**, who gracefully juggled her role as Treasurer with the recently departed Peter White, and persisted in collecting thousands in receivables that we'd written off last year.
- **Andrea Walker**, who not only resumed her role taking reservations for attendance at our meetings, but also got a NOVAGA team organized for the MS Walk which earned over \$1000 in pledges.

Thank you all for a most enjoyable year. Together I think we made it a successful one.

Here are some pictures from the Awards Banquet:



Tom Druzgal, Distinguished Leadership Award,
for Outstanding leadership in financial management



Janett Smith, Achievement of the Year Award
for outstanding recent achievements in government service,
particularly for development of the financial management
systems review methodology



Russ Allen, President's Award for continued outstanding service as Meetings Director



Jack Hufnagle, President's Award for outstanding service as Programs Director



Laura Koschny, President's Award for outstanding service as Publicity Director

Also receiving awards were:

Don Cress and Nancy Sinclitico – Education and Training Award – Don-his diligence in making it all happen, and Nancy for collecting our receivables.

Janice LeRoy, Newsletter Award - for outstanding contributions resulting in timely and informative newsletters.

Andrea Walker, Chapter Service Award, in recognition of her dedicated efforts, especially in public service



Carol turned over her gavel to Julie Bryant

The PDC was held in Little Rock in July 1996, with the Comptroller General Scheduled to speak.

Carol still lives in the area and now works for LMI. She has been active with NOVAGA.



Carol visits with her old employer during the NOVAGA April 2004 Career Fair

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President Julie Bryant, CPA CGFM, GAO & Grant Thornton



Julie Bryant

Julie began her year by receiving the gavel from Carol Stagg. She asked Bill Anderson to speak at that Awards Banquet. Bill later went on to become AGA National President.



Bill Anderson speaks



Julie congratulates Ann Collins

Julie began the year with a transition meeting on June 4, 1996 at the Sheraton National.



Julie greets potential Board members



Kay Daly worked on the Newsletter



Board member speaks as Nancy Sinclitico looks on



Julie addresses the Team



Patty Marsh and Friends

Board Meetings

The Board met at the USDA Graduate School's Government Audit Training Institute (GATI). Here are some pictures:



We recognized Tom Druzgal – Julie Bryant – Tom Brown – and Patty Marsh



Meetings

We located a business card-sized refrigerator/file cabinet magnet that the chapter had made up with the year's vital information – what a great idea! It announced that the NOVAGA Chapter 1996-97 meetings would be at 5:30 pm at the Sheraton National Hotel (near the Pentagon) and would feature speakers on Government Financial Management. There was a FREE 2-hour mini-max scheduled every other month. The chapter had a voice mail system that was in use for many years at (703) 758-4490.

Date
 Sep 10
 Mini Max

Topic and Speaker
 Federal Budget Outlook

Gene L. Dodaro
 Assistant Comptroller General
 US General Accounting Office (GAO)



Meeting
 Transitioning to a More Modern and Accountable Government: Prospects and Challenges

What benefits will be derived from our efforts to produce auditable, reliable creditable financial statements?

Oct 8
 Meeting

Auditors General:
 Performance Measures Within Their Respective Departments



Francis E. (Gene) Reardon
 US Army



Richard Lyle Shaffer
 US Navy



Jackie R. Crawford
 US Air Force

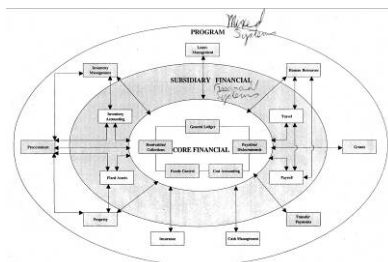


Left to Right: Tom Brown, Jackie Crawford, Lyle Shaffer, Gene Reardon, Julie Bryant



Tom Druzgal & Ronell Raam

Nov 13
 Mini Max



Federal Financial Management Systems



Janett Smith & Julie Bryant

Date	Topic and Speaker
Meeting	<p>Cyber Payments: The Impact of New Technology on Regulatory Issues</p> <p>Pamela J. Johnson Assistant Director US Dept of the Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)</p>

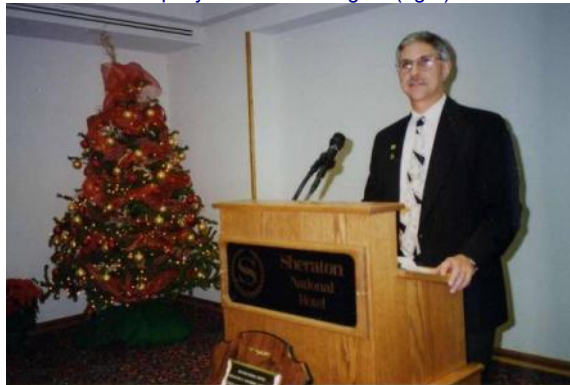


Dec 10 Mini Max	<p>Oversight in the Foreign Affairs Community: The Role of the Inspector General</p> <p>Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers Inspector General Department of State</p>
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Julie Bryant (center) with Jacquelyn Williams-Bridgers (right)

Meeting	<p>Success in a Changing Environment: AGA National President's Overview of AGA Initiatives</p> <p>Mitchell L. Laine Deputy CFO & Director Financial Services US Department of Education</p>
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Jan 14 Meeting	<p>Activity-Based Costing</p> <p>Vincette L. Goerl CFO US Customs Service</p>
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Date **Topic and Speaker**

Feb 11
Meeting DCAA Operations and Initiatives in Support of Acquisition Reform
William H. Reed
Director
Defense Contract Audit Agency



Mar 11
Mini
Max Money Money Money –
 What are You Doing with Yours?
Maureen Khan
Wagner Research Group

With John S. Haslett & Mike Brown



John S. Haslett & Maureen Khan

Meeting Can a Balanced Budget be Achieved by the Year 2002?
G. William Hoagland
Republican Staff Director
Senate Committee on the Budget



Apr 8
Mini
Max What you Need to Know NOW About Auditing Automated Information Systems
Presented by Price Waterhouse



Date	Topic and Speaker		
Apr 8 Meeting	Communicating Effectively with Congress David K. Rehr, Vice President, Government Affairs, National Beer Wholesalers Association (NBWA)		
May 13 Mini Max	Introduction to Federal Accounting	Presented by Greg Fletcher KPMG Peat Marwick LLP	

Julie Bryant introduces David Rehr, while Jack Hufnagle looks on

Education Events

There were three full-day educational events scheduled in September, February, and April.

Improving Operations Through Cost Management. On behalf of the Capital Region, Kathy Coppola organized a knowledge-packed seminar on September 26th. Participants learned about the cutting 'edge of cost accounting initiatives in the federal sector. Among those presenting informative sessions and serving as moderators were: (front row left to right) Carol Stagg; Grant Thornton, Julie Bryant, Grant Thornton; (back row left to right) Steve Tarr, Armstrong Laing, Ken Bode, IRS, Kathy Coppola, Grant Thornton, Howard Katz, GSA, and Ronell Raam, GATI.



A Practical Approach to GPRA. Hosted by Capital Region Chapters on Monday, February 24, 1997.

Community Service

The Chapter has been participating in the following worthwhile efforts of "generativity:"

CAREER AWARENESS SESSIONS: The chapter kicked off its Career Awareness Program activities during October 1996. This year's focus was to acquaint youth With the field of government financial management and to provide students with an overview of career opportunities that may not be obtained in formal schools. NOVAGA accomplished that goal. Spearheaded by **Vickie Cole-McCray**, NOVAGA participated in Career Day activities held at Northern Virginia Community College, George Mason University, and Marymount. NOVAGA President **Julie Bryant**, Early Careers Chapter Director **Mazhar Ahson**, and George Mason student **Nicki McClintock**, were also in attendance during the recruitment efforts. The response from students was overwhelming.

Community Service



Vickie Cole-McCray, Julie Bryant and Mazhar Ahson



George Mason Student Nicki McClintock with Julie Bryant

CHILDREN'S NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

ACTIVITIES: The toy collection drive was a tremendous success! In mid-December 1996, over 150 toys--at an estimated value of \$1,000--were delivered to "Children's" by **Sandra Morrell** Project Head, and Chapter representatives. Andrew Forte, the NOVAGA facilitator for OIG DOD, is commended for his special efforts. His organization alone contributed over half of the total number of toys collected. Some members have asked about a tour and visit with the children at the Medical Center. Sandy will be arranging a tour in the spring. Check the newsletter calendar. In addition, since September 1996, the Chapter has raised over \$100 at the monthly 50/50 drawings for this worthwhile effort.



Ann Collins (Center) Helps with the Toy Drive



VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

(VITA): At the October 1996 meeting, an IRS representative provided an overview of the VITA activities. Training was conducted during January 1997. VITA services were provided February through mid-April 1997 for 235 hours. Contact **Greg Sinclitico**, Project Head, (703) 325-0065, for more information



MONDLOCH HOUSE The Mondloch House is one of the facilities of Route One Corridor Housing, Inc. which provides homeless families and individuals with shelter and opportunities to seek a better life. At the January and February 1997 meetings, the Chapter proceeds from the 50/50 drawing have been specified to purchase items to help replenish the "First Aid Cabinet" at the Mondloch House. In addition, members may bring to the February meeting donations of new, sealed, non-alcohol-base medications, such as: cold/flu tablets, aspirin, stomach medicine, bandaids, children's medication, etc. Contact **Ann Collins**, Project Head, for more information.

LIONS - DON'T FORGET TO BRING OLD PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. LOOK FOR THE YELLOW BOX!!

Rotational Bowling. We are trying to raise funds for the National Community Service Fund (NCSF), while at the same time have a great time and increase our participation. This social event is only one way we hope to raise funds for the NCSF. We will charge \$3.00 per game (10 frames), and you pay for your shoes. The Bowl America off 395 at Edsall Rd. has 4 lanes reserved for us from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday March 13; this way you can either return to work, or keep on going home from there.

Community Service



Ann Collins Helps Register Walkers

NOVAGA Team Brings In the Bucks for MS Cure by Andrea Walker

The NOVAGA MS Walk Team got those feet on the move April 12, earning well over \$1400 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, toward a cure for this crippling disease. The combined feet of Tom and Cindy Brown, Andrew Forte, Ronell Raam, Lex Stephani, Ann Coziahr and husband Bill, Laura Koschny, Pete Koenig, Cathy Crowley and her crew--brother Mike and friends Linda and Miguel--plus the cheering of Julie Bryant and Ann Collins (who manned the registration table since 7 a.m.!)--and of course the generosity of their sponsors, produced stellar results. A special nod goes to the big fund raiser--Andrew Forte who raised over \$600!



Ann Collins, Laura Koschny, & Julie Bryant

CHILDREN'S NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ACTIVITIES.

Some members have asked about a tour and visit with the children at the Medical Center. Sandy will be arranging a tour in the spring (May 5th)



Julie Bryant (left) and Ann Collins (right)



Awards Dinner
May 13, 1997



Attendees Included
 Tom Druzgal, Jim Andrews, Tom Roslewicz



Julie Thanks John Laney



Julie thanks Vincette Goerl



Julie thanks Vickie Cole-McCray, Chapter Marketing Director



Julie thanks Dale Williams



Julie thanks Kay Daly



Julie thanks Ann Collins



Ann Coziahr



Greg Fletcher



Bob Brown



Julie thanks Laura Koschny



Don Cress



Maureen Barry

Julie has continued to be involved with AGA and NOVAGA. She stepped up to the plate and returned as President in 2002-2003. See more updates in Chapter 35.



Past Presidents John Laney, Julie Bryant, & Dale Williams
May 2004 Awards Banquet

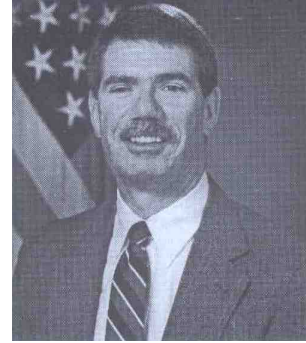


At May 2009 Awards Banquet, Senior VP at Large and longtime NOVAGA Supporter Karl Boettcher thanks NOVAGA Past President Julie Bryant

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Vital Statistics

President Thomas W. Brown, CGFM, Army Audit Agency



Tom Brown as he appeared in the NOVAGA News & Views

We had hard copy NOVAGA News and Views newsletters from September and October 1997. From these, we, we learned that:

Mr. Brown is a member of the Senior Executive Service with t the U.S. Army Audit Agency and is currently serving as the Deputy Auditor General for Acquisition and Force Management Audits. He joined the Agency in the Western District upon graduation in 1965. He has also worked in the European and Midwestern Regions and in the Operations Center (Alexandria, VA). In his current position, Mr. Brown is responsible for formulation and execution of audits in acquisition, research, development and systems; manpower, health, and Reserve affairs; quality of life for Army personnel; and security and intelligence programs.

Mr. Brown holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Montana and a Masters of Public Services from Ball State University. His is a CGFM and a member of the American Society of Military Comptrollers and the Institute of Internal Auditors, as well as AGA.

The theme for the 1997-98 year was **Partnering For Success**. In the News and Views, Tom wrote that:



Tom Brown accepts the gavel

The 1997/98 NOVAGA year is upon us and begins with our meeting on September 9th. We have a very exciting year planned and I look forward to serving as your President.

As I look through the distinguished list of past Presidents, I feel a tremendous pressure to succeed. The pressure eases somewhat when I look down the list of our members on the Board of Directors. I am surrounded with quality people who are volunteering their time to assist NOVAGA. I thank and will do my best to make it a worthwhile endeavor.

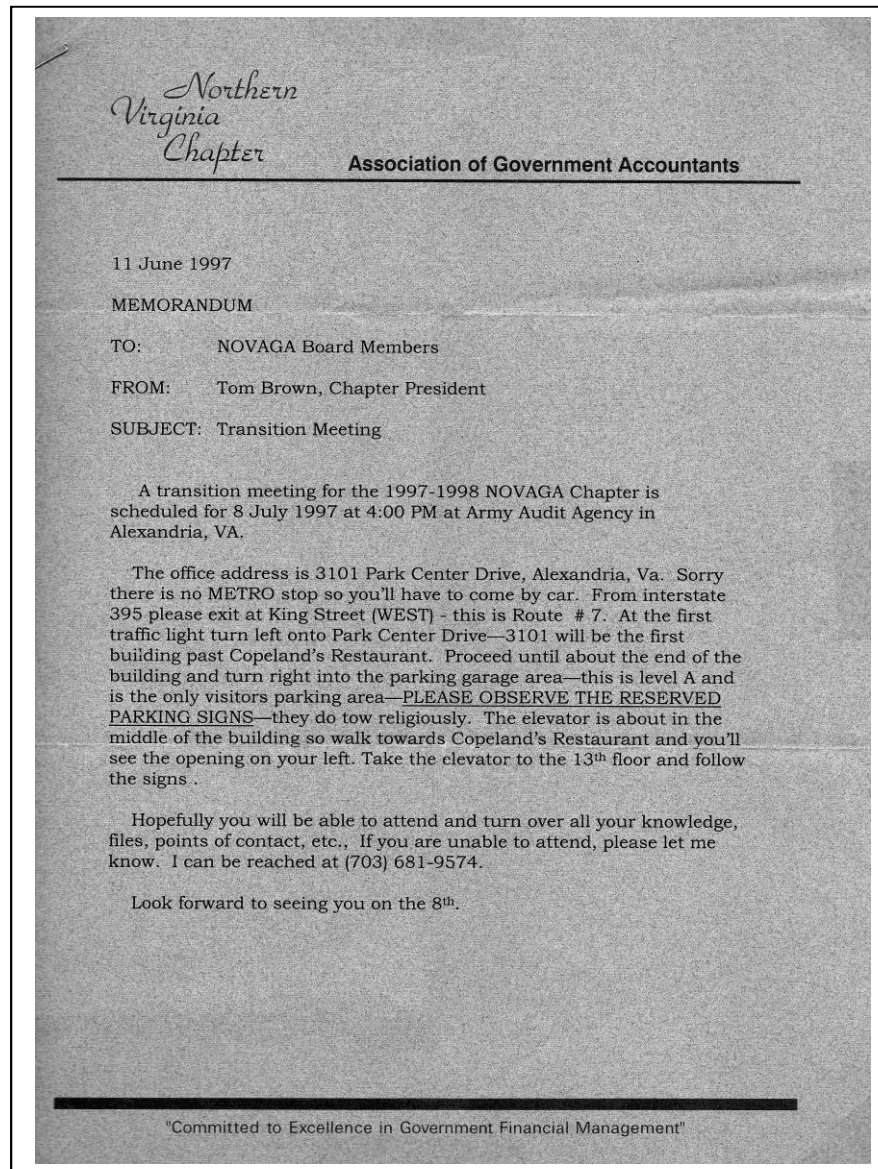
NOVAGA's theme this year is **Partnering for Success**. Partnering is another way to work in a changing environment. Basically it involves individuals understanding the problems at hand and the opportunities available to arrive at a solution. It gets away from the finger pointing aspect of everyday life and brings the group together to work on the problem at hand and reach a solution for success.

We live in highly competitive times. We're challenged daily to improve our services or we risk losing our customers. We can choose to play the game as we've always done; but in doing so, we may become the very best players in a game that's no longer played because we chose to play it in me old way.

About two years ago my Agency began a new process that ties into the partnering concept. We began inviting the auditee (customer) to our in-process review meetings. These meetings are designed to determine where we're going on the engagement and where our focus will be. When we announced this new process, our employees thought we had literally lost our minds. But we wanted our customers involved early in the engagement process so that we could establish a line of communication and make them a part of the process--a part of the solution. I am happy to report that this new process is a success, based on the feedback we're getting from the customer satisfaction questionnaires that we send after each engagement. We have incorporated the requirement to invite the customer to the in-process reviews into our auditors' annual performance objectives.

I think that partnering applies to all of us at NOVAGA-not one person on the Board of Directors knows all the answers or has me only solution. We all are looking for better ways to do things more effectively and efficiently. I encourage all members to partner with us as we go forward and make 1997-1998 the best year yet.

We found that Tom got straight to work by holding his transition meeting on July 8, 1997:



At the **July 8th Board Meeting**, many of the members agreed to remain in their present positions thus there wasn't a large turnover of Directors.

Pat Reese mentioned that she has sufficient gifts to give to our speakers for the year.

The annual audit was discussed. There is some concern as to whether there is a requirement in our By-Laws to have an annual audit. The individual who has performed our audit in the past has moved and is no longer available. Several names were mentioned as candidates to do the audit.

The speakers for the year were discussed and a lot of good ideas were mentioned. Tom Stanton captured the candidates and will work with people who mentioned them to see about getting the people.

The three Chapter presidents in the DC area will be meeting with the RVP and Area Reps on 21 July 1997.

Julie Bryant said she would get with Marcia Buchannan regarding the History report for the chapter.

Chapter Recognition now will be reported **QUARTERLY**.

John Bourgault passed out a listing of due dates for articles for the Chapter Newsletter and tentative dates for the Chapter meetings was also distributed.

Tom also distributed a Board of Directors roster and requested the attendees review and update as appropriate.

The Board will be using e-mail as much as possible to get information to the Board members and try to reduce our postage expenses.

Board meetings were subsequently often held at US Army Audit Agency, in Park Center.



Board Meeting included (l-r) Ann Collins, Tom Brown, Kay Daly, Carol Stagg, John Laney, Russ Allen



Julie Bryant looks on





Of course there was always food involved!



Jack Hufnagle and Patty Marsh

Meetings

Meetings were held at the Sheraton National Hotel, Columbia Pike and Washington Boulevard. The cost was \$17 for members with reservations and \$20 for members without reservations and non-members. The social period generally began at 5:30 pm, with dinner and program at 6:30 p.m.

Date	Topic	Speaker	
SEPTEMBER 9, 1997	<p>The Kinship Between Auditors and Personnelists</p> <p>"We're All Under Fire"</p>	<p>Al Papenfus, Director, Personnel and Security, Washington Headquarters Service, Office of the Secretary of Defense</p>	
OCTOBER 8, 1997	<p>Lessons Learned in Managing Contract Audit Services</p>		<p>Patricia Dalton, Deputy Inspector General Department of Labor</p>
<p>Oct 15 Half Day Training</p>	<p>Activity-Based Cost Management: A Tool for Implementing GPRA</p>	<p>Free Seminar brought to you by Grant Thornton and Armstrong Laing, Inc.</p>	
<p>Oct 29 All Day Training \$100/member \$125/nonmember</p>	<p>Making the Most of Your Computer</p>	<p>IDEA Flowcharting Statistical Sampling Spreadsheets John Webster CFO</p>	<p>Word Processing Databases EIS</p>
NOVEMBER 4, 1997	<p>Dinner Meeting Sheraton National Hotel</p>	<p>Library of Congress</p>	
DECEMBER 9, 1997	<p>Dinner Meeting Sheraton National Hotel</p>	<p>Terri Sandler Grant Thornton</p>	
JANUARY 13, 1998	<p>Dinner Meeting Sheraton National Hotel</p>		
FEBRUARY 12, 1998	<p>Joint Meeting with IMA</p>		
MARCH 5, 1998	<p>Dinner Meeting Hyatt (DC)</p>	<p>Doug Haywood National President</p>	
APRIL 14, 1998		<p>IG Dept of State</p>	
<p>April All-Day Training Seminar MAY 12, 1998</p>	<p>Awards Banquet</p>		

Community Service

As we've seen with several chapters, NOVAGA had a robust community service program. The Chapter featured ongoing community service functions at the monthly dinner meetings to support the National Community Service Fund. Also, members were urged to bring old prescription eyeglasses to the meetings for the Lions Club. The September 1998 Newsletter had the following recap for 1997-98 community service activities, written by **Ann M. Collins, CGFM**:

NOVAGA Chapter members again displayed compassion and generosity by participating in numerous events to support local community activities during Chapter year 1997-98:

**CHILDRENS NATIONAL
MEDICAL CENTER**
Members donated books valued at
over \$1,500 (Ann Collins)



NOVAGA Public Services Director
Ann Collins (left) accompanied
Patricia Summers, NOVAGA
coordinator of this effort, in
presenting books valued at more
than \$1,500 to Dr. Cuzzi and
Ms. Oratokhai at Children's
Hospital.



**VOLUNTEER INCOME
TAX ASSISTANCE**
Members volunteered
120 hours preparing
over 180 returns
(Greg Sinclitico)



A busy Saturday morning at a Springfield VA
site. NOVAGA members Jo Spielvogel and
Charles Antanavage participated

Steve Johnson of NOVAGA provides
assistance to a taxpayer.

MONDLOCH HOUSE
The Chapter
donated/purchased from
designated 50/50 drawings
first-aid items valued over \$130
(Ann Collins).



Ann Collins (left)
NOVAGA, presents first
aid items donated by
chapter members (\$130
value) to June Stowe,
Director of Finance,
Mondloch House



**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
(MS) WALK**

The Chapter collected \$2,088
by sponsoring 22 walkers.

Waiting to start the MS Walk
are NOVAGA Members
Andrea Walker and Ann
Collins with Anne Francis and
her family (left)



NOVAGA President Tom Brown and his
wife, Mary, show support for the MS
Walk



LIONS CLUB

Members donated over 3 dozen pairs of old prescription eyeglasses for recycling.
(Look for the YELLOW BOX at meetings!)

At Left: NOVAGA MS Walk Coordinator Andrea Walker (left), Early Careers Director Kelly Stefanki (front), Public Service Director Ann Collins (center) and friends prepare for the hike

AGA NATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (NCSF)

The Chapter collected \$192 through designated drawings and donations by some of the winners.

Members

The Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA was 899 members strong--and still growing in October 1997.

Congratulations to **Francis Reardon**, former NOVAGA President. Gene was selected as a finalist for the 1997 outstanding CPA in Government Award. (Editor's note – He won!)

Congratulations also to **Holly Williams**, NOVAGA Newsletter Editor, on her recently announced promotion and pending move to Huntsville, Alabama.

Early Careers

Ms. Kelly Stefanko has been working very hard in the area of Early Careers to get people involved with the Association. The Early Careers program is designed for practicing professionals who have less than six years of financial management experience. This is a way for individuals to become aware of the many benefits of the Association and hopefully become leaders of the Chapter and the Association in the future. Each of us can help Kelly by talking and discussing the Association and especially NOVAGA at our meetings with those individuals in the Early Careers field.

National PDC

The National Professional Development Conference was held in Washington, DC from June 22-24, 1998 at the Crystal City, Virginia Marriott.

On the chapter recognition front, the chapter received a plaque presented to NOVAGA President Tom Brown for meeting the **Gold Chapter Recognition** status for five years straight.

1997-1998 NOVAGA Executive Group

President	Tom Brown	703-681-9574	Career Awareness	Linda Moratis	703-284-2665
Past President	Julie Bryant	703-847-7677		Keith Thomburg	202-463-5608
President-Elect	Dale Williams	202-326-4161	CGFM Coordinator	Diana Graff	703-697-4463
Secretary	Truman DeHaemers	703-696-8028	Chapter History	Cathy Crowley	703-284-2683
Treasurer	Russell Allen	202-708-2306	Chapter Recognition	Maureen Barry	202-927-5773
Asst. Treasurer	Mia Leswing	301-345-0500	Early Careers	Kelly Stefanko	202-616-9869
			Education	Mazhar Ahson	703-284-2729
RVP				Julie Bryant	703-847-7677
			Employment	Ann Francis	202-205-9109
				Kim White	202-284-2732
			Marketing	Vickie Cole McCray	703-284-2650
			Meetings	Ann Coziahr	202-606-5000
			Membership	Kay Daly	202-512-9312
				Bob Brown	703-681-9574
				John Gannon	703-604-9176
			Mini-Max	Greg Fletcher	202-467-3369
			Newsletter	Phil Schneider	703-681-9941
				John Bourgault	703-681-9893
				Holly Williams	703-681-4499
			Programs	Don Cress	703-697-4463
				Tom Stanton	703-681-3409
			Public Service	Ann Collins	703-604-9630
			Research	John R. Laney	202-530-6750
			At-Large	Pat Reese	202-358-5040

ADVISORY BOARD

Tom Druzgal	202-681-9849
John Hummel	202-467-3139
Ron Johnson	703-614-6184
Pete McClintock	202-205-7203
Ronell Raaum	202-401-7187
Don Smuland	202-401-9400

DIRECTORS

Attendance	Andrea Walker	202-619-3066
Awards	Steve Keefer	703-681-9820
By-Laws	Richard Chambers	703-695-7693

Life After NOVAGA

Tom retired from AAA shortly after his NOVAGA Presidency and moved to Gilbert, Arizona, where he currently resides with his wife, Mary.

They attended the US Army Audit Agency's 70th Anniversary Gala in November 2016:



Tom & Mary Brown – November 2016
USAAA 70th Anniversary at Fort Belvoir, VA

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President Dale C. Williams, CGFM, PBGC & Library of Congress



Dale Williams

We located one issue of NOVAGA News from September 1998, from which we gleaned much information.

Message from the President

A few years back, when some were publicly questioning the value and the function of government financial managers, I attended a training program on the then-new, revised Government Auditing Standards of GAO. One of our own members, **Marcia Buchanan**, CGFM, encouraged those in attendance by underscoring the fact that we are the "truthtellers" in government.

Government financial managers share truths that need to be told and told boldly. The time for it has never been better. With several years' worth of audited financial statements under our belts and with the Government Performance and Results Act coming into full swing at the federal level, the policy makers will be turning to us as never before for the hard facts underlying the gamut of government programs.

No surprise, then, that "Dare to Be Bold!" is the national theme for AGA this year. **Tom Roslewicz**, CGFM, our National AGA President, challenges all of us to rise to that theme, and he's right. We have a mission. In an environment where shading and spinning the truth has been raised to an art form, our mission is to cut through the collective fog and lay the facts on the table.

Our founding fathers, in forming America, rejected monarchy in favor of a shared government with an ingenious system of checks and balances. In the real, workaday world of government, we auditors and accountants provide the check that balances the temporal powers.

Mark Twain once wrote, "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you don't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

He might have added "Dare to be bold!"

Board Meetings

NOVAGA President Dale Williams got the year off to a bold start with a lively Board of Directors meeting at the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation in beautiful downtown Washington, July 9.

After a quick acceptance of the June 10 transition meeting minutes, Treasurer **Russ Allen**, CGFM, reported a bank balance of \$14,000. He also raised the issue of two Certificates of Deposit, for \$5,000 and \$10,000, respectively. The Board agreed to reinvest the CDs at maturity. The Board approved a tentative budget for FY 1999 of \$19,000, with a final budget to be approved September 15. It also agreed to audit the books for FY-end June 30.

Meanwhile, Chapter Recognition guru **John-Paul Beaudet**, announced that NOVAGA had already chalked up 1,440 points in the 1998-99 program year (see p. 7 for update.)


Programs Director **John Laney**, CGFM, announced the mailing of 972 survey forms to better serve members and increase meeting attendance. He noted that a \$200 savings bond is being raffled as an incentive for members to get surveys in. He noted a joint meeting with IMA in February, 1999, and hinted at an exciting line-up of speakers for the new season. The Board readily subsidized the dinner price by \$5 per member to encourage participation.

Satellite Meetings Advisory Board Member **Anne-Marie Chavez**, CGFM, announced an exciting new season of satellite training at the Fort Belvoir Community Club. Again, with an aim to activate members, the Board voted a subsidy of up to \$2.50 per lunch.

Meetings Director **Laura Koschny**, CGFM, presented a comprehensive cost survey of meeting sites to help hold down member costs. Attendance Director **Andrea Walker**, CGFM, presented a postcard campaign to bring out members, and the Board agreed to energize facilitators with a free meal at meetings.

Meetings

Meetings were generally held at the Sheraton National Hotel for dinner. Satellite Meetings were held at lunch time at the Fort Belvoir Community Club (see article below).

Date	Event	Topic	Speaker
Sep 8 1998	Mini-Max	Consideration of Fraud in a Financial Statement Audit (SAS 82)	David Cotton NOVAGA President-Elect
	Dinner Meeting	Trends in the Audit Community	
	Members \$20 Nonmembers \$22	Robert J. Lieberman Assistant Inspector General for Audit U.S. Dept. of Defense IG	
Oct 13, 1998	Mini-Max	Statement of Financing/ Statement of Budgetary Resources	Greg Fletcher CGFM
	Dinner Meeting	It's Your Money	Donald Mullinax Chief Investigator, Senate Subcommittee on Investigations Darleen Druyun, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition & Management
Nov 4, 1998 11:30-1 pm	Satellite Meeting Ft. Belvoir	The Future of Air Force Acquisition Strategy	
Nov 5 th All-Day Training	Washington Marriott Hotel	Self-Assessment Course in Government Financial Management Budgeting for an Era of Surplus Budgeting for Good Management Core Competencies--How Close Are We? Using Activity-Based Costing to Improve Performance in the U.S. Post Office TBD	Various--Joint Event with the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management
Nov 10	Dinner Meeting		Bill Hoagland
Dec 8	Mini-Max	Government Auditing Standards Update	Marcia Buchanan, CGFM GAO
	Dinner Meeting	Invited	Congressman Frank Wolf
Jan 13, 1999	Mini-Max	CGFM Exam Overview	TBD
	Dinner Meeting	Y2K Issues	Jeff Steinhoff, GAO Past National AGA President
Feb 3	Satellite Meeting Ft. Belvoir	Industry Perspective on the Future of Acquisition	Speaker from Industry
Feb 9	Mini-Max	Joint Event with IMA	Dr. John Sacco George Mason University
	Dinner Meeting	TBD	TBD
Mar 9	Mini-Max	Personal Finance	Maureen Khan Wagner Resource Group
Apr 13 & 14	Dinner Meeting Training Event	TBD	TBD
	Dinner Meeting	Information Technology	Various
May 5	Satellite Meeting	The Future of DOD Acquisition &	Diane Dudley, OMB
11:30 am – 4pm	& Training Event Ft. Belvoir	Panel Discussion on: Perspectives on Acquisition Reform	Luncheon Speaker and afternoon Plenary Panel Discussion
May 12	Dinner Meeting	Awards Dinner	

Satellite Meetings Better Than PrimeStar!

"Acquisition Vision Beyond the Year 2000" is the theme of three new satellite luncheon meetings NOVAGA announced today to better meet the training needs of Ft. Belvoir area government financial managers, accountants, and auditors.

"You get a live speaker, stimulating conversation, and great food at a price that can't be beat," said NOVAGA Satellite Meetings Advisory Board Member AnneMarie Chavez, CGFM. "NOVAGA's Satellite Meetings are better than PrimeStar," added Satellite Meetings Director Tom Cline.

"This is a great idea for those who find it logistically difficult to attend our dinner meetings," said NOVAGA President Dale Williams, CGFM. "The Board was enthusiastic enough about it to subsidize the luncheon costs."

The events will be held at the Ft. Belvoir Community Club and include a buffet luncheon (\$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers).

The dates are the first Wednesdays of November (11/4/98), February (2/3/99), and May (5/5/99). The November and February meetings will include a guest speaker and will be from 11:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Tentative topics: "The Future of Air Force Acquisition Strategy" and "Industry Perspective on the Future of Acquisition." The May event will begin with a luncheon keynote speaker and continue with an afternoon plenary panel discussion on "The Future of DOD Acquisition and Perspectives on Acquisition Reform" (11 :30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)

Members need to make reservations by October 30th for the November 4th event. To make reservations or answer your questions regarding these Satellite Meetings call Sandy McCall, Satellite Attendance Director.

National and Regional Events

October 18-20 AGA's Seventh Annual State & Local Government Leadership Conference, Sacramento, CA

December 5-6 Mid-Year Leadership Conference, Alexandria, VA

January 21-22 AGA's 10th Annual Federal Leadership Conference, International Trade Center--The Ronald Reagan Building, Washington, D.C.

Community Service

Ann Collins once again spearheaded Community Service efforts. One event definitely on the Agenda was the MS Walk on April 17, 1999, headed by **Andrea Walker**.

Brass Ensemble

Dale C. Williams	President
Tom Brown	Past President
Mia Leswing	Secretary
Russell Allen	Treasurer
Marty Boehm	Newsletter
Director	



Dale Williams Gives the Chapter an Update at the May 2004 Awards Banquet

Life After NOVAGA

Dale retired from the Federal Government and lives Williamstown, New Jersey. He is self employed and teaches. He is still a NOVAGA member!

On the National Scene – Dare to Be Bold



During 1998-1999, former NOVAGA President **Thomas D. Roslewicz** (90-91) served as AGA National President. At the time, Tom was the Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services at HHS. He was also on AGA's National Executive Committee (NEC) and served as chairman of the 1996 Professional Development Conference and Exposition in Little Rock. He chose the theme, "**Dare to Be Bold**," as the foundation for his term as AGA President.



Thomas D. Roslewicz
CPA CGFM
AGA National President
1998-99

Several other NOVAGA and Capital Region members served in National offices this year, including:

Diane L. Dudley, CGFM, CPA served as National Treasurer. Diane is a member of the Montgomery/Prince Georges Chapter. She is a partner at KPMG LLP.



Diane Dudley

Paul W. Bognaski, CGFM, was Capital Region Vice President.

Julie V. Bryant, CGFM, was chair of the Chapter Recognition Committee.

James B. Durnil, CGFM, was chair of the Awards Committee.

The National Professional Development Conference was held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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President David L. Cotton, CPA CFE CGFM,
Cotton & Company LLP

David was the Founding Partner of Cotton & Company LLP, in 1981. He holds an MBA in Management Science and Labor Relations, and a BS in Mechanical Engineering, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

David had a chapter history posted on his Web site that provided us the following information:



David Cotton

Meetings, Continuing Education, and Seminars

Members Meeting and Training:

Dinner/luncheon programs featured key players and allowed attendees to pose questions. Dinner programs were held at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia.

- Date: September 14, 1999, Speaker: David L. Cotton, CPA, CFE, CGFM, Topic: Procurement Fraud Before and After the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (FASA).
- Date: October 12, 1999, Speaker: Dale Williams, CPA, CGFM, CISA, Topic: The Non-statutory IG – Is the Concept Workable?
- Date: November 9, 1999, Speaker: Linda Hoogeveen App, CPA, CGFM, Topic: HHS Financial Statement Audit and Financial Management Policy Issues.
- Date: December 14, 1999, Speaker: Keith Rhodes, introduced by Jeff Steinhoff, E-Commerce, Computer Security, and Critical Infrastructure Protection.
- Date: January 11, 2000, Speaker: Norwood J. "Woody" Jackson, CPA, and Greg Fletcher, Topic: State and Local Government Reporting Model (GASB 34).
- Date: February 10, 2000, Speaker: William Stussie, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy Air Programs, Topic: Price Based Acquisition. This was a joint meeting with the Institute of Management Accountants. This meeting was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Falls Church, Virginia.
- Date: March 14, 2000, Speaker: G. William Hougland, Senate Committee on the Budget, Topic: Budget and Politics: Do They Mix This Year?
- Date: April 11, 2000, Speaker: Honorable David Walker, Topic: Accountability. Joint Luncheon Meeting with the D.C. and Maryland 's Prince Georges Chapters. This session was held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, D.C.

- Date: May 9, 2000, Annual Awards Dinner, Speaker: David L. Cotton, CPA, CFE, CGFM, Topic: Accomplishments This Year.

Mini-Max training sessions – earn CPEs -- people in the profession talking about the very latest accounting pronouncements and audit developments. Mini-max attendees earned 2 CPE credits.

- Date: October 12, 1999, CPE session, CGFM Exam Review with AGA National Office Representative.
- Date: February 10, 2000, CPE session on Government Auditing Standards - The Yellow Book, Marcia Buchanan, GAO.
- Date: March 14, 2000, CPE session, Speaker: Len Pinkey, Topic: Meeting Increasing Demands with Decreasing Resources.
- Date: April 6, 2000, NOVAGA and the DC Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors jointly sponsored a 1-day CPE session on Finding Fraud Using Computer-Assisted Audit Techniques. Speakers: Paul C. Hoshall and David Coderre. This special session offered 8 hours of CPE for attendees. This session was held at the Crystal City Marriott, Arlington, Virginia.
- Date: May 9, 2000, CPE session, Performance Measures, Speaker: Dr. John Sacco. This session was held at George Mason University.

Executive Board and Directors Meeting:

The first NOVAGA Executive Committee meeting of the 1999-2000 year was held on July 27, 1999 at the Health and Human Services Conference Room in Washington D.C. Chapter President David L. Cotton announced that the chapter received an unqualified opinion on its financial statements.

A NOVAGA Executive Committee meeting was held November 8, 1999 at the HHS conference room in Washington D.C. Those Directors who attended presented status reports and several proposals were considered.

Newsletters:

The NOVAGA issued a newsletter as a means of communication to its members. The newsletter featured articles of special interest to our community. This year we began the transition from paper newsletters to a focus on our web page. The change to online will save money which can be used for other Chapter activities.

Outreach and Public Service:

NOVAGA members participated in International Coastal Clean-Up Day and joined *Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE)* in ridding the shores of the Potomac River of unsightly and hazardous debris on September 19, 1999. Over 1/4 ton of trash and litter along the shoreline was gathered by members.

Members donated 238 new books valued at over \$1,133 to benefit young patients at Children's National Medical Center in Washington D.C. Nearly 75% of the books were collected at the Department of Defense Inspector General organization.

NOVAGA participated in the IRS' Volunteer Income Assistance (VITA) program. VITA volunteers provided free tax assistance at community locations to individuals needing assistance with basic income tax preparation.

During the April meeting, members contributed good quality, professional dress clothes for donation to a local organization that helps disadvantaged individuals transition into the workforce.

This year, the annual MS Walk was held on April 29, 2000. The NOVAGA MS Walk team of twenty walkers participated in the six mile event and raised over \$700 in donations for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society chapter service programs and provided funding for continuous research into a cure for this crippling disease.

At the annual awards meeting held on May 9, 2000, Orioles Baseball tickets were raffled off to raise money for the AGA's National Community Service Fund. The tickets were donated by Clifton Gunderson, LLC, Certified Public Accountants.

NOVAGA is dedicated to community service and hopes to set up a Fresh Start Surgical Gifts function locally for various outreach efforts. For example, Dr. Carol Codori, who serves as the power of attorney and godmother to Caroline Mukeshimana from Rwanda, a young girl who experienced congenital right eye defects since childbirth. Dr. Codori has been working on this heartfelt pastoral care for almost six years. She has tirelessly sought consultations and treatments for Caroline from a myriad of organizations, such as local surgeons, Children's Hospital, Mason's Eye Foundation, Lions' Clubs, American Society of Military Comptrollers and AGA's Washington DC, Montgomery/Prince Georges, San Diego, and NOVAGA chapters. Caroline became one of the recipients of the gift of surgery from the Fresh Start Surgical Gifts, Inc., (FSSG) a medical foundation in Encinitas, CA.

Board of Directors and Officers

The NOVAGA 1999/2000 leadership is as follows:

President - David L. Cotton
President-elect – Lyle Shaffer
Past President – Tom Brown
Secretary – Mia Leswing
Treasurer – Ann Coziahr
Asst. Treasurer – Russell Allen

Directors:

Attendance – Andrea Walker
Awards – Mia Leswing
By-Laws and Advisor to Education – Carol Codori
Career Awareness – Terri Matthews
CGFM Coordinator – Carol Codori
Chapter History – Mia Leswing
Chapter Recognition – Donna Daly
Directory Coordinator – Bob Brown
Early Careers – Todd Jones
Employment – Ann Francis
Marketing – Vickie Cole McCray, Nickie McClintock, Pat Reese
Meetings – Laura Koschny
Membership – John Gannon
Mini-Max – Matt Johnson, Donna Daly

Newsletter – Jackie Williams
Programs – John Laney
Education – Bob Fisher, Pete McClintock
Public Service – Kelly Stefanko
Research – Greg Fletcher
Satellite Meeting – Sandy McCall

Advisory Board:

Chairperson - Dale Williams
Member – Carol Stagg Christian
Member – Jeff Steinhoff
Member – Pete McClintock
Member – Anne-Marie Chavez



**On the National Scene –
AGA is 50 Years Old!**

AGA National celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2000! Congratulations!

Thomas Sadowski CGFM (Mid-Missouri Chapter) was the 1999-2000 AGA National President. He was the Director of Accounting at University of Missouri-Columbia. His theme was **Serving the Government Finance Professional.**



AGA 98-99 National President (& NOVAGA 90-91 President)
Tom Roslewicz passes the gavel to
AGA 99-00 National President Thomas J. Sadowski



Roslewicz and Sadowski

Update

David is still very active in the accounting community. He has spoken at NOVAGA meetings and provided CPA Ethics training to GAO. He is a 2006 recipient of AGA's Andy Barr Award. In May 2006, NOVAGA presented him with the Federal Financial Partnership Award. He is currently a member of the Washington DC Chapter of AGA.

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President R. Lyle Shaffer, AEPCO Inc

At the time of his presidency, Lyle had over 35 years of experience in the Comptroller and Audit communities. He retired from the federal civilian work force (Department of the Navy) in January 2000. Within a few months, he went to work for a small business, Advanced Engineering & Planning Corporation, Inc. (AEPCO, Inc.) as a Consultant. At the time, AEPCO was a small office, and he worked on a part time basis in Alexandria, VA. By March 2009, he had been with the company for almost 10 years and now serves as Deputy Director of the Acquisition and Business Services Division. AEPCO is now part of a British Firm - VT Group and is much, much larger than we he started there.



Richard Lyle Shaffer

Lyle has functioned successfully in the private and public sector. He served in the military during the Vietnam conflict. He has been active in his church and in his local community. He is married to the former Ms. Shirley Mikez. They have a son, Christopher, who pursued a Doctoral Degree in Medicinal Chemistry at Kansas University. They are now the proud grandparents of Christian and Cate, and spend as much time as possible with them. Lyle writes that 'Life has been very good to us.'

Lyle also says that he enjoyed serving the members of NOVAGA in the 2000-2001 timeframe. All members were wonderful individuals and teamed to contribute to a banner year for the chapter.

He sends a special thanks to all of them for all the fond memories he has today from having met them and having worked with them to pursue the goals we all set for the Chapter.

The NOVAGA Year

This year, NOVAGA moved to a NEW LOCATION--Arlington's Crystal Gateway Marriott, main entrance is one block west of Jefferson Davis Highway on S. Eads St., between 15th and 18th Streets. Metro exit is Crystal City; take the underground to the hotel. For further directions, call the hotel at 703-920-3230. There was free parking at the Crystal City underground.



For only \$25 with advance reservations (\$30 without), you could enjoy a fabulous buffet. A sample menu included:

- SALADS: Caesar Salad, Romaine Lettuce with Parmesan Cheese and Croutons with Caesar Style Dressing, Bow tie Pasta Salad, and Asparagus, Cherry Tomatoes and Buffalo Mozzarella Salad
- ENTREES: Chicken Roulade Stuffed with Apricot Cranberry Chutney and Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce
- VEGETABLES: Vegetable Medley, Oven Roasted Herb Potatoes
- DESSERTS: Chef's Selection of Desserts
- BEVERAGES: Iced Tea, Hot Tea and Freshly Brewed Coffee (reg and decaf)

A cash bar was also available during the social period.

Lunch meetings were an ever better deal: \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. A sample menu included: Tomato soup Florentine, Grilled chicken over Caesar Salad and Chocolate Pecan Tart. (A cash bar was available during the social period.)

The Web site also got spiffed up that year at www.NOVAGA.org. The chapter had a 24-hour voicemail system for reservations at (703) 758-4490.

Date	Type	Featuring	
Thursday September 14 th	Luncheon Meeting	Joint Meeting with National Capital Region hailing AGA's 50 th Anniversary! Grant Hyatt Washington	
Tuesday, October 10 th	5:15 pm Social 6 pm Dinner & Meeting	 <p>An Innovation from ITC PLANETGOV.COM Your Career. Your Community. Your Voice.</p> <p>It's not your father's government anymore.</p> <p>You may have been Excited or might have even Yahoo'd, but if you're a government or military employee, PlanetGov.com is the Internet portal for you. Customized for the military and government professional and offering original content, marketplace, diverse community, unmatched resources, excellent customer service, travel and more.★</p>	
		<p>MIKE CAUSEY--formerly with the Washington Post's Federal Diary, now with PlanetGov.com, who'll tell us why</p> <p>"IT'S NOT YOUR FATHER'S GOVERNMENT ANYMORE."</p>	
Tuesday, November 14 th	3:30-5:15 Mini-Max FREE 2-CPE workshop	<p>Information Highway - "Are Your On and Off Ramps to the Info Hwy Making Your System a Drive Through Window for Others?"</p> <p>Get the view from 3 perspectives:</p> <p>(1) Representing system owners is Steve Tabone, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller</p> <p>(2) Representing the person driving through is Phil Loranger, Office of the Director for Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers</p> <p>(3) Representing the Audit Community is Bob Dacey, GAO.</p>	
Tuesday, November 14 th	5:15 pm Social 6 pm Dinner & Meeting	<p>We're honored to have as our dinner speaker JOSEPH KULL--Deputy Comptroller of OMB's Office of Federal Financial Management, who'll explain "OMB Guidance on Upcoming Changes--What does it mean for me?" Discussed will be the implications of the presidential elections, the forces that are causing change, and the guidance that will come from OMB. This message will affect all Federal agencies and how they operate in the next administration.</p>	
Tuesday, December 12 th	11:30 am Social 12-1:30 Luncheon & Meeting	<p>Tom Shoop, Executive Editor of the Government Executive Magazine, who will timely discuss THE FUTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT WORKFORCE.</p>	
	Charity	<p>We're collecting toys for sick kids at Children's Hospital. If you'd like to contribute, bring a new, unwrapped toy to the luncheon. Even small gifts like crayons or Uno cards are greatly</p>	

Date	Type	Featuring
		<p>appreciated. Of course books are always welcome.</p> <p>AND if you'd like to contribute to the "Caroline Project" please do so on the 12th.</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 9th</p>	<p>3:30-5:15 Mini-Max FREE 2-CPE workshop</p>	<p>What does it take to be a financial manager in the 21st Century? -- It's more than being an expert accountant or auditor. A successful financial manager also understands budgeting, analysis, and human capital.</p> <p>Join Ernie Gregory at NOVAGA's January 9th, 2001 Mini-max and find out how YOU can become a 21st Century financial manager.</p> <p>Mr. Gregory is Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Operations. He influences the Army in many areas--from integrating financial management into Army business processes such as using purchase cards, personnel management and logistics to measuring the results under GPRA and the CFO Act.</p> <div data-bbox="1047 296 1356 703" data-label="Image"> </div> <p style="text-align: right;">Ernie Gregory in 1985</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 9th</p>	<p>5:15 pm Social 6:00-7:30 pm Dinner & Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Auditing Issues Facing the IG Community</p> <p>On April 6, 1999, Phyllis K. Fong was sworn in and became the fifth Inspector General of the Small Business Administration. During her tenure with the Office of Inspector General, she has held a number of legal and management positions, most recently serving as Assistant Inspector General for Management and Legal Counsel prior to her confirmation. She is a career member of the Senior Executive Service. Ms. Fong is a native of Hawaii and a graduate of Pomona College and Vanderbilt University School of Law. She resides with her husband, Paul Tellier, and their daughter, Elana, in Bethesda, Maryland.</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 27</p>	<p>Registration: 8:30-9AM Morning session: 9-11AM 2 CPEs Buffet Lunch: 11-12:30PM Afternoon session: 12:30-1:30PM 1 CPE</p>	<p>The Northern Virginia Chapter of the Association for Government Accountants (NOVAGA) joins ISACA (Information Systems Audit and Control Association) in a spectacular line-up for our HALF DAY meeting, which opens with a morning session by Dr. Robert Norris, IT professor and Department chair of Information Operations and Technology at National Defense University who will speak on</p> <p>"VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORKS (VPNs)--How these "end-to-end" communications links work, the hardware and software needed, and the associated security issues" and ends with an afternoon session by Chris Zoladz, CISA, CGFM, CPA, Vice President of Information Protection, Marriott International, who will speak on</p> <p>"THE PRIVACY MOVEMENT—an overview of the current state of privacy legislation, the role of IS auditors and managers in a privacy sensitive organization; and tips for avoiding a privacy meltdown."</p> <p>COST: \$40 for members and \$50 for nonmembers—Buffet Lunch (which I'm told is quite lavish) is included in the price!</p> <p>LOCALE is the Washington Marriott, 1221 22nd Street, NW--4 blocks from either FOGGY BOTTOM metro (blue/orange lines) or DUPONT CIRCLE metro (red line).</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 13th</p>	<p>Mini Max Dinner Meeting</p>	<p>Topic TBD</p> <p>Doug Haywood, AGA National President: AGA National Issues</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 20th</p>	<p>All-Day</p>	<p>Education Meeting</p>
<p>Tuesday April 10th</p>	<p>Mini Max Dinner Meeting</p>	
<p>Wednesday April 25th</p>		<p>Joint Educational Meeting with AICPA</p>
<p>Tuesday May 15th</p>	<p>Awards Luncheon</p>	

Community Service

Eye Surgery. The chapter undertook an ambitious community service project to pay for eye surgery for Caroline M. Carol Codori spearheaded the effort.

Caroline was from Cameroon. Caroline's dad was a GAO International Auditor Fellow in 1984 when Carol was director of that program. Carol had been working privately for over 5 years on this and was finally able to arrange for it through Fresh Start Surgical Gifts (fssg.org), a foundation in Encinitas, California. They provide free plastic surgery to children.

Caroline had her first surgery on August 5, 2000. She recovered in California with her mom, Agnes, and a host family, the Turners, through September. She needed some more tests and one minor touch up surgery, and went home in October. The chapter had about \$7,000 in expenses in California--even with semi-free room, board, travel, and medical.

Carol wrote: Some fun and special non-medical moments among us: They had never seen a body of water, much less the Pacific Ocean. What a thrill! The little hot tub and swimming pool at the clinic's recommended hotel were totally fantastic to them. We jumped (cautiously) for joy while holding on to the edge. The escalator at the zoo was a "fun terror." I was always urging us to walk faster. I burned myself trying to cook with Agnes. Agnes is a great cook! Caroline learned to wear a baseball cap. I thought she looked like a model in her new glasses. We cried a bunch after her bandages came off. These are all shared with love and good humor among good friends.

Local media were on hand during the surgical weekend on August 5-6. One reporter interviewed me and wrote about Caroline's case. I will try to capture some of this excitement in an article being written with Captain David Grundies, former president of the San Diego chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC). His physician wife is a founding board member of FSSG, and they personally came to visit with Caroline as she recovered.



Left to Right: Pete Aliferis, GAO/USDA;
Caroline and her Mother Agnes;
Carol Codori, DFAS, Community Service Chair

As you can see, July and August were truly life changing experiences. The saga continues until at least early October. That is when we have booked their return home. The foundation's director may be in DC after that, and I have given him an open invitation to speak at a chapter meeting.

The NOVAGA chapter was supportive and the expenses were in the Community Service plan. They sent a fund raising request to our NOVAGA members. Carol also invited National Capital Region chapters as well as AGA and ASMC chapters in San Diego to build a broader base. As Carol wrote in the chapter's 2000-2001 plan, NOVAGA plans to "think globally, act locally" about community service.

Lyle writes: 'In some ways the initiative caused some internal anguish among members, but in the final analysis we were all a part of Carol's vision to provide assistance to the young lady and her family. I think all of us supported the effort. I would imagine it was one of the most ambitious service projects the chapter has pursued.'

NCSF Partnership Program. As one related element of this category, we provided a basket at the 2000 PDC in San Francisco for the very successful NCSF raffle.

Local Projects. Included:

Ticket Raffle for the Baltimore Orioles fall and spring games is courtesy of Clifton Gunderson. Mia Leswing will coordinate this activity at several chapter meetings. Proceeds will go to our surgery project with FSSG. Kelly Stefanko will assist.

Book Drive for **Children's National Medical Center** is ongoing, coordinated by Sterling Malcolm.

MS Walk is our annual spring event, coordinated by Andrea Walker. Our chapter is fortunate to have a hero among us, Russ Allen, who exemplifies the courage of those colleagues challenged with multiple sclerosis. This year's dates were April 28th & 29th.

Professional career clothing drive was contemplated, on behalf of "**Generations Closet**" of Alexandria, VA.

Past President Jack Fawsett's initiative to support a local hospital in the Norfolk area.

Chapter Recognition Awards

Lyle writes: 'I would say this was our crowning achievement. We met as a team, we worked as a team and we were rewarded with great success. Achieving the **Platinum level** of achievement was definitely something we were all proud of because it took all of us "pulling together" to acquire that recognition.' The chapter received a recognition plaque at the 2001 Awards Breakfast in Boston, Massachusetts on July 6.

Gold Chapter Designation

- Chapters Reaching or Exceeding 10,000 Credits for Five Consecutive Years

Platinum Chapter Designation

- Chapters Attaining Gold Status for Five Consecutive Years

Group A - Northern Virginia—Goals Attained, Platinum and Gold

Richard L. Shaffer (2000-01)
 David L. Cotton, CGFM (1999-2000)
 Dale C. Williams, CGFM (1998-99)
 Thomas W. Brown, CGFM (1997-98)
 Julie V. Bryant, CGFM (1996-97)

Finances

Northern Virginia Association of Government Accountants Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

Unrestricted Members Equity

Revenue

Chapter Recognition	150
CGFM Prorata Income	1467
Community Service Raffle	52
Education Income (Training)	13875
Federal Leadership Conference Prorata Share	2000
Interest Earned (CD)	575
Meeting Income	4590
Membership Dues	9749

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUE 32,458

Expense

Program Expenses

Attendance	1359
Awards	502
Community Service/Donations	3935
Education expense	8967
Internet Site	748
Meeting expenses	12,934
Newsletter	745

General and Administrative Expenses

President's Expenses	511
Treasurer's Expenses	119

TOTAL EXPENSES 25,884

INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS 6,574

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	2,639
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	31,733
PLUS PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	<u>4185</u>
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$38,557</u>

2000-2001 NOVAGA Executive Group

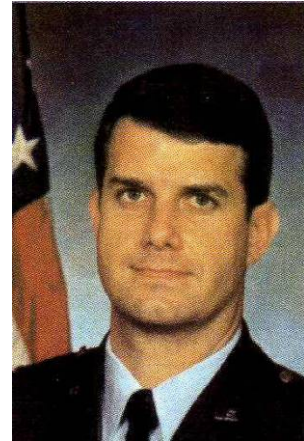
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President John R. Laney, CGFM, KPMG LLP

John Laney is a CGFM and has an M.B.A. from Golden Gate University in San Francisco, and a B.S. from George Mason University in Fairfax. Mr. Laney is currently a manager in the Washington D.C. office of KPMG LLP. He is also assigned to the Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) in the Pentagon, as a Major in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.



John R. Laney CGFM

We had several hard copy newsletters from which we gathered the following information. In the January 2002 issue, John writes:

“As we approach the beginning of a new year, I would like to thank all of the AGA, Northern Virginia Chapter Members for their tremendous support. I also want to thank our Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication. As a result of our efforts, we have more than tripled our attendance at meetings, put out a monthly newsletter for the first time in three years and are planning four educational events in four months. I am especially proud of our Early Careers board members who make a valuable contribution to our chapter. They enthusiastically devote their time and represent our chapter with pride. They are an inspiration to all of us. I thank you for your hard work, dedication and commitment to our chapter. Even though we celebrate our early success, we will always remember the tragedy on September 11, 2001 that took the lives of three of our members. I am very proud of the efforts our members are making to raise money for the families of these three individuals. We should be very proud of our chapter members and all of the members in this great association. We have a lot to be thankful for this holiday season. We live in the greatest country in the world. Our thoughts and prayers are with the men and women in our armed forces who are risking their lives in the war in Afghanistan and defending freedom around the world. They are the pride of our nation and we should be forever grateful for their service to our country. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season and best wishes for the New Year. See You in 2002. The best is yet to come.”

Meetings

John held meetings at KPMG, 2001 M Street NW (20th Street between M and N) in the District. Cost was \$15 and included lunch. We had several hard copy newsletters from which we gathered the following information. The chapter also used its Web site at www.novaga.org.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic & Speaker</u>			
	NOVAGA Board Meeting. KPMG			
August 23, 2001	John Laney	Julie Bryant	Mia Leswing	Kelly Stefanko
	Melissa Montie	John Hummel	Brian Grega	Chris Keefer
	Gordon Hansen	Rob Irish	Tina Kelly	Ed Rodriguez
	Tom Mills	Asif Kahn	Karen Holmcrans	Robert France
	Donna Daly	Dave Stahlman	Ben Eli	Jackson Hufnagle
Tuesday, September 25, 2001	Honey, I Shrunk the Budget Surplus!			
11:30 Lunch	A Disney Movie? No, a presentation by G. William Hoagland , Chief of Staff, Senate Budget Committee.			
12-1 pm 1 Hour CPE	Mr. Hoagland will speak on the 2002 Federal budget, the shrinking surplus, and your at-risk social security and Medicare trust funds.			



<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic & Speaker</u>	
Oct 23, 2001 Luncheon Meeting	GAGAS Independence Standard Jeffery Steinhoff , Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance US General Accounting Office (GAO)	
Tuesday, November 27, 2001	National Defense Property, Plant & Equipment On, NoVAGA invited Mr. Norwood "Woody" Jackson to speak at its monthly lunch meeting. Mr. Jackson is currently a partner in the federal practice of KPMG LLP, and a former OMB Financial Chief and FASAB Board Member. He discussed the proposed new requirements for accounting and reporting for National Defense Plant, Property, and Equipment (ND PP&E).	
Wednesday, January 16, 2002 11:30-Lunch 12-1 pm 1 Hour CPE	Joint Meeting with the American Society of Women Accountants Our honored guest speaker will be Ms. Catherine Meloy . Ms. Meloy is the general manager of WASH-FM and WBIG-FM, and head of sales for Clear Channel Communications, which owns eight radio stations in the Baltimore-Washington area. She was named one of the Washingtonians of the Year by Washingtonian magazine, an honor bestowed on a small group of people each year for the work they do to make a difference in the lives of others.	
Wednesday, February 13, 2002 11:30-Lunch 12-1 pm 1 Hour CPE	Joint Luncheon Meeting with the Government Finance Officers Association Our honored guest speaker will be Mr. Peter LaPorte , the Director of the D.C. Office of Emergency Preparedness. Mr. LaPorte will speak on " Homeland Security Issues for State and Local Governments and Readiness in the Washington Metropolitan Region. " Round Table Discussion of Homeland Security Issues for State and Local Governments. Representatives from Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Tina Kelly, a partner with KPMG LLP, will host this event.	
Thursday, March 21, 2002 Lunch served Program from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Cost \$15.	"Federal Employees Retirement and Long Term Care Planning Seminar - What you need to know and your private sector options available to you" Kenneth and Michael Mason of AXA Advisors, LLC (Hampton, VA) have tailored their practice to employees of the federal government since 1991. The seminar helps employees maximize their benefits package and make informed decisions about financial products purchased outside their government package. In addition, information will be provided on the federal government's new Long Term Care Benefit. This seminar is an informative session for those employed by the federal government as well as those employed in the private sector serving Federal clients.	
April 11, 2002 6-8 pm \$25	Joint Dinner Meeting with the Institute of Management Accountants Mr. Blaise Durante , Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition (Management Policy and Program Integration) Mr. Durante will speak on a variety of topics related to current events in the private and public sector with the theme " Thinking Out of the Box ". Doubletree Hotel, Tysons Corner, Virginia	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic & Speaker</u>
April 16 th 7 am – noon	First Annual Spring Business Dress Casual Fashion Show. Also, for the first time in our chapter's history we will be hosting a Business Dress Casual Fashion Education Charity Event on April 16, We are very grateful to Neiman Marcus for providing their expert professionals for our April 16 fashion event.
KPMG April 18	Joint State and Local Conference with the Government Finance Officers Association. Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter
May	IT Education Event
Date and Time TBA	Presentation by Accenture: Technical Solutions to Managerial Challenges Accenture Building, One Freedom Square, 11951 Freedom Drive, Reston, Virginia "Just look for the tallest building in Reston"



**AGA, Northern Virginia
Chapter Awards Breakfast**

<p>Date: 18 June 2002</p> <p>Place: KPMG Building - 6th Floor Main Conference Room, 2001 M Street N.W., Washington D.C.</p> <p>2 Blocks from Dupont Circle.</p> <p>4 Blocks from Farragut West.</p> <p>Time: 0800 - 1100 hrs</p>	<p>Continental Breakfast Cost is \$15. Proceeds Benefit the AGA Relief Fund</p> <p>RSVP TO: John Laney E-mail: jlaney@kpmg.com Phone: (202) 533-4492</p> <p>NOT LATER THAN 14 June 2002</p>
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Early Careers

For the first time ever, we conducted an Early Careers Seminar at George Mason University in March to introduce students to career opportunities in government and public service. Special thanks go to our Early Careers representatives, Elysa Wolf and Amanda Miller, for making this event a big success.

Community Service

AGA Relief Effort to Aid Pentagon Families. AGA established a relief fund, providing members the opportunity to contribute as an organization to the AGA families who lost loved ones in the September 11th terrorist attacks. This fund is near and dear to the hearts of Northern Virginia Chapter members, as three fellow colleagues were killed in the attacks. The fund will be the beneficiary of our 50/50 drawings traditionally held at each of our meetings.

Our December meeting, in which the chapter donated all proceeds to the Fund, was a great success in raising nearly \$250. Thanks to all who attended and generously contributed.

AGA members have raised \$10,617.17 as of December 20, 2001 for the AGA Relief Effort. As of February 2002, the AGA Relief Fund has raised \$12,000 and is growing!

The fund will continue to accept donations all year and with the proceeds being split evenly among the AGA families who lost loved ones in the September 11th attacks. Individual donations to the fund can also be mailed to the AGA National Office, 2208 Mount Vernon, Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301-1314 with checks made payable to the AGA Relief Effort.

Community Service

Holiday Charity Event. I would like to say thank you to all of the members that participated in our Holiday Charity Event. **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International Capitol Chapter 2001 Holiday Gift Wrap**

What: The JDRF Holiday Gift Wrap raises funds for Diabetes Research.

Where: The JDRF's Gift Wrap Sites will be located at White Flint and Westfield Shopping Towns at Montgomery and Annapolis Malls in Maryland, and the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City in Virginia.

When: The JDRF Gift Wrap Sites will operate each day from Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve during mall business hours.

Who: JDRF relies solely on volunteers to operate this program. Individuals or groups agree to "Captain" part of a day at the mall. Responsibilities include staffing the site, wrapping gifts and collecting donations.

How: NoVAGA members who wish to volunteer as wrappers or "Captains" are encouraged to Jeff Anderson at 703 847-7517(Grant Thornton) or the JDRF at 202 371-0044.

Holiday Luncheon. During our December Holiday Luncheon, all of the members in attendance sang the national anthem together, and then each person stood-up one-by-one and gave a testimonial on "What America Means to Them." This was a very emotional meeting that left everyone feeling great about our country and about each other, while raising several hundred dollars in donations for the AGA Relief Fund. Even though the theme of this event was not the tragedy on Sept 11, everyone spoke of how they felt on that day. The American Spirit is alive and well in our country and in our chapter. Thank you all for this memorable event.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Needs Your Help. The Internal Revenue Service offers FREE tax help to individuals in the local area through its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. The IRS trains volunteers who provide free tax assistance at community locations easily accessible for taxpayers. Individuals from the community are asked to serve as volunteers to prepare basic income tax returns FREE OF CHARGE for individuals with low to moderate incomes, individuals with disabilities, and non-English speaking taxpayers. The VITA Program is aimed at those for whom paid assistance may be too costly. Volunteers get free IRS training and plenty of opportunity to practice income tax preparation, simultaneously enjoying the feeling of directly giving back to the community. NOVAGA is a long-time supporter of the VITA program, with countless members volunteering at local sites. If you would like more information on the VITA program or are interested in volunteering at a site with other NOVAGA members, please call Kelly Stefanko at 202.616.9869 or e-mail atkstefanko@hotmail.com. Training sessions will begin in December.

AGA National Community Service Week April 14-20th. **Blood Donations** is the designated cause. AGA chapters and members across the country will be encouraged to make a blood donation or volunteer with a blood drive during that week in the name of AGA. Our chapter has taken the lead in hosting a community blood drive with the Washington D.C. and Montgomery/Prince Georges County Chapters. This blood drive will take place on April 23rd at the KPMG Building in Washington D.C. Please give blood if you can.

MS Walk. Our chapter is also participating in the MS Walk on April 20. It's a 7.5 mile walk in Reston.

June. The Northern Virginia Chapter Supports "Race for the Cure" to Benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research, Washington D.C. *Date and Time TBA*

Finances and Audit

Leon Snead and Company. Ever heard of them? You have now. They are your new auditors. Clifton Gunderson has withdrawn from the audit of our chapter for what they described as a potential lack of independence. Let me clearly state that the reason for their withdrawal is not the result of any impropriety by our chapter's officers, and has no reflection on the propriety of our accounting records or practices. Clifton Gunderson's withdrawal was strictly for compliance with their firm's independence standards. We respect their decision to withdraw, and now look forward to the results of this audit and any recommendations that Leon Snead and Company may have for improvement. I would like to thank Clifton Gunderson for offering to do our audit this year. Clifton Gunderson is a very strong partner and supporter of the AGA and the Northern Virginia Chapter. I am also very grateful to Leon Snead and Company for taking this audit over. They assure me that they have no independence issues.



Leon Snead at PDC '87

For many years, the AGA and Northern Virginia Chapter have had a strong partnership with the private sector. This partnership has been the reason for our chapter's great success over the past 30 years. It is truly a Total Force Integration Concept in action. Some people have warned that a chapter can get to dependent on private sector donated services and lose sight of the real cost of operating the chapter. In response to this, and in light of the large amount of donated services the chapter receives, we will ensure that these donated services are booked and accurately reflected in our financial records. This will enable us to reflect the true cost of our operations.

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John is currently a consultant for Accenture and is still active with NOVAGA.



John Laney Gives the Chapter an Update
at the May 2004 Awards Banquet

When we contact John in March 2009, he said:

"I was called to active duty. I am assigned to the UAS Task Force. Worldwide duty, but I am headquartered in the Pentagon."

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President Julie V. Bryant, MBA, CPA, CGFM,
Department of Education – FSA

Julie returned to us to fill a necessary void in 2002. She started a new approach with her 'Work-life Balance' presidential messages in the newsletters and on the Web site. Her topics focused on personal, social, spiritual, emotional and physical ways to decompress, cope and survive through retirement. They included reminders to relax, not work over 50 hours per week, pick up a hobby, be creative – put your thoughts down in a journal, socialize, and many other ways to reduce stress.

Julie submitted a chapter history report, from which much of this information was obtained, with help from the newly-resurrected newsletters that year. Julie's Web site is also still archived on www.novaga.org, and we found additional good information there, so visit for yourself & get some more information!



Julie Bryant teaches at the May 2005 RCOW

Meetings

Meetings were held at the Alexandria Embassy Suites for all dates suggested (including December), charge was \$15/person and the cost to us for the buffet was \$15/person, but with taxes the chapter paid about \$25.

Chapter Executive Committee






CEC meetings were held on:

Sept. 25, 2002
Oct. 23, 2002
Dec. 11, 2002
Jan. 8, 2003
Feb. 12, 2003
March 12, 2003
April 9, 2003

At the October Chapter Executive Committee meeting, Joyce Morrow, Director of Meetings, welcomed everyone. Julie Bryant, President, was unable to attend due to a death in the family.

Chapter Programs

Date	Topic	Presented by
Sept. 18, 2003	the Defense Comptroller iCenter	Beth Wade, consultant for Advance Performance Consulting Group Inc., and Jack O'Toole, Senior Budget Analyst
Oct 23, 2002	Performance Measurement	Cyndi Reynolds, Ed.

Date	Topic	Presented by	
Nov. 20, 2002	Taxes--this year's "hot" tax topics, such as charitable planning and dealing with a down stock market.	Harvey J. Berger, National Director of Grant Thornton's Not-for-Profit Tax Services	
Dec. 18, 2002	Fixing CPA Ethics	David L. Cotton, CPA CFE CGFM Founding Partner, Cotton & Company LLP, 1981	
Jan. 15, 2003	Balancing Accounting with Performance	William J. Anderson, Jr., CGFM, AGA National President	
Feb 19, 2003	Cancelled due to snow		
March 19, 2003	Rescheduled: Worklife Balance Issues - Meeting the Challenges	JOAN F. SCHWEIZER, CPA Assurance Director Deloitte & Touche	
April 16, 2003	Auditing War Stories	DENNIS J. DUQUETTE Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General Winner of AGA's 2003 Elmer Staats Award	

Date	Topic	Presented by
May 21,2003	Awards Banquet—Speaker on Ethics	<p style="text-align: center;">JEFFREY C. STEINHOFF, CPA CGFM</p> <p>Managing Director for Financial Management and Assurance in the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO)</p>



Chapter Educational Events:

All Day training on April 3, 2003 on the FAIR Act/A-76, at Old Town Hilton. Unfortunately, there were only 15 in attendance to hear this great topic.

There were two Mini-Max events:

1. Jan 15th –Mini-Max: 3-5 PM, this free 2-CPE session featured **John Lainhart, IT Governance, COBIT.**



John Lainhart

2. May 21, Mini-Max: **What to Expect from a CFO Audit – Complying with the Requirements of the Accountability of Tax Dollars Act of 2002 (Accountability Act)** which featured the foremost experts in the field. Clifton Gunderson's Bill Oliver moderated and GAO's Jeff Steinhoff opened the event, which featured OMB's Joe Kull discussing the OMB SuperCircular. He was followed by panel discussions, including FCC's Tribulations and Successes of a Financial Statement Audit, Planning Issues and Strategies, and hints on deciding whether to Hire an Independent Public Accountant or Performing the Audit In-House.



Kathy Johnson,
Manager
Deloitte & Touche



Joseph L. Kull CPA CGFM
Deputy Controller for the
Office of Federal Financial
Management, OMB

Social Events:

May 31st – Cannons game .
Valentine's Mixer at Clyde's in Tysons Corner on February 14th.
March 7th –Happy Hour mixer at Carpools in Arlington
March 17th – Four Provinces 6 p.m. in Falls Church
May 25th – Wolftrap with DC Chapter
June 7th – Cannons Baseball Game

Community Service

The chapter devoted much time and effort to charitable efforts. Jim Davis was our Charity coordinator and we supported:

Arlington food bank -Canned food items were brought to the December 18 meeting.

Ronald McDonald House – Boxes were distributed at the January 15 meeting

Voluntary Income Tax Assistance Program – We helped the Internal Revenue Service offers FREE tax help to individuals in the local area through its VITA Program throughout the winter – NOVAGA Member Steve Keefer, AAA, volunteered once a week from 4-8:30 pm, for a total of 36 hours during the tax season!

AGA's National Community Service Foundation (NCSF) received the benefits of the monthly 50/50 drawing, this supported the AGA Relief Fund -- AGA has established a relief fund to allow members to contribute as an organization to the AGA families who lost loved ones in the September 11th terrorist attacks.

House of Ruth – March 19th Raffle benefited this DC-based shelter.

MS Walk - Andrea Walker coordinated the Saturday, April 5, 2003, MS Walk. The NOVAGA Team helped raise \$380 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society over the two days of the MS Walk, April 5th & 6th. Thanks to Andrea Walker, Julie Bryant, Mia, Kirk, Kif & Karl Leswing and Alice Arielly, plus all the family, friends, co-workers, AGA and IIA members that pledged money or otherwise supported this worthy cause!

Potomac River Cleanup – Members got involved in Potomac River conservation efforts during Potomac Watershed Weekend.

Children's National Medical Center (CNMC) Volunteer Services Wish List -- Before you throw things away, be sure to check this WISH list. You will be surprised about how many things that can be used or needed by others.

Additional collections were for: **GASB, Jay O'Connor Youth Soccer Scholarship, Salvation Army, and FBLA.**

In addition, this year, speakers gifts of \$25 each went to a charity of the speaker's choice.

ByLaws:

Re-written and approved by National AGA (See Annex D).

Reservations and Web:

Make your reservation on novaga_reservations@yahoo.com or call our 24 hour voicemail at 703-758-4490.

National AGA Unveils First National Leadership Conference

AGA began what was to become a rich tradition in years to come – a National Leadership Conference in February of each year, held at the Ronald Reagan Center in Washington DC.

Members in the News

November 2002 -- **John P. Higgins, CGFM**, has been nominated by the President to be the next Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Education (ED). Mr. Higgins is presently the Deputy Inspector General for ED (and its acting IG) and has been a NOVAGA member for many years.

Board of Directors

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Financial:

Financial statements for FY 02 were audited and received a clean opinion. Financial Reports were presented at every Chapter Executive Committee Meeting by Mia Leswing. FY 2003 started with net assets of \$45,084, and ended the year with a Net Loss, but benefited some very good organizations & provided low-cost meetings and training for our members.

Financial Statements		Northern Virginia Association of Government Accountants	
Statement of Activities		Statement of Financial Position	
For the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2003		March 31, 2003	
Unrestricted Members Equity		3/31/2003	
Revenue		Assets	
Community Service Raffle	\$ 130	Cash in Bank - custom checking	\$ 16,560
Meeting Income	1,793	Cash in Bank - Savings	15,010
Membership Dues	1,694	Cash Box	100
Miscellaneous Income	177	Certificate of Deposit	12,133
	<u>177</u>	Deposit	<u>750</u>
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUE	<u>3,794</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 44,553</u>
Expense		Liabilities and Net Assets	
Community Service/Donations	\$ 130	Accounts Payable	\$ 497
Meeting Expenses	3,412		
Postage	716	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 497</u>
Donation for Speaker's Charity	150		
Answering Service & Post Office Box	244	Net Assets	
Bank Charges	115	Unrestricted	
Miscellaneous	<u>55</u>	Beginning Balance	45,084
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>4,822</u>	Minus Expenses over Revenue	<u>(1,028)</u>
DECREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>(1,028)</u>	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>44,056</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	<u>(1,028)</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 44,553</u>
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	45,084		
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 44,056</u>		
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.		NoVAGA received an unqualified opinion on its fiscal year 2002 financial statements. Special Thanks to Leon Snead and Company who conducted the audit.	

Awards:

For National Leadership Awards NOVAGA nominated:

- Dennis Duquette, HHS IG - For the Elmer Staats Award
- Gaston Gianni, OIG FDIC - for the Distinguished Leadership Award.

Both won!

Several of our members were honored for their contributions to the profession at this year's PDC.

Congratulations to:

- Richard L. Brown, CGFM, Retired, Deputy Assistant Comptroller General for Operations and Controller, GAO, who received the Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award.
- Harold I. Steinberg, CGFM, consultant, who received a National Award in recognition of his invaluable contributions to updating the CGFM Examinations and developing the self-study courses.
- Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CGFM, CPA, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO, who received a National Award in recognition of his invaluable contributions to updating the CGFM Examinations.
- Joseph L. Kull, Jr., who received a Scholarship for Academic Merit for full time students.
- Jackson W. Hufnagle, CGFM, Capital Region RVP, who received the RVP Gold Award.
- Mia Leswing, CGFM, our very own President-Elect, won the Grand Prize Drawing in AGA's recruiting contest. She was the winner of a fishbowl drawing for a trip for two anywhere in the continental US, Alaska, Hawaii, or Caribbean (airfare & hotel). She recruited 1 new member (see, it pays to get your coworkers & friends to join AGA!).
- Our very own NOVAGA Chapter won Silver Chapter Designation, for attaining between 12,501 and 15,000 credits for the year.
- We didn't win the Newsletter award (this time!), but we tried!

Chapter: Inaugurated Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, Excellence in Federal Financial Management to Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, GAO, and the Federal Financial Partnership Award to John Hummel, KPMG. Pentagon Memorial Chapter Service Award was presented to Jim Davis, and the Chapter Service Award was presented to Alice Arielly.

Awards Banquet

We celebrated our successes at the May 21, 2003 Awards Banquet, for which we obtained commercial sponsorship from several firms.



AGA National President Bill Anderson awards Dennis Duquette the Elmer Staats Award

Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award Excellence in Federal Financial Management

JEFFREY C. STEINHOFF, CPA CGFM U.S. General Accounting Office

Jeff Steinhoff is the Managing Director for Financial Management and Assurance in the U.S. General Accounting Office, which is responsible for financial management and auditing issues across the federal government. He has served on the staff of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and was one of the principal architects of the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990. He is involved with government-wide implementation of the Act and other financial management improvement legislation.



He is Past National President of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and is a member of its Professional Certification Board, which he founded and chaired from 1994 to 1998. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and has served on its Members in Government Committee and its Strategic Planning Advisory Committee.

Mr. Steinhoff is a widely recognized spokesperson on government auditing, internal control, financial management, and information management issues and has had published numerous professional articles.

Federal Financial Partnership Award

JOHN H. HUMMEL, CPA CGFM CFE Partner, KPMG LLP

Mr. John Hummel is a senior partner with KPMG LLP and the National Industry Director of the firm's federal practice. He has 30 years' experience in public accounting. He is responsible for all of KPMG's services provided to federal agencies worldwide.

Mr. Hummel is a strong supporter of improved governmental financial reporting. He has done many things in his career to help governments better report their results and accomplishments, including:

- Currently serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors of AGA's Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting program.
- Publishing the first and second annual editions of *Accountability Reporting Trends and Techniques*.
- Co-authoring *Financial Management Advisory Committees for Federal Agencies – Suggested Practices* in March 2003.
- Serving as Vice Chairman of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board's (FASAB) Appointments Panel.

Mr. Hummel is a member of AGA and the AICPA. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the Pennsylvania State University.



Pentagon Memorial Community Service Award

JAMES B. DAVIS, Auditor U.S. Army Audit Agency

Jim Davis was the driving force behind the Chapter's Community Service efforts this year. While on a grueling travel schedule, he coordinated collection and donation of funds to AGA's National Community Service Fund, Washington DC's House of Ruth, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Arlington Food Assistance Center, Ronald McDonald houses, and the IRS's VITA program. Additionally, contributions were made to each of our speakers favorite charities, thanks to Jim's efforts.

Chapter Service Award

ALICE S. ARIELLY, CPA CFE CGFM **Audit Manager, U.S. Army Audit Agency**

Ms. Arielly significantly contributed to the successful operation of the chapter by taking on many responsibilities and executing them with enthusiasm and professionalism. She instituted a program to provide CPE certificates at training and meeting events, coordinated board and chapter meetings, served as chapter secretary, and produced several editions of the chapter newsletter.



RCOW

The reins of power were handed over at the May 17th Mid-Atlantic & Capital Regions Chapter Officer Workshop (RCOW).

PRESIDENT MOVES ON

At the end of her presidency, Julie V. Bryant, MBA, CPA, CGFM, went on to join the Staff at the Graduate School, USDA. Her responsibilities were to do research and help define new accounting curricula. She comes to the Graduate School with a wealth of professional experience, including 15 years within the federal government (including DCAA, GAO, and the Department of Education) and over fifteen years of teaching accounting and related courses as an adjunct faculty member of the Florida Tech. Graduate School in Alexandria. Along with her MBA, she has a BS in Management, is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Government Financial Manager and our very loyal President of NOVAGA!

Julie went on to work AGA National for a time, as their education coordinator. She left the accounting world briefly to run a coffee shop with her daughter in the Carlyle area of Alexandria. She has recently returned to her roots and in 2009 worked for FAA.

PDC 2003 in Chicago

NOVAGA was once again well represented at this year's PDC. We had several award winners from the chapter. Both President Julie Bryant and RVP Jack Hufnagle were honored to receive National awards at this year's PDC in Chicago.



Julie Bryant, NOVAGA 2002-2003 President, accepts the Silver Chapter Designation, earned by attaining between 12,501 and 15,000 credits for the year, from by 2003-2004 National AGA President, Jullin Rentrophe.



Jackson W. Hufnagle, CGFM, 2002-2003 Capital Region Regional Vice President, is awarded the RVP Gold Award by 2003-2004 National AGA President, Jullin Rentrophe.

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Vital Statistics

President Amelia (Mia) Leswing, CPA CGFM CISA, Clifton Gunderson, LLP

In 2005, Mia was promoted to Partner at Clifton Gunderson LLP. Mia specializes in auditing, accounting and consulting with an emphasis on federal, state and local government agencies. Her experience includes assisting numerous large federal government agencies with audits and internal control reviews.

Mia is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Government Financial Manager, and a Certified Information Systems Auditor.

At the time of her promotion, Mia was also Regional Vice-President-elect for the AGA Capital Region.



Amelia (Mia) Leswing
CPA CGFM CISA
Partner
Clifton Gunderson LLP

The membership balance going into the year (as of 5/31/03) was 702, down from 919 due to non-renewals – we decided to work hard to get new members. Mia wrote in her first President's message:

At the PDC in Chicago, our National President Jullin Renthrope talked about taking the AGA to the next level. Piggybacking on his theme, what do I mean by taking NOVAGA to the next level? My goal is very focused. Let's retain current members, recruit new members, and reinvite members who have left. This association exists for the members.

We decided to let new members or those attending their first meeting to attend for free to encourage new memberships.

Meetings

The program year started in September 2004. We decided to have the Board and Officers Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the HQ US Army Audit Agency from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M, unless otherwise noted. Meetings were held on: 9/9/03; 10/14/03; 11/12/03; 12/9/03; 1/13/04; 2/10/04; 3/9/04; 4/12/04; and 5/11/04. The November meeting was held on Wednesday because 11/11/03 was a holiday.

We decided to have the monthly chapter meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at the Embassy Suites in Alexandria from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M, unless otherwise noted. Hotel parking was \$3 after 5 pm. Cost was only \$15 cost for lavish cocktail buffet. Reservations were due by Monday before at our 24 hour voicemail (703) 758-4490 or at novaga_reservations@yahoo.com.

Here is the 03-04 Meeting Schedule:

Date	Type of Meeting	Topic	Speaker
Wednesday, September 10, 2003	Joint Meeting with the PG/Montgomery County Chapter at the Doubletree Hotel in Rockville	Hot Topics from OMB (PAR)	Sheila O. Conley, CGFM, CPA Chief of OMB's Financial Standards, Reporting, and Management Integrity Branch 
Wednesday, October 15, 2003	Meeting	EPA's Response to the World Trade Center Collapse: Challenges, Successes, and Areas for Improvement	Nikki L. Tinsley, EPA IG 
Tuesday, November 25, 2003 9 am – 1 pm	Joint Morning Meeting/Mini-Max with ISACA \$40 Holiday Inn, 550 C St. SW in DC (3 CPEs)	Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sedar M.T. LaBarre, Booz Allen Hamilton. • Larry Altenburg, Certified Information Security Manager, Senior Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton • Gina Thomas, CISA, Certified Information Security Manager, and member of the Board of Directors of the National Capital Area Chapter of ISACA.
Wednesday, December 17, 2003	Meeting	DOD Information Systems Needs – Where is the ROI Clinger-Cohen promised?	Paul Brubaker Former Deputy CIO DOD Founder and Partner, ICG Government 
Wednesday, January 21, 2004	Joint Meeting with the Association of Women's Accountants, hosted by NOVAGA	Organizational Renaissance: Managing the 21 st Century Workforce	AGA 2003 Speaker: Susan Cobb 
Wednesday, February 18, 2004 3-5 pm	Mini-Max (FREE) 2 CPEs 3-5 pm Embassy Suites	Business Transformation in both commercial and government industries	Robert B. McPherson, Partner, Strategy and Business Architecture, Navy and Marine Corps Account Lead, USA Government, Accenture LLP 

Date	Type of Meeting	Topic	Speaker
5:15-7 pm	Meeting	Framework for Federal Financial Management Systems	Karen Cleary Alderman, Executive Director of the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) 
Wednesday, March 17, 2004	Meeting	Cost of Protecting our Skies	Robert W. Gardner Assistant Administrator for Finance & Administration and CFO at Transportation Security Administration (TSA) 
Wednesday, April 21, 2004	All-Day Training	Keys to Achieving Success in Accelerated Financial Reporting and Understanding Government-Wide Accounting	US Treasury Financial Management Service (FMS) Keynote: D. James Sturgill, Assistant Commissioner for Agency Services - FMS 
May 15, 2004	RCOW	Lunch Speaker	Treasury Fiscal Assistant Secretary Don Hammond 
Wednesday, May 19, 2004 3-5 pm	Mini-Max (FREE) 2 CPEs	Forensic Auditing in the Public Sector: Did They Get What They Paid For?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonnie L. Derby CGFM, CPA, CFE Audit Manager Financial Management and Assurance (FMA) GAO Irvin McMasters, CPA Auditor, FMA, GAO
	Awards Banquet		

We discussed when to have an all-day education event and decided to have it on April 21. It will be the only event for that month. We discussed various formats for the training topics, such as having one topic for the entire day, two separate topics, or only having the training for a half-day. We discussed both the new yellow book and the government-wide closing as potential topics. We discussed talking to Treasury about doing the educational event. Jack said that he would talk to Jeff Steinhoff and Marcia Buchanan about speaking on the new yellow book for either the education event or the mini-max in February.

Mia reported that we could now accept credit card payments for the educational event.

Community Service

We once again had a full community service agenda for the year! We asked people from each charity to speak for 10 minutes before the meeting so people could make a contribution to their charity

Our Newsletter had the following article, submitted by Jim Davis, our Community Service Chair, who subsequently accepted the AGA Chapter Community Service Award at the PDC:

I would like to thank the board and fellow members of the Northern Virginia Chapter for supporting and participating in an award-winning community service program. If you haven't heard, the Northern Virginia Chapter has received national recognition for community service and will be officially recognized at this year's Professional Development Conference. It takes the support and involvement of the members in order to get to this level.

This year we accomplished the following:

- In October, we collected \$33 for AGA's National Community Service Fund (NCSF).
- In December, 4 members contributed for the Toys-For-Tots Program, and we raised \$100 from our raffle to benefit the Jay O'Connor Scholarship For Youth Soccer.
- In January, 7 members contributed 40 lbs. of canned food items for the Arlington Food Assistance Center.
- In February, 8 members brought 15 cell phones (3 were from a DCAGA member) to benefit the Verizon Hopeline Program, and 5 members donated eyeglasses for the Lions Club. We also raised \$24 for the AGA National Community Service Fund.
- In March, 6 members supported our Red Cross project to benefit the troops, and \$75 was raised at the raffle for the AGA National Community Service Fund.
- In February and March, one member volunteered 9 hours as a referee and line judge for the Jay O'Connor Scholarship For Youth Soccer.



Toys for Tots received our generous contribution December 17th.

- From January through April, 6 members donated 302 hours to the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance Program. I'm aware that other members donated their time, too. (Outstanding!)
- In April, 7 members walked 40 miles in the MS-Walk. I would like to thank Andrea Walker for continuing to chair this event. We are still collecting donations-see below.
- In May, we are collecting pop tabs to benefit the local Ronald McDonald House. The proceeds from the Orioles tickets raffles will go to NCSF.

We were joined by the DC Chapter of AGA and the Mt. Vernon and DC Chapters of ASMC for several projects this year and hope to partner with them again next year.

Again, I greatly appreciate the contributions and energy that our membership provided this year toward community service and look forward to next year. I hope to see you at the PDC!

- May 15 Deadline for AGA National Community Service Photo Contest (see flyer in March Newsletter)
- May 19 -NOTE the revised date to Collect Ronald McDonald House Boxes
-Raffle for National Community Service Fund (NCSF)

NOVAGA Team Brings in the Bucks for MS Cure!

By Andrea Walker
NOVAGA Team Captain

The NOVAGA MS Walk Team got those feet on the move April 18th, earning \$\$\$ for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and a cure for this crippling disease. The combined feet of Anne, Chris and John Francis, Alice Arielly, Jack Hugnagle, Ann and Charles Collins, our current president Mia Leswing and her son Kif and Andrea Walker--and of course the generosity of their sponsors--are bringing in the bucks.

It's not too late to contribute! Contact Andrea Walker at 703-892-6744 or send your gift directly to the MS Society before **May 28**. That address is 2021 K Street, NW, Suite 715, DC 20006. Don't forget to mention the NOVAGA Team!

You can be part of next year's team. Plan now for the 2005 MS Walk that will again be held the end of April--more folks would mean more bucks for this worthy cause. And you'd be assured of having a good time in very good company.



NOVAGA Team (l-r): Jack Hufnagle, Alice Arielly, Anne Francis, Team Captain Andrea Walker, Chris Francis, Mia & Kif Leswing, Ann & Charles Collins. Back row: John Francis.

Early Career

Thomas Chin led our Early Careers events for the year, which included:

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| Sunday, 9/21 | Tour of the National Air and Space Museum on to coincide with the opening of the museum's new exhibit, "Explore The Universe." |
| November | National Zoo Trip |
| February | Happy Hour & Networking Dinner |
| April | Wine Tasting |

Member Services

We were invited to join the DC Chapter for their planned events, including:

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| Feb. 13 | Skiing at Liberty PA |
| Mar. 14 | Tour of National Cathedral |
| April 18 | Mt. Vernon Tour |
| May 30 | Wolf Trap Event |
| May/June | Baseball game (Orioles or Cannons) |

Newsletter, Web Site, & Communication

We issued a quality monthly newsletter - we decided to try electronic newsletters, but still mail 2-3 hard copy issues. We got volunteers to peel and stick labels on over 800 newsletters by buying them pizza in January! We also redesigned our Web site and kept it up-to-date. We set up a members' database with email addresses, permitting us to communicate with our members in a timely manner

Members in the News

The Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Executive Award, the country's highest civil service award, was awarded to the following:

- Ernest Gregory, CGFM, Department of the Army, received the 2002 Distinguished Executive Award.
- Thomas Druzgal, CGFM, Department of the Army, received the 2002 Distinguished Meritorious Executive Award.
- John L. Meche, CGFM, Department of Transportation, received the 2002 Distinguished Meritorious Executive Award.

In October 2003, AGA was sad to announce the passing of Charter Member and Past National President T. Jack Gary Jr., CGFM. Mr. Gary served from 1952-1953 as the third National President of what was then the Federal Government Accountants Association. He was a founding member of the Association in 1950.



T. Jack Gary Poses With AGA Presidents in 2000 at the 50th Anniversary Gala: AGA National Presidents standing from left to right: WA "Bill" Broadus Jr., CGFM (2000-2001); John W. Fawsett, CGFM (1986-1987); W. Fletcher Lutz (1966-1967); Gerald Murphy, CGFM (1977-1978); Chris S. Peratino (1975-1976); Frederic A. Heim Jr. (1982-1983); June Gibbs Brown, CGFM (1985-1986); Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CGFM (1993-1994); Nathan Cutler, CGFM (1968-1969); Sidney Baumash (1971-1972); Thomas J. Sadowski, CGFM (1999-2000); and President-Elect Richard V. Norment, CGFM. Seated left to right: Raymond Einhorn, CGFM (1960-1961) and T. Jack Gary Jr., CGFM (1952-1953).

Second Annual National Leadership Conference



Ted David

AGA National held its second NLC in Washington DC at the Ronald Reagan Building on February 19-20, 2004. Congratulations to the Federal Leadership Awards recipients who were recognized at the AGA National Leadership Conference:

- Ms. Nikki Tinsley, our very own NOVAGA member, for the Distinguished Federal Leadership Award.
- Mr. Irwin T. David, DC chapter member, for the Elmer Staats Award.
- Mr. Bill Oliver, Baltimore chapter member, for the Andy Barr Award.



Clifton Gunderson's
Bill Oliver

NOVAGA Completes An Award-Winning Year

Steinhoff Passes on Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management to Duquette



Dennis J. Duquette
CPA CGFM, HHS

Dennis J. Duquette, CPA CGFM, is the Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services, responsible for the largest component of the Office of Inspector General of the Department for Health and Human Services.

Mr. Duquette has demonstrated extraordinary success in partnering with the Department's financial managers to meet the new financial statement reporting deadline for FY 02, and the accelerated reporting date for the Department's FY 03 audited financial statements. Therefore, we are honored to award him the 2004 Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management.

Hummel Passes on Federal Financial Partnership Award to Green



JEFFREY W. GREEN, CPA
Partner,
Kearney & Company, CPAs

Jeffrey W. Green, CPA is a Partner at Kearney & Company, CPAs. Jeff has spent the last five years working exclusively on Federal Government projects. He has worked with agencies to prepare for financial audits and most recently assisted the SEC in preparing for their first ever audit. He is currently working with the Inspector General of the the Architect of the Capital in conducting the first ever audit of the Architect. He assists agencies in resolving accounting and reporting issues and is currently assisting the Department of Veterans Affairs in a review of its accounting policies for its Enhanced Use Lease Program. He previously assisted VA in bringing their Loan Sales Accounting into conformity with Federal Credit Reform guidelines. Jeff is a proud member of NOVAGA.

COL Landrum Receives Pentagon Memorial Service Award



COL WILLIAM M. LANDRUM III
Commander, US Army Finance
Command

COL William M. Landrum III has a long and distinguished career as an Army finance officer, proudly serving his country in times of war and peace. During the last two years, he has also served as the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Operations.

He has helped move the Army forward through ongoing struggles with improving financial systems and information, increasing efficiency of operations, and improving management controls at the same time the Army was going to war in Iraq. As part of the war effort, COL Landrum was responsible for initiating a process to account for and ensure accountability over the vested and seized assets for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Keister Selected for NOVAGA Chapter Service Award



Heather Keister

As NOVAGA Secretary, HEATHER I. KEISTER, CPA CIA Auditor, U.S. Naval Audit Service, organized agendas and notified members of board meetings, prepared CPE certificates and nametags for chapter meetings, completed extensive and timely minutes of meetings, and willingly volunteered for other as-needed tasks, such as representing the chapter in National workshops, all while undergoing a grueling audit travel schedule and participating in USDA's Executive Leadership Program.

Nancy Washington Demonstrates Excellence in Accounting Studies

Nancy Washington has demonstrated academic achievement and a potential for excellence in the field of accounting or financial management. We're proud to recognize her with a \$500 scholarship and a one-year membership to NOVAGA.

Awards Dinner

The Awards Dinner was on May 19, 2004. Mia solicited sponsors for the Awards Dinner. We welcomed back many former NOVAGA Presidents as well as members and friends



Alice Arielly John Hummel Mia Leswing
Jeff Green, Dennis Duquette, Jeff Steinhoff,
Pat Wensel



Eva Williams, Bill Anderson, Casey Keplinger & date
Kay Daly, Irv McMasters, Bonnie Derby



Rear: Leon Sneed, Heather Keister, Jim Davis,
Karl Boettcher
Front: Joyce Morrow, Prof Lobinger, COL Landrum



John Homan with GAO attendees, including
Gina Ross, Terri Patrizio, Donell Ries,
Jack Saylor, Jack Hufnagle



Joe Kull, Pat Remington, Diane Dudley
& Friends



Linda Wyre, Laura Koschny, Kip Leswing,
Andrea Walker & friends

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PDC Held In Washington DC

At the end of the year, we looked forward to the 2004 PDC – held from 27-30 June right here in Washington DC. Several NOVAGA members volunteered to help with the event. Jack Hufnagle was on the Technical Committee, helping to set up speakers. The theme was **Technology: Powering the Age of Accountability**--The emphasis is on the ability of government business to be enhanced by technology, and the insights provided by top-level experts in both the government and private sector.

The PDC featured many distinguished leaders in the Federal government who commented on their areas of particular interest to the AGA members. Sessions included an opening keynote by **David Walker, Comptroller General**, the **Director of the Congressional Budget Office**, NASA Administrator **Sean O'Keefe**. **Nell Minow**, who wowed last year's audience with her up-front ratings of the corporate boardroom, will return for more!

A not-to-be-missed highlight of the PDC is a session of the **audit standard setters**, including the Comptroller General (**CG**), the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (**PCAOB**), and the Auditing Standards Board (**ASB**)!

Congratulations to the **National AGA Award Recipients**, who were recognized at the PDC, especially the following members of the Northern VA Chapter:



Jack Hufnagle accepts the Chapter Service Award from National President Jullin Renthrope

Mr. Francis (Gene) Reardon, CPA, CIA, CGFM, Deputy IG for Auditing, Department of Defense and NOVAGA Past President was selected for the **Einhorn-Gary Award**, which formally recognizes major contributions to advancing government accountability.

Mr. Jackson W. Hufnagle, CGFM, Assistant Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO. Jack is our President-Elect and current Programs Director. He is also playing a key role in organizing this year's PDC. Jack has been selected for the **Chapter Service Award**, which recognizes individuals who have made contributions to AGA chapters.



Gene Reardon receives Einhorn-Gary Award from National President Jullin Renthrope

Mr. James B. Davis, Jr., US Army Audit Agency, our Community Service Director, who has been selected to receive the **Chapter Community Service Award**, to recognize AGA chapters that have done an outstanding job in community service projects.

We also received a Chapter Newsletter Award, as well Awards for Chapter Points.



Jim Davis receives Chapter Community Service Award



Donna & Robert France and Heather Keister enjoy the PDC



Newsletter Editor Alice Arielly accepts our Award



NOVAGA President Mia Leswing Accepts our Points Award



Past National Presidents at PDC 2004

Mia continues to be active in AGA activities. Here she was at the May 2009 Awards Banquet, with her husband, Kirk:

Mia was **Capital Region RVP** in 2005-2006 and became the **AGA National Treasurer** in 2011-2012



Kirk and Mia Leswing



AGA National Treasurer
2011-2012

Mia is currently a Principal at CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA), Washington DC (Arlington).



CLA Princiipal Mia Leswing

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Vital Statistics

President Jackson W. Hufnagle, CGFM, GAO

At the time of his presidency, Jack was an Associate Director for Financial Management and Assurance, US Government Accountability Office. Jack has been active with NOVAGA and AGA National for many years, having helped host the National PDC for the last several years. From 2002-2003, he served as Regional Vice President for the Capital Region.



Jackson W. Hufnagle, CGFM






NOVAGA President Jack Hufnagle prepares the stage for David Walker's keynote address at PDC 2004 in DC

Did you know that GAO changed its name – from the General Accounting Office to the Government Accountability Office during this time period?



Under Jack's leadership, NOVAGA had an award-winning year. Here are a few of the chapter's accomplishments for the year, as spotlighted in the Newsletter:

Meetings

We changed meeting days to Thursdays, but stayed at the Embassy Suites. This is the year for Northern Virginia AGA to **"Make It Happen For You."** We tried to spotlight Northern Virginia Defense-related topics. We also tried to get new members involved, by hosting our own Career Fair and encouraging participation in AGA National's Career Fair.





Date	Type of Meeting	Topic	Speaker
Sep. 16 2004	Meeting	Business Improvement Council	Ernest J. Gregory Principal Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller) 
Oct. 7	 The Institute of Internal Auditors Joint Meeting with IIA	Information Technology Issues – Auditing Concepts for Key IT Applications	Jennifer Toole, Deloitte
Nov. 18		Virginia CPA Ethics Training	 Robert G. Baldassari, a Principal with Matthews, Carter & Boyce, P.C.

Date	Type of Meeting	Topic	Speaker	
	Joint Meeting with Montgomery/PG County AGA Joint Meeting with Montgomery/PG County	Evening Career Fair for College Accounting Students Joint Meeting with Montgomery/PG County	VSCPA	
Dec 14 1-5 pm	The Northern Virginia and the Maryland/Prince Georges Chapters of AGA and KPMG LLP are pleased to extend a special opportunity for Continuing Education	Service Efforts and Accomplishments (SEA) and Performance Reporting Efforts	Jay Fountain, CGFM Former Assistant Director of Research Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)	Wilson Campbell, CGFM Project Director, SEA Program Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)
Dec 16 Meeting 	Auditing in Iraq  NOVAGA President Jack Hufnagle thanks Pat Remington and Don Bloomer	 AAA's Mischelle Johnson and Don Knutson survey Saddam's gold bars	 AAA's Anita F. Bales, MBA, CGFM, CISA, CPA , Program Director for Financial Operations audits & DODIG's Don Blumer	
				Jan 13  Meeting— Implementing the Improper Payment Information Act of 2002
Feb 17	Webster looks back on 15 years as Library of Congress CFO	 John D. Webster, CPA CGFM Library of Congress	 John Webster receives a nice Thank You gift from Jack Hufnagle	

Date	Type of Meeting	Topic	Speaker
Mar. 17			 Ron Elving NPR News Senior Washington Editor Status Report of Political Issues on the Hill
		<p>Ron Elving receives a nice Thank You gift from Jack Hufnagle</p>	
Apr 28	All-Day Education Event	Evaluating and Reporting on Internal Control	
May 14	RCOW		
May 19	Awards Banquet	Keynote Speaker: Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CPA CGFM Managing Director, Financial Management & Assurance, GAO	

All-Day Educational Event

We hosted an action-packed event on **21st Century Challenges in Internal Control Auditing and Reporting**. The event was held at the Hilton in Old Town Alexandria.

Kick-off Keynote: Meeting the Challenges Facing the Accountability Profession Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CPA CGFM Managing Director, Financial Management & Assurance, GAO		A Structured Approach for Assessing Internal Control in a Financial Statement Audit Roger R. Stoltz, CPA, CGFM Assistant Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO	
Providing Opinions on Internal Control: Why This is Needed and How It Will Be Done Panel:	 Kenneth Mead, Inspector General US Department of Transportation	Timothy Morgan, CPA PwC, Partner-in-Charge of Pension Benefit Guarantee Corp audit	 Scot Janssen, CPA KPMG Audit Partner for Department of Homeland Security audit

The panel featured **Helen Lew**, Assistant Inspector General for Audit at Education OIG; **Scot Janssen**, KPMG Audit Partner for the Department of Homeland Security audit; and **Timothy Morgan**, Partner-in-Charge of the Pension Benefit Guaratee Corporation Audit at PwC:



Excellent Discussions from Lew, Janssen, Morgan

Luncheon and Keynote

**OMB Circular A-123:
Strengthening
Internal Control**

**David M. Zavada,
CPA**

Chief, Financial
Standards & Grants
Branch,
OFFM, OMB



**Where is Internal Control
Reporting Heading?**

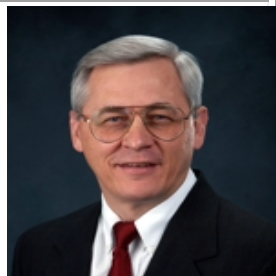
**Jeanette Meixner Franzel,
CPA CMA CGFM**

Director, Financial Management
& Assurance, GAO



**General and
Application Control
Reporting: Using the
FISCAM**

Panel:



**Robert F. Dacey
JD CPA CISA CGFM**
Chief Accountant
GAO



Darrell Heim CISA CGFM
Assistant Director for
Information Security Issues
GAO



**Mike Donahue, CISA
CFE CGFM CISM,**
PwC

**Implementing A-123
Appendix A:
Reporting on Internal
Control Over
Financial Reporting**

Dennis Duquette,

Director,
Audit and Enterprise
Risk Services,
Federal Practice,
Deloitte & Touche



KPMG's John Hummel
chats with
Dennis Duquette and
Roger Stoltz





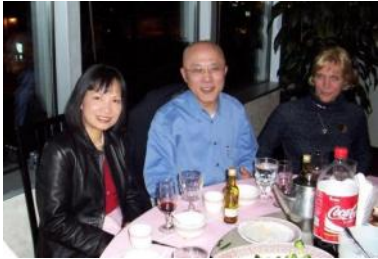

Wrap-Up











**Kay L. Daly CPA
CGFM**
Assistant Director,
Financial Management
& Assurance, GAO

Member Services

We once again undertook several joint Member Services Events with the Washington DC Chapter, including:

Date	Event	
Oct 23rd	<p style="text-align: center;">Oktoberfest at Blob's Park</p>  <p>German Dancing was showcased by the original Bavarian Dance Club, the Schuhplattler Verein</p>	 <p>Former National AGA President Bill Anderson joins DC Member Services Chair Karl Boettcher, NOVAGA's Jack Hufnagle & Alice Arielly, and prospective members Jim & Ruth Schafovaloff</p>
Dec 13th	<p style="text-align: center;">US Naval Observatory</p> 	 <p>NOVAGA's Alice Arielly & Jack Hufnagle join DC Chapter's Karl Boettcher, Deidre Gilligan, & Brandon Walsh.</p>
Jan 15 th 2005	<p style="text-align: center;">Chinese New Year</p>  <p>Our hosts – Samuel T. Mok, CFO, Department of Labor & his wife Nancy. Lynn McCune looks on.</p>	 <p>Dennis Duquette & Jack Hufnagle share a laugh</p>

Date	Event	
	 <p data-bbox="370 569 760 594">NOVAGA's Jack Hufnagle & Alice Arielly</p>	 <p data-bbox="849 548 1377 600">Dinner guests included Lynn McCune, Karen Alderman, Rose Chen, and Karen's son, Chuck</p>
	<p data-bbox="394 621 737 646">Mar 13th - National Cathedral Tour</p>  <p data-bbox="407 989 724 1035">NOVAGA's Alice Arielly & Chapter President Jack Hufnagle</p>	<p data-bbox="954 642 1268 667">April 17th – Mount Vernon Tour</p> 
	<p data-bbox="350 1098 781 1123">May 29th - Wolf Trap Memorial Day Concert</p> 	 <p data-bbox="881 1182 1344 1207">June 4th – Potomac Nationals Baseball Game</p>  <p data-bbox="889 1360 1336 1409">June 15th – Golf Tournament at Fort Belvoir with ASMC, Sponsored by KPMG</p>
	 <p data-bbox="326 1791 800 1883">AGAs Members enjoy at Day at Wolf Trap National Park this May – including Simcha Kuritzky, Jack Hufnagle & Alice Arielly, Karl Boettcher & Linda Botkin</p>	

Promoting Government Financial Management Through Community Service—A Year In Review

By Jim Davis, NOVAGA Community Service Director

I would like to thank the board and fellow members of the Northern Virginia Chapter for supporting and participating in this year's community service program. This year's theme was "To Promote Government Financial Management Through Community Service." It takes the support and involvement of the members in order to make our program successful.

This year we accomplished the following:

- In September, Amy Heckman from Junior Achievement, Inc., spoke to our group, and we collected \$67 from our raffle for the Pentagon Memorial Fund.
- In October, Tim Pickney from the IRS spoke to our chapter in a joint meeting with the Northern Virginia Chapter of IIA.
- In November, 6 members donated 24 lbs. of canned food items for the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Also, 4 members donated phone cards to the Military Phone Card Program.
- In December, Chuck Tampio from the Close Up Foundation spoke to our group, and we had a raffle donation to Close Up in the amount of \$76. Also, 11 members contributed 13 toys for the Toys-For-Tots Program.



Jim Davis sells NOVAGA President-Elect Pat Brannin raffle tickets to benefit FBLA's scholarship fund

- In January, Mike Matheny of Future Business Leaders of America/Phi Beta Lambda spoke to our group, and our raffle raised \$44 for his organization.

- In February, Ray Powell of MATHCOUNTS spoke to our chapter, and we donated \$50 from our raffle to MATHCOUNTS. In addition, 1 member attended the competition and awards ceremony

and assisted with cleanup.

- In March, Heather Mettry and Laura Savitsky from the Congressional Youth Leadership Council spoke to our chapter.
- From January through April, 3 members donated 220 hours to the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance Program and other tax assistance programs.
- In April, at least 2 members made donations for the MS-Walk. We are still collecting donations. Please contact Andrea Walker at andrea.walker@oig.hhs.gov or (202)619-3066 to make your donation.
- In May, we are holding three raffles at our awards banquet to benefit the Congressional Youth Leadership Council's Endowment Fund. The winner of the raffles will receive Baltimore Orioles tickets.



Thanks to members' generosity, NOVAGA President Jack Hufnagle sends off Community Service Chair Jim Davis with several bags of Toys for Tots.



Jim Davis and Ray Powell draw for the 50/50 Raffle to benefit MATHCOUNTS

Again, I greatly appreciate the contributions and energy that our membership provided this year toward community service and look forward to next year.

Early Careers and Career Fairs

NOVAGA made a special effort this year to reach out to early career members.

AGA Career Foundations Conference & Exposition - October 6, 2004

On October 6th, AGA sponsored a FREE Career Foundations Conference and Career Fair at the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel. Attendees learned about federal government careers and received 2 CPEs.

The event featured a morning and an afternoon session where executives discussed Becoming a Chief Financial Officer, Becoming an Inspector General, How to Get a Government Financial Management Job, and Professional Certifications—Earning the CGFM.

Speakers included:

- Evelyn Brown, CGFM, Deputy CFO, OPM
- Samuel Mok, CGFM, CFO, U.S. Department of Labor
- Dr. Linda Combs, CFO, U.S. Department of Transportation
- Dennis J. Duquette, CGFM, Deputy IG, HHS (retired), Current Director, Deloitte & Touche LLP
- William Taylor, CGFM, Chair, CGFM Certification
- Marie C. Caputo, CGFM, CPA, Senior Manager, Clifton Gunderson LLP

The concurrent Career Fair featured a selection of government agencies, private accounting firms and companies there to recruit on-site, including the following (many of which were represented by NOVAGA members):

- Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Clifton Gunderson LLP, Cotton & Company LLP, Deloitte, Grant Thornton LLP, IBM, Kearney & Company, KPMG LLP, Management Concepts, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, The MIL Corporation, Savantage Solutions, Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General, UHY Advisors, Inc. (Formerly Urbach, Kahn & Werlin Advisors, Inc.), U.S. Army Audit Agency, DODIG.

November 18th NOVAGA Career Fair



GAO's Diane Guensberg noted that the GAO serves as the nation's chief accountability agency and they are also the investigative arm of Congress. Under the direction of the Comptroller General, GAO sets professional standards for government auditing.

Philpott. He gave a special welcome to George Mason University students. There were 8 presentations that were given by both government agencies and CPA firms that provide services to the federal government.



The USAAA booth featured NOVAGA's Alice Arielly, new members Dara Rosenfeld (far left) and Alex Granado (far right), and Eric Moores.

The evening meeting began with a reception and opportunity to visit the employer booths from 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm. The NOVAGA November meeting was a joint meeting with the Montgomery/Prince Georges AGA Chapter. Sixty two members, prospective members, recruiters, and students attended the event.

NOVAGA President Jack Hufnagle welcomed everyone to the Government Service Careers night. He especially welcomed Montgomery/PG County Chapter President Doreen Shute and Dallas Chapter President Michelle



DODIG's Tim Wimette talked about being the 'eyes, ears, and conscience' of the Secretary of Defense.

AGA National was represented by Jennifer Curtin, Susan Fritzen, and Katya Silver, who provided information about AGA's purpose, membership opportunities including low-cost student and early career memberships, and the CGFM program (picture on page 9).

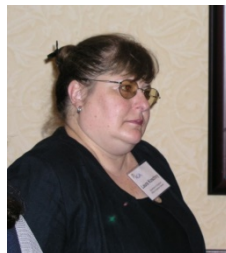


Helen Lew, Assistant IG for Auditing, ED OIG

After the presentations, meeting attendees had the opportunity to obtain information and discuss employment with the above government agencies and CPA firms.



Montgomery/PG County Chapter President Doreen Shute joins AGA's Jennifer Curtin & Susan Fritzen at the November 18th Government Services Career Fair.



ED OIG's Laura Koschny



Former NOVAGA President Mia Leswing was enthusiastic presenter for Clifton Gunderson



Naval Audit Service's Greg Armstrong talks to interested attendees.



Education's Laura Koschny and Helen Lew, Assistant Inspector General for Audit Services



Still smiling after pulling it all together – PwC's Bill Hughes worked till the bitter end running everyone's slide shows. Thanks Bill!



Navy and Army Auditors share war stories Heather Keister, Dara Rosenfeld, & Charael Munn

NOVAGA Completes An Award-Winning Year

Reardon Awarded for Excellence in Federal Financial Management

The **Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management** was established in 2003 and named after our first recipient, GAO's Jeff Steinhoff, CPA CGFM. It formally recognize federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures.



Francis E. (Gene) Reardon
CPA, CIA, CGFM
Deputy Inspector General
for Auditing, DODIG

This year we are proud to present this award to Francis E. 'Gene' Reardon, for his almost 40 years of contributions to auditing in the federal government. After over 30 years with USAAA, culminating as The Auditor General of the Army, he took over the role of Deputy Inspector General for Auditing for DOD in 2003. He was always on the forefront of interpreting and incorporating new standards for defense auditors. He radically changed the way auditors operate, transforming them from an adversarial role to a customer-oriented focus. He streamlined his business to make it more responsive. He has saved the Army billions of dollars and helped it transform into the 21st Century. Through his almost 40-year involvement in AGA at all levels, he has broadened his impact to all federal agencies. Gene is a proud member and Past President of NOVAGA

Green Passes on Federal Financial Partnership Award to Jackson

In 2003 the Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA instituted the **Federal Financial Partnership Award** to formally recognize private sector individuals who exemplify and promote excellence through outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, innovative management procedures and partnering with the Federal Government. The first recipient of the



Mr. Norwood 'Woody' Jackson, Jr., CPA

award was John H. Hummel, CPA CGFM CFE, of KPMG. Last year's award winner, **Jeffrey W. Green, CPA**, Partner at Kearney & Company, CPAs, will pass the award on to **Mr. Norwood 'Woody' Jackson, Jr., CPA**.

Woody has over thirty three years of experience in providing public and government accounting, auditing, and advisory services. He is a retired KPMG Partner, where he was responsible for engagements at Defense, Agriculture, Transportation, and Homeland Security to name a few. After retiring from KPMG, he formed Norwood Jackson LLC, which serves various Federal and State government clients. He is currently Managing Vice President with AOC Solutions, Inc., a small Northern Virginia consulting firm that provides financial management services to Federal agencies.

From 1992 to 1999 he served as the Deputy Controller of the Office of Federal Financial Management at OMB. He served an 8-year term on the US Comptroller General's Advisory Council on *Government Auditing Standards*, a 4-year term on the ASB of the AICPA, and a 6- year term on the FASAB. Woody also served as the Deputy Auditor of Public Accounts for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In 1998, he received the AICPA Outstanding CPA in Government award. Woody is also a proud member of NOVAGA.

Farley Receives Pentagon Memorial Service Award

The award was established in 2002 in memory of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on the Pentagon. The award formally recognizes public service to our nation in the field of financial management. The first recipient of the award was LTC Christopher Keefer, U.S. Air Force.



Robin Lee Farley,
Director, DIA Financial
Business Systems

Mr. Robin Lee Farley is the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Financial Business Systems. This organization took a "direct hit" on September 11, 2001 on the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. Many members of the DIA financial directorate were lost in the attack including a member of our own AGA Northern Virginia Chapter.

Mr. Farley has continuously driven the DIA towards CFO Act compliance and improved financial management. He has improved financial management practices, internal controls, financial reporting and budgeting for the agency.

Throughout his 16-year career with the federal government, Mr. Farley has clearly exemplified a dedication to public service to our nation.

GMU's Edom Aweke Demonstrates Excellence in Accounting Studies

to recognize excellence in accounting studies at George Mason University and to encourage participation in a professional organization. The inaugural winner was Nancy Washington.



Edom Aweke
George Mason University

The award is based on academic achievements and potential for excellence in the field of accounting or financial management.

George Mason's Edom Aweke demonstrates these qualities, and we're proud to recognize her with a \$1,000 scholarship and a one-year membership to NOVAGA.

Members in the News

July 2004 - Acting Secretary of the Army Mr. Les Brownlee appointed **Ms. Joyce E. Morrow, CPA, CGFM** as The Auditor General for the U.S. Army. Congratulations to Joyce, who has been a very active member and strong supporter of NOVAGA over the years!

NOVAGA Congratulates the following members on receiving the President's Rank Award:

Distinguished Executives

- **James L. Taylor**, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce

Meritorious Executives

- **JoAnn Boutelle**, Deloitte, formerly of the Office of the Secretary of Defense



Patrick J. Fitzgerald
CPA CISA CGFM
Principal Deputy Auditor
General
US Army

Joyce E. Morrow, CPA CGFM, The Auditor General, US Army.

**Patrick J. Fitzgerald, CPA
CISA CGFM**, Principal
Deputy Auditor General, US
Army

Congratulations to **Alice
Arielly**, who was awarded the
prestigious Auditor General
Award on 15 July 2004.

Congratulations GAO Members. The following NOVAGA members were recognized for their achievements at GAO's annual office-wide awards ceremony on November 30, 2004:

- **Kay Daly** received a meritorious service award for work in a host of financial management areas resulting in high-quality products that have made a difference.
- **Jeanette Franzel** received a client service award for supporting bipartisan efforts in both houses of Congress that helped strengthen legislative branch oversight and operations.

AGA Spotlited to Accounting Society Presentation

AAA's **Alice Arielly** spoke to students at her alma mater, Rider University, on November 4th, trying to raise awareness of Government Service Careers. Besides introducing (!) the Yellow Book and discussing the employers spotlighted at our NOVAGA career fair, she spoke about the importance of involvement with professional organizations, including AGA. She showed them the local (New Jersey) chapter Web sites, provided information on meetings and gave out membership applications.

Get Well Soon to our Photographer/Historian **Robert France** CGFM.

Congratulations to the following NOVAGA members, who have reached major milestones. You'll recognize many names that have served in leadership capacities throughout the years. Thanks to each and every one of you for the contributions you have made and continue to make to the profession! These members received a personalized letter signed by the National President along with a service year lapel pin:



Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee swears in Joyce E. Morrow as The Auditor General for the U.S. Army on July 12, 2004, as her husband, Jay Koepf, looks on

US Army Photo



US Army Audit Agency Auditor General Awards Ceremony
Alice is congratulated by:
Belinda Tiner, Program Director, Installation Operations
Tom Druzgal, Deputy Auditor General (& former NOVAGA President)
Jack Hufnagle, NOVAGA President
& Joyce Morrow, The Auditor General for the US Army

20 years:

Mrs. Betty Wheaton CGFM
Ms. Carol Codori CGFM
Mrs. Julie Bryant CGFM
Mr. Keith Thornburg CGFM
Mr. Charles James Hay II
Mr. John Balakos
Miss Paulette Stephens
Ms. Kristine Harris

30 years:

Mr. David Bieritz
Ms. Sheila Clark CGFM
Mr. Robert DiMucci
Mr. Harold Steinberg CGFM
Mr. James Durnil CGFM
Mr. George Stalcup CGFM
Mr. Larry Faulkner CGFM

25 years:

Mr. N. Carl Jordahl CGFM
Mr. John Meling
Mr. Edward Gillen
Mr. Michael Slachta Jr. CGFM
Mr. B. Anthony Turner
Mr. Robert Taylor Jr. CGFM
Mr. Douglas Smith CGFM
Mr. Dennis Black

35 years:

Mr. Shelton Young CGFM
Radm. Brady Cole
Mr. Richard Berger
Mr. Joseph Brown CGFM

Congratulations to the following local members that won National Awards:

- Samuel T. Mok, CGFM, CIA, CFO, US DOL, 2005 Distinguished Federal Leadership Award
- John D. Webster, CGFM CPA, CFO DOL, 2005 Elmer Staats Award
- Diane L. Dudley, CPA, CGFM, Partner, KPMG LLP, 2005 Andy Barr Award



Program co-chair John Homan welcomes new member Robin McCoy, a senior auditor with Naval Audit Service, who joined at our January 13th meeting

We're pleased to announce that two NOVAGA members have been promoted to Senior Executive Service. US Army Audit Agency's **Benny Piccolo** and **Joe Mizzoni** were recently selected for the honor. On Monday, 14 Feb 05, The Auditor General (& NOVAGA Member), **Joyce Morrow**, hosted a promotion ceremony and reception honoring them. There were about 70 co-workers and family members in attendance to witness Joe and Ben receive the oath of office and their SES lapel pins.



Benjamin J. Piccolo, Deputy Auditor General for Forces and Financial Management, US Army Audit Agency



Joseph P. Mizzoni, Deputy Auditor General for Policy and Operations Management, US Army Audit Agency

AGA Members Receive Scantlebury Awards

On March 10, the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP) presented the Donald L. Scantlebury Memorial Award to three distinguished local financial management leaders. Scantlebury was the chief accountant at the U.S. Government Accountability Office at the time of his death. He was an AGA Past National President. Congratulations go to:

- NOVAGA's **James L. Taylor**, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce
- NOVAGA's **Donald V. Hammond**, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, Keynote speaker at NOVAGA's All-Day Training in April 2004
- Washington DC Chapter's **John D. Webster, CGFM**, formerly Chief Financial Officer, Library of Congress, and an AGA Past National Treasurer, who spoke to our NOVAGA audience in January



Don Hammond

AGA Welcomes Julie V. Bryant, CGFM, as Director of Performance Reporting

Julie V. Bryant, CGFM, an AGA Past National Treasurer and a former president of both the Virginia Peninsula and Northern Virginia Chapters, has joined the AGA staff as our new director of performance reporting. Not another Julie!—its OK, she answers to JB.

Julie joined AGA while working for the U.S. Defense Contract Audit Agency in the mid-1980s and stayed heavily involved over the years after moving to the U.S. Government Accountability Office, then to Grant Thornton, the U.S. Department of Education and finally as owner of her own business, JB Financial Services. She served as National Treasurer in 2000-2001.



NOVAGA Past President
Julie V. Bryant

"I think my whole career has been preparing me for this position," she said. "The people I've met, the opportunities I've had— at the chapter level and national level and at the conferences—I've been a real supporter of AGA throughout. All those opportunities and my career path both have led me to this position."

Julie is also eager to promote AGA's Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR) Program and the Certificate of Excellence Program in Service Efforts and Accomplishments (SEA). "With the competing demands for resources, we have to ensure that we get all the bang for the buck. The only way to know that is through performance reporting."

She said she enjoys working with the "dedicated and creative" AGA staff, who help her live up to her motto for life, "If it's not any fun, it's not any fun." Julie lives in Burke, VA, with her husband, Kenneth, three cats, three dogs and two birds. She has a grown son and daughter who both live in Northern Virginia. Please join us in welcoming Julie to AGA. She can be reached at jbryant@agacgfm.org or 800.AGA.7211, ext. 212. Welcome Julie!

NOVAGA Past President Selected As Partner

We are pleased to announce that **Mia Leswing** will be promoted to Partner at Clifton Gunderson LLP on June 1, 2005. Mia specializes in auditing, accounting and consulting with an emphasis on federal, state and local government agencies. Her experience includes assisting numerous large federal government agencies with audits and internal control reviews.

Mia is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Government Financial Manager, and a Certified Information Systems Auditor.

To our delight, Mia is a past president of NOVAGA and the Regional Vice-President-elect for the AGA Capital Region.

Regional & Chapter Officers' Workshop

To help the new Board transition into next year, several chapter officers participated in the **Regional & Chapter Officers' Workshop (RCOW)** at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Crystal City on Saturday, May 14th. It was a joint workshop with the Capital Region and the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The workshop helped chapter officers understand their role and responsibilities and the AGA national office organizational structure and available resources. It was also a networking event and a forum for sharing ideas with other chapters' officers.



Amelia (Mia) Leswing CPA CGFM CISA
Partner, Clifton Gunderson LLP and **Kelly Stefanko,**
Regional Officer, welcome RCOW attendees



**NOVAGA Members at the May 14, 2005
RCOW**

**AGA Organizational
Structure & Governance**



Joe Kapelewski

CEAR/SEA Program



Julie Bryant

CGFM



Stu Sklamm

**Helpful Hints for
Conducting a Chapter
Meeting**



**Jack Hufnagle
Membership – Recruit
and Retain**

Education



Ray Harris

Chapter Recognition Program –



Janine Prybyla & Jessica Jones

Newsletter



Alice Arielly



**Susan Fritzlen
(and Kelly Stefanko)**

PDC 2005

AGA's 54th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition was held **July 10 – 13, 2005**, at the Orlando World Center Marriott in **Orlando, Florida**, with the theme **“Leadership > Preparing Tomorrow’s Accountability Professionals.”** Once again, the chapter brought home many awards:



Sunny Orlando was a welcoming sight to NOVAGA Professional Development Conference (PDC) attendees from July 10-13, 2005. The chapter was well represented and exemplified characteristics of a stellar organization by bringing home many awards and taking advantage of the conference to ensure another successful year! Enjoy pictures from four great days of networking, education sessions, brainstorming and fun in the sun.



James B Davis, Jr. receives a Special Achievement Award from Bobby Derrick, National President



Marcia B. Buchanan received an Educator Award from National President Bobby Derrick



NOVAGA 2004-2005 President, Jackson Hufnagle accepts the Gold Award recognizing all our chapter accomplished last year from AGA National President, Bobby Derrick



Past Newsletter Alice Arielly receives the Award for Honorable Mention of the Chapter Newsletter in Group A category



Diane Dudley, Capital Region RVP 04-05, accepts the RVP Gold Award from AGA President Elect Sam McCall



Karl Boettcher, Washington DC chapter, moderated the SGL Workshop on Sunday



Alice Arielly won the coveted Elvis license plate during Art Hayes' Fraud Happens session at the PDC in July 2005.



AGA's National Presidents gathered at the recent 2005 PDC in Orlando. (Left to right) Donald Kirkendall, John Cooley, CGFM, Clyde McShan, CGFM, Sam McCall, CGFM, Bill Anderson, CGFM, Virginia Brizendine, CGFM, Bobby Derrick, CGFM, Virginia Robinson, CGFM, Tom Sadowski, CGFM, Jullin Renthrope, CGFM, Fred Heim, Jack Fawsett, CGFM, Charles Harrison, CGFM, Jeff Steinhoff, CGFM, Richard Norment, CGFM, and Bill Broadus, CGFM. Present at the PDC but not in the photo: Mitch Laine, CGFM, and Jerry Murphy, CGFM.

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Life After AGA

Jack has continued to be active in AGA after his NOVAGA presidency, serving as National Capital Region Vice President. Jack moved to San Antonio in 2012, but has continued to maintain his Northern Virginia membership. He retired from GAO in December 2016 and is looking forward to helping celebrate NOVAGA's 50th Anniversary!



Alice & Jack at the May 2009 NOVAGA Awards Banquet



Jack is congratulated for his 36 years of Federal Service by Comptroller General Gene Dodaro

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Vital Statistics

President Patricia A. Brannin, CGFM, DoDIG

Under Pat's skillful leadership, NOVAGA completed another Award-winning year. We also achieved Platinum status for the first time in several years! We ordered presentation coins for speakers and new members.

Here are some highlights, as reported in NOVAGA's Newsletter. Note that we had a new, revamped Web site, courtesy of Heather Keister, who has turned out to be a super Webmaster & great asset to the Chapter! Thanks Heather!









Patricia A. Brannin, CGFM
President

Meetings

We continued having meetings at the Embassy Suites. We only charged \$15 for members and non-members--a definite bargain at way below our cost!

Date	Type of Meeting	Topic	Speaker
Sep 21 st 2005	Meeting	Data Mining	Pamela Varner, Project Manager Data Mining Division, DODIG
Oct. 19	Joint Meeting with Montgomery/PG County AGA Double Tree Inn 1750 Rockville Pike Rockville, Md	IT Modernization	Laurance Alvarado is a Managing Director in the Border Security and Global Trade Management Practice at BearingPoint, Inc.
Nov 16	Training	VSCPA Ethics	
Nov 16	Personal Tax Planning Mr. Marc A. Mantelli, CPA, CFP Tax Director at Ryan, Sharkey and Crutchfield, LLP in Herndon, VA	Financial Reporting Requirements	 <p style="text-align: center;">NOVAGA President Pat Brannin, presents our tax planning speaker, Marc Mantelli, with a nice thank you gift.</p>
Tuesday, December 13, 2005 1-5 pm	Half-Day Training 4 CPEs – only \$20	The Impact of OMB Circulars A-123 and A-136	Andrew C. Lewis, CPE , Senior Manager at KPMG & Adjunct Professor at The George Washington University
Sold Out!	KPMG 2001 M St. Washington DC	Hal I. Steinberg, CPA CGFM , Technical Director, AGA	Julie V. Bryant CGFM CPA MBA , Director of Performance Reporting at the AGA

Date	Type of Meeting	Topic	Speaker
Jan 18	Meeting	<p>Getting to Audit in DOD</p> <p>Ron Tollefson, Comptroller</p> <p>Office of the Under Secretary of Defense</p> <p>Financial Management</p> <p>Office of Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness</p>	 <p>Ron Tollefson receives a well-deserved speaker gift.</p>
Feb 15 Meeting –	Congressional Issues	<p>Mark Stephenson is a professional staff member on the Committee on Government Reform.</p> <p>Mike Hettinger currently serves as the staff director of the House of Representatives Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability.</p>	
Mar 15	All-Day Training	<p>Katrina Challenges and Lessons Learned</p>	See Below
Apr 19			<p>Professional Etiquette and Dress</p> <p>A special for our early career members</p> <p>NOVAGA's Laura Koschny will give commentary on outfits modeled by:</p>

Date	Type of Meeting	Topic	Speaker
			
<p>Lisa Vega wearing a sophisticated gray steel colored suit illustrates the Professional Dress</p>	<p>Ariel Vega looking elegant in a classic grey pin stripe suit, with bold blue fitted dress shirt and multi-stripped tie epitomizes the Professional dress</p>	<p>Jennifer Trieschman, models a versatile and comfortable tunic and skirt perfect for Business Casual - Friday</p>	<p>Bryan Clark models striped linen shirt and flat front slacks perfect for the Friday Business Casual Friday</p>
		<p>Panelists included:</p>	
<p>Damarus Sanders look great in the business casual silk/linen blazer layered with a polo shirt and paired with classic black slacks.</p>	<p>Latesha Murphy models a stylish lavender sweater set and floral skirt perfect for the Business Casual</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kay Daly, Past NOVAGA Education Chair and Assistant Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO • Mike Lippert, NOVAGA Corporate Sponsor Liaison and Partner, Assurances, Public Services, KPMG • Karl Boettcher, AGA Capital Region VP-elect, who directed Marketing & Recruitment effort for Agency Services Franchise Fund, Department of Treasury • Pat Brannin, NOVAGA President and Assistant Inspector General (Audit Policy and Oversight), DoD OIG • Jill Wylot, Fashion Consultant, Beauty for All Seasons 	
<p>Friday, May 5-7, 2006 May 17</p>	<p>Capitol Region and Mid-Atlantic RCOW Awards Banquet (see below)</p>		<p>Sunspreet Resort, Virginia Beach</p>

All Day Training

Our All-Day Training Session was held March 15th:

Katrina Challenges and Lessons Learned	
Keynote: Meeting the Challenges and Changes Resulting from Hurricane Katrina's Impact	
 <p>About 89 individuals from as far away as Micronesia attended the conference</p>	 <p>The Honorable Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security</p>
<p>Providing Emergency Assistance While Preventing Waste and Fraud Lessons from Katrina</p> <p>Michael J. Hettinger, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability, House Committee on Government Reform</p>	
<p>Presidential Committee on Integrity and Efficiency Panel:</p> <p>PCIE Panelists (left to right) handle the tough questions from guests:</p> <p>Mr. Robert Gwin, Deputy Assistant IG (Audit), HUD; Mr. Thomas Gimble, Acting IG, DOD; and Mr. Matt Jadacki, Chair, Special IG for Gulf Coast Hurricane Relief, DHS</p>	
<p>Luncheon and Speaker</p>	 <p>Theresa Patrizio, who coordinated the event, introduces Mr. Jeff Steinhoff, the luncheon speaker.</p>
	 <p>Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, Managing Director, Financial Management & Assurance, GAO</p> <p>OMB Circular A-123: Strengthening Internal Control</p>

<p>FASAB Changes in Accounting Standards – Now and Later:</p> <p>Wendy Comes, Executive Director, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, GAO (right)</p>		<p>Maria Paz-Barrientos, Partner, IBM Business Consulting Services</p> <p>Discussion on activity based costing and measurement for disasters</p>
<p>Impact on Audit Standards - What are Katrina's Effects on the Yellow Book</p>  <p>Jeanette Franzel, Director, Financial Management & Assurance, GAO</p>	<p>Improper Payments</p>  <p>Sally Clark Beecroft, Senior Policy Analyst, Financial Integrity and Analysis Branch, OFFM, OMB</p>	<p>Wrap-Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patricia Brannin, Assistant Inspector General, Audit Policy and Oversight • Terri Patrizio, Senior Auditor, Financial Management & Assurance, GAO

The Northern Virginia Chapter Mints "Presentation Coin"

And here is what the 'coin' is all about. Article compiled by Don Bloomer, DODIG, NOVAGA At-large Board member

The Presentation Coin will be given at the November and subsequent meetings to new members, members who reach their 25th, 30th or 50th anniversary with the AGA, and members who return to the monthly meetings after 3 years or more. The Board may from time to time choose to recognize other NOVAGA members with the coin for special acts.

Such presentation coins, although used today for many reasons, are rooted in military history and tradition. Following is the history of the military coin. We hope to challenge the new and returning members to be active participants in the NOVAGA chapter which strives to serve government accountability professionals and advance government accountability and to thank the long term members for their support in meeting our challenges over the years.

During World War I, American volunteers from all parts of the country filled the newly formed flying squadrons. Some were wealthy scions attending colleges such as Yale and Harvard who quit in mid-term to join the war. In one squadron, a wealthy lieutenant ordered medallions struck in solid bronze and presented them to his unit. One young pilot placed the medallion in a small leather pouch that he wore about his neck.

Shortly after acquiring the medallions, the pilot's aircraft was severely damaged by ground fire. He was forced to land behind enemy lines and was immediately captured by a German patrol. In order to discourage his escape, the Germans took all of his personal identification except for the small leather pouch around his neck. In the meantime, he was taken to a small French town near the front. Taking advantage of a bombardment that night, he escaped. However, he was without personal identification.

He succeeded in avoiding German patrols by donning civilian attire and reached the front lines. With great difficulty, he crossed no-man's land. Eventually, he stumbled onto a French outpost. Unfortunately, saboteurs had plagued the French in the sector. They sometimes masqueraded as civilians and wore civilian clothes. Not recognizing the young pilot's American accent, the French thought him to be a saboteur and made ready to execute him. He had no

identification to prove his allegiance, but he did have his leather pouch containing the medallion. He showed the medallion to his would-be executioners and one of his French captors recognized squadron insignia on the medallion. They delayed his execution long enough for him to confirm his identity. Instead of shooting him they gave him a bottle of wine.

Back at his squadron, it became tradition to ensure that all members carried their medallion or coin at all times. This was accomplished through challenge in the following manner - a challenger would ask to see the medallion. If the challenged could not produce a medallion, they were required to buy a drink of choice for the member who challenged them. If the challenged member produced a medallion, then the challenging member was required to pay for the drink. This tradition continued on throughout the war and for many years after the war while surviving members of the squadron were still alive.

Today, the military coin is still a "Challenge Coin" in the Special Forces, Rangers and especially the Airborne community's "Jumpmaster Coin" but is more commonly used as a coin for excellence in achievements that don't quite meet the requirements of an official military award. Coins are primarily given by Army commanders LTC (05) and above.

Thanks to *Major Dewayne McOsker* with the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General for the history of the "Challenge Coin"

Member Services

We partnered with the DC Chapter for the following events:

**Oktoberfest at Blobs Park –
Saturday, October 29th, 6-11 pm**

**Tour of the Smithsonian's Zoological Park –
Sunday, November 6th, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Jan 21 Chinese New Year



Is THAT what we were eating?
Ron & Cecie Adolphi peruse the menu
while RVP Elect Karl Boettcher explains
and Linda Botkin looks on



NOVAGA members enjoyed Chinese New Year:
Past President & Past RVP Jack Hufnagle, Alice Arielly,
President Pat Brannin, and
Past President & Current RVP Mia Leswing

Feb 10 **Ski Liberty**

Mar 12 **National Cathedral Tour**

May 28th **Wolf Trap Farm Concert**

Washington Nationals Baseball game - against the
Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday, June 10 at 1:20 p.m

Community Service

We had another good year helping others.

2005-6
Sep
21st

Charity
Points of Light Foundation, Inc.

Speaker
Dave Styers

2005-6

Charity



Collecting Toys for Tots

Nov 16th



Jan 2006

VITA Training (VITA Program is January - April)

Jan 18th

A Presidential Classroom For Young Americans, Inc. & Raffle

Feb 15th

Speaker/Raffle for USO

Mar 15th

Collect canned food items for Arlington Food Bank

NOVAGA MS Walk Team Completes Another Walk

By Alice S. Arielly

NOVAGA Team Captain

Apr 2nd

Continuing a long-standing NOVAGA tradition, NOVAGA once again entered a team to walk to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. Sunday morning April 2nd dawned sunny and warm as the walkers gathered at the Reston Town Center. Taking over a tradition led by Andrea Walker for many years, Alice Arielly led this year's team, which consisted of former NOVAGA President Jack Hufnagle, Community Service Chair Jim Davis, DC Chapter Member Services Director and Regional RVP Elect Karl Boettcher (OK we let a DC Chapter member sneak in) and Linda Botkin.

Speaker



VITA's Tom Meagher passes on important information for helping tax filers next season. He needs volunteers!



Stephanie Thompson draws the winning raffle ticket while Community Service Chair Jim Davis looks on.



Ellen Brody, the USO representative shares volunteer information for staffing the Lounge.



2006 NOVAGA MS Walk Team included (l-r) Linda Botkin, Karl Boettcher, Team Captain Alice Arielly, Jack Hufnagle, and Jim Davis

2005-6

Charity

Speaker



Are we almost done yet?

The team walked a combined total of 25 miles on Sunday and donated pledges to fight this debilitating disease. Studies show that early ongoing treatment with an FDA-approved therapy can reduce future disease activity and improve quality of life for many people with MS. Log on to www.MSandYOU.org to learn about ways to help manage MS and about current research that may one day reveal a cure.

Thanks to the NOVAGA team for this year's efforts!

Apr 19th

Dress for Success
Business Clothes for Women and Men

Eileen Ellsworth of
Northern Virginia Community Foundation

May 17th

Raffle at Awards Banquet to benefit NCSF

Also in April!
Canned food collection for an Arlington Food Bank and pet food collection for a local animal shelter

Members in the News

Anna Dixon, NOVAGA Secretary, has been appointed to the AGA Emerging Issues Committee. The theme for the 2005-2006 year is "Accountability Reporting with a Citizen Focus." That is what AGA is all about. We are the organization for Advancing Government Accountability. I also chose the term **Citizen Focus** because all that we do should be done in the best interest of our citizens in mind. (Nov 05)

Robin McCoy, CGFM Coordinator, will receive her MBA in Technology Management from the University of Phoenix, Northern Virginia Chapter in December.

Past President Jack Hufnagle finally had an opportunity to thank **Bill Hughes** for all the work he did on Programs last year (Nov 05). Thanks Bill – and thanks for continuing to be the Programs chair this year!



Our condolences to **Heather Keister** on the death of her father (Dec 05).

Congratulations to **Gene Reardon** on his forthcoming retirement from Federal Service February 1.

Our condolences to **Karen Ulatowski** on the loss of her mother (Feb 06).

Alice Arielly, NOVAGA board Member, long-time member, and former award-winning newsletter editor has been selected for promotion to GS-15 as the Program Director for Installation Operations Audits at US Army Audit Agency, effective February 5th.

Thanks to **Robin McCoy**, NOVAGA CGFM Coordinator who worked with the group responsible for getting the Virginia CGFM proclamation approved (Mar 06).

Congratulations on their promotions to (March 2006):

- **Patricia Remington**, NOVAGA Board Member, was promoted to Program Director, Automated Financial Management Systems Division at the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General. She was formerly with the Army Audit Agency.

- **James Davis**, NOVAGA Community Services Coordinator, was promoted to Senior Auditor, in the Financial Resources Division, Department of Defense Office of Inspector General. He was formerly with the Army Audit Agency.

Commonwealth of Virginia Governor, **Tim Kaine**, Declares March as the Certified Government Financial Management (CGFM) Month.

Outgoing EPA IG Tells of Search for Accountability

Courtesy AGA Today Bulletin; Excerpt from article by Jenny Mandel, *Government Executive*

Nikki L. Tinsley, Inspector General of the Environmental Protection Agency since 1997, retired from the federal government on March 1 after almost 35 years of public service. An ambitious leader within the inspector general community, Tinsley shared her reflections on the past decade as a federal auditor in an interview with *Government Executive*. Tinsley, a member of **AGA's Northern Virginia Chapter** and co-chair of the AGA's First National Internal Control and Fraud Conference in September, said she sees her greatest legacy as one of culture change at the agency. "When I came to headquarters, our auditors thought they had done their job when they had identified a problem," she said. "When I got to EPA, I automatically thought that programs were supposed to do something," she said, noting that she has a penchant for program analysis that can be attributed in part to an early-career stint at the Government Accountability Office, as well as to a personality type that won't just leave things alone. Tinsley said she was eager to take government auditing past the traditional inspector general's realm of fraud, waste and abuse, to look not just at how money is managed, but also at how well the spending of that money accomplishes agency objectives.



NOVAGA Members recognized with National Awards.

- **Charles Culkin**, who will receive AGA's Top Award, the Robert W. King Memorial Award, was a long-time NOVAGA Chapter member who became AGA's Executive Director before he retired. He is currently with AGA's At Large Chapter.
- **John Hummel** and **Joseph Kull** are each recipients of the National President's Awards

We also had 45 NOVAGA members have over 30 years of AGA membership!

NOVAGA Completes An Award-Winning Year

PAUL J. GRANETTO Awarded for Excellence in Federal Financial Management

The **Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management** was established in 2003 and named after our first recipient, GAO's Jeff Steinhoff, CPA CGFM. It formally recognizes federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures.

Mr. Paul J. Granetto is awarded the Steinhoff Award for his support to the improvement, accountability, and integrity of financial management in the Government, particularly in the Defense Department. His energy, commitment, leadership and strategic thinking serve as a model for all in the financial management profession.



Mr. Granetto, as the Principal Auditor for DoD financial statements, is responsible for auditing and providing opinions for all DoD financial statements, which last year included \$1.3 trillion in assets, \$1.9 trillion in liabilities, and \$635 billion in Net Cost of Operations.

He has over 40 years of government service, 21 of which with the DoD Office of the Inspector General. During this time he has provided sustained leadership to the DoD – strengthening contracts and financial management through financial and performance audits, community leadership, and innovative measures.

Mr. Granetto has initiated policy and procedure changes pertaining to the reliability and auditability of DoD financial statements with measurable results. In fact, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer actively seeks Mr. Granetto's input on financial management policies and procedures before they are issued.

He also forged dynamic cooperative relationships with senior executives in other Federal Agencies to encourage integration of effort, the sharing of ideas, and dissemination of information.

THOMAS F. GIMBLE Receives Pentagon Memorial Service Award

Mr. Thomas Gimble, will receive the Pentagon Memorial Service Award. The award was established in 2002 in memory of victims of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon, including members of NOVAGA. Mr. Gimble is recognized for his public service and dedication and commitment to improved government operations, financial stewardship and accountability.



Since September 10, 2005, Mr. Gimble has been the Principal Deputy/Acting Inspector General of the Department of Defense reporting directly to the Secretary of Defense on matters relating to the prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse of the programs and operations of the Department, which annual budget exceeds \$400 billion. He leads an organization of nearly 1,400 civilian and military personnel, primarily auditors, inspectors, and investigators. He is the DoD representative on President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency and chairs the Defense Council on Integrity and Efficiency. He has held key leadership positions in the DoD OIG since its inception, including Deputy Inspector General for Intelligence, Acting Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Auditing, and Director for Acquisition Management Directorate.

Mr. Gimble is a distinguished Vietnam Veteran, awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart Medal and he is authorized to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge. He is very active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and serves as Post Trustee (Post 1503), District 10 Chaplain, Chairman of the State Audit Committee, and National Deputy Chief of Staff. Mr. Gimble is also involved with the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He has held positions ranging from Finance Officer/Adjutant (Chapter 1775) to recently as Commander, Department of Virginia. Mr. Gimble is a CPA and a CGFM and is a long time member of NOVAGA. He has received the Secretary of Defense Medal for exceptional Civilian Service, the Hammer Award, and the Federal Audit Executive Council Lawrence H. Weintrob Memorial Award.

DAVID L. COTTON Receives NOVAGA Federal Financial Partnership Award

We are proud to recognize **David Cotton**, Cotton & Company Managing Partner for his tireless service to the Federal Sector helping to promote government accountability.

In addition to serving as managing partner for Cotton & Company since 1981, Dave served as a technical reviewer for the 1999 through 2003 editions of the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide *Audits of Federal Government Contractors*. Dave is the author of the AICPA continuing education courses *Fraud in Governmental and Not-for-Profit Audits—the Auditor's Responsibilities Under SAS 82* and *Joint and Indirect Cost Allocations: How to Prepare and Audit Them*. He also has been an adjunct instructor at the Inspectors General Auditor Training Institute (*Auditing the Federal Contracting Process* and *Contract and Procurement Fraud*) and currently teaches at the George Mason University Small Business Development Center (*Fundamentals of Accounting for Government Contracts*).



Dave is a 2006 recipient of AGA's prestigious Andy Barr Award and served as president of the Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA from 1999-2000.

HEATHER McCLURE, Senior at George Mason University Receives Excellence in Accounting Studies Scholarship

This award was established in 2004 to recognize excellence in accounting studies at George Mason University and to encourage participation in a professional organization. The award is based on academic achievements and potential for excellence in the field of accounting or financial management.

Ms. Heather McClure is awarded the Scholarship for Excellence in Accounting Studies. Ms. McClure is a senior at George Mason University and will soon graduate Magna Cum Laude.

Heather is a member of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society, and the Golden Key International Honor Society.

She and her husband, who serves in the Coast Guard, will be moving to the Chesapeake area following graduation. She is interested in a career in government accounting or financial management at the federal, state or local level. She has demonstrated academic achievements and potential for excellence in the field of accounting and we are proud to recognize her with a \$1000 scholarship.

**Northern Virginia AGA
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2006**

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Petty Cash	50.00	
Regular Checking Account	10,428.21	
Performance Money Market	33,366.32	
CD 2	12,697.00	
CD 1	5,078.00	
Accounts Receivable	2,000.00	
Total Current Assets		63,619.53
Total Other Assets		0.00
Total Assets		<u>63,619.53</u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Total Liabilities			0.00
Capital			
Retained Earnings	55,911.59		
Net Income	7,707.94		
Total Capital		<u>63,619.53</u>	
Total Liabilities & Capital		<u>63,619.53</u>	

Income Statement	Year to Date	
Sales	222.00	0.62
Sales Apr 2005 Training Event	3,120.00	8.73
Sales-November 2005 Ethics Tra	1,257.30	3.52
Sales-Monthly Meeting Dues	2,709.00	7.58
Sales-December 2005 A-123/136	1,200.00	3.36
Sales-Mar 2006 Training Day	13,962.30	39.07
Sales-Tables for May 2006 Ban	4,680.00	13.10
Contributions-Unrestricted	3,048.05	8.53
Membership dues	5,252.60	14.70
Interest Income	285.94	0.80
Total Revenues	<u>35,737.19</u>	100.00
Nov 2005, Ethics Training Exp	1,273.76	3.56
Dec 2005 A-123/136 Expenses	40.00	0.11
	Year to Date	
Mar 2006 Training Day Expense	10,003.35	27.99
May 2006 Awards Banquet	5,587.19	15.63
Total Cost of Sales	16,904.30	47.30
Gross Profit	18,832.89	52.70
Expenses		
AGA Student Scholarships	1,000.00	2.80
AGA Student Membership	70.00	0.20
Community Services	1,243.00	3.48
Speaker Gifts	687.49	1.92
New Member Tokens	980.00	2.74
Charitable Contributions	598.71	1.68
Bank Charges	34.57	0.10
Supplies Expense	5.75	0.02
Telephone Expense	124.00	0.35
Web Expenses	359.40	1.01
Postage and Shipping Expense	74.00	0.21
Printing Expense	276.47	0.77
Meetings Expense	5,671.56	15.87
Total Expenses	11,124.95	31.13
Net Income	7,707.94	21.57

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As Research Committee Chair
at the May 2009 Banquet

Pat continued to be active
with NOVAGA,
spearheading the History
Project.

She retired from DODIG in
June 2012.



Alice & Jack Hufnagle and
Kristy & Dennis Green help celebrate
Pat's retirement

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Vital Statistics

President John E. Homan, CGFM CPA, KPMG LLP



At the end of this year, President John Homan said in his final Newsletter message:

It seems like a very short time ago that the 2006-07 NOVAGA program year was beginning. It has been a whirlwind year from our expedition to the **National Gallery** to explore the French Impressionists, to our **Early Careers event with Alexandra Cousteau**, to hearing **Senator Sarbanes** give the keynote address at our annual dinner, and to our community service work at the **MS Walk** and the **USO**, we at NOVAGA have had a fantastic and memorable year. I am very proud of the efforts our Chapter has made to advancing Government Accountability and wish to thank all our dedicated Board members for their service. It is through their efforts that our Chapter has been officially designated by AGA National as a **Platinum Chapter for 2006-07** and I look forward to accepting the award at the Professional Development Conference in Nashville later this month.

It has been a privilege to serve as your President and I thank you all for your support and the lasting memories I will take away from our 2006-07 program year. Again, thanks.









Meetings

After-Work Good-Time and CPE Events! Unless indicated otherwise, NOVAGA meetings:

- Take place the 3rd Wednesday of the month
 - 5:15 – 6:00 pm social period
 - 6:00 – 7:00 pm meeting w/speaker 1CPE
- At Alexandria's Embassy Suites Hotel
1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA
 - Across from King St. Metro (yellow/ blue)
 - Hotel parking \$3 after 5:00 pm
- \$15 cost for lavish cocktail buffet & meeting
- **Please make reservations** with Sheree Thompson, NOVAGA meetings director, at Sheree.Thompson@dodig.mil or 703.325.9829 **by noon Friday before event.**
- Like More info? Visit www.novaga.org

Note: New members - identify yourself when making reservation & get 1st meeting FREE!

Date	Event	Topic	Speaker
<p>Wednesday September 20</p>		<p>Intergovernmental Financial Dependency and Related Risks</p> <p>Ed Mazur, GASB</p>	

Date	Event	Topic	Speaker
Wednesday October 18	Joint dinner meeting w/ AGA Montgomery/ PG Chapter	Creating Exceptional Value for Government Accountability Professionals	 <p data-bbox="1183 384 1341 432">AGA President Jeff Hart</p>
Thursday, November 16	2-Hours	VSCPA Ethics Training	 <p data-bbox="883 716 1110 810">Marc Mantelli, Partner, Ryan, Crutchfield and Sharkey (left) and</p> <p data-bbox="915 835 1078 909">Eric Hess, Alpha Financial Advisors (right)</p> 
Wednesday December 13	Half-Day Training KPMG, 2001 M St., Washington DC	Understanding Budget Performance Integration	 <p data-bbox="1143 1045 1382 1192">Thomas Skelly, Director of Budget Service of the U.S. Department of Education (left)</p>
Robert Shea, Counselor to the Deputy Director for Management, OMB, Executive Office of the President		Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, U.S. Government Accountability Office (left)	 <p data-bbox="1151 1297 1373 1539">Mark Foreman, Partner, KPMG and former Administrator, Office of EGovernment and Information Technology. OMB, Executive Office of the President (left)</p>
Wednesday January 17	Federal Shared Services		<p data-bbox="899 1602 1097 1696">Kathryn Gould Associate Partner, IBM Global Business Service (left)</p> <p data-bbox="976 1724 1016 1745">and</p> <p data-bbox="899 1770 1097 1894">Marshal R. Gimpel Director, Enterprise Services Center, Federal Aviation Administration (right)</p> 

Date	Event	Topic	Speaker
Wednesday, February 21 3:00-5:00 p.m.		What's New in Early Careers Jennifer I. Curtin , MPA, Director of Public Affairs for the Association of Government Accountants (left)	 A Different Look at Accountability: Alexandra Cousteau , the granddaughter of Jacques Cousteau
Free Mini-max Career Development Session for Early Careers	Understand your Boss, Peers, and Clients: Beatrice Jones Ross RCO Communications		The Benefit of Mentoring: Dan Grossberg , Senior Manager at Ernst & Young
	Moderator:	Rick Vasquez , Technical Director, Corporate Analysis & Planning Audit Front Office DoDIG	
Wednesday, March 21* 8:00 am – 4:30 pm	NOVAGA All-day Training at Hilton Hotel, Alexandria. VA		Internal Controls are Key
			See below
Wednesday, April 18	How to Read a Government Financial Statement		Roger Stoltz Government Accountability Office
			
Wednesday, May 16	NOVAGA Annual Awards Banquet		Senator (Retired) Sarbanes
			See Below

All-Day Training - Internal Controls are Key

Opening Remarks – John Homan, CPA, President NOVAGA

OMB Circular A-123, Implementing Internal Control

Speaker: Danny Werfel, Deputy Comptroller, Office of Management and Budget

Unqualified Opinion on DOD Financial Statements – A Roadmap

Speaker: Robert McNamara, Acting Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), DOD



Robert McNamara



Paul Granetto

Speaker: Paul Granetto, Assistant Inspector General and Director, Defense Financial Auditing Service, Office of the Inspector General, DOD

Contract Oversight – An IG Perspective and Lessons Learned

Speaker: Daniel Blair, Program Director, DOD Wide Financial Statements Division, Office of the Inspector General, DOD

Luncheon and Keynote Speaker – Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting (ICOFR) Playbook

Speaker: David Norquist (Invited), Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security



David Norquist

SAS 70 System Reviews

Speaker: Jim Devaul, Partner, KPMG LLP

Risk Assessment and Internal Control Evaluations

Speaker: Terry Carnahan, Managing Director, KPMG LLP

What's Next for Federal Financial Management?

Speaker: Harold I. Steinberg, CPA, CGFM, AGA CEAR Technical Director, Former Partner, KPMG, and Retired Acting/Deputy Comptroller, Office of Federal Financial Management

Closing Remarks - Pat Remington, CPA, Education Director, NOVAGA

MEMBER SERVICES

Besides partnering with the DC Chapter, we started some new events of our own this year.

Sept 17 - National Gallery of Art



Sunday Brunch followed by docent-led tour by Anna Dixon, NOVAGA Secretary



Anna Dixon Provides a Tour

Early Careers

On Thursday, March 22, the Northern Virginia AGA Chapter Early Careers program had a social networking event at Joe Theismann's. A good time was had by all! A special thank you goes to Kearney & Company for hosting the event.



Erin Ogburn, Stuart Strange,
Karl Boettcher



Jim Davis



Sarah Joy Hunter, Chris McGrath, Ed
Pabalan

On Thursday, April 26, the Northern Virginia AGA Chapter Early Careers program had a social networking event at Rock Bottom Brewery in Arlington, VA. A great time was had by all! Thank you to the following NOVAGA board members for hosting the social: John Homan, Karl Boettcher, Pat Remington, Laura Koschny, and Jim Davis. We are planning more social networking events for the upcoming year and if you would like to be involved with the planning please contact Ed Pabalan at Epabalan@kearneyco.com.



Karl Boettcher, Anlih Tung, Heidi Pillard & Laura Koschny



Claire Chen & Heidi Pillard



Heidi Pillard & Jim Davis



Mike Davitt, Pat Remington, Yolanda Watts, John Homan

COMMUNITY SERVICE


We welcomed Laura Koschny as our new Community Service Director this year, who tried some new Community Service events, including a USO package stuffing day in March, at which we met VA Secretary Nichols. Our theme this year was **“To Foster Awareness & Accountability Over Our Community”**

Date	Charity	Speaker
Sep 20 2006	Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia www.habitatnova.org	Mr. Joe Dailey



Date	Charity	Speaker
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Oct 18	Animal Welfare League of Arlington (VA) Jennifer Newman, AWLA Manager of Education & Community Services	 Collection of items for the residents of the shelters maintained by Animal Welfare League of Arlington www.awla.org
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Nov 16	Voluntary Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)	 Collection of "Toys for Tots" for Christmas at our November 16, 2006 meeting
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2007 Jan 17	Raptor Conservancy of Virginia	Feb 21 The Climate Institute
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Sat, Mar 10
USO Care Packaging Party at Ft Belvoir



Donell, Jack, Pat Brannin, Heather, Phil Lavietes



Part of the NOVAGA Team with Secretary of VA Nichols & his wife

On Saturday, March 10th 11 NOVAGA members and friends spent 5 hours, along with 200 other volunteers, stuffing over 10,000 Care Packages at the USO warehouse on Fort Belvoir destined for Soldiers deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. As a special surprise, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Honorable R. James Nicholson and his wife were also on hand to help! Those present included former NOVAGA Presidents Pat Brannin and Jack Hufnagle, NOVAGA Community Affairs Director Laura Koschny, and Regional Vice President Karl Boettcher. Also helping were Alice Arielly, Phil LaVietes, Donell Ries, Heather Keister, Peggy Sherry, Shamel Ware, and Linda Botkin. Thanks, Laura, for organizing this great event!



Heather Keister & Alice Arielly



Karl Boettcher & Linda Botkin



Alice, Jack Hufnagle, Heather, Laura Koschny, & Donell Ries

Apr 18	Friends of Homeless Animals (Fairfax VA)	Collection of items for the residents of the shelters maintained by Friends of Homeless Animals.
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MS Walk a Success – NOVAGA Team Finishes in Style!

We knew our luck couldn't hold out all these years for bright sunshine on Sunday morning of the MS Walk, April 15th – the rain had been steady all night. But, troopers that we are, we had six brave souls show up to support the NOVAGA Team. Thanks to **John & Pat Homan, Karl Boettcher & Linda Botkin, and Jack Hufnagle & Alice Arielly**. The six-mile route was canceled, but we cheerily walked the 3.5-mile route. The coffee & donuts were there as promised, as were the fruit & energy bars enroute. And a burger at 10:30 a.m. back under cover never tasted so good! Thanks to everyone that supported the Team, in spirit, in person, and with donations!



Alice, Karl, Linda, John, Jack, & Pat

Date **Charity** **Speaker**



Alice, Jack, John, & Pat start



Even the dogs didn't want to get wet!



Halfway Point



Food was great!



Did we mention the food?



I think we came for the food!



NOVAGA PDC 2007

Silent Auction Gift Basket



Did George Washington
Chop Down the Cherry Tree?

Themed gifts from Mount Vernon

Proceeds to Benefit NCSF

Nats Beat Os 3-1

Flag Day was perfect for the last day of the Battle of the Beltway – the Washington Nationals playing the Baltimore Orioles at Camden Yards. Thanks to the generosity of **Clifton Gunderson LLP**, we had a chance to taste victory! **Alice Arielly** won one set of tickets donated by Clifton Gunderson for NOVAGA's final banquet. Raffle proceeds were donated to the **Pentagon Memorial Fund**. Joining Alice at the June 14th game were **Jack Hufnagle**, **Heather Keister**, and **Heather's mother, Irene**. After battling the Baltimore-Washington Parkway traffic, we were in luck with parking passes right at the stadium. Then we were ready for a great baseball dinner at the Camden Club. We had a bird's eye view of the game while we enjoyed our Bases Loaded and Boog's BBQ meals.

Then it was on to the box seats right behind first base – no binoculars needed for this game! And our luck held out as the Nationals beat the Orioles 3 to 1! All in all, a great evening.

Thanks again to **Mia Leswing** and **Clifton Gunderson, LLP** for donating not just this set of tickets, parking pass, and Camden Club admission, but also donating a second set of tickets to see the Orioles play the Red Sox in August.



Alice, Jack, Heather, Irene



Batter Up!



Irene, Heather, Alice, Jack

Members in the News

Congratulations to NOVAGA's own Jeffery Steinhoff! AICPA Names Three Recipients For 2006 Outstanding CPA in Government Award CPAs in Federal, State and Local Government Honored

Washington, D.C., August 21, 2006 – The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) announced the three 2006 recipients of the Outstanding CPA in Government Award today. The awards recognize CPAs working in the federal, state and local levels of government who have made significant contributions to increased efficiency and effectiveness of government organizations and to the growth and enhancement of the profession. The awards were presented by Leslie A. Murphy, AICPA Chair, at the AICPA's 23rd Annual National Governmental Accounting and Auditing Update Conference being held in Washington, D.C. This is the first year the AICPA has selected a winner at all three levels of government, in prior years, one award was granted each year on a rotating basis among the different levels of government.



Jeffery Steinhoff, the winner of the federal award, is Managing Director for Financial Management and Assurance, the largest audit team at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). Steinhoff has held top leadership positions in GAO's Senior Executive Service for more than half of his 38 years of federal service, acting as a catalyst for sweeping improvements in government financial management and auditing. Steinhoff has been at the forefront of the enactment of almost every major financial management legislative initiative in the past 25 years, most notably the landmark Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Act of 1990. During the past five years alone, he has led initiatives that have resulted in over \$36 billion in financial benefits to American taxpayers.



Patricia Brannin, 2005-2006 President of NOVAGA, participated on a panel to discuss professional organizations and their import to professional development as part of the **Institute of Internal Auditors Government Conference**, September 6 and 7 in Washington DC. The panel also included Stacy Mantzaris, IIA Vice President Education Programs and Ben Hsiao, Director, Special Seminars of the National Capitol Area Chapter of ISACA, who discussed the IIA and ISACA respectively. **Pat talked about the AGA** – its focus, its members, and its programs. She highlighted what she gained from being a member of AGA and in particular being part of the board of the NOVAGA. Based on her experiences as president elect and president, she made a point for all to consider, especially those in their early and mid career --- actively participating in the chapter as a member of the board, in meetings, or on special projects can provide immeasurable benefits for your professional development. She told those

in attendance that in hindsight – she wished she had been more active in the AGA much earlier in her career. If anyone would like to discuss with Pat the benefits of active participation in professional associations, Pat will be available either before or after the monthly meetings.



Lilly Marie Schirano

Congratulations to **Katie and Will Schirano** on the birth of their daughter, Lilly Marie, born August 19, 2006, 6 lbs, 12 oz.

Our condolences to **Pat Brannin** on the loss of her mother (Feb 07).



Najah Simone Williams

Congratulations go out to **Robyn Stanley Williams**, Board member and wayward newsletter editor, on the birth of her daughter, Najah Simone, now almost 5 months old (Feb 07).

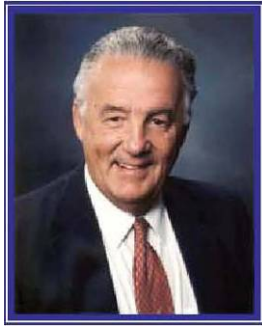
Karl Boettcher our very own **National Capital Region Vice President** is to be presented with the **AGA National's "National President's Award"** for his service as RVP. He will also receive

the **"Platinum Level RVP Award"** on June 26th, 2007 at the AGA National Professional Development Conference. **Congratulations!** Thank you Karl for all the support that you have given NOVAGA and this region!



John Homan thanks RVP Karl Boettcher

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET



Former United States Senator,
the Honorable Paul Sarbanes
Maryland

We were honored to have former United States Senator, the **Honorable Paul Sarbanes**, Maryland, as our guest speaker. Senator Sarbanes will be speaking on "The Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the Strength of American Business."



President John Homan Thanks Senator Sarbanes

NOVAGA 2006-2007 AWARD WINNERS



Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award
Excellence in Federal Financial Management

DONALD V. HAMMOND
Deputy Director, Division of Reserve Bank
Operations and Payment Systems,
Board of Governors,
Federal Reserve System

Mr. Donald V. Hammond is awarded the Steinhoff Award for his many years of dedicated service to ensure accountability in all areas of the federal government. He affected us all not only through his work with the Treasury Department and now with the Federal Reserve Board, but with his service on the CFO Council, the JFMIP, and on several Trust Fund Boards. In addition he always tirelessly supported AGA, promoting the profession and those of us serving in it.

Mr. Hammond recently assumed the role of Deputy Director, Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

Prior to this position, he served as Treasury Fiscal Assistant Secretary, a career position to which he was appointed on September 27, 1998, after serving as the Deputy Fiscal Assistant Secretary since July 1996. In his position, he provided policy oversight over the activities of the Financial Management Service and the Bureau of the Public Debt in conducting the fiscal affairs of the federal government. The office also serves as the Treasury's liaison with the Federal Reserve System in its role as the government's fiscal agent. The scope of his responsibilities included management of the government's cash flow, improving government financial management, the execution of the government's financing activities and the operation of government-wide financial accounting and reporting systems including the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements of the United States.

In addition, Mr. Hammond was a statutory member of the Government-wide CFO Council, represented Treasury on the JFMIP Steering Committee and represented the Secretary on the Trust Fund Boards for the National Archives and Library of Congress.

Previously, he was the Assistant Director of the Treasury's Government Securities Regulations Staff, which has the responsibility for developing regulations for government securities broker-dealers in the areas of financial responsibility, custody, record keeping and reporting. Earlier in his Treasury career, he served as the Secretary of the Chrysler Corporation Loan Guarantee Board.

Mr. Hammond received a Masters Degree in Finance and Accounting from Northwestern University's J. L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management and was admitted to the accounting honorary Beta Alpha Psi. He is a graduate of Duke University with a B.A. in Chemistry and Economics.

Throughout his career, he has been extremely active with the Association of Government Accountants, most recently as a Co-chair of the 2007 AGA National Leadership Conference Technical Committee. He is a member of the Northern Virginia Chapter.

Federal Financial Partnership Award

MIA LESWING, CPA CISA CGFM
Partner, Clifton Gunderson LLP



We are proud to recognize **Mia Leswing** for her dedicated service to the Federal Sector helping to promote government accountability, both through her private sector firm, and through active involvement in AGA.

Mia Leswing is a partner in the Washington, DC office of Clifton Gunderson LLP, the 13th largest independent accounting and consulting firm in the United States. She specializes in auditing, internal control reviews, performance reviews, and business consulting. Backed by more than 20 years of experience, she is a proven leader in helping governmental organizations successfully complete first-year audits, prepare financial statements, structure financial reporting processes, and improve operating efficiency. Some of her clients include Federal Communications Commission, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Federal Elections Commission, National Archives and Records Administration, and Election Assistance Commission.

Ms. Leswing has been an active member of the Association of Government Accountants for many years. She has held numerous positions on the local level over the past eight years, including chapter historian, secretary, treasurer, and most recently, President of the Northern Virginia Chapter. She is the Past Capital Region Vice-President, which serves over 2,500 financial management professionals in the Metropolitan Washington area, through three chapters (Northern Virginia, District of Columbia, and Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapters). Ms. Leswing also served on the 2006 AGA Professional Development Conference Technical Committee and is a member of the AGA Human Capital Task Force.

Aside from her professional life, Mia is very active in her community. She was appointed by the Fairfax County School Board to the Math Advisory Committee from 2000 to 2005. In 2001, she served as a voting member of the last Fairfax County Public School Grades K through 12 Math Textbook Adoption Committee.

Ms. Leswing graduated cum laude, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, with an accounting major, from the University of the East, Philippines. She resides in Fairfax County with her husband and two sons, who are in junior and senior high school.

Pentagon Memorial Service Award
TINA W. JONAS
Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)
and Chief Financial Officer
Department of Defense



Tina W. Jonas was sworn in as the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Defense (DoD) on July 28th, 2004. She oversees DoD financial management activities, including a budget of over \$400 billion. Her responsibilities include developing and implementing DoD - wide financial policy, financial management systems, and business modernization.

Prior to being sworn in as the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Ms. Jonas served as an Assistant Director and the Chief Financial Officer of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). She was responsible for the FBI's budgetary and fiscal matters, financial planning, and property and procurement activities.

From April 2001 until August 2002, Ms. Jonas served as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Financial Management. In that capacity, Ms. Jonas was the principal adviser to the DoD Chief Financial Officer and other senior DoD officials for accounting, financial reform, and fiscal matters.

She served as a Professional Staff Member for the United States House of Representatives on the House Committee on Appropriations, Defense Subcommittee from 1995 to 2001 and as a senior Budget Examiner in the Intelligence Branch of the National Security Division in the Office of Management and Budget from 1991 to 1995.

Ms. Jonas has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Arizona State University and a Master in Arts in Liberal Studies from Georgetown University. She is the recipient of the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service.

**Excellence in Accounting Studies
(George Mason University)
KYLE SHANAHAN**

Mr. Kyle Shanahan is awarded the Scholarship for Excellence in Accounting Studies. Kyle, a native of Herndon, is a junior at George Mason University majoring in accounting. He graduated locally from Herndon High School in 2003 and started at Mason that fall. He anticipates completing his accounting degree in May 2008.



Upon graduation, Kyle is interested in a career in auditing, government accounting or financial management and plans to stay in the Northern Virginia area. His inspiration for government service comes from his father, a retired Navy Captain, and his grandfather, a retired Vice Admiral in the Navy. For the last three years, Kyle has worked as a server at Logan's Roadhouse to cover college expenses.

Kyle Shanahan has truly demonstrated academic achievements and potential for excellence in the field of accounting and we are proud to recognize him with a \$1000 scholarship.

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Scenes from the NOVAGA Awards Banquet, May 20



John Homan & Heather Keister, Webmaster



Pat Brannin, Past President with John



John & Kristy Green, Newsletter Editor



John with Pat Remington, Education Chair



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John with Dennis Green, Treasurer



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John Homan & Alice S. Arielly, At Large Director

NOVAGA President, 2006-07



John Homan & Sheree Thompson, Meeting Director



John Homan & Ed Pabalan, Early Career Chair



Departing NOVAGA President, John Homan, presents plaque with honor roll of the 39 past Presidents to incoming NOVAGA President William Hughes.

Scenes from the Dinner.



Mia Leswing, John Homan & Laura Koschny look for winners of the Orioles Baseball tickets..



Mia Leswing & John Homan – Still looking for winners.



John & Jack Hufnagle, At Large Director



Sheree Thompson, making sure we know who is who.

John went on to serve as **AGA National President for 2015-2016**. Thanks for your service, John!



Balance Sheet – June 30, 2007

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Petty Cash	50.00
Regular Checking Account	11,454.79
Performance Money Market	38,844.01
CD 2	13,403.40
CD 1	5,344.94
	71,597.14
Total Current Assets	71,597.14
Total Assets	71,597.14
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	261.00
Total Current Liabilities	261.00
Total Liabilities	261.00
Retained Earnings	63,619.53
Net Income	7,716.61
Total Capital	71,336.14
Total Liabilities & Capital	71,597.14

FINANCES

Income Statement – June 30, 2007

	Year to Date	Percent
Revenues		
Program Ethics Training, Nov	2,198.20	3.59
Program Monthly Meeting Dues	5,604.65	9.16
Program December Training	2,529.90	4.13
Program All Day Training, Mar	18,948.50	30.97
Award Banquet Donations, May	9,500.00	15.53
Program Award Banquet Dues	2,785.00	4.55
Contributions Indiv/Business	1,316.17	2.15
Membership dues AGA National	16,854.34	27.55
Interest Income	1,451.03	2.37
Total Revenues	61,187.79	100.00
Cost of Sales		
Ethics Training Exp., Nov	677.99	1.11
Program Expenses Monthly Meetings	12,380.84	20.23
Program Training Expenses Dec	40.00	0.07
Training Day Expenses, Mar	17,621.61	28.80
Awards Banquet Expenses, May	16,773.88	27.41
Total Cost of Sales	47,494.32	77.62
Gross Profit	13,693.47	22.38
Expenses		
AGA Student Scholarships	1,000.00	1.63
AGA Student Membership	40.00	0.07
Charitable Contributions	2,192.94	3.58
Early Career Events, no charge	707.33	1.16
Credit Card Fees	219.05	0.36
Supplies Expense	1,419.86	2.32
Web Site Expenses	249.40	0.41
Postage and Shipping Expense	37.00	0.06
Board Meetings Expense	111.28	0.18
Total Expenses	5,976.86	9.77
Net Income	7,716.61	12.61

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Vital Statistics

President Bill Hughes, CGFM CPA, MorganFranklin



Bill Hughes

At the end of his year, Bill summarized the chapter's successes:

The 2007-08 Program year for NOVAGA concluded recently with our Annual Dinner on May 21, 2008 at the Embassy Suites Hotel. John G. Vonglis, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, Headquarters U.S. Air Force addressed a little less than 100 members on his perspective of federal financial matters and advancing government accountability.

Major awards were given to Zack E. Gaddy, Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Department of Defense, Patrick L. McNamee, Audit Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Mr. Robert McNamara, SES, Director of Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense, Comptroller United States Department of Defense, and Svetlana Olchevski, student at George Mason.

Eleven sponsors, six at the new Gold Level: Cotton & Company, Kearney & Company, KPMG, MasterCard, MorganFranklin, and Lani Eko and another five at the Silver Level: Approva, Clifton Gunderson, Deloitte, EM&I and Grant Thornton contributed over \$9,000 to subsidize the dinner for members. NOVAGA now looks forward to the 2008-09 program year when our 41st President, Dennis Green, assumes the helm.

It's been an amazing year!!! I am pleased to formally announce that we have received Platinum Recognition by AGA National based on our overall performance in governance, education, membership, and programs. Some of our achievements included:

An exceptional year of monthly programs. Programs - Our Speakers / program events included:

- New Yellow Book CPE Training provide by our very own GAO
- Retired CFO, Hon. Mr. Sam Mok, AGA's National President-Elect, on how to successfully manage Transition in an Administration Change
- The Directors of the DoD BTA & DoD DFAS on continued progress to date of their respective agencies and goals going forward!
- A DoD Agency SES on Audit Readiness; the CIO of OCC on XBRL

Education – approx. 120 professionals earned 8 hours of CPE at our all day Fraud, Waste & Abuse Conference in March, where we had speakers from:

- Acting Director Defense Criminal Investigative Service, DOD Office of the Inspector General
- Program Director, Inspections and Evaluation Directorate, DOD OIG
- Principal Deputy Inspector General, DoD, OIG
- Deputy Inspector General, Emergency Management Oversight Department of Homeland Security, OIG
- And other Fraud specialists from both the public and private sectors

Approximately 80 people attended our annual Virginia CPA Ethics CPE training

And 50 members battled the only snowstorm of December to attend our Program on the FSIO / CPAC update

Community Service Recognition has been outstanding AGAIN...raising over thousands of dollars!!!! We made monthly speakers throughout the year from organizations that range from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to Habitat for Humanity.

We able to successfully sustain Corporate sponsorships in our second year of our new program!

We created for the first time a formal budget that will be used by the board going forward to report budget to actual to monitor finances.

Early Careers- what can I say about this group??? They have set the standard for all chapters to abide by. This group took Early Careers (EC) to a new level:

- Established a fun environment for EC Professionals to network through many NOVAGA social hours, some of which were jointly-held with the MD and DC chapters
- Helped push EC membership growth with 31.6% increase (12 new members) in EC members

- Expanded EC events to include for the first time outdoor activities (Rock Climbing and Skiing) as well as sporting events (attended Caps and Wizards games)
- Coordinated successful leadership training seminar
- Began developing a long-term relationship with George Mason University through establishing new university professor contacts
- Developed an extensive Early Careers Plan that we hope will be posted on AGA's National website as the example for all to use going forward!

Membership - as AGA's second largest Chapter, we have approximately 700 or so active members. This year, I am excited to report that we added 120 new members to the NOVAGA membership roster, an almost 20% increase. Great job everyone!

All of these accomplishments were made possible ONLY by the dedicated group of individuals of the Northern Virginia AGA Board. Ten months ago, this group met at my house and the Plan for the new year wide open. We didn't have any plans yet for national, our hotel contracts, our newsletter and website formats, or our community service, education and speakers programs. But the team and I worked extremely hard and developed all those things into a comprehensive program. Today, this group stands triumphant having executed an extraordinary year!!! I want to express my thanks and recognize all of these extraordinary individuals.

It has been my distinct privilege to serve as your President. I wish Dennis Green, NOVAGA's incoming President, and the 2008-2009 NOVAGA Board the best of luck for another year of success!

Meetings

We had a very focused Defense-oriented meeting schedule:

Date	Type of Meeting	Topic	Speaker
Wed, Sep 19	Meeting	2007 Yellow Book Update By the GAO Yellow Book Team	 Marcia Buchanan  Heather Keister
Wed, Oct 17	Meeting	Federal Financial Management: How to Successfully Manage Transition Change	Sam Mok AGA National President – Elect & Retired CFO Department of Labor 
Tues, Nov 27	Training 2 CPEs	VSCPA Ethics	Dr. Douglas E. Ziegenfuss CPA, CMA, CIA, CFE, CGFM, CISA, CCSA, CrFA Professor and Chair of the Accounting Department at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia 

Date	Type of Meeting	Topic	Speaker
Wed, Dec 5 Registration Noon-1pm Event 1- 5pm	Meeting	DoD A-123 FIAR Update	Robert McNamara Director of Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness (FIAR) Office of the Undersecretary of Defense
	FSIO CPAC and BTA SFIS Update	Financial Management Line of Business, Implementing the Common Governmentwide Accounting Classification Structure at Agencies, &	Dianne Copeland, Director of the Financial Systems Integration Office (FSIO) Discusses implementing the Common Governmentwide Accounting Classification Structure at Agencies.
	Mini-Max 4 CPEs	KPMG LLP, 2001 M St. Washington DC DOD Business and Financial Management Transformation: Standard Financial Information Structure.	Mary Mitchell speaks about the Financial Management Line of Business (FMLOB). BTA Ray Bombac
Wed Jan 16	Meeting	Progress & Prognosis for DoD's Business Transformation & Continuous Process Improvement	Mr. David M. Fisher Director, Defense Business Transformation Agency (BTA)
Wed Feb 20	Meeting	Shared Services -- What Should You Want? What Should You Expect?	Zack E. Gaddy Director Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS)
Wed, Apr 16	Meeting	The Federal Human Capital Crisis Strategies to Attract and Retain Talent	Steve Isakowitz, CFO, Department of Energy
May 21	Awards Banquet		John G. Vonglis Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, Headquarters U.S. Air Force



Education

Our all-day education event was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 on Fraud Waste & Abuse. Sessions and Speakers included:

Fraud: The Devils in the Data - *Speaker:* David R. Hancox, CGFM, Director of State Audits, Office of the State Comptroller, State of New York

The War Against Fraud and Abuse: Are We Winning? - *Speaker:* David L. Cotton, CPA, CFE, CGFM, Cotton & Company LLP

Fraud and Internal Control Issues in Contracting - *Speaker:* Sharon Woods, Acting Director Defense Criminal Investigative Service, DOD Office of the Inspector General

Challenges in Establishing Accountability in Emerging Governments – Iraq: A Case Study - *Speaker:* Deane Williams, Program Director, Inspections and Evaluation Directorate, DOD Office of the Inspector General

Luncheon and Keynote Speaker – Fraud, Waste & Abuse - *Speaker:* LTG (Ret) Kicklighter, Inspector General, Department of Defense

Using COBIT for Stronger Internal Controls and Better Governance to Mitigate Risks Including Fraud - *Speaker:* John Lainhart, Past International President of ISACA and ITGI and current member of the IT Governance Committee






Detecting Misappropriations - *Speaker:* Chris McGrath, Faculty Advisor for Finance and Forensic Accounting, Georgetown University

Forensic Auditing - *Speaker:* Bruce Causseaux, Senior Contracting and Procurement Fraud Specialist, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office

Member Services

We planned several of our own events this year, under Member Services chairman Anna Dixon:

Date	Activity	Comments
Oct 7 th	Mt Vernon Fall Wine Festival & Sunset Tour \$25 admission + NOVAGA buys some wine & food	 <p data-bbox="607 1472 915 1514">Jack Hufnagle, Alice Arielly, Karl Boettcher & Linda Botkin</p>  <p data-bbox="1049 1472 1321 1514">Donna & Robert France Join Alice & Linda</p>
Sat, Oct 13 th	Scenic Bike Ride on W&OD Trail (Vienna – Ashburn – Leesburg) Joint Member Services & Early Careers Event	 <p data-bbox="591 1829 862 1850">Anna Dixon looks like a Pro!</p>  <p data-bbox="948 1839 1357 1860">President-Elect Dennis Green & Wife Kristy</p>

Date	Activity	Comments
Nov 17	Washington Wizards vs Portland Trailblazers Game \$98 tickets for \$50	
Wed Jan 20th	Chinese NY with AGA DC Chapter	  <p data-bbox="667 821 850 842">Kirk & Mia Leswing</p> <p data-bbox="1016 772 1357 821">Dennis Duquette, Alice Arielly, Jack Hufnagle, Paul</p>
Feb 6 th	Washington Capitals vs Hurricanes Game	\$65 seats for \$35
March 2nd	Brunch and Tour at the National Gallery of Art \$35 per person for brunch	 

Early Careers




We planned several Happy Hours and other events for our early careers members, including:

Milestone	Activity Description	Comments
Sept 25 th	Networking Happy Hour	Rock Bottom Brewery in Ballston
Nov 15 th	Networking Happy Hour	Carpool in Arlington VA
Nov 27 th	Post-Meeting Social	Duke's at the Embassy Suites
Dec 8 th	Rock Climbing	
February	Networking Happy Hour Ski Liberty	Bottom Line in downtown DC SnowFest 2008 at Liberty Mountain

Milestone	Activity Description	Comments
		"Leadership In Professional Associations" Joe Jozefczyk, Director of Education, AGA National Office, & Lori Cox, Technical Director, Standards and Guidance, IIA International Headquarters
March 13 th	The Future Executive:	"Government Performance Management" Paul Epstein, Principal, Epstein & Fass Associates
Evening Meeting	Leadership & Accountability	"The Importance of Teamwork & Leadership" Neta Moye, PhD, Assistant Dean, Executive Programs, School of Management, George Mason University
		"What Future Government Executives Should Know About Media Relations" Tom Shoop, Editor, Government Executive Magazine

Community Service

Laura Koschny organized the following activities. Monthly meetings included a speaker and 50/50 raffle with half the proceeds going to the Charity:

Date	Event	
Sep 19	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of National Capital Area	Speaker & 50/50 Raffle
Oct 17	Potomac Appalachian Trail Club	Speaker & 50/50 Raffle
Nov 27	Holiday Project of the National Capital Area, Inc.	Speaker & 50/50 Raffle
	MARINE CORPS RESERVE - Toys for Tots	
	Continuing on the tradition of charity, several members helped the US Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Program. President Bill Hughes presented our toys and games during to the Marine Corps as part of the MorganFranklin Toy Drive.	
Dec 19		
Jan 16	Phoenix Rising Therapeutic Equestrian Program	Speaker & 50/50 Raffle
Feb 20	Annandale (VA) Lions Club Charities, Inc.	Speaker & 50/50 Raffle
Apr 6 th	Walk MS - Team Captain: Alice Arielly	Thanks to Mia & Kirk, Karl & Linda, and Jack for showing up in the rain
		
Walk MS Pictures		
Apr 16	The National Rehabilitation & Rediscovery Foundation	Speaker & 50/50 Raffle
Sat	Habitat for Humanity – Work at ReStore	
May 10 th	Pentagon Memorial Project Fund	All Raffle Proceeds will go to the Fund
May 21		

NOVAGA Yearend Award Winners



Zack Gaddy

Zack E. Gaddy, Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Department of Defense, will receive the **2008 Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award**, recognizing federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures.

Patrick L. Mcnamee, Audit Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, will receive the **2008 Federal Financial Partnership Award** to formally recognize those private sector individuals who exemplify and promote excellence through outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, innovative management procedures and partnering with the Federal Government.



Pat Mcnamee



Svetlana Olchevski

Mr. Robert McNamara, SES, Director of Improvement and Audit Readiness, Office of Defense, Comptroller United States Defense, will receive the **2008 Pentagon** memory of the victims of the September 11, Pentagon. The award formally recognizes our nation in the field of financial management.

Svetlana Olchevski, student at George Mason University, will receive the **2008 Excellence in Accounting**



Robert McNamara

Financial the Undersecretary Department of **Memorial Award** in 2001 attack on the public service to

University, will **Studies Award.**

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Vital Statistics

President Dennis Green, CPA, Department of Veterans Affairs



Dennis is currently NOVAGA chapter President and maintains a private individual tax practice. His career spans over 25 years of accounting, audit and tax – government, military, civilian, with some interesting twists and turns including positions as a financial planner for MONY and later for Prudential. He recently accepted a position with the Department of Veterans Affairs, moving from contractor status to government employee.

As volunteer careers go Dennis' has been full, from teaching Sunday school, Cub scout leader, soccer coach, and youth mentor to Head Start Parent Representative for the Northern Arizona Council of Governments, Church Board Presidencies, Arizona Highway Patrol Peer Support Group (specializing in financial counseling), and on many occasions he has served as Treasurer including two years for NOVAGA. Most rewarding of his volunteer experiences is as guest speaker whether or not the topic is finance.

Meetings

The NOVAGA Chapter meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month beginning September 2008 thru May 2009, except as noted in the schedule below. Registration begins at 5:15 pm with refreshments and continues with a featured speaker or program at 6:00 pm and concludes at 7:00 p.m. The time between 5:15 and 6:00 is a great time for networking!!

The NOVAGA Chapter meets at the Embassy Suites - Old Town, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA., except as noted in the schedule below. The Embassy Suites is conveniently located directly across from the King Street Metro station. Parking is available at the hotel at minimum cost (\$5.00).


Meetings are free for a member's first meeting, (must RSVP & let us know this is your first meeting) can become a member at the meeting so long as the membership application is left with the new members committee.

- \$15 reservation made in advance for members.
- \$20 reservation made in advance for non-members.
- \$20 no reservation made (walk-ins) for members.
- \$25 no reservation made (walk-ins) for non-members

Please pay upon registration through the web site using a credit card. Check and cash will be accepted at the registration desk for walk-ins.

Date	Type of Event	Location	Topic	Speaker(s)
9/17/2008	Monthly Meeting	Embassy Suites Alexandria	Financial Management Priorities and Progress for the VA	Hon Robert Henke, VA Asst Secretary for Management



Date	Type of Event	Location	Topic	Speaker(s)	
10/22/2008	Monthly Meeting (Joint with Montgomery-PG Chapter)	Hilton Hotel 1750 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD	Transforming Spreadsheets to an Enterprise Budgeting and Strategy Management Solution	John J. McGowan (NIH)	
11/6/2008	Joint Lunch with ASMC Mt. Vernon Chapter	Ft. Belvoir Officers Club	Professional Certification	Claudia Carr (ASMC) Katya Silver (AGA)	
11/20/2008	Training	Embassy Suites Alexandria	Ethics for Virginia CPAs	Douglas E. Ziegenfuss	ASMC President Kathy Holcombe thanks AGA's Katya Silver
11/20/2008	Monthly Event	Embassy Suites Alexandria	ERM and Change Management for Achieving Integrity	Douglas W. Webster, CFO Department of Labor	
12/15/2008	Half-Day Training	KPMG	International Accounting Standards	See Below	
1/21/2009	Monthly Meeting	Embassy Suites Alexandria	Personal Financial Freedom Planning	Dennis Green CPA	

Date	Type of Event	Location	Topic	Speaker(s)
2/11/2009	Monthly Meeting	Embassy Suites Alexandria	AI Runnels Treasury Dept. DCFO	
3/18/2008	All-Day Training	DoubleTree Crystal City	Using A-123 to Meet Risk Management Challenges	Various 
4/15/2009	Monthly Meeting	Embassy Suites Alexandria	Wes Miller US Army Corps of Engineers CFO	
5/13/2009	Monthly Meeting	Embassy Suites Alexandria	Awards Banquet	 Sam Mok AGA National President

CGFM

This year, we made an extra special effort to concentrate on getting people certified with the Certified Government Financial Manager certification.

We held FREE training in December for 6 days, hosted by Grant Thornton.

Next we offered a FREE study group, at DeVry Technical Institute, offered by club member John Gioeli.

In February at the National Leadership Conference, many of our members passed all parts of the exam! We presented them their certificates at the April Meeting.



New CGFMs (l to r) Michael Conrad Agresti III, CGFM, Tzu Y.(Claire) Chen, CGFM, Noah A. Kaufman, CGFM, Richard Kenneth Strasser, CGFM, Susan Cash, CGFM, and our very own President Dennis Gabriel Green, CGFM

December Training Wrapup

Article and Pictures by Alice S. Arielly CPA CFE CGFM

Our December half-day training event opened lots of eyes about International Accounting & Auditing Standards and other emerging issues. Many thanks to KPMG for hosting the event in such a grand style and providing refreshments.

NOVAGA President Dennis Green welcomed the diverse crowd. Thanks also to Montgomery/PG County and DC Chapter members for supporting our event!

What is IFRS?

Kevin M. Hall, Office Managing Partner in KPMG's Baltimore office, serves as both an SEC Reviewing partner and IFRS Reviewing partner for the firm.



Thanks to KPMG's Kevin Hall

He gave us a brief overview of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the Public and Private Implications for Public Accounting Firms.

IFRS are the new Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). IFRS has already been adopted by the European Union and Australia. The World Bank uses IFRS. Overall, more than 130 countries are already using IFRS or going to it soon.

Why would the US adopt IFRS? Primarily for consistency in financial statement presentation around the world. Why would a firm adopt it early? If a firm has many subsidiaries overseas and also conducts business in the US, it would be to its advantage to adopt IFRS.

There are many hurdles and challenges to overcome when making the switch to IFRS. Some principles under GAAP can't be used under IFRS, such as Last-in-First-Out (LIFO) inventory practice.

KPMG already has an IFRS Institute that hosts training. Look for it on their Web site at www.kpmgifrsinstitute.com.

SEC IFRS Roadmap

Liza McAndrew Moberg, a Professional Accounting Fellow in the Office of the Chief Accountant's International Affairs group at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington DC, was our next presenter. Her responsibilities include matters related to the use of IFRS in the U.S. capital markets.

Mrs. McAndrew Moberg presented proposed milestones to implement IFRS in the US. The current chairman of the SEC, Christopher Cox, is very pro-IFRS. She pointed out that Canada has adopted IFRS as the Canadian GAAP. SEC is promoting getting IFRS taught in schools. A final decision is anticipated by 2011, and if IFRS is adopted, by 2014 the large, accelerated filers would have to report 3 years' worth of financial statements under IFRS.

Be sure to go to the SEC's Web site and comment on the Exposure Drafts of these issues.



Dennis thanks KPMG's Mike Lippert for hosting the Training

Implications of International Auditing Standards

GAO's Jeanette Franzel and Gail Vallieres then discussed the auditing aspect of International Standards. Ms. Franzel is Director, Financial Management and Assurance (FMA), at the US Government Accountability Office (GAO). Gail Vallieres is an assistant director at FMA. Both have quite extensive experience in working with US and international standard-setting bodies to ensure that the entire international community is talking the same language. Besides authoring the US Government Auditing Standards (commonly referred to as the Yellow Book), they work with the AICPA, IAASB, the PCAOB, the IIA and INTOSAI (extra credit for you if you know what all these letters stand for!).



GAO's Jeanette Franzel and Gail Vallieres await their turn at the podium



GAO's Terri Patrizio introduces Jeanette & Gail

Jeanette and Gail stressed that GAO believes strongly in convergence. They stated that the Accounting Standards Board (ASB) is working to converge all auditing standards by 2010, at which time they will pull the international standards into the current auditing standards. (Note that adoption of international accounting standards, as we heard earlier, is still in question.)

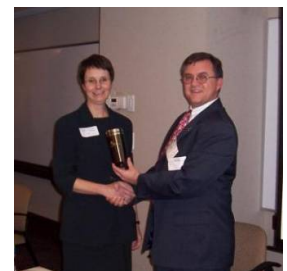
They also encouraged those of us involved in government accounting & auditing to go to the ASB subsection of the AICPA Web site and comment on the Exposure Drafts to new standards to ensure that they consider the government side as well as the publicly-traded companies' side of the issues.



Dennis thanks Liza McAndrew Moberg



Jeanette accepts Thanks from Dennis



Gail accepts Dennis' Thanks

Comprehensive Long-Term Fiscal Projections

We ended the afternoon with a thought-provoking discussion by Eileen Parlow, an Assistant Director at Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB). She is well-versed in financial statement presentation and discussed FASAB's attempt to communicate the state of fiscal readiness and sustainability to the general public? She stated that the Treasury Department prepares the future projections and GAO audits them.



Eileen Wraps Up FASAB Discussion

FASAB also has an Exposure Draft out proposing new government financial statements that show Receipts and Spending not only in Present Value Dollars, but in percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The bottom line would be 'Spending in Excess of Receipts.' Each category would be broken down by Medicare, Social Security, and All Other. One interesting fact that the Treasury report on Social Insurance lists is that the effects of cost growth in Medicare and Medicaid are much more critical than the effect of the aging Baby Boomers. Deadline for comments is January 5th, and hearings will be held in February.

Wrap Up

Thanks to Ron Adolphi and Mary Braun, who put together the December half-day training. Look for the presentations on our Web site www.novaga.org.

Ms. Parlow covered many of the points made in former Comptroller General David Walker's recent movie, IOUSA, which serves to dramatically emphasize how much debt the US currently has – and how we cannot sustain the economy at this rate.

AGA Audio Conferences

We have a new member benefit this year. Your chapter has ordered the remaining AGA Audio Training Teleconferences for the rest of the year! There is no additional charge for NOVAGA members.

Date	Location	Speaker(s)	Topic
9/10/2008	Kearney & Co. Alexandria	Bruce L. Crandlemire, CPA	Fraud Prevention & Detection - The Cost with No Return
10/15/2008	Deloitte Arlington	Clif Williams, CGFM, CPA Jim Brimson, MS Marty Rajk Frank Wood	AGA Research Project on Performance-Based Reporting
11/12/2008	DeVry University Arlington, VA 22202	Mark Mitchell Michael L. Piazza	Internal Controls
12/10/2008	Deloitte Arlington	John J. Radford, CGFM CIA CFE Kenneth Smith, Ph.D.; John D. Webster, CGFM CPA	21st Century Financial Managers (Workforce Planning)
1/21/2009	Kearney & Co. Alexandria	Clifton A. Williams, CGFM, CPA, Partner, Grant Thornton LLP; and James Brimson, MS, Founder of Activity Based Management Institute	XBRL to Improve Financial and Performance Reporting
2/11/2009	CACI International, Inc Arlington	John J. Hall, CPA	Building Fraud Risk Assessment into Audit Planning
2/25/2009	CACI International, Inc Arlington		Cost Recovery Auditing with a High Payback
3/11/2009	Clifton Gunderson Arlington		Using Internal Controls to Better Manage & Monitor Programs
3/25/2009	Clifton Gunderson Arlington		SEA – Taking Accountability and Transparency to a New Level
4/8/2009	Clifton Gunderson Arlington	Jeanette M. Franzel, CGFM, CPA, Director of Financial Management and Assurance, GAO David R. Hancox, CGFM, CIA, Audit Director, Office of the State Comptroller, State of New York; and Drummond Kahn, CGFM, CIA, Director of Audit Services, City of Portland, Oregon.	The Future of Government Auditing
April 22, 2009	KPMG 2001 M Street NW Washington DC	Susan Ragland, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO Stan Czerwinski, a Director on the GAO Strategic Issues Team.	GAO's Role in The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
5/13/2009	Deloitte & Touche LLP Arlington		Ethics in the Workplace

Using A-123 to Meet Risk Management Challenges - March 18th - Crystal City.

Start the day with a **continental breakfast buffet** of cheese blintzes with strawberry sauce, whole fresh fruits, power bars, and Starbucks coffee and selection of Tazo teas as you sign in and greet your fellow attendees.

You will have an enlightening morning starting with **Keynote Speaker Jeanette Franzel**, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO.

Our first session “**DHS Internal Control Playbook and Internal Control Audits in the Federal Government**” features **James L. Taylor**, Deputy Inspector General, DHS, & **Michael Wetklow**, Internal Control Program Management Office, Office of CFO, DHS.

The morning continues with “**Best Practices in a Risk Management Office**” featuring **Phil Maestri**, Risk Management Officer, Department of Education.



After a short refreshment break of bagels and assorted cream cheeses, you will learn how to “**Get Field Project Manager Buy-in for Internal Controls**” from **Mike Walsh**, Chief of Accounting at the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

This session is followed by a demonstration of Department of Transportation’s “**Entity-Level Control Evaluation**” given by **Laurie Howard**, Director, Office of Financial Management, DOT.

Settle down for a delicious lunch of Caesar Salad, **Citrus Chicken Piccatta** with sautéed asparagus and rice pilaf, and a dessert of Bread Pudding with cookie crumbs and Grand Marnier sauce, all accompanied by Starbucks coffee and a selection of Tazo teas.

You will hear enjoy **OMB** moderating a presentation by **David Zavada** and **Bill Hughes** on “**Using A-123 to Meet Risk Management Imperatives.**”



The post-lunch session is sure to keep your attention, as **CJ Staton**, Vice President, CACI, discusses **Building Successful Government/Contractor Teams.**”

Next, you won't want to miss “**Protecting Data**” (**Physical & Logistical IT Security**) presented by Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) CIO **John Garing**.



After an “**Afternoon on the Farm**” refreshment break featuring sliced apples with caramel dipping sauce and chopped peanuts, kettle corn, and assorted warm fruit turnovers, accompanied by sparkling apple cider and milk hot chocolate with marshmallows and shaved chocolate condiments, you're ready for our final session.

Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS)'s Deputy Director, **Richard "Gus" Gustafson** will wrap up the afternoon with “**Enterprise Risk Management.**”

Now you're ready to tackle any problem your Agency sends your way!



Member Services

Date	Activity
Sep 27	Virginia Wine Festival www.virginiawinefestival.org/
Oct 24	Oktoberfest, Old Europe Restaurant



Dennis & Kristy Green



Terri Patrizio, Heather Keister, Donell Ries, Heather's Mom Irene



John Homan, Karl Boettcher, Dennis Green



Jaclynn Campbell, Edson Barbosa, Ed Pabalan

Nov 15	National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Ctr
Dec 5	Mystery Playhouse Theatre, Arlington, VA
Feb 3	Chinese New Year China Garden Restaurant - Arlington, VA
Feb 25	February - Wizards Game
April 4	Smithsonian Jazz Café
Apr	April - Virginia Vineyard Tour (new vineyards this year)
May	May - Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Vienna, VA
June	June - Nationals Game and Tailgate

Early Careers

Date	Activity
Sep 25	2009 Kick-Off Happy Hour at Whitlow's on Wilson Tarara Winery Festival & Cookout

Oct 19



Really happy about some wine!



Ladder golf champions

Date	Activity
Nov 18	ESPN Zone
	Capital Area Food Bank
Dec 13	A BIG THANKS to Laura, Joseph, Curtis, Khrris, Hope, Andre M., Andre R., Rebecca, Paul, and friends!



Jan 24



NOVAGA Ski Liberty Group



Karl Boettcher & Paul Marshall with a Friend

March Bowling at Lucky Strike

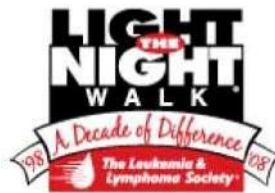
Community Service

We had another great year, spearheaded by Kristy Green.

Date	Charity
Sep 17	Action in the Community Through Service of Prince William, Inc (ACTS)
Oct 11 - day	Volunteer participation in the 2007, ACTS 40th Anniversary Volksmarch. Volunteers will help assist with set up, check points, booth operation, etc. Come to volunteer or bring your family, join the walk, and enjoy the festivities.



Oct 11 - eve



Andrew Hughes



2008 Distinguished Executives

Ms. Joyce E. Morrow, CPA, Department of the Army

Ms. Debbie Lynn Clark, CGFM, CPA, CIA, Department of the Interior

2008 Meritorious Senior Professionals

Ms. Patricia A. Brannin, CGFM, Office of the Secretary of Defense

Mr. James Alan Heist, CGFM, CPA, Department of Housing and Urban Development

Congratulations to our Award Winners

Our Annual Awards Banquet was held on May 13th. Below are some highlights, as featured in the Newsletter:

Former GAO Director of Financial Management and Assurance, **Jeff Steinhoff** was on hand to present the award named in his honor to Al Runnels, Acting CFO, Department of the Treasury.

Al's longtime colleague, mentor, and friend, **BG(R) Roger Searce**, illustrated some highlights of Al's long career as an active duty Army Officer and civil servant that provided some insights on why Al was so deserving of this honor. We were also pleased to have **Al's wife, Kathy**, join us.



Jeff Steinhoff Awards Al Runnels, Acting Treasury CFO, The Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management Award while Dennis Green and BG(R) Roger Searce look on



Ed Kearney accepts the Federal Financial Partnership Award from Dennis Green

Next we were pleased to present the **Federal Financial Partnership Award** to **Ed Kearney CPA CGFM**, Managing Partner, Kearney & Company CPAs, a longtime AGA and NOVAGA supporter, in addition to his and his company's work supporting the Federal Government.

NOVAGA Board Member **Alice Arielly** next relayed that U.S. Army Audit Agency had been a longtime supporter of



Dennis Green helps Alice Arielly present the Pentagon Memorial Service Award to Army Auditor General Pat Fitzgerald

NOVAGA, and our **Pentagon Memorial Service Award** recipient continued in that tradition. **Patrick J. Fitzgerald, CPA CISA CGFM**, The Auditor General, US Army has served as Education Chair of NOVAGA, as well as helped organize several AGA Professional Development Conferences, in addition to his Agency's important work in support of the US Army in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, as well in the continental US, Europe, and Korea.



GMU Student Robyn Berkenbilt accepts NOVAGA's \$1,000 Scholarship for her Excellence in Accounting Studies

Lastly, as Dennis mentioned when introducing the recipient of the **Excellence in Accounting Studies (George Mason University) Award**, this award is extra special because it is accompanied by a \$1,000 scholarship award. **Robyn S. Berkenbilt**, accompanied by her husband, Jay, was this year's deserving recipient. Also joining us were Robyn's professor, **Anne Magro**, and several fellow Accounting students from GMU. We wish Robyn much success and hope we see everyone from GMU back with us often!

Keynote Speaker

Our keynote speaker this year was AGA National President Samuel T. Mok CGFM, CIA, CICA. Sam reminded us to 'Work smarter, not harder.'

Recognition of 2008-2009 Board Members

The evening ended with Dennis presenting awards to three very special contributors to this year's success:



Heather Keister, who not only resurrected our Web site from the depths of expiration earlier this year but researched and instituted our new online registration and payment system, which has made signing up for all our events very easy, and accountability for attendance and income much smoother than in the past.



Alice Arielly, who undertook the NOVAGA History Project, enlisted researchers and interviewers, and published the History Book for our Past Presidents; and helped register and sign in attendees, providing them with nametags and certificates, and ensured we accounted for it all.



AGA National President, Sam Mok, Receives a Thank You Gift from Dennis



Terri Patrizio, whose hands-on grasp of monthly meeting arrangements and half-day and all-day training event details made those events go off without a hitch.

Of course, without the work of the entire Board, this year wouldn't have been possible, and Dennis thanked all the Board members with a very nice Thank You award (but unfortunately, our photographer's camera battery couldn't handle all those awards!)

Passing of the Gavel



NOVAGA 2009-2010 President Mike Davitt and a very proud mother, Lois Davitt

Our evening was topped off with Dennis passing the gavel to Mike Davitt, NOVAGA 2009-2010 President. Mike thanked everyone for the contributions to this year's program year, and challenged them to make next year even better. Mike's mother, Lois, was on hand to help Mike start off the year. Mike also introduced Jaclynn Campbell, our 2010-2011 President Elect – thanks Jaclynn for stepping up to the plate!



Attendees included David Zavada, Mike Lippert, and Paul Marshall



Our Education Chair, Ron Adolphi, and his wife Cecie



AAA's Benny Piccolo, Anita Bales, and Joe Mizzoni
Talk Business with GMU Accounting Students

Recognition of Past Presidents

We had several past NOVAGA Presidents join us and have placed relevant pictures in their chapters. It was great catching up!

Sponsors

Thanks to the following sponsors that helped defray the costs of the Awards Banquet and printing of the 2009 History Book:

Platinum Level



Gold Level



Silver Level



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The Future

Dennis has continued to serve the AGA community. He moved on to the Government Printing Office from Veterans Affairs. At our 50th Anniversary, he is now retired. However, he will be the AGA National Treasurer for 2018-2019! Thanks for your continued service, Dennis!

We Let the Good Times Roll!

PDC 2009 in New Orleans Successful

By Alice S. Arielly, Historian
Pictures by Alice S. Arielly,
Unless Otherwise Noted



NOVAGA accepts Platinum Award: Billy Morehead presents the Platinum Chapter Award to 2008-2009 President Dennis Green while members look on. (Left to Right): John Gioeli, Alice Arielly, Robin McCoy, Heather Keister, Mary Braun, 2009-2010 President Mike Davitt, Mie Miller

The AGA National Professional Development Conference, held in New Orleans from June 21-24, 2009, was well attended by NOVAGA members. We learned new things and earned CPEs, renewed old acquaintances and made new ones, were entertained and entertaining, raised money for charity and spent money to boost the city's economy. And best of all, NOVAGA and its members were well represented with recognition and awards.

Awards Presentations

NOVAGA was center stage in recognition! We earned **Platinum recognition** for the chapter and **John Homan, CGFM CPA**, earned **Platinum** level as Capital Region RVP. DODIG's **Jim Davis**, CGFM Chair, accepted the Group A **CGFM Award**.

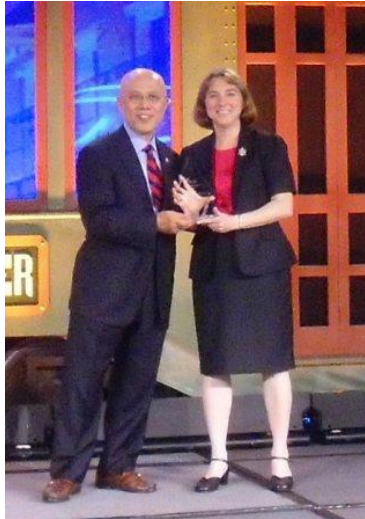
Individual NOVAGA members were also recognized for their achievements. In addition to those pictured below, AAA's **Mark Searight** received an **Emerging Leader Award for Excellence**.



AGA Executive Director Relmond Van Daniker presents the **RVP Platinum Award** to **John Homan**



AGA Outgoing National President Sam Mok Presents **Jim Davis** with the **CGFM Award**



A President's Award was also bestowed on GAO's **Jeanette Franzel**



KPMG's **Jeff Steinhoff** and GAO's **Bob Dacey** together received the **Author Award**. **Bob Dacey** also received the **International Achievement Award** & **Jeff Steinhoff** received a **President's Award**

Education Highlights



GAO's **Asif Khan** (r) moderates "Addressing High Risk at DOD" featuring DODIG's **Paul Granetto** (l) and DOD CFO **Robert Hale** (r)



Sam Mock presents AGA's **Hal Steinberg** with a **President's Award**

With all the sessions over the four days, there was something for everyone. Several NOVAGA members were speakers, and many more helped moderate the sessions.



GAO's **Jack Hufnagle** (l) moderates a Sunday session titled "GAO and IIA Standards—a Winning Combination" featuring GAO's **Heather Keister** (m) & Tallahassee City Auditor **Sam McCall** (r)



Acting Comptroller General **Gene Dodaro** provided Tuesday's Keynote on "Ensuring Accountability in a Time of Financial and Fiscal Stress" (AGA Photo)



Dennis Green, Heather Keister, John Homan

Breakfast and Lunchtime sessions provided insightful lessons on perseverance, leadership, and working together; brought to you by Alison Levine, team captain of the first American women's Everest expedition, Smithsonian music historian John Hasse, LTG(R) Russel Honore, and James Carville and Mary Matalin. I had the dubious distinction of knowing what TOPS stood for, much to LTG(R) Honore's amusement! Here are some lunchtime faces:



Mike Davitt, John Gioeli, Robin McCoy



Ron & Mie Miller, Alice Arielly, Jack Hufnagle



NOVAGA Members including Angela Landis Payne, Theresa, and Mary Braun (right)



NOVAGA's Kathryn Gillis & DC's Maryla Engelking

Thanks to Our Sponsors

We all know that much of this wouldn't be possible without the help of our volunteers and sponsors. We had plenty of time to visit the exhibit booths, enjoy delicious breakfasts, and test the latest products.



Clifton Gunderson supporters included Pam Lindsey, 09-10 Meetings Chair (left) and Mia Leswing, former NOVAGA President & RVP

Mardi Gras in June

And last but not least, what would a PDC be without letting us let off some steam? And what better place than the home of Mardi Gras? The city rolled out the red carpet for our very own Mardi Gras parade down to the steamboat Natchez and AGA hosted a farewell Mardi Gras party. Here are some scenes you may enjoy:



Who's that behind those Foster Grants?
We recognized Mary Braun (middle) and of course our outgoing President Dennis Green (right)



NOVAGA revelers Robert & Donna France (back) and Jack Hufnagle and Heather Keister (front)

Be sure to look for more pictures on our Web site at www.novaga.org.

See you next year at PDC 2010 in Orlando, July 11-14, at the Orlando World Center Marriott!

Until then, Happy Accounting!



NOVAGA revelers Asif Khan, Alice Arielly, Carol Christian, Jack Hufnagle, & Mike Davitt

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Vital Statistics

President Mike Davitt, CGFM CISA, DoDIG

During the NOVAGA year, Mike received a promotion to Project Manager. He said that obtaining this position was highly competitive, and volunteering for the NOVAGA board may have been a factor in the promotion process.




Meetings






We changed venues this year and moved to Arlington’s Marriott Residence Inn Hotel, 550 Army Navy Drive, in Crystal City, within 2 blocks of Pentagon, Pentagon City & Crystal City Metro Stations (yellow/ blue lines). We tried to stay with meetings the 3rd Wednesday of the month, with a social period from 5:15 – 6:00pm that included a lavish cocktail buffet, and our meeting and speaker from 6:00 – 7:00 pm for 1 CPE. With the economy not doing well, we kept prices stable at \$15 for pre-registered/\$20 walk-in for members, \$20 pre-registration/\$25 walk-in for non-members, and only \$5 pre-registration/\$10 walk-in for retirees. We also continued to offer the first meeting free. Of course, this severely impacted our bottom line, but consensus was that it was worth it to keep the education and networking opportunities affordable for everyone.


We continued using the 123 Web site to allow people to pre-register and pay with a credit card, which was a great help – it helped get more reservations in, allowed us to keep accurate records, and cut down on manual processing and cash collection.

These are the meetings we held:

Date & Location	Topic		Speaker
<p>Wednesday, September 23</p> <p>Residence Inn</p>	<p>Taking Next Steps to High Performance in Federal Financial Management:</p> <p>Moving from the "Back Room" to the "Board Room"</p> <p>(1 CPE)</p>	<p>Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CGFM, CPA, CFE Executive Director, KPMG Government Institute, KPMG LLP</p>	
<p>Wednesday, October 21</p> <p>Residence Inn</p> <p>3:00 to 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Mini-Max (2 CPE)</p> <p>\$20</p>	<p>The AGA Certificate of Excellence in Accountability (CEAR) Program</p>	<p>Eveanna Barry, AGA Director of Performance Reporting & Sid Kaplan, Co-Chair, OMB Performance Improvement Council</p>

Date & Location	Topic		Speaker
<p>Evening Meeting</p> <p>Joint with Montgomery/Prince Georges County AGA</p>	<p>Working within the Federal Government</p> <p>(1 CPE)</p>		 <p>Tom Davis, Deloitte Principal and former seven-term Congressman from Virginia</p>
<p>Thursday, November 19 DoubleTree Crystal City 3:00 to 5:00 pm</p>	<p>VSCPA Annual Ethics Training (2 CPE) \$55/\$70</p>		<p>Dr. Douglas E. Ziegenfuss</p> <p>CPA, CMA, CIA, CFE, CGFM, CCSA, CISA, Cr.Fa, CITP</p> <p>Chair & Professor Department of Accounting</p> <p>Old Dominion University Norfolk, Virginia</p>
<p>Evening:</p>	<p>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)</p> <p>(1 CPE)</p>	<p>Danny Werfel Comptroller, Office of Federal Financial Management (OFFM), Office of Management and Budget (OMB)</p>	
<p>Wednesday, December 2</p> <p>KPMG, 2001 M St., Washington DC</p> <p>1:00 to 5:00 pm</p>	<p>TARP/ARRA Update Training</p> <p>(4 CPE)</p> <p>\$50/\$60</p> <p>Sponsored by KPMG & Clifton Gunderson</p>	<p>Al Runnels Deputy CFO (and Acting Treasury CFO), U.S. Department of Treasury</p> <p>Ben Mehlman, Program Director, DODIG</p> <p>Kim McGatlin, Assistant Director, FMA, GAO</p>	<p>Agency Panel Speakers:</p> <p>Molly Dawson, Dir. of Financial Policy & Reporting, Dept. of Health & Human Services</p> <p>Catherine Solomon, Special Assistant, Office of the Secretary, Dept. of Education</p> <p>Jim Maras, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Water & Environmental Programs, Rural Development Utilities Program, Department of Agriculture</p>

Date & Location	Topic		Speaker
<p>Wednesday, January 20 Residence Inn</p>	<p>Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) (1 CPE)</p>	<p>Frederick S. Selby Deputy Chief Financial Officer for the Office of Financial Stability, Treasury Department</p>	
<p>Wednesday, February 17 Residence Inn 3:00 to 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Mini-Max (2 CPE) \$20</p>	<p>Where we are in Grants Management?</p>	<p>Georgia Hubert, Director of Federal Assistance, Department of State Cathy Chikes, Former Director of Federal Assistance and Financial Management, Currently Senior Advisor to DCFO, Department of State Introduced by: Mazhar Ahson, Director of Federal Assistance Financial Management, Department of State</p>
<p>Evening:</p>	<p>Accountability in Times of Financial and Fiscal Stress Jeanette M. Franzel, CPA CMA CGFM Managing Director, Financial Management & Assurance GAO (1 CPE)</p>		
<p>Wednesday, March 17 DoubleTree Crystal City 8:00 am – 4:30 pm</p>	<p>NOVAGA All-day Training (8 CPE) \$125/\$150</p>	<p>See Separate Discussion Below</p>	<p>Financial Management and Accountability in an Environment of Crisis and Uncertainty</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 21 DoubleTree Crystal City</p>		<p>Grants Management and Accountability in the Federal government Thomas N. Cooley Director Deloitte LLP (1 CPE)</p>	

Date & Location	Topic		Speaker
<p>Wednesday, May 19 Residence Inn</p>	<p>NOVAGA Annual Awards Banquet</p>	<p>Guest Speaker: AGA National President William A. (Billy) Morehead</p> <p>(See more on Awards below)</p>	

Education

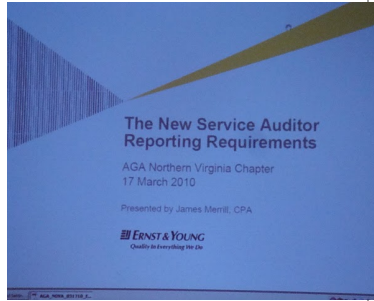
The highlight of the year was our All-Day Training session on **Financial Management and Accountability in an Environment of Crisis and Uncertainty**, held at the DoubleTree Crystal City for the 2nd year. The event was a smashing success, due to the hard work of **Donna France** and her committee. We had the dynamic **Ms. Jeanette M. Franzel**, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance, from the Government Accountability Office kick off the day with her presentation entitled **'Accountability in Times of Financial and Fiscal Stress.'** The luncheon speaker was the always popular former Congressman **Hon. Thomas M. Davis III**, who gave an entertaining and informative talk that everyone enjoyed. The day closed with **Mr. Jeffery Steinhoff's** interesting presentation. Here are some pictorial highlights:

Financial Management and Accountability in an Environment of Crisis and Uncertainty All-Day Training		
<p>Jeanette M. Franzel CPA CGFM Managing Director, Financial Management & Assurance, GAO</p>	<p>Keynote - Accountability in Times of Financial and Fiscal Stress</p>	
 <p>Kurt Hyde, Deputy Special Inspector General for Audits, SIGTARP</p>	<p>Meeting the Recovery Act Transparency Reporting Requirements at USDA</p> <p>Tyson Whitney Department of Agriculture Office of the Chief Financial Officer</p> <p>Mike Davitt thanks Tyson Whitney (right)</p>	

**Financial Management and Accountability in an Environment of Crisis and Uncertainty
All-Day Training**



Donna France and Mike Davitt listen to James Merrill CPA Executive Director, Ernst & Young LLP



Luncheon Speaker
Honorable Thomas M. Davis III
Federal Government Relations Director, Deloitte LLP



Anna Maria Kiehl
Chief Accounting Officer,
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Richard Cardamone, CGFM
Director of the Bureau of
Commonwealth Accounting,
Office of Comptroller
Operations,
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Note that, the May 24, 2010 AGA Topics announced that **Richard Cardamone, CGFM**, of AGA's Central Pennsylvania Chapter was among the 22 commonwealth employees who received the prestigious Governor's Award for Excellence from Gov. Edward G. Rendell. Cardamone was among a group of six who

**Financial Management and Accountability in an Environment of Crisis and Uncertainty
All-Day Training**

were honored for developing a multi-agency approach to prepare and submit federally mandated reports that detail the state's use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. Data integrity was significantly improved, 276 reports were submitted accurately and on time, and Pennsylvanians were given unprecedented visibility into the impact of their tax dollars.



Past NOVAGA President Dennis Green Introduces Jeff

Is Government Turning a New page in Accountability, Transparency, & Intergovernmental Relations?

Jeffrey C. Steinhoff CPA CFE
CGFM
Executive Director, KPMG
Government Institute

Former AGA National President



Mike Davitt thanks Jeff

Other educational opportunities included several 2 CPE AGA National Audio Conferences, many sponsored by KPMG in their DC offices for both the DC and NOVAGA chapters, to include:





Date and Time	Location	Speaker(s) & Topic
Wed 10.7.09 2:00 - 3:50p.m.	TBD	"Internal Controls for Auditors, Management and Staff - Making Government Organizations More Effective"
Wed 12.16.09 2:00 - 3:50p.m.	KPMG - 2001 M Street NW, Washington D.C. 20036	"Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud"
Wed 2.10.10 2:00 - 3:50p.m.	KPMG - 2001 M Street NW, Washington D.C. 20036	"Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors"
Wed 3.24.10 2:00 - 3:50p.m.	TBD	"Suggested Guidelines for Voluntary Reporting Sharing the Government's Story Using Non-Financial Resources"
Wed 5.19.10 2:00 - 3:50p.m.	KPMG - 2001 M Street NW, Washington D.C. 20036	"Ethics"

Community Service






Sarah Welch and Lee Richardson, Co-Chairs of this committee, undertook a very ambitious agenda of social responsibility. At each meeting, NOVAGA held a 50/50 raffle. The raffle proceeds were shared equally by the winning ticket holder and the community service organization honored at the meeting. We then matched the raffle proceeds going to the community service organization, and asked the National AGA Office to match the Chapter's donation. Supported organizations included:





	<p>September 23, 2009- Habitat for Humanity Restore Project</p> <p>(Volunteer for November 7th Work at the ReStore)</p>																	
<p>October 21, 2009</p> <p>Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Inc (SBP)</p>		<p>Speaker: Catherine Sanders</p> <p>http://www.sbsprevention.com/index.htm</p>																
<p>November 19, 2009</p> 	<p>Donate in time for Thanksgiving delivery!</p> <p>Volunteer December 12th at the warehouse in DC!</p>	<p>Capital Area Food Bank</p> <p>http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/give/donate-food/</p>																
<p>December- Toys for Tots Campaign Drop off</p>	<p>January:</p>	 <p>Special Olympics</p>																
<p>February</p>		<p>Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) offers free tax help to low- to moderate income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns</p>																
<p>February 17 Meeting</p>	 <p>American Red Cross</p> <p>Mike thanks Red Cross for educating everyone on the efforts in Haiti (right)</p>																	
<p>March</p> <p>On March 20th, 80 health kits were assembled to send out to the people affected by the earthquake.</p> 	<p>Health Kits for Haiti</p> <p>Thanks to:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Ronald Adolphi</td> <td>Mazhar Ahson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Davis</td> <td>Karl Boettcher</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michael Davitt</td> <td>Anna Dixon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sabrina D'Souza</td> <td>Andrew Forte</td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Fleischman</td> <td>Robin McCoy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mie Miller</td> <td>Ray Raines</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lee Richardson</td> <td>Sarah Welch</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Emily Waters</td> </tr> </table> <p>NOVAGA matched every \$12 donated for a health kit, up to 100 kits.</p>	Ronald Adolphi	Mazhar Ahson	James Davis	Karl Boettcher	Michael Davitt	Anna Dixon	Sabrina D'Souza	Andrew Forte	James Fleischman	Robin McCoy	Mie Miller	Ray Raines	Lee Richardson	Sarah Welch		Emily Waters	<p>The health kits cost around \$12 a piece and include items for personal hygiene such as hand towels, soap, tooth paste, combs, band-aids, etc. These supplies can be used for a couple of months for the individuals who receive a package.</p> 
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<p style="text-align: center;">April</p>  <p>For the April 21st monthly meeting, a member of the Fairfax County's Urban Search and Rescue provided a presentation on their relief efforts in Haiti.</p>	<p>On January 13, one day after the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti, the Fairfax County's urban search and rescue team was activated by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).</p> <p>The task force was composed on 72 personnel, 6 search and rescue canines, search and technical rescue personnel, physicians, paramedics, structural engineers, and approximately 48 tons of rescue equipment and supplies.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">May 22, 2010</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">There was another opportunity to assemble Health Kits for Haiti in May 2010,</p>	

Member Services

Mie Miller chaired this committee, which also had an ambitious schedule.


<p>September 26</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Oktoberfest at National Harbor</p> 	
<p>Saturday October 24th</p> <p>Mt. Vernon Tour with a Boat Cruise</p>		





<p>November 21</p>		<p>"Showboat" Signature Theater, Shirlington</p>
<p>December 12</p>	 <p>Lunch at Clyde's Willow Creek Farm</p>	 <p>Shopping at the Leesburg Outlets</p>
<p>Tuesday January 5 7pm</p>	 <p>Washington Capitals vs</p>	 <p>Montreal Canadiens Hockey</p>
<p>February 16</p>	<p>Chinese New Year Dinner, China Garden, Rosslyn, VA Joint Event with Washington DC Chapter</p>	<p>(canceled due to the Blizzard of 2010)</p>
<p>Saturday March 27, 2010 1 pm \$12 pp</p>		<p>Hillwood Museum and Gardens</p> 

<p>Saturday April 10, 2010</p> <p>9-5</p>	<p>Annual Virginia Wine Tour</p> <p><i>Joint Event with the DC Chapter</i></p> 	
<p>Sunday, May 30</p> <p>Free event!</p>	<p>Wolf Trap with DC Chapter</p>  <p>"The President's Own" United State Marine Band</p> <p>Celebrate the start of the season at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts with a performance of concert band favorites followed by a dazzling fireworks display!</p>	 <p>Senior VP at Large, Karl Boettcher (rear left), Member Services Chair Mie Miller (rear right), Paul & Trudy Boettcher and Linda Botkin at Wolf Trap</p>
<p>June</p>	<p>Cinema Draft House, Dinner Theater</p>	
<p>July</p>	<p>Nationals Game and Tailgate</p>	

Early Careers

Claire Chen chaired this ambitious committee.

Date	Event		
<p>September 17 5-7 pm</p>	<p>Networking Happy Hour</p>	<p>Guarapo, 2039 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA</p> <p>It was a great event with delicious tapas, exotic libations and networking with our fellow accounting professionals.</p>	

Date	Event		
October 2	Witlow's on Wilson Arlington		
November 12 6-8 pm	 Ceiba Restaurant	Tri-Chapter Networking Event at the upscale restaurant and bar, Chef Jeff Trunk's Ceiba. It was a great event with delicious appetizers, excellent libations and a chance to network with our fellow accounting professionals from the Washington DC and Montgomery/Prince Georges MD chapters.	
February 11, 2010 (Thursday) 5:30 pm	Harry's Tap Room (Bar) 2800 Clarendon Boulevard Arlington, VA 22201	Navigating Your Government Career Path This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet the mastermind behind the AGA education program including various professional and leadership conferences and CGFM certification. We will also have free membership drive, so bring your coworkers. There is no cost to attend this event.	 Mr. Joseph Jozefczyk, National Director of Education, AGA



Membership

Paul Marshall got us into the Facebook era – Become a fan by visiting the following link:
<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/pages/NOVA-AGA/128596193153>

New Members received NOVAGA Coins at their first meeting:



September Meeting



October Meeting



November Meeting



February Meeting

The NOVAGA Chapter hosted a Membership Drive on **March 4th at Joe Theismann's in Alexandria from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**. We gave away three FREE memberships, as well as plenty of AGA materials and goodies. Food and drink were served! Prospective members had the opportunity to meet current NOVAGA members, board members, as well as special guest speaker from AGA National, Education Director **Joseph Jozefczyk**.

Congratulations to Mia Leswing, our Northern Virginia Get-A-Member Contest Winner!

CGFM

Our chapter looked for a low-cost, big payback way to sponsor a study group for the Certified Government Financial manager (CGFM) exam. Participants were asked to buy the 3 study guides from AGA National for a total of only \$150, but the study group itself was FREE.



Thanks to the support of our Chapter and our volunteer instructors we have been able to sponsor **22 new CGFM students** so far this year. NOVAGA developed a Study Guide program that encompassed live instruction on all 3 parts of the CGFM. The program began in early October and was taught by **Reid Mueller** who was a volunteer instructor for Part 1; Part 2 was taught by our past chapter President, **Dennis Green**. Part 3 was taught by **Mie Miller**. The course was held on Tuesday evenings at the DeVry/Becker campus in Crystal City, VA, thanks to **John Gioeli**.

The goal was to complete studying for all 3 parts before the February 2010 AGA NLC conference begins so students could sit for the exam at the NLC and take advantage of the NLC discount exam pricing. We already had 2 students that passed all 3 parts of the CGFM exam before the NLC, earning their CGFM Certification. Congratulations to **Andrew Alabi** and **Ken Miller** as our newest CGFMs.

Congratulations to NOVAGA's newest CGFMs for 2009

Ms. Mie Miller, CGFM
 Mr. Dennis Gabriel Green, CGFM, CPA
 Mrs. Cynthia A. Landrum, CGFM
 Mr. John Cahill Carleton, II, CGFM
 Mr. Wesley Kenyon, CGFM
 Ms. Laura Ann Egan, CGFM
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 Mr. Damian M. Batt, CGFM
 Mrs. Rachel N Blanco, CGFM
 Mr. Andrew Bortei Alabi, CGFM
 Ms. Anuradha Sharma
 Mr. Mitchell Bemos

Meredith Madwatkins, CGFM, CPA
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 Ms. Kelly T. Kohrman, CGFM, CPA
 Mr. John M. Hurley, CGFM
 Mr. Eric Baltas, CGFM
 Mr. Kenneth M. Miller, CGFM

Corporate Sponsorship

For several years, we have asked for corporate sponsorship to defray the cost of our final awards banquet. Last year, several additional sponsors were added to help print the History, which we gave to our Past Presidents that attended our banquet. This year, we expanded the concept to a full sponsorship program for the entire year. The economy put a dent in everyone's pocketbook, and we wanted to keep prices low, yet our food and meeting costs kept increasing. Several generous sponsors help us to cover the costs of education, networking, and CPEs we were able to offer. THANK YOU to:

<p>Platinum Sponsors</p>	
	
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Star Sponsors	
<i>Dennis Green, CPA, CGFM</i>	

Awards

Awards at AGA occur at two levels –National and Chapter. The National Federal Leadership Awards are presented at the February National Leadership Conference. The 2010 winners were:

Distinguished Federal Leadership Award

Danny Werfel, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, U.S. Office of Management and Budget

Elmer Staats Award

Alan “Keith” Bentley, SES, Director, Program Analysis and Financial Management, U.S. Transportation Command, U.S. Department of Defense

William H. Campbell, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Chief Operating Officer, Atlantic Financial Navigation

Andy Barr Award

Ronald Longo, CGFM, CPA, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Managing Director, KPMG LLP

State & Local Leadership Awards

Excellence in Government Leadership Award

Richard V. Norment, CGFM, CIA, Nashville Chapter, Assistant to the Comptroller, Comptroller of Treasury, State of Tennessee

William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award

Robert L. Childree, CGFM, Montgomery Chapter, Former Controller (Retired), State of Alabama

Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award

William J. DiVello, CFE, CIG, [Northern Virginia Chapter](#), Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of the Inspector General, District of Columbia Government



William J. DiVello, CFE CIG

Private Sector Financial Excellence Award

Paul M. Geraty, CGFM, CPA, Baltimore Chapter, Partner, Public Services Practice, KPMG LLP

Keith F. Novak, CPA, Partner, State and Local Government Services, Clifton Gunderson LLP

Northern Virginia AGA Chapter Awards

Chapter Awards were given out at NOVAGA’s annual banquet in May. See Annex B for a description of the awards and a list of past award winners.

Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management

This year's recipient is **Mr. Danny Werfel**. Mr. Werfel is responsible for coordinating OMB's efforts to initiate government-wide improvements in all areas of financial management. He plays a leadership role in coordinating OMB review of agency efforts under the Financial Performance, Real Property, and Improper Payments initiatives of the President's Management Agenda. Mr. Werfel is also responsible for coordinating the development of government-wide policy on financial accounting standards, grants management, and financial systems. Prior to his current position, Mr. Werfel served as the Chief of the Financial Integrity and Analysis Branch within OMB, as a budget examiner in OMB's Education Branch, and as a policy analyst in OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. Mr. Werfel also served as a Trial



Mr. Danny Werfel
Controller, Office of Federal
Financial Management,
OMB



This year's award winner, Danny Werfel, flanked by
Jeff Steinhoff and Mike Davitt

Attorney in the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. Mr. Werfel is a recipient of both national and local awards from the Association of Government Accountants for his contributions to Federal financial management. Mr. Werfel has also been a member of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) since May 2006. Mr. Werfel holds a Masters Degree in Public Policy from Duke University, a Juris Doctor from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a Bachelors Degree in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University.

Federal Financial Partnership Award



Mr. James Merrill CPA CISA
Ernst & Young

SAS70 in 2011. He has led audit efforts at a variety of Federal agencies, including the DoD, US Department of Health and Human Services, US Government Printing Office, and the US Federal Communications Division. He received his BS in Accounting from Lehigh University, and is both a CPA and Certified Information Systems Auditor.

This year's recipient is **Mr. James Merrill**. Jim has been with Ernst & Young for more than 25 years. Jim has provided third-party auditing services for federal agencies such as HHS and Defense and also provides SAS70 services to numerous international commercial organizations in various countries. He also advises other E&Y federal teams on the application of the auditing and AICPA and governmental reporting concepts for other federal agencies. Mr. Merrill is an active member of the AICPA's Auditing Standards Board task forces for third party audit reports, working on two new audit standards and related audit guidance to replace



James Merrill accepts the award from Mike Davitt

The Pentagon Memorial Service Award

This year's recipient is **Ms. Mary L. Ugone**, the DOD IG Deputy Inspector General for Auditing. She serves as one of four Deputy Inspectors General within the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), and reports directly to the Inspector General of the Department of Defense. Ms. Mary Ugone is a Certified Public Accountant, a member of the Association of Government Accountants, and a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute. Ms. Ugone has



Mary Ugone accepts the award from Mike Davitt

more than 30 years of auditing experience, the last 28 of which have been with the Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense. Ms. Ugone began working for the Inspector General as an Auditor in 1982 and has assumed key leadership positions with her most previous position as the Assistant

Inspector General for Auditing for Acquisition and Technology Management.

NOVAGA Chapter Service Award

Purpose and Overview

This award was established in 2003 and is given annually to the NOVAGA member who contributed most to NOVAGA during the year.

Mike says he received outstanding support by all the board members, and it was very difficult to narrow it down to the award winners that shared this award and were announced on May 19, 2010:

For their excellent kickoff of our Corporate Sponsorship Program, Mike recognized **Tom Lyden, Pat Evans and Abiy Metchia**.

Mike also bestowed a President's Service Award on **Karl Boettcher** for his Best All Around Support to the President.

In past years, we provided a scholarship award to a George Mason University Student for Excellence in Accounting Studies. This year, we elected to keep that award in house and gave a scholarship award to **Paul Marshall** to continue his MBA studies at Georgetown University.

At the Awards Banquet, Mike also recognized the Board members that contributed to make this year such a success:



Ms. Mary Ugone CPA
Deputy IG for Auditing
DODIG



Tom Lyden, Pat Evans, and Abiy Metchia of the
Corporate Sponsorship Committee receive the
Chapter Service Award



Board members present at the banquet that were recognized (left to right): Tom Lyden, Phil LaVietes, Mike Lippert, Sarah Welch, Donna France, Paul Marshall, Pam Lindsey, President Mike Davitt, Angela Landis-Payne, Lee Richardson, and CJ Staton.
 Also present but not pictured: Heather Keister, Anna Dixon

Past Presidents that attended this year's banquet included Pat Brannin, Mia Leswing (who is also the National Treasurer-Elect Designate), John Homan, and Dennis Green. Other dignitaries that also attended: Former Montgomery/PG County chapter President, current Regional Membership Coordinator, and RVP Elect, Flora Milans; Current Montgomery/PG County Chapter President, Angela Walter; Senior VP at-large, Karl Boettcher; and Past RVP Doreen Shute.



Phil LaVietes and Pat Brannin



Mia Leswing

Diners were serenaded by the Strolling Strings, thanks to a donation from KPMG. Kearney & Co. donated goodie bags. Below are additional pictures of the annual Awards banquet, at which over 100 people celebrated this successful year.



Entertainment by Strolling Strings



Mike Davitt, Jeff Steinhoff, Jaclynn Campbell and Danny Werfel



John Homan & Mike Lippert



AGA National President Billy Morehead



Pat & Nishon Evans



Mike Davitt and his mother Lois



Mike chats with Mary Ugone & guests



Everyone received gift bags

Northern Virginia Chapter of Association of Government Accountants Officers and Directors for 2009/2010

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AGA National PDC

As the year drew to a close, we learned that NOVAGA had earned **Platinum** status for its varied activities for the year!

In addition, one of the glues that kept the chapter going was our Web site, with its calendar of events, links to the online registration system for meetings, pictures of past activities, newsletters, and archives. **NOVAGA Webmaster Heather Keister** was rewarded with an **Honorable Mention** – our first-ever national Web site award – for this year's site!



Scenes from PDC in Orlando:



Acting Comptroller General, U.S. Government
Accountability Office, Gene Dodaro



Past NOVAGA President (79-80) &
AGA Past National President Jack Fawsett



AGA's Queen of Community Service,
Renee Gilman

2009-2010 History Updated by:

- Alice S. Arielly, Historian

With special thanks to:

- Angela Landis-Payne, Newsletter Editor
- Heather Keister, Web Master
- Mie Miller, Photographer

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Vital Statistics

President Jaclynn Campbell, CPA CGFM
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Meetings

We moved to the Waterview Conference Center this year, on the (top) 24th floor of the Deloitte building, 1919 North Lynn Street, in Arlington. This was convenient to Metro, and parking was only \$6 at the building. We planned meetings for the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Each meeting featured appetizers, and many meetings featured a bar courtesy of our sponsors. We continued using the 123 Signup site and kept prices constant – Members were \$15 (\$20 at the door), Non-members \$20 (\$25 at the door), and a special rate for retired members of \$5 (\$10 at the door).

We enjoyed beautiful views of the District all year outside, and the state-of-the-art conference room inside. Our speakers were enlightening and entertaining.



View of the National Cathedral and Georgetown University from the Conference Center



View from the Conference Center
Kennedy Center, Capitol, Washington Monument



NOVAGA's first meeting was held in this state-of-the-art conference room



The Watergate Complex

Here are our meetings for the year, each providing 1 CPE:

<p>Tuesday, September 21, 2010</p> <p>Deloitte – Rosslyn</p> <p>Improper Payments</p>	 <p>Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CGFM, CPA, CFE Executive Director, KPMG Government Institute, KPMG LLP</p>	 <p>NOVAGA chapter President Jaclynn Campbell thanks Jeff Steinhoff</p>	
			
<p>October 19, 2010</p> <p>Deepwater Horizon</p> <p>Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund</p>	 <p>Commander Tom Harker, CPA Deputy, Office of Financial Transformation and Compliance United States Coast Guard</p>	 <p>NOVAGA chapter President Jaclynn Campbell thanks Commander Harker</p>	
<p>Nov. 16, 2010</p> <p>Open Government</p>	 <p>Jaclynn Campbell thanks OMB's Karen Lee</p>	<p>Karen Lee, the Lead for Open Government issues at OMB, gave us an enlightening presentation on how OMB has implemented the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006 and its 2008 Amendment.</p>	

<p>January 18, 2011</p> <p>Financial Reporting Requirements for the Federal Government:</p> <p>Evaluating Performance Management Reporting</p>	 <p>Dr. Carol Eyermann</p>	<p>Dr. Eyermann is the author of the book, <i>Benchmarking Public Sector Performance Reporting</i>, which gauges the quality and transparency of the Federal Government. She is an executive in the Federal government with over 20 years' service and is located in the Washington DC area.</p>	
 <p>NOVAGA President Jaclynn Campbell and Treasurer Shaila McCall at the reception</p>		 <p>Jaclynn Campbell, Carla Page, Dennis Duquette, Carol Eyermann, Ray Wynn</p>	
<p>February 23, 2011</p>	<p>Mr. E. Steve Butler Chief Financial Officer for the Food Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture</p>		
<p>April 20, 2011</p>	<p>Mr. Doug Criscitello Chief Financial Officer U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</p>		



HUD CFO Doug Criscitello accepts a thank you gift from NOVAGA President Jaclynn Campbell



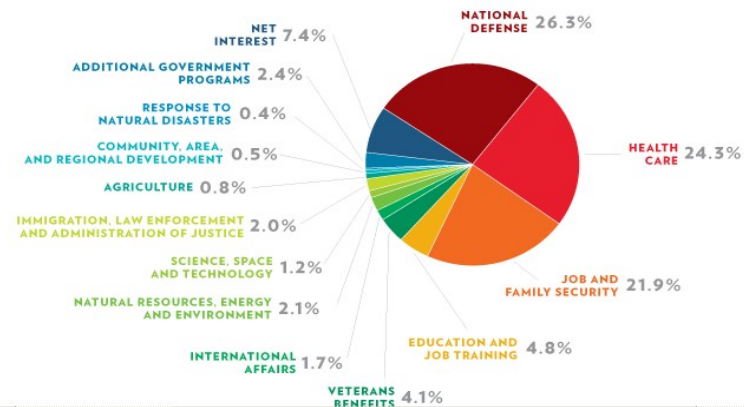
Speaker Doug Criscitello is flanked by (left to right) Dennis Green, Jaclynn Campbell, Dennis Duquette and Lee Richardson



Go to www.WhiteHouse.gov for your Federal Tax Receipt

How the Federal Taxpayer Receipt Amounts are Calculated

Amounts in the Federal Taxpayer Receipt are based on the percentage of overall federal spending for each category in the Fiscal Year 2010.






Education Committee

Carl Patton chaired the Education Committee, which had over 100 participants in 3 events generating over \$7,000 in revenue for the chapter. Carl also worked with KPMG to sponsor several 2 CPE AGA National Audio Conferences, held in their DC offices. The education opportunities included:



Date		Education Event
Wednesday, 09/29/2010 2 – 3:50 pm	Audio Conference (2 CPE)	Improving Program Performance & Accountability Through Cooperative Audit Resolution
Wednesday, 10/20/2010 2-3:50 pm	Audio Conference (2 CPE)	Was It Fraud or Just Poor Audit Quality?

Date		Education Event
Tuesday, 11/16/2010 3-5pm	Deloitte Rosslyn Virginia Ethics (2 CPE)	 <p data-bbox="841 680 1334 705">Jaclynn thanks ODU's Dr. Douglas Ziegenfuss</p>
Wednesday, 11/17/2010 2-3:50 pm	Audio Conference (2 CPE)	Achieving Transparency – The Next Step to Integrating Your Data
Wednesday, 12/8/2010 2-3:50 pm	Audio Conference at KPMG (2 CPE)	Internal Control and Risk Assessment— Thoughts from SAS 109 and 115
Tuesday, 12/14/2010 4 CPE	Half Day Training KPMG, LLP 2001 M Street, NW 6th Floor Training Room Washington, DC 20036 Costs: AGA Members - \$40 / Non-Members - \$60* *Includes lunch & afternoon snacks	Enjoy and Learn from a Variety of Outstanding Speakers from Federal and State Governments and the Private Sector, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Montoro, Partner at Cherry, Bekaert & Hollard, LLP “Audit of VDOT” • Robert Chao, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) “Improper Payments” • Ricardo Aguilera and Gary Maupin, CFO Academy • Dave Zavada, Partner at Kearney & Co.
Review by Carl Patton:		
<p>The training kicked off with John Montoro, Partner at Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, L.L.P., sharing with us his first hand experience with a large and complex performance audit of the Virginia Department of Transportation. John highlighted the basic challenges for any performance audit, the importance of keeping a performance audit focused on the stated objectives and gathering evidence at the proper level of detail to support the conclusions. As John stated, these basic challenges are magnified however when the organization is as large and complex as the Virginia Department of Transportation. Beginning with the original plan for the engagement, he walked us through the series of events and incidents that refocused the scope, and resulted in the findings and conclusions presented in the final report.</p>		
<p>We then heard from Robert Chao of the U.S. Department of Transportation on the timely and very relevant topic of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (IPIA). Robert gave us a high level view of the IPIA background, requirements, and costs/benefits. He then gave us real life examples of how DOT implemented the requirements 1) using statistical sampling techniques, 2) data management to track and report on progress, 3) staffing across the nation, and 4) supporting teams in the process of collecting data and performing testing. Robert explained to us their team approach, resources used, tools developed to meet the tight deadlines they faced and ended with 11 items to consider for successful implementation of IPIA.</p>		
<p>Our third presenter was Gary Maupin from the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Academy. Gary provided an overview of the CFO Academy and the important role it has in preparing middle-level to senior-level members of the government financial management community for senior 21st Century management and leadership responsibilities. This session was very informative and demonstrated the growing interest of Defense and Civilian agencies to develop strategic leaders. The CFO Academy student body has grown from 46 students in quarter 1 of 2009 to over 170 students in quarter 4 of 2010 and represents over 30 major departments and agencies. If you have more interest in the CFO Academy, please see the presentation slides on our website for contact information.</p>		

Date	Education Event	
<p>David M. Zavada, MBA, CPA, CDFM, Partner, Kearney & Company Former Chief of the Financial Standards and Grants Branch in the Office of Federal Financial Management at OMB</p>		<p>Our last presenter was David Zavada, partner with Kearney & Company.</p> <p>David highlighted emerging issues in federal financial management. David highlighted among others 1) re-visiting the CFO Act, 2) maturing the internal control framework, 3) building CFO capacity, 4) refining financial reporting, 5) developing, reporting and using cost information, and 6) justifying and implementing financial management systems. For each issue, David expanded on the issue and gave us specific examples to help us understand and prepare for what is emerging. While there are many emerging issues and changes coming about I feel safe in saying that “debits” will still go on the left and “credits” on the right of the ledger columns!</p>
<p>Wednesday, 1/19/2011 2-3:50 pm</p>	<p>Audio Conference at KPMG (2 CPE)</p>	<p>Are We Winning the Improper Payments Battle?</p>
<p>Wednesday, 2/2/2011 2-3:50 pm</p>	<p>Audio Conference at KPMG (2 CPE)</p>	<p>Internal Controls</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">REMINDER: COMPLIMENTARY WEBCAST</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>Monthly Update: Implementing Financial Reform NEW!</p> <p>The Financial Reform Act of 2010 – otherwise known as the Dodd-Frank Act – offers sweeping changes that affect everyone from consumers and investors to banks and insurers.</p> <p>Join Becker Professional Education for this complimentary webcast and learn how this legislation is anticipated to be implemented while obtaining a relevant understanding that offers practical and contemporary applications.</p> <p>Wednesday, March 2nd 1:00pm – 2:00pm EST Presenters: Tim Gearty, CPA, MBA, JD Peter Olinto, CPA, JD (This webcast qualifies for one CPE credit)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sign Up Now</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Courtesy of our sponsor, Becker CPA Review Course</p>		
<p>Tuesday, 3/22/2011</p>	<p>8 CPE - see below</p>	<p>All Day Training</p>
<p>Wed., 3/23</p>	<p>AGA Audio Conference (2 CPE)</p>	<p>Planning, Conducting and Reporting Performance Audit Work Even More Efficiently</p>
<p>Wednesday, 4/20/2011 2-3:50 pm</p>	<p>Audio Conference at KPMG (2 CPE)</p>	<p>Fraud</p>



NOVAGA Education Chair Carl Patton (right) gets ready for a full day of training at KPMG

Spring All-Day Training Event Successful Once Again!

Article & Pictures from Newsletter by Alice S. Arielly, Historian

We were at capacity on March 22nd in the **KPMG training room** for some very relevant training, expertly arranged by our **Education Chair, KPMG’s Carl Patton**. The day went smoothly, timing was like clockwork, everyone stayed on schedule, the slides all worked, the food was great (& healthy!), and before you knew it, we had 8 hours of CPE under our belt and our heads were spinning in the Clouds.

GAO Yellow Book Update was presented by our own Webmaster and President-Elect Designate **Heather Keister**. Since Heather has been on the Yellow Book team the last several years, we got the scoop on what the 2011 Yellow Book (coming this summer!) has in store.



Wendy Payne provided a FASAB Update

Heather was appropriately followed by the **Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board's Wendy Payne**, who got us all thinking, what should those Federal Government financial statements look like.

Then, to help us put those financial statements together quickly and correctly, **Treasury**

Financial Management Service's Jeff Hoge gave us the Nitty Gritty Details of the new **Governmentwide Treasury Account Symbol (GTAS) Adjusted Trial Balance System** (whew!).



Jeff Hoge made Consolidated Financial Statements sound easy!

Our lunch speaker was past AGA National President and long-time NOVAGA friend **Jeff Steinhoff**, now Executive Director of **KPMG's Government Institute**. Who better to discuss **The CFO Act Turns 20 Years Old** than its principal architect– Jeff put the last 20 years into perspective for us and reminded us of what all

we have accomplished in the last 20 years – we've achieved a change in culture – moved accounting from the 'back room' to the 'board room' – we've achieved a strong leadership structure and selected qualified CFOs. We've improved financial systems and operations – and we've strengthened internal controls.



Carl thanks GAO's Heather Keister for her timely Yellow Book update



Time for a Refreshment Break



The CFO Act Turns 20 – Thanks Jeff Steinhoff!



Two-time NOVAGA President Julie Bryant livens up our after-lunch presentation

After lunch, two-time NOVAGA President **Julie Bryant** kept things lively by introducing us to new ways to cost-effectively train our people. In her presentation entitled **'Is Your Workforce Ready to Meet the New Work Environment?'** Julie used a combination of humorous anecdotes and an interactive training video and showed us how everyone from Baby Boomers through Millennials can benefit from new training delivery methods, that she has successfully implemented at the **Federal Aviation Administration**.

As the world watches another natural disaster unfold in the Far East, **Matt Jadacki, Department of Homeland Security**, reminded us how NOT to spend money by giving us the after-action report of the Hurricane Katrina and Rita **Improper Payments** identification – and our attempt to now recoup these monies. Better to pay attention to that old adage – an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure?! Keep those internal controls in place folks!



Matt Jadacki makes Improper Payments a little easier to swallow



Two more Matts?

To wrap up the day, a very appropriate topic, as our heads were already spinning – **Cloud Computing!** How many of us really know what this is?! Keep **Erik Boxhoorn's** name handy – he's the man at KPMG to make it all simple (well, as simple as computers can be) and convince us that Cloud Computing is an idea whose time has come – and we can save money, become more efficient, and maintain data integrity!

Thanks to all our speakers, our host at KPMG, and our attendees.



Carl thanks Erik for getting us in the Clouds!

The 60 people that were lucky enough to attend the day received a lot of new knowledge.

Most of the slide presentations will be posted to our Web site.

Thanks again to Carl Patton for making it happen!



How was YOUR Training?

Community Service

Kristy Green was back on the scene as our Community Service chairperson, and she was ambitious. At most meetings, NOVAGA held a 50/50 raffle. The raffle proceeds were shared equally by the winning ticket holder and the community service organization honored at the meeting. We then matched the raffle proceeds going to the community service organization. Kristy is also our President-Elect for next year. Supported organizations included:



www.nstreetvillage.org

The NOVAGA chapter members contributed \$220 to this charity.

September 21, 2010 –
N Street Village
N & 14th Street

N Street Village empowers homeless and low-income women to claim their highest quality of life by offering a broad spectrum of services and advocacy in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. The Village also provides affordable rental housing for low and moderate income individuals and families.



N Street Village Director of Programs Ann McCreedy (left) is welcomed by NOVAGA Community Service Chair Kristy Green (right)



Operation Homefront's **Kellie Boyle** is flanked by NOVAGA Community Service Chair **Kristy Green** (left) and Chapter President **Jaclynn Campbell** (right)

Operation Homefront will be working the Army 10-Miler on 24 October, and Kelli solicited volunteers to help – and left with a large list of eager participants.



**OPERATION HOMEFRONT
DC METRO**

www.operationhomefront.net/DCMetro

to learn more about what they do and how you can help.

Operation Homefront provides emergency financial and other assistance to the families of both deployed and wounded troops

Our 50/50 raffle winner was yours truly – I received half of the \$86 collected, and donated \$20 back to the charity



We raised \$85 in the 50/50 raffle, and \$43 was won by our lucky registration chair, Pam Lindsey, who donated \$33 back to Operation Smile. Thanks to Pam and the others that contributed, the Chapter will be able to match the \$75 raised and donate \$150 to Operation Smile!

Nov 16, 2010



Community Service Chair **Kristy Green** (right) sold \$85 worth of raffle tickets to benefit Operation Smile

Operation Homefront is currently in need of volunteers to assist with mailings and sorting of toys for Christmas stockings. This work would take place in their Sterling office located at 45975 Nokes Blvd. Suite 140. Flexible with the dates and times are available. Please contact Vivian S. Dietrich at 703-421-9033 or by e-mail Vivian.Dietrich@OperationHomefront.net

Register Online with the USO and be eligible to sign up for packaging parties and other local events! It is a must to register first at <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/?FROM=13547> so that you may have access to the rosters to sign up and to enter Ft. Belvoir when an event is planned.

The Operation USO Care Package Program will be packing their 2 Millionth Care Package Wednesday December 1st. There may still be time to sign up. For more information please contact USO METRO Volunteer Specialist, Kate Knorr, at kate@usometro.org



Our 50/50 raffle raised \$100.

FOHA provides rescue, medical care, rehabilitation, and adoption services in the Northern Virginia and Washington, DC metropolitan areas. Approximately 500 dogs and cats per year have found permanent, loving homes through FOHA's efforts. For more information, please see FOHA's website www.foha.org.



Ms Debbie Hobar, Director of Marketing & Events for Friends of Homeless Animals at our January meeting.

<p>Feb 15, 2011</p>	<p>2011 Arena Stage Tour</p> 	 <p style="text-align: center;">AT THE MEAD CENTER FOR AMERICAN THEATER</p>
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<p>Tuesday, February 22, 2011</p>	<p>Ms. Adrienne Trout, Director of Marketing & Communications for the United Service Organization (USO) of Metropolitan Washington will be bringing us an update on the mission and happenings of her organization at our February meeting.</p>	
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Building Specially Adapted Homes for Our Severely Injured Veterans

AT NO COST TO THE VETERANS WE SERVE




<p>Date: April 1, 2 & 3, 2011 Location: 10 Crowncrest Road Fredericksburg, VA</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">"Build a home for Sgt. Kenny Lyon"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Build Brigade Scheduled! Volunteers Needed!</p> <p>What is it: A three-day construction event where our General Contractor and hundreds of professional trades volunteers transform this specially adapted home from a foundation to a weather-tight shell. This extraordinary process includes framing interior walls, installing windows, hanging doors, shingling the roof, and installing siding! Success is impossible without key volunteers that support the event as a Food Coordinator, Build Brigade Registrar, or event team member.</p> 	<p>Date: April 15, 16 & 17, 2011 Location: 75 Queens Guard Fredericksburg, VA</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">"Build a home for SGT Jude Recendez"</p>
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<p>April</p>	<div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 10px;">  <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">DISCOVER YOUR PARKS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE OFFICIAL CHARITY OF AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">National Park Foundation 1201 Eye Street, NW, Suite 550B, Washington, DC 20005 Phone: (202) 354-6460 Fax: (202) 371-2066 ask-npf@nationalparks.org</p> </div>
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May 3-6, 2011 **5th Annual National Community Service project in New Orleans** (see article below)

CGFM



Due to the overwhelming success of our 2009-2010 CGFM Study Group, we again offered the group in 2010-2011, chaired by John Gioeli. Thanks to the support of our Chapter and our volunteer instructors, our CGFM Study Guide program encompassed live instruction on all 3 parts of the CGFM. The program began in September 2010. Part I was held in the evenings at the DeVry/Becker campus in Crystal City, VA. Part 2 was held at CACI. We completed all 3 parts of CGFM before our AGA NLC conference in February.

Part 1 (Instructor Reid Muller)

Tuesday September 14th and 28th (possibly October 5th if needed)

Part 2 (Instructor Dennis Green)

Wednesdays October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, and 17

Part 3 (Instructor Mie Miller)

Wednesday, January 12, 19, and 26 (possibly February 2nd if needed)



The CGFM Training Team:
Mie Miller, Reid Mueller, and John Gioeli

For AGA members, the cost was \$50 for one part and \$150 for all 3 parts. For non-members, the cost was \$85 for one part and \$255 for all 3 parts. \$255 represents the cost of the books (the 2008 Study Guide New Version); \$150 reflects a subsidy that the AGA Northern Virginia Chapter offers to the members.

Congratulations to the following NOVAGA members who passed the CGFM exams and earned the credential in 2010:

<u>NOVAGA Member</u>	<u>CGFM Since</u>
Mr. Anthony Wood, CGFM	January 2010
Ms. Leah M. Southers, CGFM	January 2010
Ms. Mary Lynn Evans, CGFM	January 2010
Mr. Paul Stucke, CGFM	February 2010
Mr. William M. Dossett, CGFM	March 2010
Mr. William L. Arritt, CGFM	March 2010
Ms. Andrea Marie Moses, CGFM	March 2010
Mr. Mark R. McNamee, CGFM	March 2010
Mr. Adam N. Dintini, CGFM	May 2010
Ms. Janice M. Codrington, CGFM, CPA, CIA	May 2010
Mr. Wilfredo Corps, CGFM	July 2010
Mr. Kenneth I. Aguolu, CGFM	July 2010
Mr. Thomas A. Moschetto, CGFM	August 2010
Mr. Fred A. Runnels, Jr., CGFM	August 2010
Mr. Adam Hanzalik, CGFM	September 2010
Ms. Rebecca Jill Master, CGFM	September 2010

Kudos also go to CGFM Committee Co-Chair, **Mie Miller**, who is participating in the Working Abroad (www.WorkingAbroad.com) program in Brazil this summer with the goal of making a positive impact on Brazilian society and promoting intercultural exchange.

Membership


Stop the Presses! Thanks to our great Membership Committee Chair, Michelle Amatangelo, we reached **1,000 members** this year! What an amazing accomplishment!

The "What Drives You" Member-Get-A-Member Campaign was the new AGA National membership recruitment and rewards program running until April 30, 2011. But what really got our numbers up were the extra efforts of this committee. They:

- Co-hosted a joint Membership drive event with Early Careers in December 2010 to encourage Early Careers members to join the chapter.
- Hosted a March 2011 Membership Drive event at Cafe Asia to help the chapter reach its goal of reaching 1,000 members.
- **Reached goal of 1,000 members becoming AGA's second largest chapter !!!!**



We also got into the Facebook era last year – Become a fan by visiting the

following link: 

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/pages/NOVA-AGA/128596193153>



You can now also follow us on Twitter. 

Last year's chair, Paul Marshall, had ordered 1,000 new NOVAGA Coins, which were presented to New Members (come back to see us if you didn't get your coins!!!)



October Meeting New Members






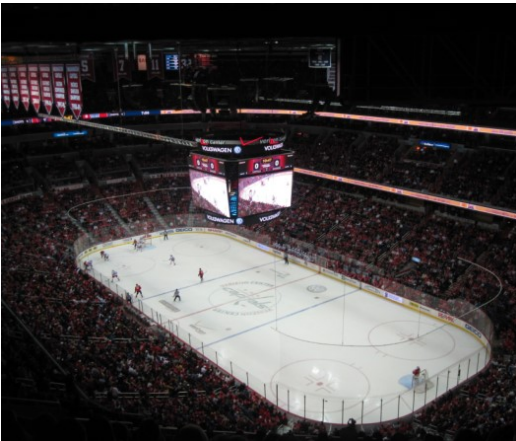
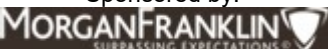
Blake Covington, Early Careers Sub-Committee, and **Jaclynn** welcome New Member **Tony Accetta**, KPMG Manager, with a NOVAGA Coin



Jaclynn welcomes New Member Jamila Webb from Lani Eko at our April meeting

Member Services

Andrew Moses and Matt Abend chaired this committee, which also had an ambitious schedule. They hosted events every other month, and worked with Membership & the other chapters:

<p>Tuesday, September 28 5:30 pm</p>	<p>The W Hotel Rooftop Terrace 515 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004 F St. between 14th and 15th Street</p>	 <p>Happy Hour</p>
<p>November 10th</p>	<p>Liberty Tavern Wilson & Clarendon</p>	<p>Free Happy Hour</p>
<p>Monday January 24th, 2011 – 7:30PM</p>	<p>Washington Capitals vs. New York Rangers</p> <p>Purchased 20 tickets, half of cost underwritten by NOVAGA, cost \$35 to members.</p> <p>The Verizon Center, Washington DC Gallery Place-Chinatown Metro Event Registration: First Come, First Served.</p>	
 <p>Former NOVAGA President Bill Hughes (left)</p>		
<p>Thursday, Feb 17, 2011</p>	<p>Elephant and Castle 1201 Pennsylvania Ave Washington DC 20004</p>	<p>Social Event during NLC Sponsored by:</p> 



Thurs., 3/24

Membership Drive and
Happy Hour
Co-sponsored by Member
Services and the Membership
Committee

Café Asia,
1550 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA
Sponsored by:



Monday, May 16, 2011
Joint Event –
NOVAGA + DC Chapters




Saturday, June 25
9 am to 5:30 pm


Joint Event –
NOVAGA + DC Chapters

Early Careers

Lee Richardson, Jr. chaired this ambitious committee. We also had a very strong sub-committee comprised of: Bethany Wilder, Nabeel Ilyas, Tamara Miseyka, and Blake Covington.

Date	Event	
<p>September 18 12-3 pm Kickoff Picnic Haines Point Park Washington DC</p>	<p>Our kick-off event was a jointly sponsored (NOVAGA, DC, and PG Montgomery Co Chapters) picnic at Haines Point Park in Washington DC. This event provided an opportunity to relax with friends and co-workers, to meet and network with the sister chapters' EC members, and to enjoy free Famous Dave's BBQ</p>	 <p>Flora Milans, RVP, and Bethany Wilder</p>
		
<p>October 14 5-7 pm</p>	<p>Witlow's on Wilson 2854 Wilson Blvd Arlington, VA 22201</p>	<p>Happy Hour</p>
<p>November 4 6-8 pm</p>	<p>Elephant and Castle 1201 Penn Ave NW Near Metro Center Station</p>	<p>✓ Joint (all local chapters) Mentoring Social: ✓ This event will feature local government leaders (from both industry and consulting) that will provide one-on-one and small group mentoring.</p>
<p>Sunday, December 12th at 1 pm</p>	<p>The Barking Dog 4723 Elm Street Bethesda, MD 20814</p>	<p>Early Careers/ Membership Drive with Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter</p>

Sat, 1/22/11	Ski Liberty		
Thursday, 2/17/11	Joint Event during National Leadership Conference		Aria Pizzeria Reagan Building 1300 Pennsylvania Ave Washington DC

April 14, 2011 5:30	Whitlows on Wilson 2854 Wilson Blvd Arlington	
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<p>Saturday, May 14, 2011</p> <p>Lunch – 1:30 – 3:15 at Guapos in Shirlington</p> <p>Volunteering Arlington Food Assistance Center</p> <p>AFAC Warehouse - 3:30-7:00 pm (2708 South Nelson Street, Arlington, VA)</p>	<p>This was a wonderful opportunity to give back and make difference. We had 11 super volunteers at AFAC to sort, box and crate donations as well as perform warehouse clean-up activities.</p> <p>Thanks to Bethany Wilder for suggesting this great organization, and to Blake Covington for helping to spread the word!</p>
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A job well done at AFAC in Arlington!

Thanks for your support of AFAC!

Corporate Sponsorship

For several years, we have asked for corporate sponsorship to defray the cost of our final awards banquet. Two years ago, several additional sponsors were added to help print the History Book, which we gave to our Past Presidents that attended our banquet.

Last year, we expanded the concept to a full sponsorship program for the entire year, a concept we have continued this year.

Thanks to **Tom Lyden**, who turned the reins over to **Pat Evans and Abiy Metchia**, this committee continued, received more structure, and they made it thrive. Several generous sponsors helped us to cover the costs of education, networking, and CPEs we were able to offer. Through March 2011, we had collected \$25,700 for the program year, which started in July. THANK YOU to:



NOVAGA Corporate Sponsorship's **Pat Evans** (left), joins NOVAGA past President **Mia Leswing** (center), and past longtime Chapter Recognition chair **Donna France** (right) at the September meeting reception

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Star Sponsors (\$1,000)	<i>Dennis Green, CPA, CGFM</i>

Members in the News

Flora Milans, Regional Vice President, Capital Region, reported in January that: We are very pleased to announce to our members the following individuals that have been elected to national and regional AGA leadership positions:

- **Evelyn Brown**, our Regional Coordinator for Chapter Development and Assistance, has been selected for the position of National President-Elect Designate. Evelyn was nominated for this position unanimously by the chapters in the region.
- **Kim Farington**, Past President of the DC Chapter, has been selected for the position of Regional Vice President-Elect Designate.
- **John Homan**, a former Capital Region RVP and former President of the Northern Virginia Chapter, has been selected for the position of **Senior Vice President At-Large**.
- **John Lynskey**, a former DC Chapter treasurer, has been selected for the position of National Treasurer-Elect Designate.



Past NOVAGA Presidents
Dennis Green and John Homan

Our chapter extends our congratulations and best of luck to our new leaders in the upcoming year!

Awards

Awards at AGA occur at two levels –National and Chapter. The National Federal Leadership Awards are presented at the February National Leadership Conference. The 2011 winners (add to annex) were:

Distinguished Federal Leadership Award

Donald V. Hammond, Deputy Director, Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems, Federal Reserve Board of Directors, and NOVAGA member.

In recognition of Mr. Hammond's strong leadership in financial and fiscal management that focuses on changing existing practices, systems and processes to achieve better financial management. His efforts have resulted in measurable operational efficiencies and improved the way the federal government does business, therefore benefiting the American taxpayers.



Don Hammond

Gregory L. Schmalfeldt, CPA, Deputy Director, Standards and Compliance, Defense Finance and Accounting Service

Elmer Staats Award

Mark Reger, CGFM, CPA, Deputy Assistant Fiscal Secretary, Accounting Policy, U.S. Department of the Treasury. In recognition of Mr. Reger's leadership, integrity and enthusiasm for federal financial management. His work at the Federal Communications Commission and the Office of Personnel Management resulted in improved collections practices and increased accountability. At Treasury, he is now guiding the development of a new set of goals for financial operations with the goal of automating common activities. Mr. Reger maintains a sharp focus on increasing efficiency and reporting to ensure taxpayer funds are spent efficiently and effectively.



Mark Reger

Andy Barr Award

Joseph L. Kull, MBA, CGFM, CPA, Director, Washington Federal Practice, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and NOVAGA member. In recognition of Mr. Kull for exemplifying and promoting excellence in federal financial management over 32 years in the federal sector, where he served as CFO at two federal agencies, and six years in the private sector. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership and provided high-quality performance and program improvement recommendations to improve financial management at numerous federal agencies. Further, Mr. Kull has developed professionals through his supervisory positions, college teaching, research and writing.



Joe Kull

State & Local Leadership Awards

Excellence in Government Leadership Award

Anne M. Gannon, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County, FL

William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award

John Chiang, Controller, State of California

Richard V. Norment, CGFM, CIA, Assistant to the Comptroller for County Audit, Division of County Audit, Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee

Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award

Teresa D. Purcell, MBA, Director of Accounts and Budgets, Lawrence County, TN

Private Sector Financial Excellence Award

Edward J. Mazur, MBA, CPA, Senior Adviser for Public Services, Clifton Gunderson LLP. In recognition of Mr. Mazur's scholarly and timely authorship of a major, three-volume report titled, "Intergovernmental Financial Dependency and Related Risk," which acknowledges the extraordinary dependency of state and local governments on the federal government and on each other. He encourages and guides the reporting of information concerning such dependency and related risks within audited, comprehensive annual financial reports of our country's state and local governments.



Ed Mazur

First Annual CPA Becker Review Scholarship Award

This year, the NOVAGA chapter is very pleased to introduce our first scholarship award recipient of the Becker CPA Exam Course Review (a \$2,000 value) to support government accounting professionals. **Nina Hill** is our winner of the Becker CPA Exam Course scholarship based on her impressive resume which outlines her hard work and integrity. Apart from her full-time work with the Department of Defense's Naval Audit Service, she maintained a part-time job and she is a full-time graduate student at Liberty University working towards my MBA concentration in Accounting. We congratulate Nina with this scholarship and wish her the best of luck with the completing the exam! To find out more information on the Becker CPA Exam Review please go to www.becker.com.



NOVAGA Member Helps Habitat Project



AGA Habitat for Humanity Volunteers in New Orleans
(for the sixth time in five years) - May 3-6, 2011

The following appeared in the 31 May 11 AGA TOPICS and features NOVAGA Member **Rebekah Davis**:

AGA Past National President Virginia B. Robinson CGFM, CPA, DABFA wrote: "I'm delighted to tell you again about one of my best AGA experiences--helping to build houses with **Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans May 3-6**. Each year, the experience gets better.

From the starting point at the New Orleans Airport, where we were met by outstanding New Orleans Chapter members, to the finish line when we were delivered back to the airport after a week of intensive activity, all 22 of us--from chapters in Washington, D.C., Denver, Montgomery/Prince George's County, Cincinnati, Albany, New Orleans and **Northern Virginia**--declared it a most memorable experience."

AGA Past National President Jeffrey S. Hart CGFM, CFE wrote: "The Fifth Annual (Plus 2) National Community Service project in New Orleans, May 3-6, 2011, as in the last three years, was sandwiched between the two weekends of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. Many out-of-town participants paid about \$30 per night to stay in new or remodeled University of New Orleans dormitory rooms or apartments, all with private baths.

"This year, the house we worked on at 1817 France St. in the Upper Ninth Ward of New Orleans was just a shell, with walls with no roof when we started. After we were done, it looks nearly completed home from the outside. We put the wood deck on the engineered roof, installed trim around all the windows, installed (with some amazing teamwork) two-by-six sub-fascia around the eaves, and installed almost all the siding up to roofline. It was gratifying seeing such progress on this house in just a matter of days.

"This year's fabulous on-site volunteers included AGA Past National President **Virginia Robinson, CGFM, CPA, DABFA**, AGA National President-Elect Designate and Past AGA National Treasurer **Evelyn Brown, CGFM-Retired**, and **Christina Beck, CGFM**, from the Washington, D.C., Chapter; Past Regional Vice President **Doreen Shute, CGFM, CPA, Paul Ambrozewicz, Joan Hebron and Troy Hailey** from the Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter; **Shade Pullen** of Accokeek, MD; **Hope Snowden** and **Nadine DeJesus** also from Maryland; **Rebekah Davis**, Northern Virginia Chapter; **Howard Tamborella, CGFM-Retired**, and **Ronnie Tamborella, CGFM-Retired**, from the New Orleans Chapter; **Jack and Jan Belz** and **George and Dottie Salvatierra** of Arlington, VA; **Sheila Dalton, CPA**, and **Douglas Schuck** of Cincinnati; **Rhonda Dominy** of Albany, NY; **Erin Herlihy** and **Kathy Garcia** of Denver; and, last but certainly not least, my wonderful wife, **Roxy Hart**. Here's what [our **NOVAGA Member**] had to say about [her] trip:

'...the New Orleans Habitat Trip was a really great experience, and one that I hope to continue in the future. I was just amazed at how much work had been done, especially in the Ninth Ward, which had seen so much devastation. With all the volunteers and donations from around the world, finally it is really making a difference. '—**Rebekah Davis**

"We are offering another one-day Habitat opportunity in conjunction with the PDC in Atlanta on July 14, 2011, the day after the PDC ends. Plan early and stay late to join us in yet another worthwhile event. "

Banquet Caps Off Platinum Year



NOVAGA President Jaclynn Campbell and Award Winner Dennis Duquette enjoy the reception with others from Deloitte

What a great way to end a great year! **Thursday, May 19th** was a beautiful day to celebrate the accomplishments of the NOVAGA year and recognize some important people in the Federal financial management community.

We held our annual **Awards Banquet** at the **Waterview Conference Center**, where we've held our meetings all year. It was one last change to enjoy the views from the 24th floor of the **Deloitte** building in Rosslyn – thanks to our great host for the year!



Jun Wang and Ryan Bobby welcomed us

Scenes from the Reception:



Past President Jack Hufnagle, President-Elect Designate Heather Keister and Jeff Steinhoff



Past Presidents Mike Davitt and John Homan are joined by Phil Lavietes



Past Presidents Dennis Green and Pat Brannin



Robert France, Paul Marshall, and Dennis Green



President-Elect Kristy Green and President-Elect Designate Heather Keister



Jamila Webb (left) & friends from LankiEko

Keynote Speaker

After a lively reception, we enjoyed a delicious salad, during which we were pleased to welcome **Congressman Jim Moran** of Virginia's 8th District, as he gave us the straight story of the bleak financial picture of the Federal government – it will mean a lot of belt tightening in the next few years. A lively question and answer period ensued as concerned constituents asked those questions that were pressing on their mind. Thank you to Congressman Moran for taking time to address the NOVAGA Chapter.



Congressman Jim Moran

Past Presidents and Other Dignitaries

Next we dined on delicious steak or halibut as the excellent wait staff kept our wine glasses charged. It was nice to see several **Past NOVAGA Presidents** in attendance: **Mia Leswing** (2003-2004), **Jack Hufnagle** (2004-2005), **Pat Brannin** (2005-2006), **John Homan** (2006-2007), **Dennis Green** (2008-2009), and **Mike Davitt** (2009-2010). We also welcomed **Karl Boettcher**, Senior Vice President at-large, and **Kim Farrington**, RVP-Elect Designate and past Washington DC Chapter President.

Attendees

We had a full room of accounting and auditing professionals:



Kristy Green, Kim Farrington, Phil LaVietes, John Homan, Robert France



Table 8 – including Mie Miller and Kirubeal Mandefro



Table 11



Table 9 – including Blake Covington, Carl Patton (standing), Abiy Metchia



More Table 9



Shaila McCall, Ding-Ling Ledgard, Mia Leswing, & Dennis Green



Table 6 – including Pat Evans



More Table 6 – including Jamila Webb



Paul Marshall, Lee Richardson, Angela Landis Payne

Banquet (continued)



Table 3 – including Matt Abend, Michelle Amatangelo, & Andrew Moses



Table 2 - Deloitte



Table 5 – including Heather Keister, Jack Hufnagle & Laura Koschny



Our Award Honorees
Congressman Moran, Jeff Steinhoff
Pat Brannin, Dennis Duquette,
Doug & Mrs. Criscitello

Awards

Soon it was time to present the chapter awards to several deserving individuals:

Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management.

The award recognizes federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures. **Doug Criscitello**, CFO, U.S.



Doug Criscitello, HUD CFO, receives the Steinhoff Award from Jeff Steinhoff

Housing and Urban Development (HUD), was awarded the Steinhoff Award by Jeff Steinhoff for his excellent service to the Federal Government in looking at new ways to improve financial management. Prior to HUD, Doug was the founding Director of the New York City Independent Budget Office, where he began his transparency efforts which he brought to HUD. He previously served at the Small Business Administration, OMB, and the Congressional Budget Office.



Dennis Duquette, Deloitte, accepts the Federal Financial Partnership Award from Jaclynn Campbell

Federal Financial Partnership Award.

This award recognizes private sector individuals who exemplify and promote excellence through outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, innovative management procedures and partnering with the Federal Government. **Dennis Duquette CPA CGFM**, is Enterprise Risk Management Director at Deloitte. After a 30-year public service career, Dennis has continued to forge the partnership between the private and public sectors by supporting AGA at the National and local level. He served as Chair of the AGA Journal Editorial Board for 9 years and continues to serve on the Board. While at Deloitte, Dennis has supported many Federal agencies as they established or strengthened their internal control structures and implemented the requirements of FMFIA and OMB Circular A-123 Appendix A.



Dennis Duquette



Pat Brannin

Pentagon Memorial Service Award. This award was established in memory of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on the Pentagon. The award formally recognizes public service to our nation in the field of financial management. The award recognizes dedication and commitment to improved government operations, financial stewardship and accountability through public service to our nation. **Ms. Patricia A. Brannin, CGFM**, is the Deputy Inspector General for Intelligence with the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Defense. She has served in many leadership positions since coming to the DoD IG in 1983, including the Chief of Staff to the Inspector General, Assistant Inspector General for Audit Policy and Oversight and currently the Deputy Inspector General for



Pat Brannin accepts the Pentagon Memorial Service Award from Jaclynn Campbell

Intelligence. In these and the other leadership positions, she has been in the forefront in accomplishing major oversight of DoD resources and in formulating innovative policies and processes needed to guard against fraud, waste, and abuse. She is dedicated to ensuring accountability to the American taxpayer for economical and efficient expenditure of funds and excellent support to the U.S. war fighter.

Recognition of 2010-2011 Board Members

Jaclynn recognized the 2010-2011 Board members for their contributions to the success of this year. You can read more about their accomplishments in this year's History Book chapter 43, which will be posted to our Web site shortly. Many thanks to the following individuals:



Jaclynn thanks Treasurer Shaila McCall, Deloitte, who developed standard monthly financial statements to better track our chapter's costs.



Jaclynn thanks Webmaster Heather Keister CPA CIA, GAO, who continues to manage and better the NOVAGA award-winning Website.



Jaclynn thanks Newsletter Chair Angela Landis Payne CPA PMP, CACI, who provided timely monthly newsletters.



Jaclynn thanks Carl Patton, Education Committee Chair, who planned successful Half-Day and All-Day Training events, in addition to VA CPA Ethics training.



Jaclynn thanks Kristy Green, Community Service chair, who provided speakers at meetings, ran 50/50 raffles to benefit the charities, and organized several successful events.



Jaclynn thanks Chapter Recognition Chair, Paul Marshall CGFM PMP CIA, Booz Allen Hamilton, who kept our chapter on track by updating the events on AGA National's Web site, and headed us in the direction of Platinum for the year!



Jaclynn thanks Alice Arielly, Historian & Photographer, who provided Newsletter articles & kept the History Book updated



Lee Richardson, Jr., Early Careers chair, accepts the award from Jaclynn on behalf of this ambitious committee, which included Bethany Wilder, Blake Covington, Nabeel Ilyas, & Tamara Miseyka



Mie Miller, CGFM Committee, accepts the award from Jaclynn on behalf of John Gioeli, Chair, and Reid Muller, for successfully hosting the 3-part CGFM study group



Matt Abend and Andrew Moses were Co-Chairs of the Member Services Committee, which offered an impressive array of events



Michelle Amatangelo, Membership Chair, got us to a record 1,000 members this year!



Kristy Green, NOVAGA President 2011-2012

Jaclynn also thanked the following individuals, who weren't able to attend:

Secretary **Donell Ries CPA**, Government Accountability Office, who kept us on track and documented the year with her minutes.

Meetings Chair **Pam Lindsey**, Clifton Gunderson LLP, who organized the chapter meetings and the training sessions by providing registration, CPE certificates, and nametags for each event.

Sponsor Recognition

Many of the events that happened this year at no- or low-cost were made possible by the generous contribution of our sponsors. A great big THANK YOU goes out to:

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Silver:	ASKi		
Bronze:	Becker	KPMG	LaniEko
Star:	Dennis Green CPA CGFM		

NOVAGA 2011-2012

Jaclynn then handed over the reins to **Kristy Green**, our incoming President.

Several people adjourned to a post-event reception and agreed that it had been a great year!



Pat Evans and Abiy Metchia, Co-Chairs of the Sponsorship Committee recruited major financial sponsorship

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Regional Spotlight

Flora Milans CGFM CPA, Capital Region RVP, summed up the Region's accomplishments:

I can't believe this year is almost over. The six chapters in the Capital Region (DC, **Northern Virginia**, Montgomery/PG, Charleston, Beckley, and Mid-Ohio –Parkersburg, WV) have risen to their challenges with enthusiasm and energy. As each chapter considers the awards it will present, I want to express my thanks on behalf of your regional team for your leadership and accomplishments! A special thanks to your Presidents for their leadership: Doug Glenn, **Jaclynn Campbell**, Andrew Lewis, Jane Shinn, Sharon Pinardo and Michelle Yanok. And I want to thank your incoming officers and Board of Directors for accepting the challenge for next year.

Last, but by no means least, I want to thank the regional team for their support of the chapters and AGA. The Regional Coordinators for CGFM, Early Careers, Education, Membership, Chapter Development and Assistance, and Accountability Outreach each have assisted the chapters in achieving their goals. Some will be continuing in their roles and some will be moving to new positions. The Capital Region has been well served by these dedicated leaders and my job has been so much easier because of their work. I am looking forward to working with **[NOVAGA's] Dennis Green** next year as he takes on the **Regional Vice President's** challenges and hope that I can provide as much support to him as Scott Bell has provided to me as Past RVP.

So thank you, regional team, for all your dedicated efforts on behalf of the chapters in the Capital Region and AGA:

Scott Bell, Past Regional Vice President

Dennis Green, [NOVAGA] Regional Vice President-Elect

Kim Farington, Regional Vice President-Elect Designate

Boris Lyubovitsky, Regional Coordinator, CGFM

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Evelyn Brown, Regional Coordinator, Chapter Development and Assistance

Doreen Shute, Regional Coordinator, Accountability Outreach

AGA National PDC

As the year is drawing to a close, we are confident that NOVAGA will earn **Platinum** status for its varied activities for the year! After the 3rd quarter, we were already at 74% of max points!

See you in Atlanta from July 10-13 for the 2011 Professional Development Conference!

2010-2011 History Updated by:

- Alice S. Arielly, Historian

With special thanks to:

- Jaclynn Campbell, President
- Angela Landis-Payne, Newsletter Editor
- Heather Keister, Web Master



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Vital Statistics

President Kristy Green
 Veterans Affairs



Kristy Green

Meetings

We moved back to one of our prior venues, the Embassy Suites Hotel in Old Town Alexandria, conveniently located at the King Street Metro stop.

Meetings were held the 3rd Wednesday of each month, starting in September. Meeting times were the same:

5:30-6:15pm Registration/Cocktail Buffet
 6:15–7:15pm Meeting

Here are our meetings for the year, each providing 1 CPE:

<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, September 21, 2011</p>	 <p>Featuring: Kate Siggerud, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO</p>	 <p>Jack Hufnagle, NOVAGA President 04-05, welcomes Kate Siggerud with Programs Co-Chair Donell Ries</p>
<p>Government Duplication – GAO work to annually identify opportunities to reduce duplication in government programs, save tax dollars, and enhance revenue</p>	 <p>NOVAGA Registration team of of Ryan Bobby & Jun Wang sign in meeting attendees</p>	 <p>Ann Collins and Ray Raines</p>

**Wednesday
October 19th**

**Ethics:
Why Good
Leaders Turn
Bad**



**Featuring:
Richard O. Bunce, Jr.
AGA National President**



**NOVAGA chapter President Kristy Green
thanks Dick Bunce**

**November 16,
2011 -
Montgomery/
PG Chapter will
join us**

**Adrienne Ferguson
CFO Academy, National Defense University**

**“Current Budget
Environment and the Role of
the Super Committee”**



**Kristy Green thanks
Adrienne Ferguson**



**Montgomery/PG County chapter members (l-r) Kevin Shapiro (CGFM
Chairman), Flora Milans (Past RVP), Christine Tritsch (President-Elect &
Early Careers Co-Chair), and Doreen Shute(Capital Regional Coordinator
for Accountability/MPG Special Projects) join NOVAGA's John Homan and
Ed Fernandez**

January 18, 2012

**Ted Compton
Advisory Direct,
Pricewaterhouse
Coopers**

**“What Hansel
and Gretel have
to teach us about
documentation:
Are we leaving a
trail or just bird
seed?”**



**Ted Compton socializes after his
presentation**

Wednesday,
February 8,
2012

Joint Meeting
at
Montgomery/
PG County
site



Montgomery/PG County President
Alex Dickey thanks Mark Reger



Mark Reger
Deputy Assistant Secretary, US
Treasury, Accounting Policy

Spotlight on the Office of Financial
Innovation and Transformation



Speaker Mark Reger and National Treasurer
(& former NOVAGA President) Mia Leswing



NOVAGA out in force: Mie Miller, President Kristy Green, RVP Dennis
Green & Donell Ries at Montgomery/Prince Georges County
February 8th Dinner Meeting

Featuring
W. Todd
Grams

Performance
Management

Wednesday
21 March 2012



Kristy thanks Todd Grams with a T-Shirt



RVP Dennis Green & Treasurer Shaila McCall



NOVAGA President Kristy Green, Early Careers' Bethany Wilder, &
former NOVAGA President Jaclynn Campbell



Matt Farage and Carl Patton



Donell, Donna, Heather, Pam

Education Committee

Carl Patton chaired the Education Committee. Besides making AGA National audio conferences available to everyone at no cost, he put together two major training events, which had over 54 (26+29) participants, generated \$3,340 (\$1,695 + \$1,645) in revenue for the chapter, and offered 11 CPE at minimal cost.



Carl Patton and Pat Evans

The KPMG Government Institute was pleased to host the following AGA Audio Conferences FREE at their offices.

KPMG started out the year at 2001 M Street, NW and moved to 1801 K Street NW in January 2013. They also hosted the seminars at their 1676 International Drive location in Tysons Corner, VA. Thanks KPMG!

Date	Event/Topic
28-Sep-11	Continuous Monitoring: Management's Window to Preventing FWA
2-Nov	Major Challenges to the Public Sector Auditing Profession
16-Nov	Using XBRL to Improve Accountability, Transparency and Efficiency in Government
14-Dec-11	Fraud
11-Jan-12	Getting a Handle on Internal Controls
8-Feb	Financial Management
7-Mar	Data Mining
18-Apr	Find Strength in Numbers: Sampling Techniques to Improve Financial Audit, Control and Program Performance
9-May	Fraud
23-May-12	Ethics

December Half Day Training Highlights

Virginia CPA Ethics – IPERA - Enterprise Risk Management



Chapter President Kristy Green and Regional Vice President Dennis Green flank Meetings Co-Chair Ryan Bobby

Our December 7th Half-Day training session was held in the beautiful and historic **Lyceum** in Alexandria's Old Town. It was a double treat, since the staff had the museum and gift shop open. The brave souls that worked their way through the rain were rewarded with first-class training, sandwiched between a delicious continental breakfast and a satisfying lunch. Thanks to **Carl Patton, Education Chair**, for organizing the event, and to his wife for helping set it all up! Attendees received 2 CPEs + 2 Ethics CPEs.

We were again joined by several past NOVAGA presidents, including **John Homan** (06-07) and **Dennis Green** (08-09). We had 26 people preregistered and several walk ins.

Virginia CPA Ethics



Attendees ponder Dr. Z's presentation

A great big thanks goes to **Dr. Douglas Ziegenfuss**, who has been providing us required Ethics training for Virginia CPAs for eight years! We really appreciate his making the trip from **Old Dominion University**, where he is Chair and Professor of Accounting. He came filled with lots of knowledge about the ins and outs of being a CPA in Virginia and provided us very concise handouts. I don't think that anyone taking an online version of this training could have been as enriched as we were. Thank you Dr. Z!



Kristy Green thanks Dr. Ziegenfuss

Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 (IPERA)



Carl Patton, Education Chair, thanks Dennis Green for his well-done presentation

Next up was our very own former President and current RVP, **Dennis Green**, to update us on Improper Payments. Dennis first gave us an OMB overview of how IPERA updates guidance on Improper Payments. He followed this with examples of how the **Department of Veterans Affairs** is complying with IPERA. He told us that AGA just completed an Improper Payments study (available on AGA's Web site) and VA is cited twice for its good practices.

Enterprise Risk Management

The Winter 2011 issue of AGA's **Journal of Government Financial Management's** cover story was coauthored by our last speaker, former AGA National President and current executive director of **KPMG's Government Institute, Jeff Steinhoff**. Jeff reminded us that this isn't a new concept – it's just time to give it another look. With unsustainable current budget deficits, we can't ignore risk management. Jeff also brought disks of the recently updated KPMG Word Book. Thanks for a thought-provoking and insightful discussion!



Jeff Steinhoff is always on the forefront of today's important issues

April All Day Training:

Technical Updates and Leadership Insights



Getting Ready for the Day's Training at KPMG's new conference center at 1801 M Street

Our April 10th all-day training event was well-received at **KPMG's new offices at 1801 K Street NW**. The Conference Center was first class, the food was excellent, and of course, the speakers provided important technical updates and valuable insights into Leading with Less. Thirty NOVAGA members and friends were treated to World-class speakers and even a Federal Times interview! Thanks to **KPMG's Carl Patton**, who arranged for such quality CPE, and **James Gould**, who kept the speakers on track throughout the day!



Carl Patton Starts off the Day's Events

On a related note, Carl updated us that the Conference Center had held a reception the night before to celebrate \$50,000 raised for the **KPMG/Mike Lippert Endowed Scholarship Fund at Howard University!** Mike was a KPMG Partner and avid NOVAGA Board member and supporter, who lost his courageous battle with cancer in January. Both Mike's family members and Howard University officials were in attendance to receive the generous donation and a commemorative plaque. Thanks to NOVAGA, who donated \$1,000 to the Fund!

The Road to Improved Accounting



Carl thanks Treasury's Greg Keel and Carolann Marker

Two great Treasury Department speakers started off the day. **Carolann Marker, Director Customer Relationship Management Division**, and **Gregory Keel, Accountant, Customer Relationship Management Division**. They gave us the 'Big Picture' of all Governmentwide Accounting (formerly known as GWA) which has been replaced by the new Central Accounting and Reporting System (CARS). The change was brought about to speed up end-of-month accounting and reportability – previously it took them five weeks to tell the President how much the government spent for Hurricane Katrina – now they can do it almost instantly. In the past, most agencies simply spent money, then went back later to actually account for it. With CARS, the Treasury Account Symbols (TAS) have been expanded to a larger, more standardized TAS, which has added a leading zero to the old 2-digit TAS. And agencies now have to input a TAS before Treasury will disburse funds.

FASAB Standards Update

Wendy Payne, Executive Director, FASAB, then updated us on recently-completed projects - Earmarked Funds are now Funds from Dedicated Collections, and Deferred Maintenance and Repairs have been redefined. FASAB is also currently studying the Federal Reporting Model and examining challenges such as whether we really need a balance sheet – citizens really like the transparency and drill-down reporting on sites such as Recovery.gov – but managers and CFOs want dashboards and increased data availability. FASAB currently has a task force studying the issue and is reviewing the CFO Act 20 years later. What does the way ahead hold? Perhaps Performance Reporting, such as a Statement of Net Cost Improvements; or integrated financial and non-financial performance reporting. Perhaps increasing Understandability of statements.



James Gould thanks FASAB's Wendy Payne



James thanks GAO's Heather Keister

GAO Standards Update

Our final presenter for the technical update session was our very own **NOVAGA President Elect, Heather Keister of GAO**. As one of the key players on the Yellow Book team, she updated us on the December 2011 Yellow Book revision, which is effective for all Performance Audits started after 15 December 2011. One of the major updates has been to Independence, including the need to document your independence assessment, including any safeguards you applied. Note that GAO is currently working on interpretations – be sure to check their Web site frequently (www.gao.gov/yellowbook).

In addition, the COSO framework on Internal Controls has recently been updated (see www.ic.coso.org – Exposure Draft comments were due 31 March 2012), and GAO has begun updating the Green

Book, with an Exposure Draft due this Fall.

Our lunchtime speaker was **Miguel 'Joey' Aviles**, who reminded us that WE are in charge of our own destiny – we can make a difference – and attitude is everything. Joey provided a light-hearted look at how we can overcome our challenges by 'Pushing the Cow.'

Leading with Less

The theme for the afternoon session was "Leading with Less – When Leadership Becomes Visible." We heard from some of the top leaders in the Federal government community on the challenges faced with fading budgets and constrained resources.



Carl thanks GPO's Davita Vance-Cooks

GPO has partnered with Google to sell products electronically and pioneered a digital online system. They were one of the first agencies to offer buyouts and early retirements which helped reduce the workforce from 2,200 to 1,900, and rented out 100,000 square feet of unused space.

Ms. Vance-Cooks was accompanied by a team from GPO, including their **CFO, Steve Shed**. The Federal Times came and wrote a great article in the next day's online issue.



Entertaining Lunchtime Speaker Miguel Aviles

Our first presenter was **Davita Vance-Cooks, Acting Public Printer,**

Government Printing Office. She provided us some background on the GPO and then laid out how they have brought the paper printing office into the 21st century and turned around a declining revenue cycle by reexamining their mission to keep America informed about their government.



The Federal Times Grills GPO CFO Steve Shed and Acting Public Printer Davita Vance-Cooks

CFO's Perspective Beyond 2012



Carl thanks DOE's Owen Barwell

Owen Barwell, CFO, Department of Energy, reminded us that the CFO is the Bedrock of an organization. In today's world, he is no longer just a 'bean counter.' His counsel is sought and he is looked to as a professional – one who is independent and objective. Some of his future challenges include the upcoming retirement wave – first talked about several years ago, slightly slowed down due to the recent economic conditions, but still sure to happen. A lot of organizational knowledge will be leaving. The CFO will also be taking on a newer/broader role on advising the company on future performance – today they collect about 190 performance measures at Energy. One of the challenges with these performance measures is that the managers report on measures they feel comfortable sharing with the CFO and OMB – not necessarily those that they need to run their business effectively. Another challenge is that the focus today is on the budget of everything – and they should be focusing on analyzing the costs and determining the Return on Investment.

DeCA and the fine line between Government Entity and Private Enterprise given today's operating environment

Our final speaker closed the day in a fun, entertaining way. **Lauren P. (Larry) Bands, Chief Financial Executive, Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA)** used props to show us in real terms what it means to serve the customer.



James thanks DeCA's Larry Bands

DeCA sells groceries to military personnel around the world at cost. They have a small Operations and Maintenance (O&M) appropriation to support their overhead and use a five percent surcharge on grocery purchases to finance commissary repair and maintenance. With annual sales of almost \$6 billion, 17,000 employees, and almost 250 stores, they claim a 32 percent savings over traditional grocery stores for their military customers. Over 60 percent of their workforce is military-related, with over 25 percent being military spouses. Their best sellers are cereal, juice, diapers – and peanut butter! In 1991, DeCA consolidated the individual services' commissaries to achieve economies of scale. DeCA balances its services – more than 50 percent of its stores are in small, remote and isolated locations, but these only account for 20 percent of its sales. Only 16 percent of its stores are large stores, which also account for 20 percent of its sales. With recent O&M reductions, there has been pressure to reduce their budget. However, with annual sales of over \$50 million to WIC and Food Stamp customers, they pledge to maintain their customer service perspective. Larry truly 'walks the talk' of his business – besides speaking to us, he is a past president of the Richmond-area American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) chapter

(where DeCA is headquartered), and we appreciate his willingness to travel 'up north' to speak to us!

At the end of the day, we could truly say the experiences and insights shared by these leaders has given us ideas and made us think how we can and need to do things differently. This was a "must be there" event – thanks again to **Carl Patton** for being the primary powerhouse behind the day's very cost effective 7 CPEs!

Accountability

Pam Lindsey became our Accountability Chari and spearheaded NOVAGA's first **Citizen Centric Report** (see a copy on our Web site, www.novaga.org).

Seeing a need to provide more informative government reporting to the general public, AGA launched the Citizen Centric Report initiative. This report is a nicely designed template of 4 pages of information the average citizen would want to know. The first page covers general information such as population figures, regional characteristics and government goals. The second page covers performance of key missions and services. The third page addresses revenues and costs, and the fourth page examines future concerns and initiatives for the ensuing year. AGA envisioned the reports to be prepared annually, although each entity would set their own parameters and goals—perhaps issuing them more or less frequently.



Camilla, Mia Leswing, and NOVAGA
Accountability Chair Pam Lindsey

This initiative is moving across governmental entities fast and for good reason. The CCR reports are fantastic examples of transparency to the constituency in a format that captures the essential message citizens want to know. The CCR is the “CliffNotes” of governance—within minutes the constituency will know the essential facts, figures, and future issues and initiatives of their governing entity. For the governing entity, CCR is a talking paper and report card, and for the citizens, CCR is engagement. If they know the facts, figures, and initiatives they will be better informed and can judge where their concerns might be.

On Thursday, December 1, 2011, the Capital Region AGA chapters sponsored an **Accountability Outreach CEAR Trivia Event** at Clyde's of Gallery Place to publicize AGA's Accountability effort.

The Northern Virginia Chapter had three members (**Mie Miller, Donell Ries, and Pamela Lindsey**) that conducted a review of federal agencies Performance and Accountability reports (**PARs**) or the Agency Financial Report (**AFR**) as part of the Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (**CEAR**) Review Program. The CEAR program provides recommendations to agencies to improve the quality and usefulness of PAR/AFR and to publicly recognize agencies that are award recipients of the CEAR. The CEAR program is another tool for promoting accountability and transparency of agencies in the federal government.

Also New this Year – We created an opportunity for Early Careers to work with Accountability Committee to visit local Colleges, Universities, and High Schools to promote a Citizen Centric Reporting scholarship program. NOVAGA awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to young individuals seeking careers in the accounting/finance/auditing field. Each candidate was required to prepare a Citizen Centric Report (CCR) on behalf of an entity (town, city, state agency, nonprofit etc.) and submit to NOVAGA for judging.

Congratulations to GMU's **Michael Ly** and **Tomohiro Nibe**, who both received \$1,000 scholarships for their submission of Citizen Centric Reports (CCRs) for George Mason University and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, respectively. Look for their CCRs on the NoVAGA website. Michael and Tom were awarded their scholarships at our annual Awards Banquet:



Pam Lindsey Congratulates Tom Nibe
On his CCR of WMATA



Pam Lindsey Congratulates Mike Ly
On his CCR of GMU



Tom Nibe and guest Leani Koen Celebrate with
Pam Lindsey & Past NOVAGA President Jack Hufnagle



Jenny and Mike Ly with
Accountability Chair Pam Lindsey

Community Service

Ed Fernandez chaired the Community Service Committee this year. At each meeting, NOVAGA held a short presentation by a community service organization. During the social period, we sold 50/50 raffle tickets, with a drawing held at the close of the meeting. The raffle proceeds were shared equally by the winning ticket holder and the community service organization honored at the meeting. Supported organizations included:



Board Members (l-r) Mie Miller, Ed Fernandez, Donell Ries, and Heather Keister

September 21, 2012

Dennis Green, now Capital Region Regional Vice President, gave us a brief overview of **AGA's National Community Service Fund**, which is used to help projects like Habitat for Humanity building homes in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Thanks to all, we collected \$86. Fortythree dollars went to our raffle winner **Julia Vigneault**, Membership Co-Chair. The Chapter will match the \$43 remainder and donate it to NCSF.

October 19,2011



Roze Mota of the United Service Organization (USO) of Metropolitan Washington was our guest speaker. She provided information on volunteer opportunities at local airports and USO centers, as well as Operation USO Care Package, in which each package would like to include a personal Holiday letter this season. Please contact roze@usometro.org if you are interested in helping with any of these opportunities. **Gary Brooks** won the 50/50 raffle of \$39. The other \$39 will be matched by the chapter and donated to the USO.



NOVAGA President Kristy Green thanks USO's Roze Mota

November 16, 2011



Our spotlighted charity this month was the **Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC)**. We collected non-perishable food for AFAC. Our 50/50 raffle raised \$98 - \$49 was won by **Susan Cash**, and the other \$49 will go to AFAC and will be matched by the chapter. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets!

Thank you!



Kristy Green & Jun Wang With AFAC Donations



On **December 14th**, the Early Careers team will join the Community Service committee to help package 1,000 pounds of chicken at AFAC – come join them! 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Package Chicken –

Afterwards, we enjoyed food and fellowship at Guapo's Mexican Restaurant, rewinding and relaxing from a hard day's work.

The Arlington Food Assistance Center is located at 2708 South Nelson Street, Arlington, VA 22206. Tel: 703 845 8486 or visit www.afacinfo.org

December 7, 2011
Half-Day Training Event
Lyceum



January
18, 2012

Shelly Edwards of the Alzheimer's Association was our community service speaker. She provided some very thought-provoking information – did you know that the onset of Alzheimer's has a lot to do with lifestyle and is only 10% linked to heredity. People at higher risk are those with high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, and the overweight. So exercise both your body and brain – try brushing your teeth with your non-dominant hand, or get lost on purpose! Thanks Shelly!

Matt Farage won the 50/50 raffle of \$62, which he generously donated back to the Alzheimer's Association, making our contribution \$124 for the evening – the chapter will match this, and we will ask National to match it also. Since the Alzheimer's Association provides its services free of charge, this was a much-appreciated gift.



NOVAGA President Kristy Green thanks Alzheimer's Association's Shelly Edwards

alz.org | alzheimer's association

Carrying on a long tradition of Community Service, the Montgomery/PG Chapter conducted a 50/50 Raffle at their February 8th meeting to benefit Stop the Silence (www.stopcsa.org and <http://www.change.org/groups/stopcsa>) which raised \$110. Child sexual abuse (CSA) is a silent epidemic throughout the United States and the world. The Mission of Stop the Silence is to raise awareness, expose and stop CSA and help survivors heal worldwide.



Donna France and Carol Christian

March 21st meeting - Our community service organization this month was **Fisher House** – a Ronald McDonald House-type program for military families allowing them to visit their wounded loved ones near to the military or VA hospital for little or no cost. **Former NOVAGA President Carol Christian** won the 50/50 raffle and donated her share back to Fisher House – making the overall contribution \$110, which will be matched by NOVAGA and AGA National. Thanks Carol!

To cap off the year, we selected 3 charities to benefit from our Casino night after the annual banquet at the Embassy Suites. The winners were:

- **Alzheimers Association** received top prize of \$1,000.
- **USO** received \$600.
- **Arlington Food Assistance Center** received \$400.

Thanks to everyone for their efforts to support these charities!!



NOVAGA Members and Guests, including **Robin McCoy** (right) Win dollars for their favorite Charity

CGFM

Reid Mueller and Mie Miller co-chaired this ambitious committee. They once again scheduled CGFM Study Group sessions. Space was limited to 25 people. Sessions were from 6 – 9 pm at Kearney and Company, 1701 Duke Street, Suite 500, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, about 2 blocks from the Kings Street Metro, on the following dates:



Part 1- Governmental Environment - 9/13, 9/20

Part 2 - Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting – 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13

Part 3- Governmental Financial Management and Control - 1/10, 1/17



Reid Muller (center) co-chaired the CGFM Committee

Each session was taught by a volunteer instructor from the NOVAGA Chapter. Students purchased their own study guides from AGA for \$85 per book for all students. NOVAGA also reimbursed AGA member students \$35 for each study guide purchased. We charged only a \$5 fee to register for each part (Book 1, 2 and 3).

NOVAGA approved two CGFM **incentive programs** drawings at the November meeting. The focus of these incentives was to encourage members to become CGFMs and for members of the NOVAGA study group to pass the tests as soon as possible after each book was completed.

The first incentive was for a \$500 Visa gift card. To be eligible for this incentive drawing you had to be a NOVAGA member. Second you had to become a new CGFM between June 1, 2011 and the May 2012 awards dinner. NOVAGA pooled all the names of new CGFMs during that period and chose one winner – Congratulations to **Kathryn Hurley**, who was announced at the May 2012 Awards Banquet.

The second incentive program was for a \$300 Visa gift card. To be eligible for this incentive drawing, you had to be a member of one of the local Washington AGA chapters, be enrolled in at least one of the NOVAGA sponsored CGFM training classes and pass at least one of the



Kristy thanks **Mie Miller**, Co-Chair of the CGFM Committee

tests. The number of entries were assigned based on the difficulty of the test. Test one produced one entry, test two produced five entries and test three produced three entries, per person who passed a test. A person who passed all three tests had 9 entries (1 + 5 + 3) in the drawing. The winner of the CGFM \$300 Visa gift card was **Peichi Sopko**. Congratulations on becoming a CGFM and winning the drawing! Presentation of the gift card was made at the March NOVAGA meeting.



Kristy congratulates **Peichi Sopko** on winning the CGFM \$300 Visa Gift Card

At the May Awards Banquet, Kristy Green thanked **Mie Miller** and **Reid Muller** for their work for CGFM this year, running another successful group of review courses to study for the exam.

Membership

Michelle Amatangelo and **Julia A. Vigneault** were Co- Chairs of this committee. Once again, they had very ambitious plans!

October 2011 - Co-sponsored Early Careers Famous Dave's Picnic at Hains Point, East Potomac Park, Washington D.C. This event, postponed from September due to inclement weather, was co-hosted with the D.C. and Prince Georges County Chapters and was a tremendous success.

November 2011 – Redskins football viewing party! Join us for fun, food, and football.

Spring 2012 – Community Service event, co-sponsored by the Community Service Committee. A wonderful opportunity to meet fellow members and work together to help our NOVA community.

Check out our home page: <http://www.novaga.org>



Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/NOVA-AGA/128596193153>: 





Follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/#!/AGA_NorthernVA. 

Also for the 2011-2012 year, the Membership Committee is excited to announce the new NOVAGA site on LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com)! http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4053580&trk=hb_side_g

Member Services

Andrew Moses and Matt Abend again chaired this committee, which also had an ambitious schedule. They hosted events every other month, and worked with Membership & the other chapters:

October 5, 2011	Café Asia 1550 Wilson Blvd Arlington VA	NOVAGA Members FREE Prospective Members \$5
November 15, 2011	The Liberty Tavern 3195 Wilson Blvd Arlington VA (Clarendon Metro)	NOVAGA Members FREE Prospective Members \$5
Tuesday, January 17, 2012 6 pm Caps vs NY Islanders 	The Member Services event was an overwhelming success (the original 20 tickets to the Caps/Islanders game went quickly, and we added 4 more). <u>Special NOVAGA Members Price of \$35 per ticket</u> (Face value of tickets is \$73); First Come, First Served. Tickets Are Limited! Capitals lost to NY Islanders 0-3	

Thursday, February 16, 2012	Member Services and Early Careers sponsor a happy hour at Chef Geoff's Downtown.	After the National Leadership Conference	Social Event during NLC Sponsored by: MORGANFRANKLIN SURPASSING EXPECTATIONS®
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Feb 20 – With DC Chapter, Chinese New Year		
	NOVAGA Chapter members Ron & Ceci Adolphi chat with Doug Webster	

	
Attendees included Andy Kilgore & Doug Webster	Karl Boettcher and Linda Botkin enjoy the celebration with DC chapter friends

Early Careers

We have a great team in place with myself (Bethany Wilder), Blake Covington, and Lee Richardson Jr. serving as Co-Chairs for the Early Career (EC) Committee and a strong sub-committee comprised of Joseph Sutter, Kris Nance, Lola Giwa, and Sun Kim.

Date	Event
October 8 th 11:30 AM -2:00 PM Carlyle 4000 Campbell Ave Arlington VA Cost: It's free! Group Limit: 20 NOVAGA attendees (Additional attendees may join the group at their own expense)	12th annual Mid-Atlantic Oktoberfest We are kicking off the month by participating in the 12th annual Mid-Atlantic Oktoberfest, hosted by Capitol City Brewing Co. on October 8th. This event will have 40+ breweries, local food vendors, as well as authentic German bands and food. Our group will meet up with the DC chapter at Carlyle in Shirlington at 11:30 AM on October 8, and proceed to Oktoberfest as a group.
	
	Donna France and Bethany Wilder

Date	Event	
<p>October 22nd/12:00 PM -3:00 PM Hains Point, East Potomac Park, Washington DC Food: Famous Dave's What to Bring: <u>Your family/friends/coworkers</u> & any games that you may want to play</p>	<p><u>Early Careers and Membership Picnic</u> We also, due to unfavorable forecast, rescheduled the EC tri-chapter (DC, PG/Mont, and NOVAGA) Hains Point picnic for October 22. This event provides a great opportunity to meet and network with the other AGA EC members and enjoy free Famous Dave's BBQ! As an added benefit several AGA board members and government sector leaders are planning to attend. We hope you will attend and bring your family, friends, and co-workers along to join in on the fun! http://new.evite.com/services/links/ZAOLNGVBSC</p>	
<p>Sunday, November 13 1 pm Bailey's Pub & Grille Ballston</p>	<p>Early Careers Membership Drive – Come out and watch your favorite NFL Team & bring your friends and co-workers interested in joining AGA to show them what it's all about.</p>	
<p>Nov 17th/6:00 PM -8:00 PM Elephant & Castle 1201 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20004 Food: Elephant & Castle will be supplying food and drinks</p>	<p>Early Career Mentoring Event This event provides a great opportunity to hear and meet Federal sector leaders, which will provide insights into Public Sector career development and provide a networking opportunity with fellow members. Our guest speakers will be Luther Bragg (Deputy Auditor General for the Naval Audit Service) and Roger Hill (Principal, Deloitte & Touche, LLP). For this event our sister Chapters (DC and PG) will be joining us. We look forward to seeing you there!</p>	
<p>January 17th/ 6:00 PM -8:00 PM Lucky Strike, 701 7th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001 What to Bring: <u>Your family/friends/coworkers</u></p>	<p>We are excited to announce a joint Northern Virginia/DC Early Career event planned at Lucky Strike bowling lanes in Chinatown. Lucky Strike is a unique entertainment bar and restaurant, providing bowling lanes and arcade games, wrapped in a stimulating atmosphere of art, music, and energetic crowds. This event provides a great opportunity to meet and network with the other AGA EC members and enjoy free games, food, and drinks! We hope you will attend and bring your family, friends, and co-workers along to join in on the fun! Sign-up now, only the first 20 individuals to RSVP get to attend for free.</p>	
<p>Saturday, April 21, 2012 Free! We will provide you with a ticket to the game as well as a \$15 food credit</p>		<p>This month we will be attending a Washington Nationals game on April 21st vs the Miami Marlins. This a great opportunity to network with your fellow EC members while having the chance watch an exciting game of baseball. We hope that you can make it to this great event!</p>

Corporate Sponsorship

Pat Evans and Abiy Metchia continued at the helm of this important committee. Several generous sponsors helped us to cover the costs of education, networking, and CPEs we were able to offer. Last year, we raised \$31,300, and this year, through April 2012, we had collected \$28,000 for the program year, which started in July.

Many thanks go out to our Sponsors:



Senior VP at large **John Homan** (& NOVAGA President 06-07) (center) with **Ray Raines** and Corporate Sponsorship's **Pat Evans**

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At left, **Kristy Green** thanks Corporate Sponsorship Co-Chair **Pat Evans** at the May Awards Banquet for her work this year.

Members in the News



USAAA Auditors General 1979-Present

(L-R) Francis E. (Gene) Reardon, NOVAGA President 91-92
 Harold L. (Hal) Stugart, NOVAGA President 81-82 and
 AGA National President 84-85
 Joyce E. Morrow, Patrick Fitzgerald,
 Randy L. Exley, The Army Auditor General

One of NOVAGA's biggest supporters over the years, the **United States Army Audit Agency**, celebrated its 65th Birthday in November with a gala event. Many former and retired Agency employees returned and reminisced about 'the good old days.' All civilian Auditors General were present (prior to 1979, USAAA was headed by an Army General Officer).

The Agency's first civilian Auditor General, **Harold L. (Hal) Stugart** was also NOVAGA Chapter President 1981-1982 and went on to become AGA National President in 1984-1985. He was the Army Auditor General from 1979-1992.

The Agency's second civilian Auditor General, **Francis E. (Gene) Reardon**, served as NOVAGA President 1991-

1992. He was the Army Auditor General from 1992-2003 and went on to serve as the Deputy Auditor General for Audits at DODIG before retiring in 2006. He first joined AGA in 1968 and was active with AGA on a local and national level for many years. Gene was awarded **NOVAGA's Excellence in Federal Financial Management Award** in May 2005, and his dedication to the profession culminated with his receipt of **AGA's Einhorn-Gary Award**.

Joyce E. Morrow followed Gene Reardon as the Army's Auditor General from 2004-2006 and is currently the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. Joyce is a longtime NOVAGA member, having been active in the chapter for many years, most recently as Meetings Coordinator 2002-2003.

Patrick Fitzgerald served as the Army's Auditor General from 2006-2009. He currently heads DCAA. In May 2009, NOVAGA awarded him the **Pentagon Memorial Service Award** for his work taking the lead in DOD's audit efforts in Southwest Asia, in addition to his many years of contributions to AGA on the local and national level.

In addition to the former Auditors General, the current Auditor General, **Randy L. Exley**, welcomed fellow auditors from the Naval Audit Service and DODIG at USAAA's anniversary celebration.



November Meeting Attendees included Donell Ries and Ann Collins



January Meeting Attendees Mary Braun & Ron Adolph

In Memory of Michael A. Lippert

On January 7, we lost a respected colleague and a good friend with the passing of Mike Lippert, a partner in our Federal Audit practice.

Mike joined KPMG in 1999, concentrating on the audits of Federal agencies and state and local governments. He specialized in Federal Credit Reform matters and served many of the firm's top federal clients.



Michael A. Lippert

Mike was passionate about developing accounting students and KPMG professionals. For many years he was the lead recruiting partner at Howard University. Mike also served as a mentor to many of us and taught local and national training courses on government issues and technical topics.

Mike is survived by his wife Bev, brother Pete, two nephews, a niece, and his two dogs Rocky and Sammy. There will be visitation on Saturday, January 14 from 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. at Mullins & Thompson Funeral Service, 186 Shelton Shop Road, Stafford, VA 22554. A prayer service is planned for 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

In Mike's memory, the firm has established the KPMG/Michael A. Lippert Endowed Scholarship Fund at Howard University. Before his passing, Mike was very pleased to learn about the establishment of the endowment.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested contributions be made to the KPMG/Michael A. Lippert Endowed Scholarship Fund at Howard University.

With Mike's passing, our KPMG family has lost a great friend and a respected colleague.

Handwritten signature of Candy Duncan in cursive.

Candy Duncan
Managing Partner
Washington Metro Area Offices

Handwritten signature of Diane Dudley in cursive.

Diane Dudley
Partner in Charge,
Federal Audit Sector

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Commemorative Award

Mike was a long-time, active member of NOVAGA. He served on the chapter's board as Corporate Sponsorship Chair from 2005-2008, as Nomination Chair from 2008-2010, and as Strategic Planning Chair from 2009-2011. Mike was instrumental in expanding NOVAGA's Corporate Sponsorship program. He began simply, first by bringing in sponsors to cover the annual banquet expenses then he built the



Bev Lippert accepts the NOVAGA
Commemorative Award on Behalf of
Mike Lippert from Kristy Green

foundation for a robust annual program that has allowed us to offer more quality programs through subsequent program years. He continued that vision as he drafted our Strategic Plan to lead us into the 21st Century. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife and family. NOVAGA has made a contribution to the KPMG/Michael A. Lippert Endowed Scholarship Fund at Howard University. We will truly miss his energetic presence within our chapter.

At our May Awards Banquet, we awarded a Commemorative Award to **Mike Lippert**. His wife, Bev, accepted on his behalf.

May Awards Banquet Success for All!



Scot Janssen, Former NOVAGA President Mike Davitt, Carl & Bev Patton, RVP & Former NOVAGA President Dennis Green

Our capstone event of the 2011-2012 year was our annual Awards Banquet, held on **May 11th** at the **Embassy Suites** in Old Town Alexandria. Over 70 members and guests enjoy a reflective and fun evening, highlighting our program year, recognizing great government accountability leaders, and earning some money for charity.

AGA National Staff

Joining us for the evening were such luminaries as **Reimond P. Van Daniker, DBA, CPA**, AGA Executive Director, accompanied by Chapter Service Manager **Jessica Jones** and Assistant to the Executive Director/ Governance Manager **Louise Kapelewski** from the National office.

Past NOVAGA Presidents

Past NOVAGA Presidents in attendance included **Jackson W. Hufnagle** (2004-2005), **Patricia A. Brannin** (2005-2006), **Dennis Green** (2008-2009), **Mike Davitt** (2009-2010). We had also received very nice notes

from **Michael A. Janowski** (1984-1985), **Thomas Druzgal** (1993-1994), and **John R. Laney** (2001-2002) thanking us for the invitation and congratulating us on a great year!



Guests included former NOVAGA President Pat Brannin (left) and President-Elect Heather Keister (center)



AGA National Office's Louise Kapelewski and Jessica Jones with Past NOVAGA President Jack Hufnagle

Starting with a cocktail reception with cheese and fruit in the Embassy Suites' elegant atrium, members, guests, and spouses socialized with old friends and made new ones. Dinner was delicious as usual, with Filet Mignon with Pinot Noir Demi Glace and Crab Cake, served with Herb Roasted Potatoes and Asparagus, all accompanied by wine and iced tea. Dessert was a scrumptious cheesecake with coffee and tea again in the atrium as guests made their way across the hall for a night of gaming for charity.

Each table included a copy of the **Chapter's History** for this year which spotlighted all the chapter's accomplishments.

Awards Presentations

After dinner, it was time for our main event – the **Awards Presentation** to deserving federal financial leaders. This year's winners were once again very accomplished people, who thrive on giving back to our community. See the section following on our award winners:

- Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management Presented by Mr. Steinhoff to **Mr. Todd Grams**, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Veterans Affairs.



Head Table looks on as Jeff Steinhoff praises Todd Grams, who received the Steinhoff Federal Financial Management Award

- Federal Financial Partnership Award Presented to **Mr. Jeffrey C. Steinhoff** CGFM CPA CFE, Executive Director, KPMG LLP
- Pentagon Memorial Service Award Presented to **BG (R) Roger W. Searce**, USA, Senior Partner, Vanguard Advisors, LLC



NOVAGA President Kristy Green Welcomes Guests
Head Table includes
incoming NOVAGA President Heather Keister,
Award Presenter and Recipient Jeff Steinhoff & wife Wendy
and AGA National President-Elect Evelyn Brown



Kristy congratulates
Pam Lindsey as our first
Accountability Chair

Government Accountability and the CCR

Kristy Green thanked **Pam Lindsey**, our first Accountability Chair, with a President's Award for producing our first ever Citizen Centric Report. Pam, in turn, awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to **Michael Ly** and **Tom Nibe** for their submission of CCRs for George Mason University and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, respectively. See pictures under the Accountability section of this chapter.

Look for Michael & Tom's CCRs on the NoVAGA website at www.novaga.org.

President's Awards

Kristy presented additional President's Awards to mainstays of the Board. These included **Carl Patton**, Education Chair, who put on two very successful training events – a half-day event held in Old Town Alexandria's Historic Lyceum that featured Virginia CPA Ethics Training, Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act Training, and an Enterprise Risk Management Session. The full-day training session included Technical Updates and Leadership Insights for 7 CPE. In addition, Carl hosted several AGA Audio Conferences at KPMG throughout the year.



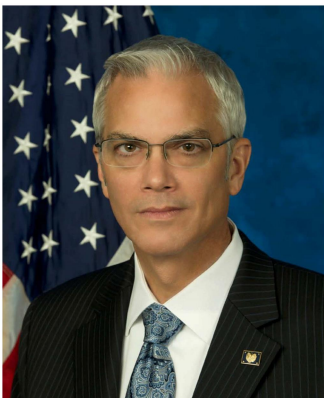
Kristy congratulates
Carl Patton for running two successful training events



Kristy thanks Treasurer Shaila McCall

Shaila McCall, our Treasurer, was also honored with a President's Award for her excellent accounting and successful audit of the chapter.

2012 Award Winners



W. Todd Grams
Executive in Charge,
Office of Management & CFO
Department of Veterans Affairs

Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award For Excellence in Federal Financial Management

W. Todd Grams Executive in Charge, Office of Management & CFO Department of Veterans Affairs

W. Todd Grams received the Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management. This award was established in 2003 and named after our first recipient, GAO's Jeff Steinhoff, CPA CGFM. It formally recognizes federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures.

W. Todd Grams was appointed as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on November 8, 2009. He

currently serves as VA's Executive in Charge for the Office of Management and Chief Financial Officer. He is responsible for the budget and financial management of VA's \$125 billion budget as well as the Department's performance management, business oversight, and asset enterprise management programs.

Mr. Grams recently received the 2011 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal (Sammie) for Management Excellence for his leadership of two major transformational management initiatives designed to create a coherent and unified department, streamline access points for VA beneficiaries, reduce costs per beneficiary, and ultimately deliver better care to more veterans.

As a long-standing innovator in the Federal Financial Management Community, Mr. Grams previously served as CFO at NIST, CFO and CIO of the IRS, and CFO of VHA, where he led the development of the ground-breaking Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation system, which after 12 years continues to be the internal allocation system used by the VHA, as well as VA's Deputy CFO.

Mr. Grams has also been a strong supporter of AGA, currently serving on the National PDC committee. He has earned three Presidential Rank Awards, two for Distinguished Service: 2006 (while with IRS) and 2000 (while with VA), and for Meritorious Service in 1997 also at VA. In addition, he is the recipient of the Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary's Awards for Distinguished Career and Meritorious Service.

Mr. Grams graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics in 1980.



Jeff Steinhoff presents his namesake
Award to Mr. Todd Grams
as President Kristy Green looks on

2012 Award Winners (cont.)

Federal Financial Partnership Award

Jeffrey C. Steinhoff
CGFM CPA CFE
Executive Director, KPMG LLP



Jeffrey C. Steinhoff
CGFM CPA CFE

For his continued service to the Federal Government in the private sector, Mr. Jeff Steinhoff is awarded NOVAGA's Federal Financial Partnership Award. As the head of KPMG's Government Institute since his retirement from GAO in 2008, Jeff has promoted excellence through outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures. Jeff is also never too busy to support the profession – readily agreeing to speak at training sessions; supporting the educational and philanthropic goals of professional organizations; hosting training sessions; encouraging his coworkers to participate in professional organizations; and providing literature, handouts, and advice to future financial management professionals.



Relmond Van Daniker AGA Executive Director,
Presents the Partnership Award To Jeff Steinhoff

As Executive Director of the KPMG Government Institute, a creative think tank dedicated to advancing government accountability and bridging the gap between the public and private sector, Jeff has researched and promoted new ideas, analyzed long-standing practices, coauthored articles, and presented informative sessions to other accountants, such as NOVAGA's December 2011 half-day training session. He has also ensured that the KPMG Word Book – a concise repository of government financial management acronyms -- is updated and distributed free of charge.

He has carried on KPMG's long-standing tradition of service to the Federal Government, which led NOVAGA to nominate his predecessor, John H. Hummel, for the inaugural Federal Financial Partnership Award in 2003. Jeff has offered training space for NOVAGA educational sessions, and invited both the DC chapter and NOVAGA to participate in AGA's Audio Conferences at no cost to the chapters. Under his leadership, former KPMG Partner Mike Lippert helped shape NOVAGA's strategic plan,

heading NOVAGA's corporate sponsorship campaign, and chairing its nominating committee. Current KPMG Partner Carl Patton has been the long-time coordinator of Education Events for the chapter.

Projects such as these make government financial management easier to understand and thus manage more efficiently. With Jeff's background in the Federal Sector, and his service to standards-setting bodies, he now continues to bring innovative leadership to the benefit of America's taxpayers.



Wendy & Jeff Steinhoff with Relmond Van Daniker and
Doug Webster

2012 Award Winners (cont.)



BG (R) Roger W. Searce, USA
Senior Partner
Vanguard Advisors, LLC

Pentagon Memorial Service Award BG (R) Roger W. Searce, USA Senior Partner Vanguard Advisors, LLC

Carrying on the vision he had as a career military officer culminating in the role of Deputy Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), where he closed 300 sites and browned out over 350 legacy systems to gain operational efficiencies and dramatically reduce costs, **Roger Searce** is the ever-present, behind-the-scenes, expert leader within the DoD Financial Management community with a vast

network of professional colleagues and friends who 'connects the dots,' pushes the tough discussions, and galvanizes key government and industry officials to step up to dramatic operational change for improved effectiveness, efficiencies, and affordability. His personal efforts have ensured the adoption of proven audit procedures, best practices within the DoD, and are responsible for initiating innovative pilots to evaluate outsourcing business functions. His sole purpose is to garner operational benefit for the war-fighter – our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines. His dedication and passion for their cause, and securing our global leadership posture, is unwavering - driving his purpose and continuing to produce meaningful, measurable outcomes for the Department.



Robert Speer, Deputy Assistant
Secretary of the Army for
Financial Management & Comptroller
Talks About Roger Searce



BG(R) Roger Searce accepts
The Pentagon Memorial Service
Award from Bob Speer

General Searce's recent accomplishments included assisting Army Working Capital Fund, USACE, USMC, and OSD-C with Audit Readiness support, DFAS with Financial Management Center of Excellence Concept of Operations and the Enterprise Risk Management Program, USACE with Enterprise Governance Risk and Compliance, the Business Transformation Agency's various initiatives, and USAF's Financial and Logistics Modernization Initiatives including ERP solutions.

He is an active member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), having assisted NOVAGA in securing thought-provoking speakers in the DOD Financial Management community. Also a past National Vice President and Life Member of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) and an active member of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), he embodies what it means to give back to his community.

General Searce graduated from Florida Southern College in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting, and earned his MBA from Syracuse University in 1979. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course; Finance Officer Advanced Course; Army Comptrollership Program; U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; U.S. Army War College; and General Officer CAPSTONE course.



Deborah & Roger Searce with
Margaret & Bob Speer

More Awards Banquet Pictures



President Kristy Green
Gets ready for the evening



Cecie & Ron Adolphi

Ron & Mie Miler



Guest of Award Winner Roger Searce
include Bob & Margaret Speer
& Deb Delmar



Award Winner Roger Searce & Guests



Guests of Roger Searce
included Jim Watkins (right)



USO's Roze Mota & Matt Swartz



AFAC Charity Representatives



KPMG Table – Scot Janssen, Bev Lippert
Beverly & Carl Patton



Board Recognition

There were many other Board members to recognize and thank, including the ones below.



Kristy thanks **Bethany Wilder**, Co-Chair of the Early Careers Committee, along with **Lee Richardson** and **Blake Covington**



Jun Wang (left) and **Ryan Bobby** (right) headed our Meeting Registration efforts.

Kristy also thanked **Robert Smith** (center) for being Awards Committee Chair



Scot Janssen took over Strategic Planning after Mike Lippert's passing

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Regional Spotlight

Thank you to the members of the Capital Region and AGA:

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Past Regional Vice President - Flora Milans, CPA, CGFM
Regional Vice President-Elect - Kim Farrington
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Certification - John Gioeli
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Education (Asst) - Tonya Allen-Shaw
Accountability - Doreen Shute



Kristy Green, this year's NOVAGA President, Gets words of encouragement from Dennis Green 08-09 President



Carl Patton, Education Chair & Past President Dennis Green, now RVP



Past Presidents John Homan & Jack Hufnagle



Past RVP Karl Boettcher socializing at February Meeting



NOVAGA Members Jack Hufnagle & Alice Arielly socialize with Norman and AGA National President Elect Evelyn Brown at the Feb 20th Chinese New Year Celebration



RVP Elect Kim Farrington & her husband chat with NOVAGA Past President Jack Hufnagle at the Feb 20th Chinese New Year

AGA National & the PDC

NOVAGA was once again on the forefront of National Officers as well as Regional Officers:

National Treasurer was **Mia Leswing** (Past NOVAGA President 03-04).

Senior Vice President at Large, **John Homan** (Past NOVAGA President 06-07)

After the final tallies for this year – Congratulations to NOVAGA, who once again earned **Platinum** status for its varied activities for the year! The Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) is a noncompetitive program recognizing a chapter's performance in relation to a standard or benchmark linked to AGA's mission. The objective of the CRP is to support, encourage and promote the accomplishment of AGA's mission, and to provide flexible noncompetitive guidelines for a well-rounded chapter. A platinum chapter earns 19,500 or more recognition points per year.



AGA National Treasurer (& Past NOVAGA President) Mia Leswing Welcomes AGA National President Dick Bunge

Passing the Gavel

At the Annual Awards Banquet, after Kristy thanked **Heather Keister** for her work as Web master, it was Heather's turn to thank Kristy for all of her hard work this year, by presenting her with a gavel commemorating her Presidency.

Heather is our President-Elect and we look forward to having her continue all the efforts that Kristy put into place this year.

See you in San Diego from July 29-31 for the 2012 Professional Development Conference!



Kristy thanks Historian **Alice Arielly**

This 2011-2012 History was updated by **Alice S. Arielly, Historian**, with special thanks to President Kristy Green, Newsletter Editor Angela Landis-Payne, and Web Master Heather Keister.

Alice received a President's Award for her work to keep the History updated, which included monthly Newsletter articles about our meetings and putting together the Banquet Program.

Alice & Jack recently married and will be moving to San Antonio in the Fall, but she promises to stay in touch and will be turning over her Historian duties (& files) to **Debra Hoffman** – please support her as enthusiastically as you have Alice!



President-Elect Heather Keister Presents a Gavel to thank Outgoing President Kristy Green

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Vital Statistics

President Heather I Keister CPA CIA
Government Accountability Office



Heather Keister

Welcome to the 2012-2013 program year! I have been involved with the Northern Virginia chapter of AGA (NOVAGA) for over a decade and am very honored to serve as President of the chapter for the coming year.

Meetings

The location for our chapter meetings again this year is the Embassy Suites in Old Town Alexandria, conveniently located at the King Street Metro stop.

Meetings were held the 3rd Wednesday of each month, starting in September. Meeting times were the same as last year:

5:30-6:00 pm Registration/Networking 6 – 7 pm Meeting 7-8 pm Exec Board Meeting

Menu: Cocktail buffet of hot and cold Hors d'oeuvres, Iced Tea and Water Service,
Domestic and imported beers, and wines are available for purchase

MEMBERS: \$15 registered paid in advance or \$20 walk-in.
RETIRED MEMBERS: \$5 registered paid in advance or \$10 walk-in.
NON-MEMBERS: \$25 registered paid in advance or \$30 walk-in.

We again tapped into Social Media for everyone:

- Check out our home page: <http://www.novaga.org>
- Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/NOVA-AGA/128596193153>
- Follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/#!/AGA_NorthernVA
- Join us on LinkedIn: http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4053580&trk=hb_side_g

<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, September 19th 2012</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Evelyn Brown, CGFM-Retired AGA National President</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">“Our Professional Journey - Paths to Success”</p> <p>Brown serves as AGA National President and chair of the National Executive Committee.</p> <p>With more than 34 years of government financial management experience, Brown retired as Deputy Chief Financial Officer (DCFO) of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in September 2006.</p>	 <p>Evelyn shared her career experiences and provided excellent mentoring advice to all of us in attendance. She discussed essential</p>
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factors such as (1) paths to success, (2) avenues to success, (3) how to tell your story, and (4) ethics. We had over 50 members in attendance, and it was a wonderful meeting for all involved. Thanks once again to Evelyn for sharing the wisdom gained throughout her career!

October 17, 2012

Joint meeting with the Montgomery/Prince George's chapter at our location in Alexandria.

"Financial Management in the Intelligence Community"



William F. Stefan
Financial Management,
Director, Office of the
Chief Financial Officer,
Office of the Director of
National Intelligence



It was a great meeting with outstanding attendance of around 70 members.



NOVAGA President Heather Keister and Mia Leswing attend the joint AGA Chapter Meeting, pictured with members of the Montgomery/Prince George's County chapter.

November 28, 2012

Note this is the 4th Wednesday due to Thanks giving

"Protecting Investors and the Public Interest through Reliable Audits."



Jeanette Franzel, Board
Member, PCAOB


Jeanette M. Franzel was appointed by the Securities and Exchange Commission as a member of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in February 2012.

Prior to joining the Board, Ms. Franzel served for almost 23 years at the Government Accountability Office, spending a decade in the Senior Executive Service.





The presentation by Ms. Franzel featured a comprehensive look at the work of the PCAOB, including several challenges and opportunities the organization will address in the coming months.

She ended her tenure at the GAO as a Managing Director overseeing all aspects of the organization's financial audit oversight of the U.S. federal government. In this capacity, she supervised audits of large, complex agencies with annual budgets in the hundreds of billions of dollars, as well as small programs and agencies with limited resources.

<p>Wednesday, January 9, 2013</p> <p>Reception 6-6:30pm Dinner 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p>Menu: Greek salad, braised flank steak w/ sherry demi- glace, chicken gardiniere, vegetarian lasagna, parmesan risotto, grilled eggplant, squash & red peppers, selection of desserts</p>	<p>Maxene Bardwell, Internal Audit Manager, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission</p> <p>Topic: The Investigative Auditor</p> <p>\$35 - non- government employees \$20 - state, local & federal govt employees \$15 – students</p>	<p>Joint NOVAGA and Montgomery/Prince Georges County Chapter meeting event.</p> <p>Hilton Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville MD</p>  <p>1 CPE - We are now NASBA certified!</p>
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<p>Wednesday, February 20, 2013</p>		
	<p>Bob spoke on "Accounting and Auditing Issues"</p>	<p>and provided an update on topics such as the results of the audit of the U.S. Government's Consolidated Financial Statements, and current developments in accounting and auditing standards.</p>
<p>Robert Dacey Chief Accountant United States Government Accountability Office (GAO)</p>		

<p>Wednesday, 20 March 2013</p>	<p>The meeting featured a dinner buffet, rather than our usual appetizers. Everyone really seemed to enjoy the upgraded food selections.</p>		
	<p>We were honored to have Dr. David Pendleton from Oxford University as our guest speaker. He is also currently serving as a visiting professor at Webster University.</p>	<p>"Leadership's Impact and Primary Colours"</p>	

Education Opportunities

The KPMG Government Institute hosted the following AGA Audio Conferences at no charge at two of their locations, inviting AGA Chapter members for DC, Maryland and Northern Virginia. Two CPE credit hours were available for each conference:

DC Location 1801 K Street, NW Tysons Location 1676 International Drive

<p>Sept. 19 2:00 – 3:50 p.m.</p>	<p>Yellow Book: What You Need to Know</p>
<p>October 17th</p>	<p>Improving Internal Controls</p>
<p>November 7th</p>	<p>Applying Data Analytics to Uncover Fraud</p>
<p>February 6th</p>	<p>The role of internal controls in reducing improper payments and the "Do Not Pay" solution</p>
<p>March 13th</p>	<p>Issues in Government Contract Management</p>
<p>March 27th</p>	<p>Effective Popular Reporting"</p>

Half-Day Training Event

We held our annual half-day training event on Tuesday morning, December 4, 2012. We returned to the Lyceum in Alexandria for the training. The training included an Ethics session that will meet the requirements for Virginia CPAs.

- Dr. Ziegenfuss, Professor Old Dominion University – “Virginia Ethics” (Meets the 2 CPE Credits required by Virginia)
- Joe Oliva, Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General - “Oversight Standards in a War Zone”
- Jeffrey Steinhoff discussed procuring audit services in government

Dr. Douglas Ziegenfuss, Professor Old Dominion University, "Virginia Ethics" (Meets the 2 CPE Credits Required by Virginia for 2012);



Joseph Oliva, Department of Defense, Office of the Inspector General, "Oversight Standards in a War Zone;"



Jeffrey Steinhoff, KPMG,
"Procuring Audit Services in Government:
A Practical Guide to Making the Right Decision."

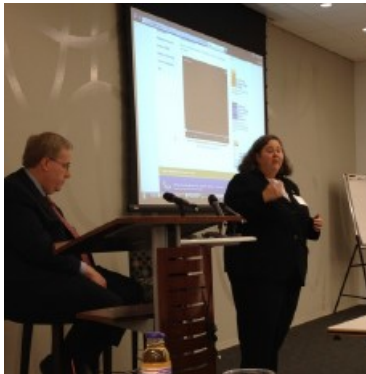
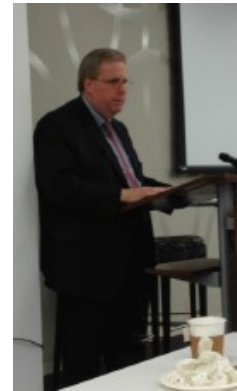


All-Day Training Event

Monday, April 22, 2013 continued a long-standing NOVAGA tradition of providing 7 CPEs for only \$20, including breakfast & lunch. It was held at the KPMG Conference Center, Mezzanine Level, 1801 K Street, NW, Washington, DC. We had over 100 attendees!!! It was a great day full of outstanding training and networking opportunities. Thanks again to KPMG for hosting the event for us!

Our speakers and topics were:

- Heather Keister, Assistant Director, Government Accountability Office, GAO Update
- Wendy Payne, Executive Director FASAB, FASAB, Standards Update
- Mike Wetklow, OMB – Chief Accountability, Performance, and Reporting Branch – Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB
- Regina Kearney, OMB – Senior Advisor to the Deputy Controller, and
- Gil Tran, OMB – Senior Policy Analyst, OMB Update (Invited)
- Carolann Marker, Treasury – Bureau of Fiscal Services, Director of Customer Relationship Management Division, The Upcoming Bureau of Fiscal Services Systems Changes and Timeline and its impact on Agencies
- Dave Rivait, Department of Transportation, Deputy Chief Financial Officer
- Bill Stefan, Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) – Deputy Associate Director of National Intelligence for Financial Management, "Doing Without – The Risks, Challenges, and Rewards"










Washington Women Speak

We helped sponsor this event, titled “Women in Business: Empowering and Inspiring Women Leaders.” It was held at the Women in Military Service to American Memorial at Arlington Cemetery on Thursday, **March 14, 2013**. Co-sponsored by AGA’s DC chapter and Grant Thornton, it provided 1.5 CPEs for the morning’s event. Guests of Honor included US Congresswomen Debbie Wasserman Shultz and Carolyn McCarthy. Guest Speakers included past AGA National President **Lisa Casias**, Commerce Deputy CFO.

Early Careers & Member Services

Early Careers events focused on our newer generation of government accountants and auditors, and Member Services tried to make networking for everyone fun!

September 15 th	Hains Point Park	Our first event for the year was the annual Early Careers BBQ picnic at Hains Point Park in Washington, DC on September 15. This was a joint event with the DC and Montgomery/PG County Chapters.
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		 <p>Early Careers Fall Meet & Greet November 6th (rescheduled from October 30 due to storm!) Bailey's Sports Grille - Arlington</p>
<p>Clarendon's Liberty Tavern's set up a VIP section for NOVAGA members at a Meet and Greet Happy Hour on Nov. 14.</p> 	<p>The lounge-like setting offered a private place for members to socialize and enjoy some of the Tavern's pizza selections. The night brought out about 20 people, who relaxed and noshed after the end of the work day.</p>	 <p>Member Services</p>
<p>Jan 7 2013 7-10 pm Verizon Center - Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro</p> <p>Tickets are \$5 and include all you can eat hot dogs, sodas, pretzels, peanuts, cracker jacks, and ice cream!</p>	<p>Member Services event</p>  <p>Washington Wizards vs. Oklahoma City Thunder</p>	<p>We had over 25 members come enjoy unlimited food and beverages at All You Can Eat Night while cheering on the Washington Wizards on their way to a 101-99 victory over superstar Kevin Durant and the Oklahoma City Thunder.</p> <p>While we missed the annual trip to the Caps game this year as a result of the lockout, the Wizards provided a great entertainment experience to NOVAGA members this year.</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 16</p>  <p>Elephant & Castle Pub</p>	<p>Early Careers Tri-Chapter Mentoring Event with our sister chapters, Washington DC, and Montgomery County/ PG.</p>	<p>Our keynote speaker, Jason Campbell, Partner at Deloitte & Touche, shared many valuable insights regarding career growth in the public sector, planning out your career and advice on building your reputation. We also had several mentors who spoke during our breakout group sessions, providing an informal candid question and answer segment for our mentees.</p>

<p>February 27</p> <p>Membership Networking and Happy Hour.</p>		<p>Representatives and recruiters from local accounting/consulting employers will be there to meet with you and discuss market opportunities. There will also be a membership drive contest! The person who brings the most potential new members will win a \$100 gift card!</p>
<p>March 6th 7:00 PM -9:00 PM</p> <p>Place: Lucky Strike, 701 7th Street NW, (Chinatown) Washington, DC 20001</p>	<p>Lucky Strike is a unique entertainment bar and restaurant, providing bowling lanes and arcade games, wrapped in a stimulating atmosphere of art, music, and energetic crowds.</p>	<p>Early Careers - This event provided a great opportunity to meet and network with the other AGA EC members and enjoy free games, food, and drinks!</p> <p>Bowling!</p>
<p>Jacob MacDonald networks with prospective NoVAGA members while mulling over joining the Membership Committee next year.</p>  <p>May Membership Committee Happy Hour & Fundraiser for Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind</p>	 <p>Community Service Chair, Bethany Wilder promotes the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind.</p>	 <p>Membership Committee member, Sarah Petit entertains the USMC Audit Liaison team!</p>
<p>Washington Nationals vs. Baltimore Orioles Tuesday May 28, 2013 7:05 – 10 pm</p>	<p>Nationals Stadium — Navy Yard Metro</p> <p>Tickets Are Limited!</p> <p>Tickets are only \$5!</p>	

CGFM Study Sessions

We also offered CGFM study sessions again this year.

Book 1 - Governmental Environment - 9/10, 9/17

Book 3 - Governmental Financial Management and Control - 10/1, 10/15

Book 2 - Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting - 11/5, 11/19, 11/26

Each session took place at the KPMG office in Tysons, 1676 International Drive, Suite 1200, Tyson's Corner, Virginia 22102 from 6-8 pm. The office is located directly across the street from Tyson's Galleria or Tyson's II. Parking is available for a fee in front of the building or in the 8180 Greensboro Drive lot. Space is limited. We recommend advanced registration.

Each section was only \$5.

CGFM Scholarship Program

NOVAGA also adopted a **CGFM scholarship program** that is open to all new CGFMs in the NOVAGA chapter. The drawing for the scholarship is held quarterly. The scholarship will consist of a \$500 Visa gift card presented to the recipient at the monthly NOVAGA meeting. Scholarship winners will also receive a complimentary admission for the NOVAGA meeting where the presentation occurs. There is no registration for the drawing, national AGA provides the names for the new CGFMs. To qualify for the drawing the candidate must be a NOVAGA chapter member and have become a CGFM in the previous three months.

The first successful candidate for the scholarship program was **Michael G. Wilson**. Michael currently works for LMI, a not-for-profit government consulting firm, providing capital planning and investment control (CPIC) and business case analysis services to federal clients, specifically in the area of information technology. Prior to LMI, he worked in the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) at the Department of the Treasury doing department-level CPIC. In addition to his CGFM, Michael is also a certified P.M.P. holds a B.A from Columbia University and an M.B.A from the University of Maryland. Congratulations once again on attaining your CGFM certification and being our first scholarship recipient at our November 28th meeting!

New CGFM's name	CGFM completion month
Mrs. Nhi Phuong Nguyen, CPA, CGFM, CPA	April 2012
Mrs. Laura Stoddard Pacheco, CGFM, CPA	April 2012
Mr. Fawad Omar Sultan, CGFM	April 2012
Mr. Jun Wang, CGFM	April 2012
Ms. Pamela G. Lindsey, CGFM	May 2012
Mr. Delonte L. Waller, CGFM	May 2012
Mr. Gary T. Blore, CGFM	June 2012
Ms. Maria Christoforatos, CGFM	June 2012
Ms. Rebekah S. Davis, CGFM	June 2012
Mr. Bradford B. Johnson, CGFM	June 2012
Mr. Eric Tobin Tarmy, CGFM	June 2012
Mr. Michael G. Wilson, CGFM	June 2012
Mr. Andreas Dam, CGFM	July 2012
Ms. Joanna Quinn, CGFM	July 2012
Ms. Samantha Marie Hunt, CGFM	August 2012
Mr. Jack Longanacre, CGFM	August 2012
Ms. Michele Lynn Macary, CGFM	August 2012
Mr. Brandon C. Clark, CGFM	October 2012
Mr. Curtis M. Gordon, CGFM	October 2012
Mr. David L. Jupiter, CGFM	October 2012
Mr. Sunjim Kim, CGFM	October 2012
Mr. Daniel Shorstein, CGFM	October 2012
Mr. Justin David Gross, CGFM	November 2012

The second successful candidate for the scholarship program was **Michele Macary**. Michele is a Senior Associate in KPMG's Federal Advisory Practice. She works on Federal financial improvement projects that involve analyzing data, streamlining business processes, identifying gaps, and communicating recommendations to senior management. While at KPMG, Michele has participated in a variety of company-sponsored volunteer events and recruiting activities. Prior to working at KPMG, Michele was a financial analyst with the Department of the Navy. She holds an M.S. in Accounting and MBA from Northeastern University, and a B.A. in Economics

and French from the College of William and Mary. In addition to her CGFM, she is a CPA in Virginia. Michele received her scholarship at the February 20th meeting.

The next drawing will be for new CGFMs from October through December. Presentation will occur at the March or April NOVAGA meeting. Drawings will continue on a quarterly basis throughout the year.

NAME	PASS MONTH
Mrs. Alicia S. Pelikan, CGFM	December 2012
Mr. Michael Neiningger, CGFM	January 2013
Ms. Meredith A. Currie, CGFM	February 2013
Mr. Anthony S. Chavez, CGFM	February 2013
Mr. Michael L. Howe, CGFM	February 2013

CGFM Recognized by State of Virginia



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGERS

WHEREAS, the Virginia Peninsula Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, part of the Association of Government Accountants which has a network of 14,000 members in 100 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 1500 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, AGA Virginia Peninsula Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Virginia by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize **CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGERS** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens; and

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this eighth of February, two thousand thirteen and in the two hundred thirty-seventh year of the Commonwealth of Virginia.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth

Accountability and Outreach

CEAR Reviewer Training

We solicited NOVAGA members to become reviewers of CEAR, SEA or CCR reports. Training was held by AGA National on December 10th.

Citizen-Centric Reporting

NOVAGA submitted its Citizen-Centric Report (CCR). This report details Chapter finances and provides other performance measures of key missions and goals. It also includes challenges for the upcoming Chapter year.

NOVAGA supports National's initiative to foster innovative means of communication between governments and their citizenry. AGA believes that government financial information should be provided to citizens in forms that are clear and understandable, updated regularly and often, delivered to all, easy to locate, honest in breadth and technically accurate in detail. In fact, as the owners of government, citizens have a right to this information. CCRs are posted on AGA National's Web site at www.agacqfm.org.

Workshop at George Mason University

NOVAGA held a workshop at George Mason University on February 8, 2013 from 1-2 pm to educate students about the CCR and provide tools to prepare one. Students were encouraged to prepare and submit CCRs for consideration of one of two \$1,000 NOVAGA Scholarships, presented at the banquet.



Community Service Spotlight

We continued a long tradition of inviting community service organizations speak before each chapter meeting. A raffle was usually held and NOVAGA matched the money received. Half of the money went to the raffle winner & the other went to the charity.

This year's Community Service planners were Deloitte's Bethany Wilder and Sun Kim. Thank You!

<p>September 19, 2012</p> 	<p>Since 1900, Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind (CLB) has been dedicated to helping the blind or visually impaired population of the greater Washington region overcome the challenges of vision loss. Their work enables people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired to remain independent, active and productive in society. Their programs and services include training and consultation in assistive technology, employment marketing skills training, career placement services, comprehensive low vision care, and a wide range of counseling and rehabilitation services. Each year, more than 150 volunteers contribute thousands of service hours to CLB.</p>
<p>September 29, 2012</p> <p>Light the Way 5k</p> <p>9:00am Race and Fun Walk Nationals Park, 1500 South Capitol Street, Washington D.C. 20003</p> <p>We will be participating in a brunch sponsored by the AGA Registration: Please navigate to http://www.lighttheway5k.org/ and sign up for the untimed fun walk – our group name is “NOVAGA”</p>	 <p>On September 29th, 2012, we will also have the opportunity to participate in the Light the Way 5k. Light the Way 5k is a fundraiser hosted by CLB designed to support programs and services for people who are blind or visually impaired. For those interested, participants may act as a guide to a person who is blind or visually impaired. It is a fun and special way to share the experience with someone else.</p>
<p>October 17, 2012</p> 	<p>Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Inc. (BHNV) helps women and their children who have suffered from domestic violence regain their health and become reestablished in their community by providing temporary housing and support throughout Northern Virginia and the surrounding DC metro communities.</p>
<p>Saturday, November 3, 2012</p> <p>Registration and Resource Fair opens at 8:30am and the Walk begins at 10:00am</p> <p>The National Mall, 9th Street NW & Madison Drive NW, Washington, DC 20011</p> <p>Approximately 2.5 miles with shorter routes available</p> <p>No Fees !</p>	 <p>On Saturday, November 3, 2012 we will have the opportunity to participate in the 2012 Washington DC Walk Now for Autism Speaks. Walk Now for Autism Speaks helps raise awareness about the increasing prevalence of autism disorders and the need for increased research funding for prevention and treatment of the complex autism disorder.</p> <p>T-Shirt (\$150.00 +) - Each registered walker who raises a minimum of \$150 will receive a 2012 Walk Now for Autism Speaks t-shirt!</p>

November 28, 2012

c o m p u t e r
C.O.R.E.

Since 1999, Computer CORE (CORE) has been assisting low-income adults in the Northern Virginia area learn the technical computer and career skills they were not able to attain growing up. Assisted individuals include unemployed, low wage employees without benefits or opportunities for advancements and first generation immigrants.



February 20, 2013 meeting



Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia was founded in 1988 and reaches the Northern Virginia communities of Alexandria City, Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County and Prince William County. SCAN is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the well-being of children, improve parent-child relations and prevent child abuse and neglect by:

- Educating the community about the scope, nature and consequences of child abuse and neglect and the importance of positive, nurturing parenting;
- Providing direct parent education; and
- Advocating for children in the community, the legislature and the courts.



March 20, 2013



For over 32 years, Volunteer Alexandria has been making a difference in the local community by inspiring and mobilizing helping hands for those who need them most and providing volunteers with opportunity.

Volunteer Alexandria's mission is based on four core values; people, diversity, collaboration and excellence.

Spring for Alexandria, Alexandria's citywide celebration of giving, features Volunteer Alexandria's two signature events on **Friday, May 4th: the 14th annual Business Philanthropy Summit and the 5th annual Community Service Day**. In the past, Spring for Alexandria's Community Service Day has engaged over 3000 volunteers who contributed 12,000 service hours, approximately \$250,000, back to the Alexandria community.

Membership Committee

The membership committee was co-chaired by Julia A. Vigneault and John Keating.

There was a Fall (free!) networking event with Early Careers where we encouraged all members to bring a prospective member. This year the chapter member who referred the most new members was promised a \$50 gift card!

We welcomed the following new members this year:

Ms. Derica Fletcher	Mr. Omar AlMoualem	Mr. Ankit Patel
Mr. Hussain Khurram	Mr. Mark Dever	Ms. Alicia Trenell Pegues
Mr. Nestor A. Tezma	Ms. Elizabeth Y. Jordan, CGFM	Ms. Tram-Anh Vo
Mr. Anthony P. Nicoletos, CPA	Mr. Richard Jung	Ms. Sarah Zichi
Mr. Kenneth Sessums, CGFM	Mr. Geoffrey D. Kenyon, CGFM	Mr. Craig Celia
Mr. Nicholas J. Talian, CGFM	Ms. Christine King	Ms. Jessica Jean Leuthold
Mr. Jason William Tillet	Ms. Hadiya King	Mr. Jose F. Lopez
Ms. Derica Carty	Ms. Daniela Koleva	Mr. Elisha Okyere, CPA
Meaghan Duffy	Mr. Steve V. Lancaster	Mr. Patrick J. Perry
Mr. Anthony Fung	Mr. Chang-Woo Lee	Mr. Andrian M. Smith, CPA
Mr. Philip A. Gibson	Mr. Michael Ly	Mr. Joseph Valentin
Mr. Steven Daniel Lazo	Mr. Chanon Jay Miller, CGFM	Ms. Erin Dunkum
Ms. Deanna Loffredo	Ms. Patricia E. Prutch	Ms. Julie Gallick, CPA
Ms. Linette Lopez	Mrs. Christa Nicole Rosas, CGFM	Ms. Debra L. Hoffman
Ms. Katherine L. Mason	Mr. Mike Snodgrass	Mr. Aaron Reed
Ms. Veronica McCain	Mr. Luis Toomasson	Mr. Henry S. Matthews
Ms. Aisya R. Montgomery	Mr. Christopher Hart	Erin McCloud
Mr. Michael Neiningger, CGFM	Mr. Robert Michael O'Hanlan	Ms. Megan H. Smith
Mr. Scott Pittman	Mr. Mulugeta Shewaneh, CGFM, CPA	Mr. Konah L. Terry
Mrs. Leta A. Potts, CGFM	Mr. Chukwuma Apugo, Jr.	Ms. Ngoc-Yen Trinh
Mr. Frank Manuel Rendon	Sunjin Kim, CGFM	Ms. Jo Ann Yang
Mr. Richard Lawrence McCarthy, CGFM, CDFM	Ms. Christine Y. Cho, CDFM, CIA, CPA	Mr. Matthew G. Hunt, CGFM
Mr. Atwill Raymond Melton, III, CGFM	Miss Samantha Marie Hunt, CGFM	Ms. Ayanna K. Wilson
Ms. Kimberly F. Benoit		

Plus more members joined after the above list was published! What a year!

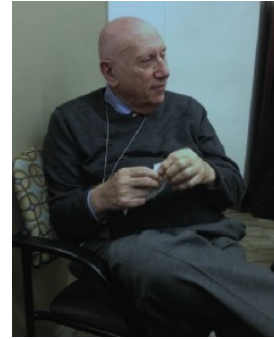
Ms. Yolanda D. Bailey	Mrs. Rose Mary Wright, CGFM
Mr. Daniel James Butala, CGFM	Mrs. Doris G. Yanger, CPA
Ms. Alyssa Chodkowski	Ms. Asma Zafar
Mrs. Dora M. Clarke, CPA	Ms. Melanie Bonarski
Ms. Theresa Rose Corbett, CGFM	Mr. Gustaf Cavanaugh, CGFM
Mr. Adam Cranmer	Ms. Derica Fletcher
Ms. Georgina A. Cupp	Ms. Kim Holland
Mr. Joshua G. Edelman	Mr. Hussain Khurram
Mr. David W. Galway, CGFM	Mrs. Amanda N. Kozak
Mr. Ronnie K. Givens	Mr. Brad Makin
Mrs. Jennifer K. Hall	Mr. Atwill Raymond Melton, III, CGFM
Mr. Richard A. Leach	Mr. Milan Elijah Isaiah Monteiro
Ms. Brenda Robertson Mason	Mr. Anthony P. Nicoletos, CPA
Ms. Thanh Nguyen, CPA	Mr. Kenneth Sessums, CGFM
Mr. Damarus Sanders, CPA	Mr. Nicholas J. Talian, CGFM
Ms. Hira Shafqat	Mrs. DanLi Tan
Ms. Sarah Loewer Terio	Mr. Jason William Tillet
Mr. Morgan Wetzel	Ms. Debbie Wood



Jessica, Heather & Donell January 2012

Members in the News

It is time to bid farewell to **Joe Rothschild**. To celebrate his long and fruitful public service with the **U.S. HUD Office of Inspector General**, please join us for Joe's retirement at a luncheon at McCormick and Schmick's Seafood and Steaks restaurant at 1652 K St., NW on Thursday January 31, 2013 at 11:30 am.



Mailing Address

NOTE That the May 2013 Newsletter said that NOVAGA's P.O. Box mailing address has changed. The new address is:

Northern VA AGA
L'Enfant Plaza Post Office
P.O. Box 23692
Washington, DC 20024

Awards Banquet

The NOVAGA annual awards banquet was held on Friday, June 7. It was a chance to recognize those who have made a significant contribution to our profession and our chapter. We also made donations to three charities at the awards banquet, which featured the casino event again this year to determine the amounts to be given to each charity.

This year's award winners were:



Richard Leach CIA CFE
Auditor General of the Navy
Pentagon Memorial Service Award





Jeanette Franzel CPA CIA CMA CGFM
Board Member, PCAOB
Federal Financial Partnership Award



Robert Dacey CPA CGFM
Chief Accountant, GAO
Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for
Excellence in
Federal Financial Management



We had a highly successful NOVAGA program year – full of training, activities, and events for our members. AGA National once again recognized us as a **Platinum Level chapter!!!**





Scenes from the Board Dinner.



At the Awards Banquet, we recognized the following board members with President's Awards for their outstanding contributions to the chapter over the year:

- **Carl Patton and James Gould** – Education Co-Chairs
 - Carl and James organized the Half-Day training event in December, including Ethics for VA CPAs and the highly successful All-day training event in April, where we had some fantastic speakers and over 100 attendees. We received many very positive compliments about the training events.
- **Angela Landis Payne** – Newsletter Editor
 - Angela has been our newsletter editor for many years. The newsletter is a vital part of our connection with our members. It contributes greatly to the chapter's success, since it is one of the main communications with our members about our upcoming events and past activities.
- **Mie Miller** – Webmaster
 - Mie did a great job as webmaster. She kept the website up to date, setup registrations for our meetings and events, posted newsletters, and sent out email notifications to our members. She took over as webmaster partway through last year and got up to speed really quickly.
- **Kristy Green** – Past President
 - Kristy continued to be an integral member of the NOVAGA board over the last year. She was always available to provide her guidance and support, which was invaluable to the chapter. She also did an outstanding job of planning and organizing the wonderful Awards Banquet.

We also recognized the rest of the NOVAGA board for their dedication and contributions that made it all possible:

- **Brian Grega**, Secretary
 - Brian joined our board this year and jumped right in as Secretary to keep minutes of our meetings.
- **Scot Janssen**, Treasurer
 - Scot did an outstanding job of keeping our financial records and coordinating with our auditor.
- **Meagan Brown**, Assistant Treasurer
 - Meagan did a great job assisting Scot with our financial records.
- **Pam Lindsey**, President-Elect and Accountability Chair
 - Pam Lindsey provided overall support for the chapter as President-Elect, produced our Citizen Centric Report, and managed our scholarship program.
- **Ebony Beverly, Martin Lee, and Robin McCoy**, Programs Co-Chairs
 - Ebony, Martin, and Robin introduced speakers at our chapter meetings, assisted with registrations, helped setup and maintain the computer projector and sound system, and assisted with anything else that was needed during the year for the chapter meetings.
- **Jessica Boucher**, Meetings Chair
 - Jessica registered attendees for all of our meetings and prepared the nametags and CPE certificates.
- **Rekha Chatterjee**, Education Committee
 - Rekha helped put together our all-day training event and arranged for one of the speakers.
- **Bethany Wilder and Sun Kim**, Community Service Co-Chairs
 - Bethany and Sun did a great job working on community service events and coordinating with community service speakers for our chapter meetings and our charities for the Awards Banquet.
- **Blake Covington and Kris Nance**, Early Careers Co-Chairs
 - Blake and Kris organized a mentoring event and social events targeted at our early careers members to increase their involvement in chapter activities.
- **Pat Evans and Abiy Metchia**, Corporate Sponsorship Co-Chairs
 - Pat and Abiy did an outstanding job of working with our corporate sponsors.
- **Reid Mueller**, CGFM Chair
 - Reid coordinated our CGFM study sessions & the raffle awards to new CGFMs.
- **Julia Vigneault Keating and John Keating**, Membership Co-Chairs
 - Julia and John were our tie to the chapter membership, providing outreach to our members and organizing membership events during the year.
- **Robert Smith**, Awards Chair
 - Robert submitted our nominations for National awards and solicited nominations for the awards presented at the Awards Banquet.
- **Debra Hoffman**, Historian and Photographer
 - Debra took pictures at events throughout the year, produced our history book update, and made the beautiful programs for the Awards Banquet.
- **Jim Davis**, Strategic Planning Chair
 - Jim developed a strategic plan for NOVAGA, which will assist us for the next few years.
- **Andrew Moses and Matt Abend**, Member Services Co-Chairs
 - Andrew and Matt organized social events for our members, which are always greatly appreciated by those who attend them.
- **Laura Koschny**, At Large board member
 - Laura developed a member survey which was sent out to the entire NOVAGA membership and provided guidance and support to the board throughout the year.



Casino Night for Charity

After dinner and presentations, we had a casino night activity as a charity event. Attendees played with NOVAGA “dollars” to determine the donation amounts to be given to charity. Our **three charities at the Awards Banquet** this year were:

- Computer CORE;
- Stop Child Abuse Now; and
- Volunteer Alexandria.



Sponsorship

Thank you so very much to our corporate sponsors!! Their generous support contributed greatly to our ability to provide outstanding value to our members with free or low-cost networking events and affordable CPE and chapter meetings. Our 2012-2013 sponsors were:

Platinum Sponsors:



Gold Sponsors:



Bronze Sponsors:





Star Sponsors:

Dennis Green, CPA, CGFM

Heather writes: It has truly been my honor and pleasure to serve as your Chapter President over the last year. Thank you so much for the opportunity. If you are not currently attending chapter events, I would highly encourage you to become involved. Some of the most rewarding experiences of my career have been through my involvement in AGA. Please consider becoming more involved to whatever degree your time allows – you'll be very glad that you did!!



I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about a change in NOVAGA leadership for the coming year. **NOVAGA Chapter President for 2013-2014, Pam Lindsey**, is in the process of moving to Oklahoma with her family. As a result, **President-elect, Carl Patton**, will be taking over as the Chapter President for the coming year. Best wishes to Pam and congratulations to Carl!

I wish the best to Carl and the entire chapter over the coming year!! If you would like to become involved in chapter leadership, please contact Carl at cpatton@kpmg.com.



PDC 2013



Heather accepts NOVAGA Platinum Award



NOVAGA Past President Jack Hufnagle & Alice Hufnagle



Carl Patton, Pam Lindsey, & Heather Keister



Former NOVAGA President Carol Stagg Christian (left)



Former NOVAGA President Jack Hufnagle with Ann Collins & Karl Boettcher

Habitat for Humanity



Thanks primarily to President Heather Keister and Newsletter Editor Angela Landis Payne, for keeping such great records; and Historian & Photographer Debra Hoffman, for taking pictures at events throughout the year, & producing our initial history book update, making this chapter a breeze to assemble!

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Vital Statistics

President Carl L. Patton CPA
KPMG LLP

Normally October starts off with Federal agencies closing their books and auditors getting into their busy season. This past October was very different than past years with many Federal agencies starting October by “closing their doors” instead and sending out furlough notices because of the government shutdown. We at NOVAGA were still open for business in October in spite of the shutdown.



Meetings

NOVAGA was excited to introduce a new location for all our meetings this year! Our new meeting site is the Hilton Arlington at the Ballston Metro Station, 950 N. Stafford Street Arlington, VA 22203. The Hilton is metro accessible via the orange line and parking is available at the hotel (\$5 for 1 hour, \$7 for 2 hours) and at the Ballston Mall, two blocks away via a covered walkway, after 5pm, three hours for \$1.

The meetings will now be held on the **third Tuesday** of every month. Sign-in and networking start at 5:30pm. The community service presentation begins at 6:00pm, followed by dinner at 6:15pm. The guest speaker’s presentation will be concurrent with dinner, beginning around 6:30pm. We anticipate the meeting to adjourn by 7:30pm.



Instead of light refreshments, we will now have a sit down buffet dinner. The meeting price will remain the same as last year: \$15 - member registered on-line, \$25 - non-member registered on-line, \$ 5 - retired member registered on-line, \$ 0 - first time attendee registered on-line.



A summer Planning Meeting was held to get our year started. Thanks to everyone for stepping up to the plate & providing input!

Congratulations to the NOVAGA chapter for becoming a NASBA approved organization to offer CPE thanks to our Education Committee’s efforts in October. This is just another great example of an added benefit we offer you, our members.

<p>September 17, 2013</p>	 <p>Douglas A. Glenn, CPA</p>	<p>Past, Present, Future of Financial Reporting</p> <p>Doug is Deputy CFO and Director Office of Financial Management, Department of Interior</p> <p>Doug also became the 2016–2017 AGA National President!</p>
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<p>October 15, 2013</p>	 <p>Relmond P. Van Daniker AGA Executive Director</p>	<p>Van shared with us the value proposition of membership in AGA through education programs, professional certification, thought leadership through the AGA, and collaboration to resolve issues and concerns in government accountability. We look forward to being a chapter of leaders moving the AGA toward this vision.</p>
<p>November 19, 2013 (Joint with MPG Chapter)</p>		<p>Wendy M. Payne, Executive Director, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board</p>
<p>December 3, 2013 Half-Day Training Kearney & Co 1701 Duke St Suite 501 Alexandria, VA 22314</p>	<p>2 hours in Governmental Accounting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Franco Frande, Chief Financial Investigative Services Division ATF;  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward J. Mazur, Senior Advisor Public Sector Services CliftonLarsonAllen 	 <p>Dr. Ziegenfuss, Professor Old Dominion – 2 hours of Virginia Ethics CPE</p> 

January 8, 2014	Joint meeting with Montgomery/PG county in Rockville.	Helena Sims, Director Intergovernmental Relations Association of Government Accountants
January 14, 2014	NOVAGA Board Meeting 	
February 18, 2014		Norman Dong, Deputy Director & Interim Controller, OMB
13 March 2014 8-10:30 am 1.5 CPE	Teri L. Bristol, Deputy COO, FAA, Air Traffic Organization Alka Dhillon, Founder & CEO, TechnaLINK Colleen Coggins, CIO, NHTSA	8th Annual Washington Women Speak How Women Leaders Succeed in the DC Ecosystem Sponsored by NOVAGA, AGA DC, & Grant Thornton
April 1, 2014 KPMG LLP office (1801 K Street, NW).	All-Day Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy Payne, Executive Director FASAB; • Carolann Marker, Director Customer Relationship Management Division Treasury; • Grant Simmons GAO's Audit Standards Team; • and others
April 15, 2014	Chapter meeting	

KPMG once again provided access to the AGA Audio Conferences at their locations.

CGFM

CGFM Study Groups

NOVAGA once again sponsored CGFM study groups from 1/27/14 to 3/24/14. Each session took place between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N Quincy St, Arlington, VA 22201. For additional information, please contact Priyanka Dalwadi, priyanka.d.dalwadi@gmail.com

CGFM Intensive Review Course & Exams

CGFM Intensive Review Course (IRC) was held in Washington DC from 3/31/14 to 4/1/2014. The classes ran from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. both days. The cost of the IRC was only \$348 for qualified participants, and offered 18 CPE hours. The CGFM Examinations were offered at no cost to course attendees. To participate in this event, individuals must have been accepted into the CGFM Program and pre-register for this event. To sign up for the course, visit www.agacgfm.org.

Congratulations! These Chapter members earned their CGFM in 2013!

FULL NAME	MONTH
Mr. Michael Neininger, CGFM	January 2013
Ms. Meredith A. Currie, CGFM	February 2013
Mr. Anthony S. Chavez, CGFM	February 2013
Mr. Michael L. Howe, CGFM	February 2013
Ms. Marina Kovalevskaya, CGFM, CPA	March 2013
Mrs. Molly Quinones, CGFM	March 2013
Mr. Brad Joseph Biondi, CGFM	March 2013
Mrs. Sarah Hart Pope, CGFM	April 2013
Mr. Matthew Abend, CGFM	April 2013
Mr. Brenton E. Barbeau, CGFM	April 2013
Mr. Matthew David Rohrer, CGFM	May 2013
Mr. Andrew M. Snyder, CGFM	May 2013
Mr. Mekdes T. Yifru, CGFM	June 2013
Mr. Frank Manuel Rendon, CGFM	July 2013
Mrs. Jessica G Boucher, CGFM	August 2013
Ms. Ericca Yvonne Jones, CGFM	August 2013
Ms. Diane K. Magrum-Doegah, CGFM	August 2013
Mr. Charles W. Chaffin, CGFM	August 2013
Mr. Gerald William Litzler, CGFM, CPA	September 2013
Mr. Jeffrey Jon Olewinski, CGFM	October 2013
Mr. Jack Reeves, CGFM	October 2013
Mr. Christopher J. Robey, CGFM	October 2013
Mrs. Jennifer A. Minix, CGFM	November 2013
Ms. Claudia Morena Vaquerano, CGFM	December 2013
Mr. Mebrahtu Ogbe, CGFM, CDFM	December 2013
Ms. Patricia E. Prutch, CGFM	December 2013

Early Careers, Member Services, & Membership

Early Careers once again provided the opportunity to meet and network with experienced AGA professionals and other EC members from our chapter or other sister chapters.

Member Services offered fun outings and a chance to network in a more social settings.

And of course, you can't have any of these events without Members, so the Membership Committee worked with these two groups to recruit new members.

Member Services Event

September 10th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

TopGolf, 625 S. Van Dorn St.
Alexandria, VA 22315\





This event provided a great opportunity to meet and network with the other AGA members and enjoy games and food with a cash bar!

TopGolf is the premier golf entertainment complex where the competition of sport meets your favorite local hangout spot, where you can challenge members to addictive point-scoring golf games that anyone can play year-round.



Fall Recruitment Happy Hour at
Mad Rose
Thursday, October 24th

The **Early Careers, Member Services & Membership Committees** hosted a recruiting happy hour. The turnout was impressive, and thanks to all the members who brought prospective new members, friends and co-workers. Now let's follow-up with those individuals and turn them into new members! Make sure to invite them out to a free chapter meeting!

Thursday,
January 16, 2014
6-8 pm

Elephant & Castle Pub & Rest.
1201 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC



Early Careers Tri-Chapter Mentoring
Event (NOVAGA, DC, and M/PG
Chapters)



<p>Tuesday, January 21, 2014 7pm-10pm Verizon Center – Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro</p>		<p>Washington Capitals vs. Ottawa Senators</p>
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Non-members' first meetings are sponsored (meaning free!). The NOVAGA member sponsoring the most recruits this year is eligible for a \$50 dollar gift card. The contest is run bi-annually and the gift cards are awarded in the months of January and June. The Fall contest has already begun and our current front runners were:


- Dr. Debra R. Sheldon
- Mr. Dale M. Walker, CGFM
- Mr. John D. Webster, CGFM
- Mr. Lee Richardson, Jr., CGFM
- Mrs. Alice Hansen
- Ms. Amelia Leswing, CGFM, CPA, CISA
- Ms. Ann Elizabeth Flach-Fulcher
- Ms. Mary E. Peterman, CGFM, CPA

Welcome to the following new members for 2013-2014:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ms. Marybeth Haley Schumann | Mr. Mebrahtu Ogbe, CDFM |
| Mr. Hsin Luen Wu | Ms. Rianne L. Rustin |
| Ms. Kim L. Augustine | Mr. Jonatan Soto |
| Ms. Jessica J. Bravo | Ms. Virginia Yuan |
| Ms. Michelle Hilera | William L. McGraw |
| Mr. Johnny R. Amin | Ms. Catherine Laclede |
| Mr. Jacob A. Anning, CGFM | Ms. Mai Nguyen, CGFM, CPA |
| Ms. Amanda Bickerton | Mr. Jung H. Oh |
| Ms. Diane Denholm | Mrs. Mary Lynn Rich, CGFM |
| Mr. Glenn Todd Donaldson, CGFM | Mr. Calvin L. Stone |
| Mr. Wale Famoriyo | Ms. Tawana Wynn |
| Mrs. Gianina R. Jaisinghani | Ms. Genet B. Yohannes |
| Mrs. Alaleh Jenkins | Mr. Ryan L. Armes |
| Ms. Sherri D. Jordan | Ms. Naomi Martinez, CGFM |

Community Service

Once again, we invited speakers from community service organizations to speak at our monthly meetings. To help support the exceptional work being performed by these organization, we held a raffle and NOVAGA matched the money received. Half of the money went to the individual that won the raffle and the other half went to the organization. We also supported several efforts in the community with walks and other beneficial activities.

 <p>LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK</p> <p>Congratulations to the AGA team on a successful turnout on October 19, 2013 at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk event. Our participants were part of the two-mile evening walk and fundraising event at Freedom Plaza.</p>	<p>The AGA team consisted of a group of eight members from the DC, VA, and MD AGA Chapters. Together the team raised \$1,016 dollars for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society! The money raised will fund research for blood cancer treatment and will providing support services to patients and their families.</p>
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<p>On June 7, 1944, the founders, Pearl and Paul Twyne, incorporated the Animal Welfare League. The organization's mission is to improve the welfare of stray, abused, and neglected animals in Northern Virginia. The League houses animals after they are picked up injured or dead from the streets and has taken over animal control duties for Arlington County.</p> <p>The AGA will have a guest speaker from the AWLA, Niel Trent, at our monthly event on November 19th.</p>	 <p>Please visit http://www.awla.org/ for more information on AWLA.</p>
<p>Saturday, January 18, 2014 10am-4:30pm 7611 Little River Turnpike Annandale VA</p> <p>NOVAGA members will be volunteering at Prince William County- Ferlazzo Building – 15741 Donald Curtis Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191 on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, February 15, 2014 • Saturday, March 15, 2014 • Saturday, April 12, 2014 	 <p>VITA is a national program sponsored by the IRS and implemented in the Northern Virginia area by Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William County Governments and various community organizations. VITA volunteers assist low income taxpayers with filing their tax returns.</p>
 <p>February 18th</p>	<p>Community Tax Aid, Inc. (CTA) was founded in 1987 by a group of tax professionals and concerned citizens who recognized a growing need for free tax preparation and representation services for low-income taxpayers in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Due to the increased complexity of the tax system, these individuals sought change within their community, especially among taxpayers with limited education or English ability.</p>

Sponsors

Thanks again to the following organizations for helping us offer low- or no-cost activities for our members!

Platinum Sponsors:



Gold Sponsors:



Silver Sponsors



Bronze Sponsors:



Star Sponsors:



We're pleased to report that we received a clean audit opinion for FYs 13 & 14!



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Northern Virginia Chapter, Association of Government Accountants
P.O. Box 23692
Washington, DC 20026-3692

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Northern Virginia Chapter, Association of Government Accountants (the Association), as of June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, and the related statements of activities, & net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Northern Virginia Chapter, Association of Government Accountants, as of June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the fiscal year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger L. Guilliams".

Roger L. Guilliams, CPA
ASKi, Inc.
October 13, 2014

NOVAGA 2013-2014 Officers

President	Carl L., Patton CPA, KPMG	
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PDT 2014

PDT 2014 (Professional Development Training) was held from July 13-16 at the Orlando World Center Marriott and offered 24 CPE Hours.

The PDT is AGA's premier training event. It brings together the top officials in federal, state and local government, as well as from academia and the private sector, for three-and-a-half days of valuable training and networking.

Featured Speakers included **Gene L. Dodaro** CGFM, Comptroller General, US GAO.



Featured Speakers:



Gene L. Dodaro, CGFM, Comptroller
U.S. Government Accountability



Christina Bellantoni
Editor-in-Chief, *Roll Call*; former
PBS



Peter Leyden
Leading Expert on New Technology
Trends



The O'Shea Report
Comic Duo Known for their '*Satu*
Approach to Business

Citizen Centric Report

We also produced a CCR covering Carl Patton's year, presented by incoming president, Julia Vigneault. Here it is:



About AGA

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) was founded in 1950. AGA's mission is to foster learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professional and stakeholders committed to advancing governmental accountability. AGA is organized into 14 regions, has approximately 79 chapters, with approximately 14,800 members as of its membership year ended April 30, 2014. AGA's membership is made up of federal employees (28%); state and local employees (42%); private sector employees (18%); and academia, students and retirees (12%) constituting the remainder. As of December 31, 2013, the AGA had over 8,300 Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFMs).

Who is NOVAGA?

The Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA (NOVAGA) was chartered on June 1, 1968 and now includes approximately 890 professional members in the government financial management community. Our members are primarily from the communities of Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax; as well as other Northern Virginia cities and counties in the surrounding area.

What We Do

NOVAGA supports the Association's Core Values of Service, Accountability, Integrity, and Leadership. We serve our members by providing continuing education and professional networking meetings. We promote accountability and integrity by ensuring transparency of our association as well as promoting accountability among other organizations. NOVAGA promotes leadership by providing CGFM study groups to encourage the promotion and certification of its members as Certified Governmental Financial Managers (CGFMs).

Meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of each month (September-April) at the Hilton Arlington (Ballston) Hotel, 950 North Stafford Street, Arlington, Virginia 22203. The location is accessible via Ballston Metro Stop (Orange Line) or garage parking is available at the hotel. Meetings start at 5:30pm.

Accountability ~ Quality Education ~ Professional Development ~ CGFM Certification



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Mission

AGA serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government.

NOVAGA President FY 2015

Julia Vigneault

www.novaga.org



How We Have Progressed

FY 2014

FY 2014 Accomplishments

- **Membership** - NOVAGA membership stands strong at approximately 890 members an increase of 40 members over the prior year
- **Achieved Platinum Chapter status** for over 9 years in a row.
- **Accountability** - This was NOVAGA's third year with an Accountability Chair. NOVAGA has submitted its Citizen Centric Report (CCR) every year to receive Chapter recognition from AGA National. NOVAGA promotes the CCR program in its meetings and training events and through its Accountability Scholarship Program.
- **Education** - CPE provided by NOVAGA included the following topics from distinguished speakers:
 - How to Stay Cutting Edge in Tough Financial Times
 - Moving to Performance – Based Decision Making
 - Taking the High Road: How to Succeed Ethically When Others Bend the Rules
 - Fraud Detection / Prevention
 - Tackling Improper Payments
 - Government Financial Management
 - Performance Management
 - Accountability in Government
 - Internal Controls
 - Fraud Detection / Prevention
 - Performance Management
 - Ethics
 - GAO Update
 - FASAB Update
 - OMB Update
 - Upcoming Bureau Fiscal Services System Changes and Time and its Impact on Agencies
- **Meetings** - meetings are currently being held at the Arlington Hilton, in Arlington, VA at Ballston Metro
- **Website & Newsletter** - See NOVAGA Newsletter for Upcoming Events & Locations at: <http://www.novaga.org>



CGFM- The NOVAGA Chapter is proud to report that 520 members earned their CGFM certification over the course of their career. During FY14, 20 NOVAGA chapter members passed the CGFM exam. The NOVAGA Chapter assisted its members to pursue the CGFM certification through (1) Organizing study groups at the Arlington Central Library and (2) by Providing a CGFM Intensive Review Course and Exam, at a minimal cost, for pre-qualified candidates.

Community Service & Early

Careers - NOVAGA helped fund and/or participate in community service events for associations such as the Fisher School, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, and CTA Community Tax AID INC. In addition, the early careers members had a Tri-Chapter Mentoring event at the Elephant & Castle Pub in Washington DC. The event provided attendees the opportunity to meet and network with experienced AGA professionals and other members.

Education - NOVAGA offered in excess of 35 hours of continuing profession education (CPE) credits to its members and other accountability professionals. In October of 2013, the chapter became an approved National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) of

Continuing Education Requirements (CPE) Sponsor. NOVAGA is proud of this accomplishment and the additional benefits it adds to the chapter members.

Accountability - NOVAGA awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to George Mason University student, Michelle Ly, for her submission of a Citizen Centric Report.



Membership - recruiting activities and membership services included a networking event at Mad Rose Tavern in Arlington, an evening at Top Golf in Alexandria, VA, and a Washington Capitals game at the Verizon Center.



Our Finances

Assets, Liabilities, Revenues & Expenses

What is the Chapter's fiscal stability?

The NOVAGA Chapter's fiscal stability is sound. The Chapter maintains its cash and cash equivalents in various accounts (i.e., Checking Accounts, Money Market Accounts and Certificates of Deposit). As of June 30, 2014, the Chapter's cash and cash equivalent balance was \$93,630.

In addition to cash and cash equivalent balance the Chapter also had accounts receivable of \$8,580 and accounts payable of \$3,765.

What are the costs for servicing *our members* and how are those costs paid?

Revenue by Source

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014	
Corporate Contributions	\$ 35,000
Registration Fees	11,144
Membership Dues	10,750
Other Income	371
Interest Income	59
Total Revenues	\$ 57,324

Expenditures by Service Area

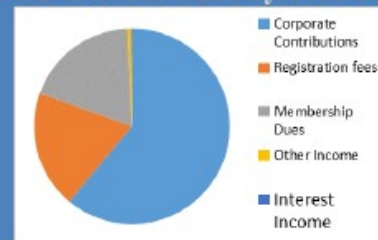
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014	
Facilities Rental and Food	\$ 39,813
Operational / Program	6,652
Charitable Contributions	3,892
Professional Services	2,650
Scholarships, Cash Awards/Grants and Gifts	1,000
Bank Fees and Mailing Services	245
Total Expenditures	\$ 54,252

Independent Audit

An independent audit of the Chapter's 2014 FY finances were conducted, resulting in a unmodified "clean" opinion. Complete financial information can be found at www.novaga.org

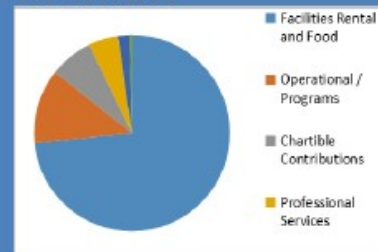
Revenues of the Chapter are primarily from Corporate Contributions, AGA Membership dues, and Registration Fees for Chapter events.

FY 2014 Revenue by Source



Expenditures of the Chapter are primarily for professional meetings and related food costs, continuing professional education, charitable contributions, and professional services fees.

FY 2014 Expenditures by Service Area



What's Next

Key Initiatives

For FY 2015, NOVA will focus on three high priority areas:

- Gain a better understanding of the needs of NOVAGA members and how we collectively can best serve its members.
- Continue providing educational / CPE opportunities and expand the current CPE offerings
- Identify ways to have more members actively engaged in NOVAGA activities and events.



Education Program

Providing relevant and timely educational topics for Chapter members is a primary goal of the Education committee. Continuing education credits, which are NASBA certified, are provided through meetings, audit conferences, and workshop training throughout the year. We welcome input from our members of emerging topics for future training conferences and meetings.

Early Careers Program

The goal of early careers is to encourage young professionals to be involved in their profession through chapter participation and networking. Providing networking opportunities is only one aspect of our early careers services. We endeavor to increase early career participation in board meetings as well as encourage early career members to serve as board members. Early Career members are the future leaders of the NOVAGA Chapter!

Accountability and Outreach Program

The NOVAGA Chapter plans to conduct an information event to promote the CEAR program and encourage members to becoming a CEAR reviewer. This event is a joint chapter event held in conjunction with the Washington, DC and Montgomery/Prince Georges chapters. The NOVAGA Chapter will also be promoting Citizen Centric Reporting (CCR) to students at a selected Northern VA university. Students will be provided an opportunity to submit their CCR's for evaluation for a scholarship at the end of the program year.

CGFM Certification Program

Each year the CGFM program continues to grow and earn greater recognition from federal, state and local government. Virginia is one of several states that formally recognize the CGFM designation, giving CGFM's preferred status in hiring, making the CGFM a substitute for one year's experience or offering pay increases to those who pass the exam. NOVAGA will continue to promote and provide training opportunities to individuals to sit for the CGFM exam.

Community Service Program

The Community Service Committee is dedicated to supporting Northern Virginia nonprofit organizations by featuring a local nonprofit at each of the monthly meetings and by participating in local community service events. The Community Service Committee provides NOVAGA members the opportunities to not only learn about local nonprofit organizations but also to support the nonprofit organizations through donations and participation in community service events.

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Thanks Primarily to President Carl Patton, Newsletter Editor Angela Landis Payne, and Webmaster Robert Smith for keeping such great records and recording this year's history, which enabled this chapter's existence!

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Vital Statistics

President Julia A. Vigneault CPA
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Meetings

We continued to host our monthly meetings at the **Hilton-Arlington**, 950 N. Stafford St, Arlington, VA 22203. Meetings were held from 5:30 – 7:30 pm, with Networking beginning at 5:30 pm. Dinner was served and the speaker began at 6:00 pm. Cost: \$15 for Members, \$25 for Nonmembers, \$5 – Retired, & Free for first-time attendees. CPE: 1 Credit, NASBA-approved

October 21, 2014	Chapter Meeting	
<p style="text-align: center;">November 19, 2014 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 6 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 pm - Networking 6:30 pm - dinner 7 pm – Speaker</p> <p>1 NASBA-approved CPE hour</p>	<p>Joint event between NOVAGA and Montgomery/PG AGA</p> <p>Hilton Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$35.00 for non-govt \$20 - state, local, fed govt \$15 for students</p> <p>Speaker: Evie Barry, from AGA's National Office, will speak about Performance Reporting</p>	
<p>NOVAGA Winter Workshop December 3, 2014 @ 7:00 am - 1:00 pm</p> <p>Kearney and Company, 1701 Duke Street, Suite 501, Alexandria, VA 22314</p> <p>7:00am-8:00am – Registration and continental breakfast</p> <p>\$35 members/\$45 non-mbrs</p>	<p>Dr. Ziegenfuss, Professor, Old Dominion University – “Virginia Ethics” (Meets the 2 CPE Credits required by Virginia)</p>  <p>8:00am-12:00pm – CPE session</p>	<p>Dr. Chris Bauer – “Professional Ethics: A Preventive Maintenance Approach”</p>  <p>2 hrs NASBA-appr CPE</p> <p>12:00pm-1:00pm – Lunch/networking</p>

<p>Tuesday, January 20, 2015</p> <p>5:30 – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Speaker Ms. Carol Gorman, Assistant Inspector General for Readiness and Cyber Operations, DODIG</p>	
<p>Tuesday, February 17 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm</p> <p>Speaker - Mr. Tom Steffens, Department of the Army</p>		<p>Mr. Thomas C. Steffens, member of the Senior Executive Service, most recently served as the Director of Accountability and Audit Readiness, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Financial Management and Comptroller.</p> <p>Prior to that, Mr. Steffens was Director of Policy, Integration and Controls for the Accountability and Audit Readiness Directorate.</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 17 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Bill Phillips, Principal in Charge of KPMG LLP Federal Advisory Services.</p>	<p>Mr. Phillips spoke about Defense Business Board Recommendations to improve DoD Business Operations.</p>
<p>Spring Training Day March 24 @ 8:00 am \$45 members / \$55 nonmembers</p> <p>Agenda: 7:00am-8:00am – Registration and Continental Breakfast</p> <p>8:00am-12:00pm – CPE session (technical updates from FASAB, GAO, OMB, and Treasury)</p> <p>12:00pm-1:00pm – Lunch</p> <p>1:00pm-4/5:00pm – CPE sessions</p> <p>FASAB Update by Wendy Payne, FASAB</p> 	<p>DoD Audit Readiness, by Alaleh Jenkins, Director, OUSD(C) FIAR</p>  <p>Upcoming CARS Changes by CarolAnn Marker, Dept. of Treasury</p> <p>GAO Green Book, by Grant Simmons and Christy Pugnetti, GAO</p> <p>Fraud Risk Assessments, by Lauren McLean, DoD IG</p>	<p>DATA Act, by Jeff Steinhoff, KPMG LLP</p>  <p>OMB Update</p> <p>Earn 7-8 hrs of CPE</p>

<p>Mid-Atlantic ISSA Security Conference</p> <p>April 15 @ 7:30 am - 4:00 pm</p> <p>NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD</p>	<p>One-day summit presented by the DC, NOVA, and Baltimore chapters of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA).</p> <p>Register before April 7. \$150 / person, includes breakfast & lunch</p>	<p>Day was filled with insightful speakers covering an array of topics spanning both offensive and defensive cyber security techniques and tactics.</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 21 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Speaker - Mr. Bill Stefan, Senior Financial Executive at the National Reconnaissance Office</p>	
<p>NOVAGA 2015 Awards Banquet</p> <p>Friday, May 8 @ 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm \$35 Members \$55 Non-members</p> <p>6 – 6:30 pm - Cocktail Reception: Ticket price includes 2 Drinks Extras are \$5 beer/wine, \$10 liquor</p> <p>6:30pm – 11:00pm Dinner, Awards and Casino Night</p>	<p>Army Navy Country Club Valet Parking Provided</p> <p>Dinner Options: Balsamic Glazed Breast of Chicken or Chesapeake Crab Cakes (Vegetarian available upon request)</p>	<p>Member \$35 / Member Guest \$25 Non Member \$55 Non Member Guest \$25 Past President/Past President Guest – Free Sponsor – Free</p>

Early Careers & Member Services

<p>FREE Mentoring and Happy Hour</p> <p>@ Spider Kelly's Clarendon</p> <p>January 15, 2015 5-7 pm</p> <p>FREE</p>	<p>The first hour of the event is the Early Careers Mentoring portion, devoted to our members with fewer than three years of experience. The mentors, being high-level members of government or the private sector (SES, partner, etc.), will discuss their experience, give advice and answer questions you may have.</p>	<p>Followed by a membership happy hour to thank our current members and hopefully bring in a few more.</p> <p>We encourage you to stay and enjoy food and drinks with members of the chapter as well as the four mentors in attendance.</p>
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Another Clean Opinion:



Certified Public Accountants

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors

Northern Virginia Chapter, Association of Government Accountants
P.O. Box 23692
Washington, DC 20026-3692

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Northern Virginia Chapter, Association of Government Accountants (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the fiscal years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Northern Virginia Chapter, Association of Government Accountants, as of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the fiscal years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Roger J. Gilliam'.

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December 29, 2015

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Thanks to President Julia Vigneault, Newsletter editor Angela Landis Payne, & Webmaster Michele Macary for coordinating, documenting, & maintaining the records that made this chapter possible.

PDT 2015 - Nashville



Several prominent local members served as guest speakers, including:

Hon. Gene L. Dodaro CGFM, Comptroller General, US GAO, provided opening remarks and spoke on 7 Trends Shaping the Federal Landscape (And What Government Financial Managers at All Levels Can Do).



Asif Khan CGFM, CPA, CISA, FCCA, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, US GAO; and Moderator **Beryl H. Davis** CGFM, CPA, Director, US GAO, enlightened us in a discussion of A New Era for DoD Financial Management.

In addition, once again, NOVAGA and several of our members received National Awards. Congratulations!

Chapter Awards

NOVAGA again won a Platinum Award (achieving 19501-22000 credits) under **President Julia Vigneault**. At right, **President-Elect Reid Muller** accepts the award from AGA National President Bill Miller.



Regional Vice President Awards

AGA's Regional Vice Presidents (RVPs) are vital to AGA's success. This exceptional group of leaders serves as a chapter's first point of contact and is called upon by chapter and national levels to keep operations running smoothly. Congratulations to:

Heather Keister, CPA, CIA, CRMA, Capital Region RVP, Platinum Award receiving the award from AGA National President Bill Miller.

Chapter Service Awards

These awards recognize individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to their chapters.

Group A: **James B. Davis, Jr.**, MPM, CGFM, CPA, CDFM, CDFA, CFE, Northern Virginia Chapter; Audit Manager, Air Force Audit Agency. As President-Elect, Davis demonstrated leadership in providing extensive chapter programs that offer “something for everyone” and he continues to be an ambassador and advocate for the activities and possibilities that exist to enhance the stature and prestige of the Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA. [Editor’s Note: Jim relocated to Wright-Patterson AFB with AFAA and didn’t serve as next year’s NOVAGA President.]



Scenes from the Nashville PDT



Congratulations to **NOVAGA’s Ann Collins**, on her tenure as AGA National Treasurer! Presented by **William Miller CGFM, CIA** AGA National President



NOVAGA’s Carl Patton (center, left) & **DC Chapter’s Diane Dudley** (center, right) help man the KPMG booth



GAO’s **Gene Dodaro** with AGA CEO **Ann Ebberts PMP**



Past NOVAGA President & AGA National President, **Mia Leswing**, with Clifton Larson Allen personnel





KPMG’s **Jeff Steinhoff** with fellow GAOers Dave & Cheryl Clark



Passing of the Gavel from Bill Miller to incoming AGA National President (& former NOVAGA President) **John Homan**

Citizen-Centric Report

We again produced a CCR for the 2014-2015 year, presented by incoming president, Reid Mueller:



Report to Our Members - Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

About AGA

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) was founded in 1950. AGA's mission is to foster learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing governmental accountability. AGA has approximately 100 chapters, with approximately 15,000 members as of its membership year ended April 30, 2015. AGA's membership is made up of federal employees (27%); state and local employees (43%); private sector employees (18%); and academia, students and retirees (12%) constituting the remainder. The AGA has an 87% retention rate of its membership. The AGA sponsors the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification which recognizes the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers.

Who is NOVAGA?

The Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA (NOVAGA) was chartered on June 1, 1968 and now includes approximately 930 professional members in the government financial management community. The chapter has continued to grow fiscal year over fiscal year, recording a 4.5% increase in membership from the prior fiscal year. Our members are primarily from the communities of Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax; as well as other Northern Virginia cities and counties in the surrounding area.

What We Do

NOVAGA supports the Association's Core Values of Service, Accountability, Integrity, and Leadership. We serve our members by providing continuing education and professional networking meetings. We promote accountability and integrity by ensuring transparency of our association as well as networking with other organizations. NOVAGA promotes leadership by providing CGFM study groups to encourage the promotion and certification of its members as Certified Governmental Financial Managers (CGFMs).

Meetings are usually held the third or fourth Tuesday of each month (September-May) at The Front Page Restaurant – Arlington, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, Virginia 22203. The location is accessible via Ballston Metro Stop (Orange/Sliver Metro Lines) or garage parking is available nearby. Meetings start at 5:30pm.

**AGA represents Accountability, Quality and Relevant Education,
Professional Development and CGFM Certification**





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Mission

AGA serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government.

Dear AGA Members:

I am pleased to present the NOVAGA Report to Our Members for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015.



Reid Mueller, NOVAGA President
FY Ending June 30, 2016

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How We Have Progressed

FY 2015

FY 2015 Accomplishments

- **Membership** - NOVAGA membership stands strong at approximately 930 members; an increase of 40 members over the prior year.
- **Achieved Platinum Chapter status for over 10 years in a row.**
- **Accountability** - This was NOVAGA's fourth year with an Accountability Chair. NOVAGA has submitted its Citizen Centric Report (CCR) every year to AGA National.
- **Corporate Sponsorship included:**
 - Kearney & Company, CPAs
 - Pricewaterhouse Coopers PWC
 - CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
 - Grant Thornton LLP
 - Aski International
 - Cotton & Company
 - Becker Professional Education
 - Deloitte
 - KPMG LLP
 - Lani Eko & Co, CPAs, PLLCs
- **Education** - The NOVAGA Chapter held two training events that provide CPE on the following topics:
 - DATA Act
 - DoD Audit Readiness
 - Fraud Risk Assessments
 - GAO Green Book
 - Upcoming CARS Changes
 - FASAB Update
 - OMB Update
- **Meetings** - During the fiscal year, the chapter held 5 monthly meetings that provided 1 hour of CPE for each meeting to attendees. The topics included financial management and auditing in the DOD/Intel communities and other financial management topics. The meetings are currently being held at the Front Page Restaurant, in Arlington, VA near the Ballston Metro Stop.
- **Website & Newsletter** - See NOVAGA Newsletter for Upcoming Events & Locations at: <http://www.novaga.org>

CGFM- The NOVAGA Chapter is proud to report that as of June 30, 2015, 523 members earned their CGFM certification which is equal to 56% of the chapter membership. During FY 2015, 27 NOVAGA chapter members passed the CGFM exam. The NOVAGA Chapter encourages its members to pursue the CGFM certification through (1) Organizing a Yahoo-based online study group and (2) by periodically providing a CGFM Intensive Review Course and Exam, at a minimal cost, for pre-qualified candidates.

Community Service & Early

Careers - NOVAGA helped fund and/or participate in community service events for associations at its monthly dinner meetings. The early careers members held two networking events during January and February 2015. The January 2015 mentoring event was held at Spider Kelly's in Arlington, VA and the February 2015 happy hour was held at Elephant and Castel in Washington, DC after the AGA National Leadership Training. In addition to these two events, a jointly held picnic was held with the DC and Montgomery/PG AGA Chapters at Haines Point Park in Washington, DC during September 2014 and a National's Baseball outing was held in May 2015. The events provided attendees the opportunity to meet and network with experienced AGA professionals and other members.

Education - NOVAGA offered in excess of 18 hours of continuing profession education (CPE) credits to its members and other accountability professionals. In October of 2013, the chapter became an approved National

Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) of Continuing Education Requirements (CPE) Sponsor. NOVAGA is proud of this accomplishment and the additional benefits it adds to the chapter members.

Accountability - NOVAGA awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to George Mason University students, Michelle Ly and David Nguyen, for their submission of a Citizen Centric Report for the City of Alexandria, VA.



Member Services and

Membership - The Member Services Committee held the 6th Annual Multi-Organizational Networking Social in April 2015. Organizations in attendance included Institute of Internal Auditors, Information System Audit and Control Association, and the Information Systems Security Association NOVA. The Membership Committee held happy hours in October 2014 and in January 2015 (jointly with the Early Careers Committee).

Our Finances

Assets, Liabilities, Revenues & Expenses

What is the Chapter's fiscal stability?

The NOVAGA Chapter's fiscal stability is sound. The Chapter maintains its cash and cash equivalents in various accounts (i.e., Checking Accounts, Money Market Accounts and Certificates of Deposit). As of June 30, 2015, the Chapter's cash and cash equivalent balance was \$104,306.

In addition to the cash and cash equivalent balance the Chapter also had accounts receivable of \$4,000 and accounts payable of \$925.

What are the costs for servicing *our members* and how are those costs paid?

Revenue by Source

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015	
Corporate Contributions	\$ 40,000
Registration Fees	1,650
Registration Fees	6,922
Membership Dues	12,007
Interest Income	42
Total Revenues	\$ 60,621

Expenditures by Service Area

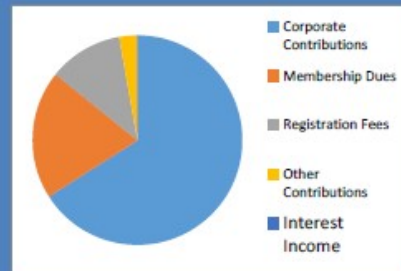
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015	
Facilities Rental and Food	\$ 36,729
Operational / Programs	7,862
Charitable Contributions	2,817
Professional Services	2,650
Scholarships, Cash Awards/Grants	1,420
Bank Fees and Mailing Services	207
Total Expenditures	\$ 51,685

Independent Audit

An independent audit of the Chapter's 2015 FY finances were conducted, resulting in a unmodified "clean" opinion. Complete financial information can be found at www.novaga.org

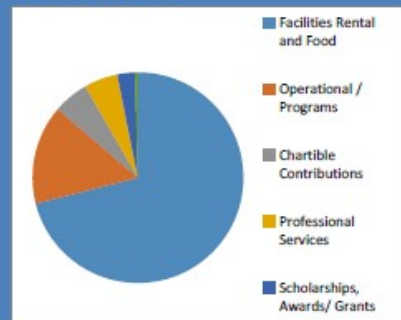
Revenues of the Chapter are primarily from Corporate Contributions, AGA Membership dues, and Registration Fees for Chapter events.

FY 2015 Revenue by Source



Expenditures of the Chapter are primarily for professional meetings and related food costs, continuing professional education (Operational/Programs) charitable contributions, professional services fees, and scholarship awards /grants.

FY 2015 Expenditures by Service Area



What's Next.....*Key Initiatives*

For the next fiscal year, NOVA will expand membership participation through both new and existing members by providing:

- Useful CPE courses relevant to the government financial management and auditing industry.
- Fun and interactive meetings and events. Restructuring CPE courses to allow for audience participation through open table activities, games and prizes
- Expand the nature of events to include venues such as bowling, sporting events, and recreational activities

Education Program

Providing relevant and timely educational topics for Chapter members is a primary goal of the Education committee. Continuing education credits, which are NASBA certified, are provided through meetings, audit conferences, and workshop training throughout the year. We welcome input from our members of emerging topics for future training conferences and meetings.

Early Careers Program

The goal of early careers is to encourage young professionals to be involved in their profession through chapter participation and networking. Providing networking opportunities is only one aspect of our early careers services. We endeavor to increase early career participation in board meetings as well as encourage early career members to serve as board members. Early Career members are the future leaders of the NOVAGA Chapter!

Accountability and Outreach Program

The NOVAGA Chapter plans to conduct an information event to promote the CEAR program and encourage members to becoming a CEAR reviewer. The NOVAGA Chapter will also be promoting Citizen Centric Reporting (CCR) to students at a selected Northern VA university. Students will be provided an opportunity to submit their CCR's for evaluation for a scholarship at the end of the program year.

CGFM Certification Program

Each year the CGFM program continues to grow and earn greater recognition from federal, state and local government. Virginia is one of several states that formally recognize the CGFM designation, giving CGFM's preferred status in hiring, making the CGFM a substitute for one year's experience or offering pay increases to those who pass the exam. NOVAGA will continue to promote and provide training opportunities to individuals to sit for the CGFM exam.

Community Service Program

The Community Service Committee is dedicated to supporting Northern Virginia nonprofit organizations by featuring a local nonprofit at each of the monthly meetings and by participating in local community service events. The Community Service Committee provides NOVAGA members the opportunities to not only learn about local nonprofit organizations but also to support the nonprofit organizations through donations and participation in community service events.



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Vital Statistics

President Reid Mueller CGFM CPA CFE CDFA-A,
KPMG



During this year, former NOVAGA President **John E. Homan MBA, CGFM, CPA, CGMA** served as AGA National President! Great Job, John!

Meetings were usually held the 4th Tuesday of the month (September – April) at The Front Page, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA, a short walk of less than 2 blocks from the Ballston Metro Station and across the street from the Ballston Common Mall whose parking garage, with entrances on N. Glebe Road and N. Randolph Street, offers up to 3 hours of parking for \$1. Meetings start at 5:30 pm

This chapter includes, but is not limited to the communities of Alexandria, Herndon, Arlington and Fairfax.

Government Members	Contractor Members	Non-Members	Retired Members
\$15 Pre-registered	\$25 Pre-registered	\$30 Pre-registered	\$5 Pre-registered
\$20 Walk-in	\$30 Walk-in	\$35 Walk-in	\$10 Walk-in

Free for a member's first meeting, (must RSVP & let us know this is your first meeting) can become a member at the meeting so long as the membership application is left with the new members committee.

We instituted a new policy at the February meeting, we have started to give away two paid AGA memberships to government employee members at each meeting. This practice will continue at all of our Virginia-based meetings. In addition we also gave away two free registrations for government employee members to our joint training we are doing with DC-AGA at the Reagan building on March 30-31, good for 16 CPE.

Winners of the one year AGA membership drawing at our February meeting:


Eric Engelbrektsson DLA
Mary Jo Rubino Department of Defense OIG

Winners of the Registration for the NOVAGA/AGA-DC March 29th and 30th Training at the Reagan Center:

Heather Keister GAO
Joanna Bernado FAA

Meetings

<p>Tuesday, October 27, 2015</p>	<p>Chapter Meeting</p>	
<p>Wednesday, November 18, 2015</p> <p>Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.</p> <p>Registration & networking begin at 5:30 pm.</p> <p>1 NASBA-approved CPE will be awarded to attendees</p>	<p>Joint dinner meeting with the Montgomery/PG Chapter - NOVAGA host</p> <p>Dinner & presentation begin at 6 pm.</p> <p>“OMB Memorandum on Electronic Invoicing: What it means to Agencies and Vendors.”</p>	<p>Speaker - Mr. John Hill, Assistant Commissioner for Payment Management of the U.S. Treasury’s Fiscal Service</p> 
<p>Winter Workshop</p> <p>Thursday, December 17</p> <p>Kearney and Company</p> <p>Alexandria, VA</p>		<p>GAO’s Heather Keister presenting at the Training</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 26, 2016</p> <p>5:30 pm at The Front Page in Arlington, VA</p> <p>Our community service organization was Friendship Place</p>	<p>Snowed out!</p> 	<p>Speaker - Mr. Damon Hunt, Senior Manager at RMA Associates, LLC (RMA)</p> <p>Mr. Hunt has a total of 20 years of experience in federal financial reporting, auditing, and consulting. Prior to RMA he supervised federal engagements at KPMG for 16 years. Mr. Hunt’s primary focus has been financial management, audit, and internal controls in the Federal Government workspace.</p> <p>Topic: “How to Find, Track, and Monitor Congressional Documents”</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 16, 2016</p> <p>5:30 pm at The Front Page in Arlington, VA</p>	<p>Mr. Damon Hunt, RMA (rescheduled from January)</p>	<p>We also raffled off 2 free registrations for our joint event with AGA DC, the 15th Annual AGA DC Federal Financial Management Training on March 29th – 30th and 2 1-year AGA memberships, both for government employees.</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 22, 2016 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Internal Controls at Department of Defense</p>	<p>Speaker: Mr. Justin Baker, Financial Specialist DIA-Internal Controls & Policy</p>

<p>15th Annual AGA Federal Financial Management Training</p> <p>March 29 and 30 at the Reagan Building 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC</p>	<p>Breakfast, lunch, and break refreshments are included in your registration.</p>	<p>Jointly sponsored by the AGA DC Chapter and the AGA Northern Virginia Chapter</p> <p>This session will also offer Ethics training that meets Virginia CPA requirements and can be applied to DC and Maryland requirements.</p> <p>Excellent networking opportunities are offered at the sponsor booths and happy hour reception.</p>
<p>April 2016 Chapter Meeting – Joint with MD in MD</p>	<p>April 13, 2016 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Hilton – Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852</p>
<p>NOVAGA Spring Workshop April 21, 2016</p> <p>@ 7:30 am - 4:30 pm</p> <p>KPMG LLP, 1801 K St NW, Washington, DC 20006</p> <p>\$45 for members \$55 for non-members</p> <p>All-Day Training – 8 CPEs</p>	<p><u>7:30 – 8:00 am – Breakfast/Registration</u></p> <p><u>Morning Session:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00-9:00 am – Oscar Castro, Manager General Ledger Control Branch Treasury, Treasury Update (GFRS and GTAS) • 9:00-10:00 am – Wendy Payne, Executive Director, FASAB, FASAB Update • 10:00-10:15 am - Break • 10:15-11:15 am – Christie Pugnetti, GAO Standards Team, GAO Update → • 11:15-12:15 pm – OMB Update <p><u>12:15-1:15 pm – Networking Lunch</u></p> <p><u>Afternoon Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:15-3:15 pm – Dave Otto, DHS, FISMA → • 3:15-3:30 pm – Break • 3:30-4:30 pm – Alaleh Jenkins, DoD FIAR, DoD Audit Readiness 	
<p>NOVAGA Annual Awards Banquet April 28th, 2016 6 – 10 pm</p> <p>Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Dr, Arlington, VA 22202</p>	<p>Happy Hour with heavy hors d'oeuvres.</p> <p>We also plan to make donations to three charities at the awards event, and will be featuring our popular casino event again.</p> <p>(see following pages)</p>	 <p>Above: Heather Keister, Jack Hufnagle, Dennis Green, & Alice Hufnagle</p>

May 2016 Chapter Meeting - **May 24, 2016**
@ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
The Front Page – Arlington



Annual Banquet - Dennis Green, Jack Hufnagle, John Homan, & Pat Evans

Community Service

The NOVAGA Community Service Board Chair, Darlene Canady-Burt, dcanadyburt@gmail.com, planned several events this year.

October 8 – November 12

We would like to thank the Board and members for the outpouring of support and online donations to the **Miriam's Kitchen online donation campaign** held October 8 – November 12. The joint effort between EY and AGA, produced a donation in excess of \$10,000!

This will support trying to end chronic homelessness and hunger in our nation's capital.

As you can imagine, the organization was very pleased. Together, we are building a better working world!



Awards Banquet – April 28, 2016

Gaming to Benefit these Charities:

Animal Welfare League of Arlington
<https://www.awla.org/>

March of Dimes
<https://www.marchofdimes.org/>

Miriam's Kitchen
<https://miriamskitchen.org/>



The Animal Welfare League is an organization dedicated to improving the welfare of stray, abused and neglected animals in Northern Virginia.

 <p>A FIGHTING CHANCE FOR EVERY BABY™</p> <p>The focus and overall mission of the March of Dimes is to prevent birth defects and infant mortality.</p>	 <p>Ending chronic homelessness.</p> <p>The overall mission of Miriam's Kitchen is to end chronic kitchen homelessness in Washington, D.C.</p>
<p>May 7, 2016 Please click on the site, www.marchforbabies.org/team/AGA, to donate and register to walk at Nationals Park.</p>	<p>WE NEED YOU! Premature birth affects about 450,000 babies here in the United States. Giving up that extra cup of coffee or snack, DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.</p>

Membership

The Northern Virginia Chapter of the AGA is proud to welcome its newest members for the 2015 – 2016 year!

Patrick Aldrich	Sarah Mirzakhani
Michael Breson	Christian Muniz
Brett Champion	Diane Nguyen
Michelle Cremer	Se Park
Lucia Espinosa	DeChanta Porter
Osman Fateh	Tyler Price
Nicole Fobes	Keedah Ray
Zonda Fuller	James Richards
John Herwick	Kyle Speight
Lauren Keating	Konah Terry
Frances Kelly	Mark Turbyfill
Laurel Luckey	Ali Yousefi

Meet our Members: **Jacob MacDonald**

Jacob has been an AGA member since January 2012 and currently volunteers as the Membership Committee Chair for NOVAGA. His responsibilities as Chair include leading and managing the Membership, Membership Services and Early Careers Committees for the 2015 - 2016 year.



Previously, Jacob volunteered as the Chair for the Early Careers committee for the Baltimore AGA Chapter for the 2014-2015 year.

Jacob currently works for Grant Thornton, LLP in their Global Public Sector (GPS), based out of Alexandria, Va. He provides full-scope, financial statement audit services to a Department of Defense client.

His favorite AGA event is the Northern Virginia Chapter's Fall Social Networking event - it's one of the chapter's newer events; however, there's been high attendance each year and it's a great way to both network with colleagues and make new connections. He also enjoys this event because both members and non-members are welcome to join and cost is free, so it's a more relaxed setting where you're able to focus on networking and enjoy the event.

Joining the AGA was an easy decision for Jacob. Networking, CPE and leadership opportunities are a few of the many benefits that AGA membership has to offer. If you are a professional in the government accounting, auditing, budgeting or Information Technology industry Jacob strongly recommends that you join early in your career to set yourself apart from your peers. Start building that invaluable network ASAP, and stay active!

CGFM

The CGFM Chair organized a study session to review mod 2 material for the CGFM exam. The study session was broken up into two parts and the first was held on February 25th at KPMG in Mclean, VA. There were 8 attendees and three CGFM instructors. The second study session was held on March 8th in the same location. The event was advertised through 123signup and is beneficial toward many Northern Virginia AGA members in their attempt to attain CGFM certification.

Please contact Kevin Shers (Kevin.shers@morganfranklin.com) with questions

Congratulations to our new CGFM professionals!!!

New CGFM's Name	CGFM Completion Month
Mr. Frank Garcia, Jr.	Jan-15
Aaron A. Reed	Feb-15
Lisa K. Hill	Feb-15
Sarah Z. Stearns	Mar-15
Mr. Stephen Gilbride	Mar-15
Mr. Christopher J. Terapane	Mar-15
Mr. Sanjay Shah	Apr-15
Ms. Yue He	Apr-15
Anne Quarles Kahle	Apr-15
Cynthia Y. Cassic	Apr-15
Mrs. Melissa Sizemore	Apr-15
Julia J. Fiorio	May-15
Mr. Martin L. Nossett, IV	Jun-15
Allison Karbowski	Jun-15
Johnny R. Amin	Jul-15
Richard Stephen Quinones	Jul-15
Mr. Russell H. East	Aug-15
Mr. Stephen P. Donahue	Oct-15
Melanie Bonarski	Nov-15
Thomas Barbieri	Dec-15
James P. Richards	Dec-15
Mr. Daniel J. Hong	Dec-15
Mr. James J. Canny	Dec-15

Annual Awards

The following awards were presented at the 2016 Annual Awards Banquet. Congratulations to the deserving winners!

Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award **Excellence in Federal Financial Management**

Mark Rose, CPA, CGFM

U.S. Coast Guard - Director of Financial Operations/Comptroller



Mr. Mark Rose, a member of the Senior Executive Service, assumed the duties of the U.S. Coast Guard Comptroller on 1 June 2014. He previously served as the Chief of the Financial Information and Control Division at the U.S. Coast Guard Finance Center. Prior to this position, he served as the Coast Guard Deputy Comptroller.

Mr. Rose retired from the Coast Guard with the rank of Captain having served as the Commanding Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Finance Center. Other distinguished duty assignments included Commanding Officer of Base Elizabeth City, leading the Financial Management Transformation Task Force and serving as the Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Exchange System.

Mr. Rose graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He earned a Master of Business Administration Degree with a major in Finance and Investments from George Washington University and a Master of Accounting and Financial Management Degree from the Keller Graduate School of Management. Mr. Rose is a certified public accountant and a certified government financial manager.



Federal Financial Partnership Award

Robert Misch

Grant Thornton

Managing Director Public Services Practice

Bob Misch is a Managing Director in Grant Thornton's Business Consulting & Technology practice and leads Public Sector's Performance Transformation Service Line. He has more than 20 years of experience in solution delivery and leading cross-functional teams. He helps public sector clients maximize the use of cost and performance information to improve program management and business processes, and integrate budget and performance information.

He has served clients from across government, including the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, the Department of the Interior, the International Monetary Fund, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Department of the Treasury. In 2009, he received Consortium of Advanced Management International's (CAM-I's) Robert A. Bonsack award for distinguished contribution in the advancement of cost and performance management.

Mr. Misch is a Project Management Professional (PMP). He received his Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the U.S. Naval Academy.

Pentagon Memorial Service Award

William H. Renica, CGFM CDFM

Department of Justice's Tax Division – Comptroller

Citizen-Centric Report

We gave \$1,000 scholarships to up to two accounting students at George Mason University that prepare the most accurate, visually appealing, and informative Citizen Centric Report for the City of Alexandria, VA.

Independent Auditors' Report

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Independent Accountant's Review Report

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I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Northern Virginia Chapter, Association of Government Accountants, which comprise the statement of position as of June 30, 2016, and the related statements of activities and, cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of company management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

My responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether I am aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I believe that the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for my conclusion.

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The financial statements of the prior period of Northern Virginia Chapter, Association of Government Accountants, were previously audited on December 29, 2015, and an unmodified opinion was issued. No auditing procedures were performed subsequent to December 29, 2015.



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Chase Flott	Webmaster

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NOVAGA once again earned a **Platinum Chapter Award!** Congratulations, Reid & the chapter!

Some of the locally-affiliated speakers were:



Gene Dodaro, CGFM
Comptroller General of the United States
Hear highlights of the U.S. government's financial status in a one-on-one interview.



Hon. David Walker
former U.S. Comptroller General



Dr. Doug Webster DBA, CGFM, PMP, CGEIT
Director, Risk Management
USAID



David Zavada CPA
Partner
Kearney & Company

Thanks to President Reid Mueller, Newsletter Editor Angela Landis Payne, Webmaster Michele Macary, & various internet sources, for planning, documenting, & maintaining the records that made this chapter possible!

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Vital Statistics

President Reza Mahbod CPA, CISA, CGFM, CICA, CGMA
RMA Associates



This year, NOVAGA's Board worked hard to improve the quality of our member services.


Our CPE topics and speakers provide useful CPEs relevant to government financial management and the related auditing industry. In addition, we are restructuring our CPE courses to allow for audience participation through open table activities, learning games, and prizes, which will make our sessions more enjoyable.




Our monthly meeting venue has drastically improved as well. We are holding our meetings at the **Arlington/Ballston Westin** (801 Glebe Road, Arlington VA 22203) with the **Front Page Restaurant** (right around the corner from the Westin) as our back-up location.




We are also continuing to collaborate with the DC area chapters to hold joint meetings and events for more networking opportunities.


We hope to see you at our next meeting or event!

Meetings & Education

<p>September 20, 2016</p>	<p>Instead of main speaker, we held a speed networking event.</p>	
<p>October 18, 2016</p> <p>October 2016 Chapter Meeting Front Page, Arlington, VA</p> <p>The meeting kicked-off with a happy hour, followed by dinner and networking</p> <p>The Community Service speaker was Jennifer Konish from Capital Area Food Bank.</p>	<p>Integrating Fraud Risk Assessment into your Internal Control Program.</p> <p>Topics discussed were the updated OMB Circular A-123 and the GAO Fraud Framework and the Fraud Reduction and Data Analytics Act of 2015.</p>	 <p>Mr. Rob Irish, MBA, CISA Senior Partner, Chief Operating Officer, RMA Associates, LLC</p>

<p>November 15, 2016</p> <p>November Chapter Meeting Westin, Arlington, VA 5:30—8 pm 1CPE</p> <p>We will have happy hour, dinner, and fun and engaging activities for our event!</p> <p>(Postponed from September 20th)</p> <p>Mr. Javier Lopez, MSA Deputy Director for Management Assurance for Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, HHS</p>	<p>Mr. Lopez has implemented a risk-based internal control program integrating the HHS Program Integrity initiative with OMB Circular A-123 in areas including grants management and financial reporting.</p> <p>Prior to joining HHS, Mr. Lopez served as the Financial Officer for the Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate, where he designed long-range program and budget planning for the development and transition of technical capabilities.</p>	 <p>Mr. Lopez also serves as an Adjunct Professor at Trinity University's Graduate School of Professional Studies. He has authored executive articles and book reviews in Leadership, Judgment, and Identity Branding in the Federal Sector.</p>
<p>December 20, 2016</p> <p>7:30 am – 1 pm ET</p> <p>Kearney & Company 1701 Duke Street, Suite 501 Alexandria, VA 22314</p>	<p>Winter Workshop</p> <p>4-hours CPE, including 2-hr Virginia approved Ethics course</p> <p>Cost \$50-\$60</p>	<p>2 hrs Virginia CPA Ethics – Dr. Ziegenfuss</p> <p>2 hrs Business Ethics – Reza Mahbod & Mike Fredrickson</p> 
<p>December 20, 2016</p> <p>December Chapter Meeting</p> <p>Westin, Arlington, VA</p> <p>5:30—8 pm 1CPE</p> <p>Our speaker was Mr. Mike Fredrickson, CPA, Senior Manager over federal audits and advisory services, RMA Associates, LLC</p>	 <p>Mr. Fredrickson has over nine years of experience in audit, attestation, performance, advisory, accounting, and training services for government agencies and in the private industry.</p>	<p>His experience includes financial statement audits, attestation services, internal control evaluations, program management, audit readiness and remediation, risk management, financial system implementation, peer review services, and training over Government auditing and accounting practices.</p> <p>Mr. Fredrickson currently leads teams performing services in accordance with the Yellow Book and AICPA SAS, SSAE, & SSARS.</p>
<p>January 13, 2017</p>	<p>2017 Financial Systems Summit</p> <p>Washington, DC or Virtual 6 CPEs Free for AGA Members</p>	

<p>January 17, 2017 Chapter Meeting</p> <p>Reza spoke about SSAE 18.</p>	 <p>Our speaker was Mr. Reza Mahbod from RMA Associates, LLC.</p> <p>Prior to founding RMA, Mr. Mahbod worked at the Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General, and KPMG.</p>	<p>While at KPMG, he led large federal audits and audit related engagements, including work at DHS, DOL, DOT, DOJ, & DoD.</p> <p>Since he founded RMA, Mr. Mahbod's audit and audit related work have spread to include all cabinet agencies within the Federal Government.</p> <p>Additionally, Mr. Mahbod was on many of the initial boards, organizations, and committees involved with the implementation of the CFO Act of 1990.</p> <p>Mr. Mahbod serves as the Chair of AGA's CPAG SBC. He serves on the Commonwealth of Virginia's Peer Review Oversight Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Mahbod is an active member of the AICPA, ISACA, VSCPA, AGA, & ASMC.</p>
<p>February 21, 2017 Chapter Meeting</p> <p>Find out more Visit www.SummitInsight.com</p>	 <p>Ms. Judy Bradt, CEO of Summit Insight, brings 29 years of expertise to people who want to grow their federal business.</p> <p>She's an award-winning author, speaker and consultant. Her clients have used her tools and techniques to win new work with current agencies, expansion into new agencies, and connect with hundreds of people they need to know to grow.</p>	 <p>Ms. Bradt spoke on Tools to Build Trust, sharing some of her insights and the keys to human connection that you'll be able to use for both personal and professional growth.</p> <p>Thousands of people have followed her seven steps to success in her book, Government Contracts Made Easier.</p> <p>Her clients' success today is based on the research, tools and techniques she teaches them to build trusted relationships.</p>
<p>Wed., March 8, 2017 6-8 pm Lebanese Taverna 7141 Arlington Rd. Bethesda, MD 20814</p>	<p>Joint Meeting with Montgomery/Prince George's County AGA</p>	<p>Helena Sims, Director, Intergovernmental Relations AGA National</p>

<p>March 21, 2017 5:30 – 7 pm</p> <p>Chapter Meeting</p> <p>Westin 801 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203.</p>	<p>Mr. Scardino will speak about the Evolving Role of the CFO.</p> <p>In this role, Tony oversees an annual budget that exceeds \$3 billion, supporting over 12,000 USPTO employees</p>	 <p>Mr. Anthony Scardino, CFO U.S. Patent and Trademark Office</p>
<p>May 16, 2017</p>	<p>Chapter Meeting</p>	

Spring Workshop

Our Spring Training session was held on **Friday, April 28, 2017**, from 7:30 am – 4:30 pm, in the KPMG Training Center (Mezzanine Level), 1801K Street NW, Washington DC , 20006. Cost was \$45 Members & \$55 Nonmembers and included Breakfast & Lunch.

This workshop was about accounting and auditing guidance from Treasury, OMB, GAO, and FASAB applicable to the government environment. In addition, participants learned new management techniques and practical tips to increase efficiency in government financial operations. It provided 8 NASBA-approved CPEs (Accounting (Governmental) – 2 CPE, Auditing (Governmental) – 1 CPE, Finance – 2.5 CPE, Specialized Knowledge and Applications – 2.5 CPE).

		
<p>8:00-9:00 am – Wendy Payne, Executive Director, FASAB, FASAB Update</p>	<p>9:00-10:00 am OMB Speakers Updates Regarding DATA Act and Improper Payments</p>	<p>OMB</p>
		
<p>OMB</p>	<p>10:15-11:15 am GAO Standards Team, GAO Update</p>	<p>11:15-12:15 pm GAO's Matt Zaun speaks on Yellow Book</p>

 <p>Oscar Castro Bureau of the Fiscal Service Treasury</p>	 <p>Treasury Update</p>	
 <p>1:15-2:15 pm Douglas Glen, DOI Innovative Financial Reporting</p>	 <p>2:15-3:15 pm Vicki Crouse, Navy,</p>	 <p>Audit Readiness</p>
	 <p>Reza thanks the speakers</p>	 <p>3:30-4:30 pm Eric Rivera, NRC OIG Director</p>

Webinars

<p>November 1, 2016 2-3 pm ET</p>	<p>Networking Up Free, Member Only Webinar 1 CPE FOS: PD</p>	<p>More than 70 percent of people land jobs through networking, according to US News. In this webinar, learn tips and best practices on networking, and about the power of the personal touch.</p>
<p>November 16, 2016 2-3:50 pm ET</p>	<p>Tools and Strategies for Fighting Fraud Free Webinar 2 CPEs FOS: AUD</p>	<p>Whether you are new to fraud prevention and mitigation or a seasoned professional in the field, resources made available through AGA and other sources can help you strategize and manage fraud risks with your team. Learn how free, online tools made available can provide concrete assistance to government officials working to fight fraud at any level of government.</p>

CGFM



We had another robust CGFM Training Program, resulting in several new CGFMs! Congratulations!

<p>December 19, 2016 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm \$5</p> <p>KPMG 1676 International Drive, McLean VA 22102.</p>	<p>CGFM Study Group: Module 2 Part 1 of 2</p>	<p>The study session will cover all major topics and questions about the exam material.</p>
<p>April 3, 2017 6-9 pm</p> <p>A small snack will be provided.</p> <p>We will meet at KPMG LLP 1676 International Drive McLean, VA 22102 – 12th Floor.</p>	<p>CGFM Exam Review Session Module 3 Part 1 of 2</p>	<p>This session provides instruction on all topics relating to financial management functions and financial and managerial analysis techniques. The instructors have recently passed the CGFM exam and can help with formulating a strategy to take the exams and any related questions. The format of the review session is round-table style and engaging. Each participant is encouraged to review the material in the CGFM study guide before the session to get the most out of it.</p>


Congratulations to the newest CGFM professionals!



Mr. Khriiss Alvaro Corpuz May 2016
David J. Allan June 2016
Molly P. Dawson July 2016
Suraj U. Naik August 2016

Bora Kim August 2016
Worrede W. Tesfagabr August 2016
Mr. Patrick W. Aldrich August 2016

Community Service

We again invited a community service speaker to all of our meetings. Here are some highlights:

<p>September 20, 2016</p>	<p>Our Community Service speaker was Crystal Schanette from So Others Might Eat (SOME)</p>	
<p>October 18, 2016</p>	<p>Our Community Service speaker was Jennifer Konish from Capital Area Food Bank.</p>	
<p>November 15, 2016</p>	<p>Meet AGA National's Holiday Challenge!</p>	<p>Please donate food, supplies or money to the Capital Area Food Bank at our meeting.</p>

<p>January 17, 2017</p>		<p>NOVAGA was grateful to have Kristen Claus from Ronald McDonald Charity as our Charity Speaker of the month.</p> <p>We were pleased to be part of this great organization in helping the children in need.</p>
<p>February 21, 2017 Meeting</p>	<p>Thank you, Mr. Joannes Yibesaiu for speaking about the Hope for Children Cameroon.</p>	

Membership



Meet a Board Member

Thomas Han

For the month of November, we are featuring Thomas Han, who is a Senior Associate at RMA Associates. He has been with the firm for a year and a half.

How long have you been a member of AGA?
I've been a member for almost two years.

What board position do you hold currently?
I am currently Webmaster, and I hope to be Treasurer in the next two years.

What sector do you work in and what type of work do you do?
I work in the Federal sector, focusing on audit and advisory services. Specifically, I work on performance audits, attestation services, and advisory services. I also perform training over internal controls and auditing standards for various OIGs.

What has been your favorite AGA event?
Definitely the Year-End Awards Gala. This was also the first AGA event I attended, and it gave me a great opportunity to network with professionals in the industry.

Do you have any advice for people looking to join AGA or to get more involved?
My advice would be to attend every AGA meeting and event. Each meeting and event provides a great opportunity to learn more about what we do and ways to get involved in what interests you. Meetings also provide you with CPEs on interesting topics from our industry. I find that the more you put in to AGA, the more you get out of it.

What do you like to do outside of work and AGA?
I like to cook and bake. I also like to travel.

Member Services

2016 AGA Tri-Chapter Program Year Kickoff Picnic

Sunday, September 25, 2016

12-3 pm

Hains Point

About 50 members and 20+ of their family members attended the free picnic.

Food was catered by Famous Dave's and there was an assortment of non-alcoholic beverages provided.

Members and their family members enjoyed music while playing fun games like corn hole, can jam and UNO.



There was a 50/50 raffle for the \$180 raised at the event, where half went to the lucky member and half went to charity.



October 13, 2016

2016 3rd Annual NOVAGA Fall Membership Happy Hour

A-Town Bar and Grill in Arlington, VA

Over 40 people attended the event and networked with current and new members and non-members over free food and drinks.



The purpose of this event is to create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere to retain current members and attract prospective new members.



April 10, 2017
@ 7:05 pm - 11:00 pm

Washington Nationals vs. St. Louis Cardinals!

Networking & fun event at Nationals Park.

Seating area near the scoreboard pavilion.
Cost is \$10 per ticket (ticket value is \$20).



Annual Awards Gala

April 27, 2017 @ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm \$25

This year's event was a happy hour on the patio, followed by an awards ceremony and charity gambling.

There were heavy hors d'oeuvres instead of a plated dinner. Price included 2 drink tickets per guest.

Army Navy Country Club
1700 Army Navy Dr
Arlington, VA 22202 United States



Past NOVAGA & National AGA President John Homan (left)



President-Elect Brian Grega, John Homan, & Reza Mahbod



Past NOVAGA President & Past AGA National Treasurer, Mia Leswing



Jessica Boucher, Chapter Recognition, helps Reza with awards



Jessica & Reza thank Mr. Mike Fredrickson



Scholarship Recipient



Casino Night for Charity



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Independent Accountant's Review Report

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I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Northern Virginia Chapter, Association of Government Accountants, which comprise the statement of position as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of company management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

My responsibility is to conduct the review engagements in accordance with Statements on Standards on Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether I am aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I believe that the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for my conclusion.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



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Chapter 50 2017—2018

Vital Statistics

President Brian J. Grega CPA CGFM CISA
KPMG



The Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA celebrates its **50th Anniversary** in 2018! Congratulations and Thank You to everyone in the last 50 chapters of this book that helped shape NOVAGA and make it the great chapter it is today! We celebrated our **Golden Anniversary** with a Gala in June 2018!

During my tenure as President of the Chapter, the focus of the Board of Directors is to (1) grow chapter membership, (2) provide quality educational events, and (3) inform members and their employers about the benefits of the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification.




Meetings



This chapter includes, but is not limited to, the communities of Alexandria, Herndon, Arlington and Fairfax.

Most of our monthly meetings were held the third Thursday of each month with snacks and beverages starting at 5:30 PM, speakers and dinner at 6 PM, ending around 8 PM. We strove to provide 1 CPE per meeting.

The Westin Arlington Gateway
801 N Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203
(Street and Garage parking available; and Ballston Metro Stop – Silver and Orange lines)

<p>September 28, 2017</p> <p>Happy Hour and heavy appetizers will be provided prior to the presentation.</p> <p>1 CPE will be provided.</p>		<p>Speaker Ms. Heather Keister, Assistant Director in GAO's Financial Management and Assurance Division.</p> <p>Ms. Keister's presentation is entitled "Professional Growth and Development, using John Maxwell's 15 Laws of Growth as the foundation."</p>
<p>October 19, 2017</p> <p>Open bar and heavy appetizers will be provided during the meeting.</p> <p>National Cyber Security Awareness Month is observed each October since its inception in 2004 in the United States of America.</p>	<p>Our October 2017 speaker was Kathryn Condello, Director, National Security/ Emergency Preparedness, CenturyLink.</p> <p>Ms. Condello's presentation is entitled "Cybersecurity: It's a Shared Responsibility". I hope you can join us for this timely and relative topic that impacts each of us, no matter what our profession.</p>	


<p>November 16, 2017</p> <p>Joint meeting with the Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter.</p>	<p>Our November 2017 speaker will be David Rebich, Chief Financial Officer, at the Federal Trade Commission.</p> <p>Mr. Rebich's presentation is entitled "Taking the Fork in the Road: Tales from the Trenches of ERM Implementation at the FTC".</p>	
<p>NOVAGA Chapter Meeting for December</p> <p>December 21, 2017 @ 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm</p> <p>Speaker Clifton (Clif) Smith, Senior Manager, Intelligence Community Account Lead, US Federal Government and Public Sector Practice</p>		<p>NOVAGA invites you to an "Introduction to Mindfulness" presentation to help demystify mindfulness and illustrate how it can be beneficial to you, in both your personal and professional life.</p>
<p>NOVAGA Chapter Meeting for January</p> <p>January 25, 2018 5:30pm to 8pm</p> <p>You will receive 1 CPE by attending this event.</p>	<p>Speaker Bo Shevchik, Alliance Director, Federal Reserve System and Co-Chair of the AGA Blockchain Working Group.</p> <p>Mr. Shevchik's presentation is entitled "Distributed Ledger Technology and Blockchain".</p>	
<p>February 22, 2018</p> <p>1 CPE will be provided</p>		<p>Our speaker was Matthew Flick, Managing Principal at FYRM Associates.</p> <p>Mr. Flick's presentation was entitled "Secure Agile Development With FISMA Compliance".</p>
<p>March 22, 2018 March Chapter Meeting 5:30pm—8:00pm</p> <p>Westin, Arlington, VA</p> <p>Are you interested in evolving technologies such as BlockChain, Cloud Computing, and Data Analytics?</p> <p>1 CPE will be provided</p>	<p>Our March speakers:</p>  <p>Nirali Chawla, Director at KPMG LLP.</p>	 <p>Jason Gould, Director at KPMG LLP</p>

<p>April 19, 2018</p> <p>NOVAGA Chapter Meeting for April</p>	<p>Mr. Rosen 's presentation is entitled "Perspectives on Government Auditing".</p> <p>1 CPE will be provided.</p>	 <p>Drew Rosen, Senior Manager, KPMG LLP</p>
<p>May 17, 2018</p> <p>1 CPE will be provided.</p>		<p>"Cybersecurity Risk Management for Business Leaders."</p> <p>presented by:</p> <p>Rear Admiral (ret.) and Professor David Simpson.</p>

Webinars

<p>March 15, 2018 2:00pm—3:50pm</p> <p>Free Member Webinar</p> <p>2 CPEs</p>	<p>Owning My Future: Having an Enriching Career in Changing Times</p> <p>The AGA Women's Initiative cordially invites you to its next webinar.</p>	<p>Join us as accomplished women in the profession share what they deem essential success factors for women in today's ever-changing and challenging government financial management environment</p>
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Other Educational Opportunities

<p>Monday, December 18, 2017 @ 8:30 am - 11:00 am</p> <p>Includes Continental Breakfast</p> <p>Kearney & Company 1701 Duke Street Ste 501 Alexandria, VA 22314</p>	<p>NOVAGA Winter Workshop</p> <p>Virginia CPA Ethics Training</p> <p>You will receive 2 Virginia CPA Ethics credits</p>	<p>9:00 AM: Virginia CPA Ethics Training – Reza Mahbod, RMA Associates</p> 
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<p>March 28, 2018 2:00pm—3:50pm</p> <p>Sponsored by AGA National</p> <p>. 2 CPEs.</p>	<p>Cybersecurity</p> <p>This session will provide a basic understanding of cybersecurity concepts</p>	<p>and will empower the personnel who own the data and depend on the systems to better collaborate with their IT staff to ensure the integrity, availability and confidentiality of financial data</p>
<p>April 2, 2018 7:30am—4:15pm</p> <p>NOVAGA Spring Workshop Co-Sponsored with Shenandoah Valley Chapter</p> <p>KPMG Office – Training Center (Mezzanine Level) 1801K Street NW Washington DC 20006</p> <p>\$75 members; \$85 nonmembers</p> <p>Includes Breakfast & Lunch</p> <p>CPE Credits – 8 CPE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting (Govt) – 3.5 CPEs Auditing (Govt) – 1 CPE Specialized Knowledge and Applications – 3.5 CPEs </p> <p>*****</p> <p>• 8:00-9:00 am – Wendy Payne, Executive Director, FASAB, FASAB Update</p> 	<p>• 9:00-10:00 am – Robert (Scott) Bell, Treasury, Financial Report</p>  <p>• 10:15-11:15 am –Justin Marsico, Treasury, USAspending.gov</p>  <p>• 11:15-12:05 pm – James Gould, KPMG, Changing Landscape of Government Auditing</p> 	<p>• 1:00-2:00 pm – Jennifer Files, Yount, Hyde and Barbour, Face of a Whistleblower</p>  <p>• 2:00-3:00 pm – Lou Crenshaw, Crenshaw Consulting Associates, The Failure of Success</p>  <p>• 3:15-4:15 pm – Alex Yow, Grant Thornton, Millennial Leadership</p> 
<p>April 11, 2018 2:00pm—3:50pm</p> <p>Sponsored by AGA National</p>	<p>Beyond the Code: Ethics in the Real World</p>	<p>Attendees will learn effective reasoning approaches to solve difficult ethical and moral dilemmas, assess ethical culture and understand cultural influences that impact ethical reasoning</p>
<p>April 25, 2018 2:00pm—3:50pm</p>	<p>DATA Act</p>	<p>Sponsored by AGA National</p>

March 22, 2018, 8:00am—11:00am – Rescheduled to Friday, April 20, 2018

Washington Women Speak!

The NOVAGA Chapter is a Silver sponsor!

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The previous date was sold out, please make sure you re-register today!!

Join Grant Thornton for the rescheduled 12th annual Washington Women Speak! - an inspiring and enriching event that brings women's real -word experiences to light.

A breakfast and panel discussion, Washington Women Speak! is designed to bring together professional women and men to discuss how our values and cultural experiences impact our work, our personal lives, and our communities.

Speakers include:

- Kim Drumgo, Director, Diversity and Inclusion, AICPA
- Brianne Nadeau, Member of the Council of the District of Columbia
- Rosie Allen-Herring, President and CEO, United Way National Capital Area

We hope you will join together with hundreds from across the Washington, DC area for this year's event!

May 1, 2018 Washington, DC	2018 CFO/CIO Summit Morning Event	Sponsored by AGA National
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CGFM



CGFM certification and recognition has been a focus for the chapter. **Study groups** were held for chapter members for modules 1, 2, & 3 at MorganFranklin Consulting, 7900 Tyson's One PI #300, McLean, VA 22102. MorganFranklin is metro accessible via the silver line (Tysons Corner stop). Garage parking was also available on-site at Tyson's Tower through Colonial Parking and had a maximum charge of 12 dollars (all day parking rate). When arriving, attendees were instructed to report to the lobby security desk to sign in and obtain a visitor badge. Light food and beverages were provided for participants and each study group cost \$5 to register.

March is CGFM Month!! On March 1, 2018, **Virginia Governor Ralph S. Northam** officially recognized **March as CGFM Month**. On behalf of the Northern Virginia AGA Chapter, thank you to our members, especially our CGFMs.

November 2, 2017 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm 3 CPEs provided.	\$5	CGFM Review Session Mod 1 Study group covered the high-level topics on the CGFM module 1 exam.	It was recommended that participants review the module 1 book before the class.
January 4, 2018 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm 3 CPEs provided.	\$5	CGFM Review Session Mod 2 (Part 1 of 2) Study group covered the main topics on the CGFM module 2 exam (first half).	It was recommended that participants review the module 2 book before the class.

<p>February 8 , 2018 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm \$5</p> <p>3 CPEs provided.</p>	<p>CGFM Review Session Mod 2 (Part 2 of 2)</p> <p>Study group covered the main topics on the CGFM module 2 exam (second half).</p>	<p>It was recommended that participants review the module 2 book before the class.</p>
<p>March 15, 2018 6:00pm—9:00pm \$5</p> <p>3 CPEs provided.</p>	<p>CGFM Study Group Exam 3 (Part 1 of 2) I</p> <p>Study group covered the first half of the CGFM module 3 exam.</p>	<p>It was recommended that participants review the AGA Study Guide before the session meets.</p>
<p>April 26, 2018 @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm \$5</p> <p>3 CPEs provided</p>	<p>CGFM Study Group Exam 3 (Part 2 of 2)</p> <p>Review session covered the second half of the CGFM module 3 exam.</p>	<p>It was recommended that participants review the AGA Study Guide before the session meets.</p>
<p>April 26-27, 2018 8:00am—5:00pm both days</p> <p>Arlington, VA</p>	<p>CGFM Intensive Review Course</p> <p>Offers up to 18 CPEs.</p>	<p>AGA's Intensive Review Course (IRC) with CGFM examinations included is a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM!</p>

New CGFMs - From 12/15/17—2/28/18 – Congratulations!



Mary D. Coombe
Zachary Hallett



Judy A. Hairston
Brandon K. Ingram

Xiao Y. Leung
Amanda L. O'Neill
Moukdavanh Thamvongsa

Community Service


We have continued our tradition of having a community service speaker at each meeting, with 50/50 raffle proceeds benefitting the organization. Tickets \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00.

<p>October 19, 2017</p> <p>Speaker: Alzheimer's Association® National Capital Area Chapter President, Chris Broullire.</p>	<p>Remember to bring your spare change or donate to the site listed below:</p> <p>Alzheimer's Association® National Capital Area Chapter act.alz.org</p>	 
<p>November 16, 2017</p> <p>Speaker: Johnathan Selzer from Capital Area Food Bank.</p>	<p>The NOVAGA also had a 50/50 raffle to assist the Capital Area Food Bank (tickets \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00).</p>	 <p>https://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/</p>

<p>April 2018</p> 	<p>Speakers Danielle Naman and Joel Shula spoke about March of Dimes.</p> <p>https://www.marchforbabies.org</p> <p>Join the EY-Quinn Special Forces Team in the March!</p>	 <p>Sunday, April 22, 2018 1500 South Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003</p>
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Member Services

We also provided networking events for our members.

<p>September 30, 2017 11 am - 2 pm</p> <p>Hains Point Picnic Area D Ohio Dr SW Washington, DC 20024</p> <p>Famous Dave's catering and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.</p>	<p>2017 AGA Kickoff Picnic</p> <p>The Washington, DC, Northern Virginia, and Montgomery / Prince George's County chapters of the Association of Government Accountants welcome you to join us for food, family, games, music, and fun!</p>	 <p>Presidents of the 3 Local Chapters (Courtesy Montgomery/PG Newsletter)</p>
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(Thanks to the Washington DC Chapter Newsletter (Sep/Oct 2017) for these pictures)

<p>Friday, November 17, 2017 @ 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm</p> <p>Spider Kelly's 3181 Wilson Blvd Arlington, 22201</p>	<p>Annual Northern Virginia AGA Fall Happy Hour</p> <p>There is NO cost to attend, and both members and non-members are welcome.</p>	<p>Fall is here, which means that the annual Northern Virginia AGA Membership Happy Hour is approaching. This is one of our biggest happy hour events of the year!</p> <p>We encourage you to bring friends and colleagues who may be interested in joining AGA.</p>
<p>Sat Feb 17, 2018 10:00a - 6:00p</p> <p>AGA Whitetail Ski Resort Day Trip!</p>	<p>The Northern Virginia chapter of the AGA welcomes you to join us for a day of fun: skiing or snowboarding at Whitetail Resort!</p>	<p>We are offering discounted rates of only \$10 per participant for AGA members and \$30 for guests (up to a \$114 value!). Event costs are non-refundable if you are unable to attend after registration.</p>

Membership

Membership in the chapter has grown to over 1,000 members in February with approximately 130 new members this program year. I have no doubt the increase in membership is a direct result of our existing membership touting the benefits of the AGA and the quality of our training. Members please keep spreading the good word!

Members in the News

IT'S A BOY! Congratulations to our **NOVAGA Secretary/Historian, Jessica Boucher** and her husband, Brandon on the birth of their baby boy, Dylan!

Dylan arrived on the morning of March 1, 2018, weighing 8 lbs. 15 oz. & 20 inches long.



The family is doing very well.



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Thanks to President Brian Grega, Historian Jessica Boucher, Newsletter editors Diane Nguyen & Sammy Park, and Webmasters Neda Haghighat & Tracy Li, and various internet resources, for creating, organizing & maintaining the information that made this chapter possible!

A 50th Anniversary Recap -- We've Come a Long Way, Baby!

by Brian J. Grega

In the middle of the 1960's, the Metropolitan Washington Area experienced explosive growth in the surrounding suburban areas. As a result of this growth, visionaries saw the need for a Virginia "local" Association of Government Accountants (AGA) chapter. In June 1968, Charter Number 66 was granted and the Northern Virginia Chapter was born! [See Annex C] Joseph Welsch became the first chapter president. The chapter began with approximately 70 members.

Some historical facts about the chapter and the profession:

- In 1979, the chapter grew to 628 members!
- In 1983, the chapter grew to 720 members!
- In 1984, microcomputers begin to appear in the workplace. What?!?
- On November 15, 1990, the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 becomes law.
- 1994 was the beginning of the CGFM program!
- In late 1997, the chapter was growing strong at close to 900 members!
- During the 1998-1999 program year, the chapter introduced "Satellite Meetings" to reach other geographical areas of the Northern Virginia Chapter.
- During program year 1999-2000, the chapter began transitioning from paper newsletters to the chapter website for the dissemination of information.
- The events of September 11, 2001 took the lives of three chapter members. Members charged forward to raise funds for the families of these members.
- During program year 2002-2003, the chapter by-laws were rewritten to conform to National standards.
- In 2003, the chapter's membership was steady at approximately 700 members.
- In 2003, the chapter started accepting credit card payments for educational events.
- During program year 2005-2006, the chapter achieved platinum status for the first time in several years.

As the chapter turns 50 years old this year, the chapter has maintained a strong membership base. As of March 15, 2018 the chapter had **1,043 active members!** Please remember to renew your AGA membership by March 31, 2018!

I would also like to thank all of the past and current members that currently serve or previously served on the chapter board or as chapter president for the past 50 years. The chapter would not be the success it is today without your time and dedication to the AGA and the Northern VA Chapter. I hope all of you can attend our Gala on June 7, 2018 to help celebrate the chapter's 50 terrific years! Please check the Northern VA website for information on the gala.

ANNEXES

NOVAGA PAST PRESIDENTS

1968-1969	Joseph P. Welsch, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Audit)	
1969-1970	Donald L. Scantlebury, GAO	National President 76-77
1970-1971	Charles E. Jarrett, DCAA	
1971-1972	William E. Crouch, DCAA	
1972-1973	Gretchen C. Schwarz, GAO	
1973-1974	Frederic A. Heim, Jr., COM	National President 82-83
1974-1975	John P. Carroll, GAO	
1975-1976	James K. Wright, Army Audit Agency	
1976-1977	Frank S. Sato, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Audit)	National President 79-80
1977-1978	Reginald V. Shaw, SBA	
1978-1979	Barbara Schmitt, GAO	
1979-1980	Jack Fawsett, Army Audit Agency	National President 86-87
1980-1981	James R. Brown, DCAA	
1981-1982	Harold L. Stugart, Army Audit Agency	National President 84-85
1982-1983	James H. Curry, DAS	
1983-1984	Wilbur D. Campbell, GAO	
1984-1985	Michael A. Janoski, Army Audit Agency	
1985-1986	James B. Durnil, AID	
1986-1987	Fred J. Newton, DCAA	
1987-1988	Steven A. Switzer, HUD	
1988-1989	Rich Davis, GAO	
1989-1990	William J. Sharkey, DCAA	
1990-1991	Thomas D. Roslewicz, HHS	National President (98-99)
1991-1992	Francis E. Reardon, Army Audit Agency	
1992-1993	Ronell Raaum, GAO	
1993-1994	Thomas Druzgal, Army Audit Agency	
1994-1995	Jacquelyn K. Howard, HUD	
1995-1996	Carol Stagg Christian, Grant Thornton	
1996-1997	Julie Bryant, GAO	National Treasurer (00-01)
1997-1998	Tom Brown, Army Audit Agency	
1998-1999	Dale Williams, PBGC & Library of Congress	National Treasurer (94-95)
1999-2000	David L. Cotton, Cotton & Company LLP	
2000-2001	R. Lyle Shaffer, AEPCO Inc	
2001-2002	John R. Laney, KPMG LLP	
2002-2003	Julie Bryant, Department of Education – FSA	
2003-2004	Amelia Leswing, Clifton Gunderson, LLP	National Treasurer (11-12)
2004-2005	Jackson W. Hufnagle, GAO	
2005-2006	Patricia A. Brannin, DoDIG	
2006-2007	John E. Homan, KPMG LLP	National President (15-16)
2007-2008	Bill Hughes, MorganFranklin	
2008-2009	Dennis Green, Department of Veterans Affairs	National Treasurer (18-19)
2009-2010	Mike Davitt, DoDIG	
2010-2011	Jaclynn Campbell CPA CGFM, Deloitte	
2011-2012	Kristy Green, VA	
2012-2013	Heather Keister CPA CIA, GAO	
2013-2014	Carl L Patton CPA, KPMG	
2014-2015	Julia A. Vigneault CPA, Ernst & Young	
2015-2016	Reid Mueller CGFM CPA CFE CDFA-A, KPMG	
2016-2017	Reza Mahbod CGFM CPA CISA CICA CGMA, RMA Associates	
2017-2018	Brian J. Grega CPA CGFM CISA, KPMG	

NOVAGA PAST AWARD WINNERS

Jeffery Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management was established in 2003 and named after our first recipient, GAO's Jeff Steinhoff, CPA CGFM. It formally recognizes federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures.

May 2003	JEFFREY C. STEINHOFF, CPA CGFM, U.S. General Accounting Office
May 2004	Dennis J. Duquette, CPA CGFM, US Department for Health and Human Services
May 2005	Francis E. (Gene) Reardon CPA, CIA, CGFM, Deputy Inspector General for Auditing, DoDIG
May 2006	Paul Granetto, Assistant Inspector General, Defense Financial Auditing Service, DOD
May 2007	Donald V. Hammond, Dep Dir, Div of Reserve Bank Operations & Payment Systems, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System
May 2008	Zack E. Gaddy CPA CGFM Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service
May 2009	Mr. Al Runnels, Acting CFO, Department of the Treasury
May 2010	Mr. Danny Werfel, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB
May 2011	Mr. Doug Criscitello, CFO, HUD
May 2012	Mr. Todd Grams, CFO, Veterans Affairs
May 2013	Robert Dacey CPA CGFM, Chief Accountant, GAO
May 2014	
May 2015	
May 2016	Mark Rose, CPA, CGFM, Dir of Financial Operations/Comptroller, Coast Guard
May 2017	
May 2018	

The Federal Financial Partnership Award was also established in 2003 to formally recognize private sector individuals who exemplify and promote excellence through outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, innovative management procedures and partnering with the Federal Government. John H. Hummel, CPA CGFM CFE, of KPMG was selected as our first recipient.

May 2003	JOHN H. HUMMEL, CPA CGFM CFE, Partner, KPMG LLP
May 2004	Jeffrey W. Green, CPA, Kearney & Company, CPAs
May 2005	Mr. Norwood 'Woody' Jackson, Jr, CPA
May 2006	David Cotton, Managing Partner, Cotton and Company
May 2007	Mia Leswing, CPA CISA CGFM, Clifton Gunderson LLP
May 2008	Patrick L. McNamee CPA CGFM Audit Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
May 2009	Ed Kearney CPA CGFM, Managing Partner, Kearney & Company CPAs
May 2010	Mr. James Merrill CPA CISA, Ernst & Young
May 2011	Mr. Dennis Duquette, CPA CGFM, Enterprise Risk Management Director, Deloitte
May 2012	Mr. Jeffrey C. Steinhoff CGFM CPA CFE, Executive Director, KPMG LLP
May 2013	Jeanette Franzel CPA CIA CMA CGFM, Board Member, PCAOB
May 2014	
May 2015	
May 2016	Robert Misch, Managing Director Public Services Practice, Grant Thornton
May 2017	
May 2018	

The Pentagon Memorial Service Award was established in 2002 in memory of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on the Pentagon. The award formally recognizes public service to our nation in the field of financial management. The award recognizes dedication and commitment to improved government operations, financial stewardship and accountability through public service to our nation. The first recipient of the award was LTC Christopher Keefer, U.S. Air Force.

May 2002	LTC Christopher Keefer, U.S. Air Force
May 2003	James B. Davis, Auditor, U.S. Army Audit Agency
May 2004	COL William M. Landrum III, US Army Finance Command
May 2005	Robin Lee Farley, Director, DIA Financial Business Systems
May 2006	Thomas Gimble, Principal Deputy/Acting Inspector General, DOD
May 2007	Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and DoD Chief Financial Officer
May 2008	Robert P. McNamara, CPA, Director, Accounting & Finance Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)
May 2009	Patrick J. Fitzgerald, CPA CISA CGFM, The Auditor General, U.S. Army
May 2010	Ms Mary Ugone CPA, Deputy IG for Auditing, DODIG
May 2011	Ms Patricia A. Brannin CGFM, Deputy IG for Intelligence, DODIG
May 2012	BG (R) Roger W. Scarce, USA, Senior Partner, Vanguard Advisors, LLC
May 2013	Richard Leach CIA CFE, Auditor General of the Navy
May 2014	
May 2015	
May 2016	William H. Renica, CGFM CDFM, Comptroller, DOJ Tax Division
May 2017	
May 2018	

The Chapter Service Award was established in 2003. The award is given to the individual who contributed the most to the Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA during the year. The first recipient of this award was Alice S. Arielly, CPA CGFM CFE, US Army Audit Agency.

May 2003	ALICE S. ARIELLY, CPA CFE CGFM, U.S. Army Audit Agency
May 2004	Heather I. Keister, CPA CIA, US Naval Audit Service
May 2005	Recognition of all 2004-2005 Board Members
May 2006	Heather Keister, NOVAGA Webmaster, U.S. Naval Audit Service
May 2007	Recognition of all 2006-2007 Board Members
May 2008	Recognition of all 2007-2008 Board Members
May 2009	Recognition of all 2008-2009 Board Members
May 2010	Corporate Sponsorship Program Kickoff: Tom Lyden, Pat Evans, Abiy Metchia Best all-around Support: Karl Boettcher
May 2011	Recognition of all 2010-2011 Board Members
May 2012	Recognition of all 2011-2012 Board Members, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pam Lindsey, CPA CGFM CGMA, our first Accountability Chair , for producing our first ever CCR ▪ Carl Patton, CPA, Education Chair, who put on two very successful training events ▪ Shaila McCall, our Treasurer, for her excellent accounting and successful audit of the chapter ▪ Alice (Arielly) Hufnagle, CPA CFE CGFM, our Historian the past several years.
May 2013	
May 2014	
May 2015	
May 2016	
May 2017	
May 2018	

Excellence in Accounting Studies: George Mason University. This award was established in 2004. The purpose of the award is to recognize excellence in accounting studies at George Mason University and to encourage participation in a professional organization. In 2005, we doubled the scholarship amount and the winner of this award received a \$1,000 scholarship and a one-year membership to NOVAGA. In 2010, we elected to keep the award in-house to further a NOVAGA member's education.

May 2004	Nancy Washington, \$500 scholarship
May 2005	Edom Aweke, GMU, \$1000 + 6 runner-up students invited to dinner + provided 1-year membership
May 2006	Heather McClure, George Mason University
May 2007	Kyle Shanahan, George Mason University
May 2008	Svetlana Olchevski, George Mason University
May 2009	Robyn S. Berkenbilt
May 2010	Paul Marshall, MBA Studies, Georgetown University
May 2011	

Early Careers/Accountability Scholarship. In 2012, we created an opportunity for Early Careers to work with Accountability Committee to visit local Colleges, Universities, and High Schools to promote a Citizen Centric Reporting scholarship program. NOVAGA awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to young individuals seeking careers in the accounting/finance/auditing field. Each candidate was required to prepare a Citizen Centric Report (CCR) on behalf of an entity (town, city, state agency, nonprofit etc.) and submit to NOVAGA for judging.

May 2012	Congratulations to GMU's Michael Ly and Tomohiro Nibe , who both received \$1,000 scholarships for their submission of Citizen Centric Reports (CCRs) for George Mason University and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, respectively.
May 2013	
May 2014	
May 2015	
May 2016	CCR Scholarships. We again gave \$1,000 scholarships to up to two accounting students at George Mason University that prepare the most accurate, visually appealing, and informative Citizen Centric Report for the City of Alexandria, VA.
May 2017	
May 2018	

CPA Becker Review Scholarship Award

In 2011, the NOVAGA chapter introduced the Becker CPA Exam Course Review Scholarship Award, a \$2,000 value, to support government accounting professionals.

2011	Nina Hill , Naval Audit Service
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AGA NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS FOR NOVAGA

Chapter Service Award--Individuals who have played key roles in establishing a new chapter, or improving an existing chapter. These would be individuals who, for example, played key roles in developing innovative programs, increasing attendance and participation, bringing substantive recognition and credit to chapter activities, or improving communications with chapter members. National committee work and/or holding of a national office are not factors in consideration for this award.

PDC 1995	Charles W. Culkin, Jr. CGFM
PDC 2004	Mr. Jackson W. Hufnagle, CGFM.
PDC 2015	James B. Davis, Jr., MPM, CGFM, CPA, CDFM, CDFM, CFE; AFAA

Chapter Newsletter Award

PDC 2004 – Group A Honorable Mention - NOVAGA: Newsletter Editor Alice S. Arielly

Chapter Website Award

PDC 2010 Group A: Heather Keister, GAO – Honorable Mention

Community Service Award--Chapters that have done an outstanding job volunteering in their communities.

PDC 2004 Mr. James B. Davis, Jr.

Chapter CGFM Award--Chapters that have done an outstanding job in promoting the CGFM Program to its members, other accountability professionals and community members.

2009 Group A: Jim Davis, DODIG

Chapter Regional Vice President Awards –

2003 - **Jackson W. Hufnagle**, CGFM, Capital Region RVP, Gold Award.
 2009 – **John Homan**, CGFM CPA, Capital Region RVP, Platinum Award
 2015 – **Heather Keister**, CPA, CIA, CRMA, Capital Region RVP, Platinum Award

Chapter Recognition Awards

1995 – Gold Chapter Designation, for exceeding 10,000 points for 5 consecutive years under President **Carol Christian**

2001 – Platinum Award under President **Lyle Shaffer**

2003 - Silver Chapter Designation, for attaining between 12,501 and 15,000 points, under President **Julie Bryant**

2004 – Gold Chapter Designation, for attaining between 15,001 and 17,500 points, under President **Mia Leswing**.

2009– Platinum Award (achieving 19,501-22,000 credits) under President **Dennis Green**

2010 – Platinum Award under President **Mike Davitt**

2011 – Platinum Award, under President **Jaclynn Campbell**

2012 – Platinum Award (earning over 19,500 recognition points per year), under President **Kristy Green**

2015 – Platinum Award (achieving 19,501-22,000 credits) under President **Julia Vigneault**.

2016 -- Platinum Chapter Award under President **Reid Mueller**

AGA NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS FROM NOVAGA

As “The First Twenty-Five Years of the Federal Government Accountants Association,” noted, another reflection of the member interest is evident in the Chapter’s numerous awards – both individually and as a chapter on both local and national stages. Winners of national awards that were members of NOVAGA include the following:

National Professional Development Conference. The following awards are traditionally awarded at the National Professional Development Conference:

Robert W. King Memorial Award. Established in honor of the Association's founding president, made to a member of the Association for distinguished service of such significance as to have importantly enhanced the Association's national prestige and stature.

1987 – Harold L. (Hal) Stugart. Hal was NOVAGA President from 1981-1982 and went on to become National President in 1984-1985.

2005 - Charles Culkin, who will receive AGA’s Top Award, the Robert W. King Memorial Award, was a long-time NOVAGA Chapter member who became AGA’s Executive Director before he retired. He is currently with AGA’s At Large Chapter.

2011 - Samuel T. Mok, CGFM, CIA, CICA, Managing Member, Condor International Advisors LLC, AGA Past National President. Although a Washington, D.C. Chapter member, Sam provided countless mentoring, advice & support to the Capital Region chapters, including NOVAGA. Most notably, we remember him for hosting the annual Chinese New Year Celebration!



Charlie Culkin



Sam Mock

Einhorn-Gary Award--Any AGA member or organization that has, over a sustained period of time, made major contributions to advancing government accountability at the federal, state and/or local level.

PDC 2004 **Mr. Francis (Gene) Reardon,** CPA,CIA,CGFM

Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award--Government employees who have demonstrated sustained, outstanding leadership and notable contributions to financial management. The award is also designed to encourage increased interest, growth, development and distinctive leadership in the field of financial management.

1969	William Petty
1972	Bernard B. Lynn
1978	Frank S. Sato, NOVAGA President (76-77)
1993	Thomas D. Roslewicz, HHS, NOVAGA President (90-91)
1999	Sallyanne Harper, CGFM, CFO, EPA
2001	Gene Dodaro, Deputy Comptroller General, GAO
2003	Richard L. Brown, CGFM, Retired, Deputy Assistant Comptroller General for Operations and Controller, GAO



Gene Dodaro

Achievement of the Year Award--Leaders who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in developing, implementing and improving financial management in government service in the past year.

Special National President Awards

1995 – John H. Hummel, CGFM
1995 – Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CGFM

1999 – Russell L. Allen, CGFM, Auditor, HUD
1999 – John H. Hummel, CGFM, Partner, KPMG

2003 - Harold I. Steinberg, CGFM, consultant, who received a National Award in recognition of his invaluable contributions to updating the CGFM Examinations and developing the self-study courses.

2003 - Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CGFM, CPA, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO, who received a National Award in recognition of his invaluable contributions to updating the CGFM Examinations.

2003 - Joseph L. Kull, Jr., who received a Scholarship for Academic Merit for full time students.

2004 - Dennis J. Duquette, CGFM, Department of Health and Human Services, In recognition of your excellent leadership as Journal Editorial Board Chairman

2005 - John Hummel and Joseph Kull are each recipients of the National President's Awards

2009 Jeanette Franzel, GAO; Hal Steinberg, & Jeff Steinhoff

2011 Jeff Steinhoff

Educator Award--Individuals who have made significant contributions to the education and training of government financial managers.

1995 Donald R. Smuland, CGFM

Author Award

2009 Bob Dacey & Jeff Steinhoff

Cornelius E. Tierney/Ernst & Young Research Award--Individuals who throughout their careers (minimum of 15 years) have made continuous contributions to governmental financial management by their direct participation in research activities and/or through their encouragement and support of others engaged in government financial management research. AGA presents a crystal award and a \$1,000 check for this honor each year.

International Achievement Award--Leaders who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in international government financial management.

2009 Bob Dacey, GAO

Emerging Leader Award of Excellence--Younger government financial managers for notable contributions toward excellence in financial management. It is hoped that this recognition will encourage others to achieve early in their professional lives.

AGA Gold Medal Award.

1981 Frank S. Sato

National Leadership Conference. The following awards are traditionally awarded at the annual National Leadership Conference, first held in 2003:

Federal Leadership Awards

Distinguished Federal Leadership Award. The Distinguished Federal Leadership Award recognizes elected or presidentially-appointed federal officials who exemplify and promote excellence in government management and have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies and systems.

May 2003	Gaston Gianni
Feb 2004	Nikki Tinsley
Feb 2005	Samuel T. Mok, CGFM, CIA , Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Labor
Feb 2010	Danny Werfel, Controller, OFFM, OMB
2011	Donald V. Hammond, Deputy Director, Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems, Federal Reserve Board of Directors, and NOVAGA member.



Samuel T. Mok, CGFM,
CIA, CFO, US DOL

Elmer Staats Award. The Elmer Staats Award recognizes the cumulative achievements of federal professionals who throughout their career have served as a role model for others and who have consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.

May 2003	Dennis Duquette, HHS
Feb 2004	Irwin T. (Ted) David, DC chapter member
Feb 2005	John Webster, CFO DOL
Feb 2010	Alan "Keith" Bentley, SES, US TRANSCOM, DOD
	William H. Campbell, COO, Atlantic Financial Navigation



John D. Webster, CGFM CPA
CFO DOL

Andy Barr Award. Formally recognizes the cumulative achievements of private sector individuals who throughout their career have served as a role model for others and who have consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.

Feb 2004	Bill Oliver, Baltimore chapter member
Feb 2006	David L. Cotton
Feb 2010	Ronald Longo CGFM CPA, Managing Director KPMG
Feb 2011	Joseph L. Kull , MBA, CGFM, CPA, Director, Washington Federal Practice, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and NOVAGA member.

Membership Retention Award (for chapters in our size grouping). 1974

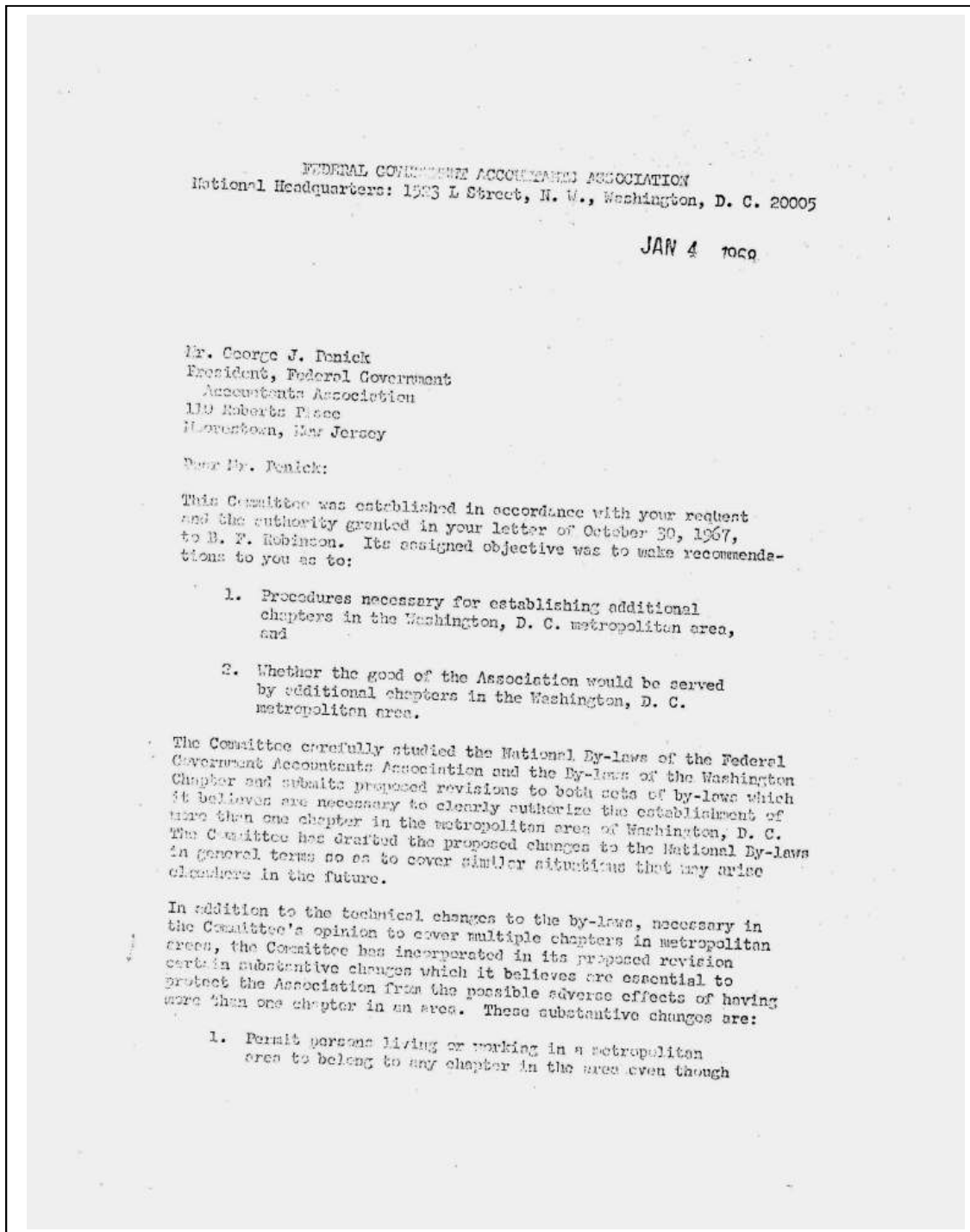
State & Local Leadership Awards

Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award

PDC 2010 William J. DiVello CFE CIG, AIG for Audit, OIG, District of Columbia

NOVAGA CHAPTER ESTABLISHMENT STUDY AND VOTE

Thanks to AGA National's archives, we have a copy of a study done to determine the feasibility of a Northern Virginia Chapter in 1968.



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they may neither live nor work in the geographical areas of the particular chapters.

2. Require the establishment of an area council wherever there is more than one chapter in a metropolitan area and give authority to the related Regional Vice President of the Association to make final decisions when the council cannot agree on matters affecting the interest of any chapter in the area.

Substantive change number one is to prevent the possible decimation of the Washington Chapter if membership were to be limited only to those living or working within the city limits of the District of Columbia. The provisions will permit members to remain in or join those chapters where the meetings are most convenient to attend or where for other personal reasons of the members they prefer to belong. It will also introduce a certain amount of healthy competition between chapters in a metropolitan area for services to their members.

The second substantive change in the Committee's opinion is particularly needed in the Washington area but could be important anywhere. To be successful, many activities of FGAA in a metropolitan area must be carried on in a coordinated manner for the entire area. These activities relate to dealings with Federal Agencies, professional organizations, and educational institutions, and the conduct of large-scale symposiums, seminars, and workshops. The Committee believes that the establishment of area councils consisting of officials of the several chapters in a metropolitan area will meet this need. In the event that an area council cannot reach agreement on any matter a chapter may request a ruling from the appropriate Regional Vice President whose decision will be final. The Committee also recommends that dealings with Federal Agencies on matters of National interest be handled by the National Association.

In the second phase of the Committee's assignment, as to whether the proposed change is in the best interest of FGAA, the Committee considered the numerous advantages and disadvantages to the Association that have been publicly advanced by the proponents and opponents of the proposed change. The Committee is of the opinion that the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages particularly if the safeguards previously recommended by the Committee in this letter are adopted.

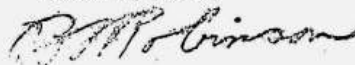
The Committee was impressed by, and gave considerable weight to, one particular argument advanced by some proponents of more chapters for the Washington area. This is the fact that since the present Washington Chapter constitutes such a relatively large percentage of the total membership, individual members of the Washington Chapter potentially have only a small fraction of the chance that members of every other

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chapter have of serving the Association in an elective office locally and, therefore, under the rules, Nationally. This condition is not in the best interest of the Association because it tends to stifle the initiative of many potential FCAA leaders of the future, particularly at the seat of Government where they are vitally needed. There is urgent need for more FCAA elective officers, committees, technical meetings, and other activities in the Washington area which the establishment of more chapters could provide. The Committee also strongly believes that additional chapters in the Washington and other metropolitan areas, if justified, can contribute significantly to the growth and usefulness of the Association.

It should be noted that the Committee, very properly was not requested to consider and, therefore did not consider, any questions as to whether or not the groups presently applying for charters in the Washington area otherwise qualify for charters under the terms of the Association By-laws.

Sincerely yours,



B. F. Robinson, Chairman

This study was attached to the Federal Government Accountants Association January 19, 1968 Minutes, which included the following discussion:

Chapter formation was the next item on the agenda. Mr. Robinson presented the report of the special committee (Robinson, Barr, Robert D. Benson, Lindsley H. Noble and Frank Weitzel) which analyzed the problems arising from petitions of two groups to form chapters in the Washington suburbs. A copy of the report is enclosed with these minutes and forms a part thereof. Essential provisions: Permit chapter formation and allow persons living and/or working in Washington area to select whatever chapter they wish to join; create an area council for coordination, regional vice president to have final authority if points of difference arise. Mr. Powell moved, with second by Mr. Higginbotham, that the report be submitted to the Bylaws Committee for processing. To implement the recommendations, the national and chapter bylaws will require amending. The motion was carried unanimously. President Penick expressed his personal appreciation, and that of the Board, to Mr. Robinson and his committee for their excellent work, constituting a valuable and significant service to the Association.

Another hurdle to overcome was to amend National's By Laws allowing more than one chapter in a major metropolitan area.



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS: 1523 L STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005

CHAPTER MESSAGE 45-68

May 13, 1968

To: Members of Association Executive Committee
 Re: Petitions for Charters from two proposed new chapters in metropolitan area of Washington, D.C.

Chapter Message 33-68, dated March 6, 1968, requested voting by all chapters on the acceptance of two proposed amendments to the National Bylaws which would recognize and hence permit the formation of chapters in city areas where a chapter already exists. You will recall that these amendments were drafted as a means of resolving questions which arose when two petitioning groups sought FGAA charters for new chapters in the northern Virginia and Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. A number of Association Executive Committee members asked that action on issuing charters to the petitioning groups be held in abeyance until the Bylaws had been clarified and various objections met.

The prescribed 60 days for chapter voting on the amendments having elapsed, this is to advise that as of the present date, May 13, 1968, the National Office has received unit vote returns from 38 chapters with the following results: 87 unit votes for, 2 opposed. The National Office was also advised informally that balloting among members of the Washington Chapter was: 410 individual members in favor, 143 opposed. The total of votes cast represents 12 unit votes. The chapter's executive committee is meeting this week to decide how these unit votes will be recorded. The Washington vote will be added to the record at that time.

However, since the total potential unit votes of all chapters is 145 and Art. XIV, Sect. 5 of the Bylaws provides that a majority of votes received from the chapters is sufficient for approval of an amendment, the present total of 87 unit votes for the two amendments under discussion is more than needed for adoption. The two subject amendments therefore stand approved.

It is now in order for the Association Executive Committee to act on approving the issuance of charters to the proposed new FGAA of Northern Virginia and the proposed FGAA of Montgomery-Prince Georges Counties. Ballots for your action on this matter are enclosed. These ballots are distributed herewith to Executive Committee members with the understanding that the prior objections and difficulties with respect to the proposed chapters have been amicably resolved, and that the provisions now set forth in the National Bylaws concerning such situations represent a constructive, forward step for FGAA.

The two new groups have already completed their organization on a temporary basis and look forward to receiving their charters this year, prior to the Denver Symposium. To facilitate their plans, you are requested to give priority attention to the enclosed ballots and return them to the National Office by June 1, 1968.

President Penick and the National Office again wish to express appreciation to all Executive Committee members for your patience and understanding in bringing this subject to an harmonious conclusion.

Sincerely,

Martin C. Powers


Martin C. Powers
 Executive Secretary-Treasurer

MCP:p

Enc. NOTE: It is important that all chapter presidents vote.--MCP

Now all that remained was a vote by other chapters to allow the two new chapters in – note the sample ballot below, on which was annotated with handwritten comments that the vote would have been unanimous to accept both Northern Virginia and Montgomery/Prince Georges County chapters – except for a negative vote by the DC chapter!

*Executive Committee vote - This is to certify that 51 affirmative and 1 negative (Washington) votes were cast in favor of granting charters No 66 to Northern Virginia Chapter and No 67 to Montgomery-Prince Georges chapter. This is an actual ballot. June 11, 1968
Mc Powers*



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS: 1523 L STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005

ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BALLOT

Calling for vote by Chapter Presidents and National Officers on approving the issuance of chapter charters, effective June 1, 1968, and awarding the customary grants of \$50 for organizational expenses, to the proposed new FGAA of Northern Virginia and FGAA of Montgomery-Prince Georges Counties.

(Recommendations by the National Chapters Committee that these charters be granted and analyses of the qualifications and potentials of the two proposed chapters are set forth in Chapter Message 14-68 of October 4, 1967.)

On granting Charter No. 66 to the FGAA of Northern Virginia

(Yes) (no)

On granting Charter No. 67 to the FGAA of Montgomery-Prince Georges Counties

(Yes) (No)

June 3, 1968
(Date)

A. B. Seegmiller
(Signature)

Balt Lake City
Name of Chapter, if a Chapter President; otherwise, designate National Officership

Kindly return this ballot to the FGAA National Office prior to June 1, 1968. An addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Since a two-thirds majority of the full membership of the Association Executive Committee is required for approval of any matter submitted to the Executive Committee, it is important that each member participate in the voting.

And that was it! When the Executive Committee met on 18 June 1968, Northern Virginia was duly represented by John Busardo, and we were born!

NOVAGA CHAPTER BYLAWS
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS
OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER

DATE OF LAST AMENDMENT: MARCH 2003

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization is the Association of Government Accountants – Northern Virginia Chapter (hereinafter referred to as “the Chapter”). This Chapter is a part of the Association of Government Accountants (hereinafter referred to as “the Association” or “AGA”).

ARTICLE II ASSOCIATION PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

AGA serves 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.

The purpose of the Association and Chapter is to be a professional organization dedicated to the advancement of government financial management. The Association shall serve its members by providing or sponsoring appropriate educational programs, encouraging professional development, influencing governmental financial management policies and practices and serving as an advocate for the profession. The Association shall serve government officials and the public by sponsoring efforts to ensure full and fair accountability for all public monies and by providing a variety of pro bono services throughout the United States and its territories that support that end.

SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES

The Association and Chapter shall have the following objectives:

- (a) Primarily to instruct, train and inform government financial managers in the fields of accounting, auditing, budgeting, systems, and financial management. This continuing education process will provide for the professional development of government financial managers so that they may better serve the public.
- (b) To encourage and provide educational events for the interchange of ideas among financial managers in government service and among government and non-government financial managers.
- (c) To contribute to the advancement of financial management principles and standards and, through educational events, promote appropriate utilization of financial management methods and techniques to improve management control and accountability to the public.
- (d) To bring together professional financial managers in the government and the community for educational and other constructive endeavors.
- (e) To promote the observance of professional standards and ethics in the accomplishment of government financial management activities.

(f) To recognize the unique skills and knowledge required of professional who specialize in government financial management by sponsoring a professional certification program and working with employers to promote and recognize the certification in hiring, job specifications, performance evaluations and promotional exam announcements.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE CLAUSE

The Chapter President or designee may inform government officials of the Chapter's position or viewpoint on matters pending before them that are of concern to the Chapter. However, Chapter members are prohibited from:

(a) Representing the Chapter in any lobbying effort and

(b) Intervening in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III CODE OF ETHICS

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

In order to foster the highest professional standards and behavior, and exemplary service to all levels of government, the AGA Code of Ethics has been developed as guidance for the members of the Association, certified government financial managers (CGFMs), and for the information of their employers. AGA members and/or CGFMs are expected to abide by the Association's Code of Ethics and the Chapter has adopted the AGA Code of Ethics.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. MEMBERS

As established in the Bylaws of the Association, the members of the Chapter shall consist of Full Members, Early Career Members, Special Early Career Members, Retired Members, Lifetime Members, Honorary Members and Corporate Members.

SECTION 2. FULL MEMBERS

This class of membership requires six or more years of government experience acceptable to the Membership Committee, involving the professional performance of financial management activities in an administrative, supervisory and/or operational capacity. This class is also available to individuals with similar experience outside the government who are engaged in educational or private sector activities having the same objectives as the AGA, or who have made a contribution toward the improvement of financial management in government.

SECTION 3. EARLY CAREER MEMBERS

This class of membership is available to individuals whose experience does not meet the quantitative (i.e., six or more years) and/or qualitative requirements for full membership.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL EARLY CAREER MEMBERS

This class of membership is available to individuals in their first year of employment and/or college/university students. This class of membership is not available to individuals who have been employed in the financial management field for one (1) year or more.

SECTION 5. RETIRED MEMBERS

This class of membership is available to individuals who have retired from and are no longer substantially working in the government financial management community.

SECTION 6. LIFETIME MEMBERS

This class of membership is to be designated at the discretion of the National Executive Committee to recognize a member's distinguished service to the Association over a sustained period of time.

SECTION 7. HONORARY MEMBERS

This class of membership is to be designated at the discretion of the National Executive Committee to recognize distinguished service to the Association and/or exemplary contributions to governmental financial management. Only highly- noteworthy, nationally recognized individuals who cannot meet the requirements for a full or retired member will be considered.

SECTION 8. CORPORATE MEMBERS

This class of membership is available to commercial activities/ventures (e.g., company, corporation, partnership, and sole-proprietor) that are actively engaged in and support AGA's purpose and objectives.

SECTION 9. DUTIES OF MEMBERS

It is the duty and responsibility of members to:

- (a) Endorse the purpose and objectives of the Chapter and the AGA;
- (b) Uphold and be guided in their professional conduct by the AGA's Code of Ethics; and
- (c) Cooperate with AGA's Professional Ethics Board in any investigation of alleged violation of the Code of Ethics.
- (d) Actively participate in the Chapter to the extent possible.

SECTION 10. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

Members may resign at any time, except that no member shall be permitted to resign while under investigation for an alleged violation of the AGA's Code of Ethics.

SECTION 11. REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

(a) Disciplining of members is performed by the AGA under the terms of these Bylaws and as provided in the AGA's Policies and Procedures.

(b) A member who has been appropriately invoiced and who fails to pay his or her membership dues for a period of two months after the due date shall be suspended automatically as a member of the AGA. Suspended members who continue to fail to pay their membership dues shall be removed automatically from the rolls of the AGA four months after the suspension date.

(c) Membership in the AGA may be suspended by the National Executive Committee as provided in the AGA's Policies and Procedures.

SECTION 12. REINSTATEMENT

The Association's National Executive Committee may prescribe the conditions, policies and procedures under which members may be reinstated.

ARTICLE V MEETING OF MEMBERS

Because of the large Chapter membership (typically several hundred), efficient operation of the Chapter necessitates an expanded role of an Executive Board. Accordingly, members of the Executive Board are an essential component of the Chapter's business. Members will be notified of Executive Board meetings and are encouraged to attend as observers, or when called for comments. These meetings may be called on such dated and at such times and places as may be designated by the President.

SECTION 1. CALLS TO MEETING

General membership meetings to advance the objectives of the Chapter may be called on such dates and at such times and places as may be designated by the Chapter President.

SECTION 2. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice of each meeting of the Chapter must be provided to each member of the Chapter at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 3. QUORUM

Twenty percent of the members, or 10 members, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business presented at any Chapter meeting of the membership.

SECTION 4. VOTING RIGHTS

All members shall have the right to vote on Chapter matters and those AGA matters put to a vote of the entire membership.

SECTION 5. VOTING ACTIONS

Matters requiring a Chapter vote shall be approved by a plurality (i.e., most votes) of those voting, except for Bylaws changes (See Article XIII).

ARTICLE VI CHAPTER GOVERNANCE

SECTION 1. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Chapter officers shall be the President, Past President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, there will be Directors which serve as Committee Chairpersons, and in other roles designated by the President in consultation with the Executive Board.

- a. The President shall be the prior year's President-Elect and shall serve for a one-year term in addition to any period in which he/she fills a vacancy in the office of the President.
- b. The President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors shall be elected annually for one-year terms as provided in Article VIII.

SECTION 2. Chapter Executive Board

- a. The Executive Board shall be the governing board of the Chapter and shall be comprised of the above described officers and directors.

b. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held periodically at the call of the President, or by any five members of the Executive Board. A quorum is 10 persons. The President shall preside at all meetings. In the absence of the President, the officer to preside shall be determined in the following succession: President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

c. Unless precluded by other sections of the Bylaws and without limitations regarding other matters, the Executive Board shall have among its responsibilities the following:

d. Promulgate the policies and programs of the Chapter.

--Adopt an Annual Budget and approve revisions thereof in excess of ten percent of the line item's budgeted expenditures;

--Establish a Chapter dues schedule for all classes of members

--Review all actions and programs of the Chapters' Committees, Sub-Committees and Task Forces.

SECTION 3. ADVISORY BOARD, COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, AND TASK FORCES

a. An Advisory Board, appointed by the President, provides periodic advice to the Officers and the Executive Board, but does not have voting rights at Executive Board meetings. A primary function is to assist in the process of nomination for annual awards and elections of Chapter officers.

b. The President, in consultation with the Chapter Executive Board, may establish Committees, Sub-Committees and Task Forces to assist in carrying out the program and operations of the Chapter.

SECTION 4. TERMS OF OFFICE

a. Members of committees and the Advisory Board shall be appointed for one-year terms.

b. Members of Sub-Committees and Task Forces shall be appointed for the duration of the designated purpose.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL OF CHAPTER OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

The responsibilities of Chapter Officers and/or Directors are set forth in the Chapter's Policies and Procedures Manual. Chapter Officers and/or Directors are expected to perform those duties. The Chapter Executive Board may remove any Chapter Officer and/or Director by a majority vote, if the applicable Chapter Officer and/or Director are not meeting the stated responsibilities.

SECTION 6. DUTIES OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, AND TASK FORCES

The duties assigned to the Committees, Sub-Committees and Task Forces will be the prerogative of the President, in consultation with the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND FILLING OF VACANCIES FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. NOMINATION

a. The Advisory Board shall nominate at least one candidate for the office of President-Elect-Select.

b. The sitting President-Elect shall nominate candidates for Officers and Directors. All nominees must indicate the willingness to serve if elected or selected.

c. Chapter members will be notified at least 2 weeks before elections of the names of the Advisory Board nominee and the proposed slate of Officers and Directors before elections held by the Executive Board.

d. Chapter members have the right to object, or provide comments on the Advisory Board's nominee and the proposed slate of Officers and Directors before elections held by the Executive Board.

e. Five percent of the Chapter members or 25 members, whichever is less, may submit an independent nomination for Chapter Officer or Director positions. Such nominations, which will be included on the ballot submitted to the Executive Board, must reflect the willingness of the individual to serve and shall be filed by May 1.

f. To be eligible for office in the Chapter, a member must be in good standing. The President or President-Elect may not succeed himself/herself, unless such person is filling the un-expired term of another duly elected officer.

SECTION 2. ELECTIONS

Chapter members will be advised in advance of planned elections and again have a right to provide their views/comments to the Executive Board before the elections. The Executive Board votes on the President –Elect, Officers and Directors. Winning requires a majority of the voting members of the Executive Board. Election results will be publicized to the Chapter on a timely basis.

SECTION 3. FILLING VACANCIES

In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Office of the President, the President-Elect will succeed. In the event of a vacancy in the Office of the President-Elect, the Advisory Board will be responsible for finding and nominating a candidate. In the case of a vacancy in any other Officer or Director position, the President of Executive Board shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE VIII FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

a. The Executive Board shall have authority to prescribe such procedures as it deems appropriate to assure adequate budgetary and financial controls for the Chapter. A balance of \$10,000 shall be carried over from one administration to the next.

b. Approval of the budget by the Executive Board shall constitute authority for responsible officials of the Chapter to obligate funds as provided in the budget. However, no commitment shall be made that will cause the pertinent category of expense in the budget to be exceeded by more than ten percent unless it has advance approval of the Executive Board.

SECTION 2. DUES

a. The Chapter portion of the annual dues rates for the different classes and categories of membership shall be set by a quorum vote of the Executive Board. Student members shall have no Chapter dues.

b. A member who has been appropriately invoiced and who fails to pay his/her membership dues for a period of two months after the due date shall be suspended automatically as a member of the Association and the Chapter. Suspended members who continue to fail to pay their

membership dues shall be removed automatically from the rolls of the Association, four months after the suspension date.

c. The Membership Committee may recommend reinstatement of a member whose membership has been forfeited for non-payment of dues.

SECTION 3. WAIVER OF DUES – MILITARY DUES

Any civilian member who is required to serve an initial tour of duty with the United States Armed Forces or who, as a reservist, is called upon to perform extended active duty shall be granted a leave of absence from the Chapter while performing such military duty. Upon request, the member's dues shall be suspended for each fiscal year in which the tour occurs without any loss of rights and privileges to which the member was entitled prior to entering the military services.

SECTION 4. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall end at the close of business on the 30th day of June each year.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES, SUBCOMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

SECTION 1. FORMATION There shall be at least three standing committees, Executive, Nominating, and Bylaws and Procedures. In addition, the Chapter President, after ratification by the Executive Board, may establish Committees, Sub-Committees and Task Forces to assist in carrying out Chapter programs and operations.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP

(a) The number of members comprising the Committees shall be determined by the amount of responsibility and work assigned.

(b) The Chapter President shall, in consultation with the Chapter President-Elect, appoint the Committee and Task Force Chairs. The chair may serve more than one year. The Chapter Executive Board shall ratify chair assignments.

(c) The Chapter President shall appoint the members of each Committee or Task Force in consultation with the Chapter President-Elect and the Committee and Task Force Chair, ensuring that the Committees and Task Forces, taken as a whole, are representative of the Chapter membership.

(d) All members of a Committee or Task Force shall be Chapter members in good standing.

(e) The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President-Elect (as Committee Chair), a Past-Chapter President (when available) and one or more member(s) nominated by the President-Elect and approved by the Executive Board.

(f) The Chair of the Bylaws and Procedures Committee shall be designated by the Chapter President.

SECTION 3. TERMS OF OFFICE

Committee members shall be appointed for one year. Members of the Sub-Committees and Task Forces shall be appointed for the duration of the Sub-Committee or Task Force.

SECTION 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties assigned to the Committees, Sub-Committees and Task Forces shall be defined by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE X MEMBERSHIP AND PROGRAM YEARS

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP AND RECOGNITION YEAR

The membership and recognition year of the Association shall end at the close of business on the 30th day of April of each year.

SECTION 2. PROGRAM YEAR

The program year of the Association shall end at the close of business on June 30th of each year.

ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION

In the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the business and affairs of the Chapter, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, the Chapter Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all liabilities of the Chapter, dispose of all assets exclusively for the purpose of the Chapter or to such Association or organization as shall at the time qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any future Internal Revenue Law), in such manner as the Chapter Executive Committee shall determine. Any assets not so distributed shall be disposed of by the United States District Court for the third judicial district exclusively for such purposes or to such corporations or organizations as said court shall determine are organized and operated solely for public purpose.

ARTICLE XII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

To transact official business at Chapter meetings, the rules of parliamentary procedure contained in the most recent revision of Robert's "Rules of Order" shall govern.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

SECTION 1. ORIGINATION OF AMENDMENTS

Proposed changes in these Bylaws shall be submitted in the following manners:

- a. By proposal in writing to the President-Elect, or President if the President-Elect position is vacant, from any committee;
- b. By proposal in writing to the President-Elect signed by five percent of the membership or 25 members, whichever is less;
- c. Members will be advised of proposed changes in an appropriate manner, as deemed by the Executive Board, normally in advance of final approval and will be allowed to comment if they wish.

SECTION 2. PROCESSING PROCEDURES

After review and coordination with the initiator, appropriate changes along with Committee analysis shall be submitted by the President-Elect to the Executive Board for vote. An affirmative vote by a quorum (twenty percent or 10 members, whichever is less) is required for approval.

Members will be advised in an appropriate manner and on a timely basis of approved Bylaws changes.

ARTICLE XIV LIABILITY OF OFFICERS AND INDEMNIFICATION

SECTION 1. LIMITATION ON LIABILITY Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the real and personal property of the Chapter officers shall not be available to satisfy any of the Chapter's corporate debts to any extent whatever. Chapter officers shall include those elected and appointed officers of the Chapter, members of the Chapter Executive Board and those elected and appointed members of the Chapter's duly constituted Committees and Task Forces.

SECTION 2. INDEMNIFICATION

(a) The Chapter may indemnify any current or former director, current or former officer, or any person who may have served at the Chapter's request as a director or officer of another Corporation, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in which he or she is made a party by reason of being or having been such director or officer, except in relation to matters as to which he or she shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of a duty.

(b) Expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Chapter in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Chapter Executive Committee in the specific case, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the chapter officer or director of the Chapter to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is entitled to be indemnified by the Chapter as authorized herein.

(c) The indemnification provided hereunder shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any applicable statute as amended from time to time, any bylaw, agreement, vote of the members of the Chapter or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in their official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. Such indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a chapter officer or director of the Chapter and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person.

(d) The Chapter may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was an officer or official of the Chapter, against any liability asserted against him/her and incurred by his/her status as such, whether or not the Chapter would have the power to indemnify him/her against such liability under the provision herein.

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BATTLEFIELD CHAPTER OF AGA (1981-1986)

We read references to AGA's Battlefield Chapter in the mid-80s and did some more research at AGA National. We found that a small chapter was created out of parts of the Northern Virginia Chapter.

The Battlefield Chapter folded in 1986 and members were asked to realign themselves with one of the other chapters in the Capital Region: NOVAGA, Montgomery-Prince Georges, or Washington DC.

NOVAGA HISTORY PROJECT TEAM

This project was originally conceived in 2008-2009 and made possible through the generous help and support of the NOVAGA Research Committee, founded during that year. Although most of the chapter members involved at the time have since retired, they all still care deeply and are acknowledged here.

Please email any updates to NOVAGA_History@yahoo.com.

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Pat originally urged us to consider this project, and reached out to her numerous contacts for information.



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Alice became a San Antonio chapter member, but continued to attend NOVAGA functions when possible & keep up with NOVAGA history.



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Jack, a longtime AGA member, helped dig through AGA National files & pictures, and made sure we contacted all the right people. He has remained a NOVAGA member, even while living in San Antonio.



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Mie stepped up and volunteered to help without knowing what she was getting into! She did more 'search' than 'research.' Thanks Mie!



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Jessica maintained the keys to the 'scary closet' & cheerfully let us dig through it!

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