



Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, April 15
Featuring:

Wesley Miller, CFO

**U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers**

**5:15-6:00 pm, Registration/
Cocktail Buffet**

6:00-7:00 pm, Meeting

Registration at our website at:
<http://www.novaga.org> and follow
the links

Price: Please pay upon registration
through the web site with a credit card.
Cash and check accepted at the door.

FREE: If attending 1st meeting as a
NOVAGA member or become a
member at the meeting (ask for
application!). Please preregister so we
know you're coming!

MEMBERS: \$15 registered and paid
in advance or \$20 walk-in.

RETIRED MEMBERS: \$5 registered
and paid in advance or \$10 walk-in.

NON-MEMBERS: \$20 registered and
paid in advance or \$25 walk-in.

One CPE Credit

Please RSVP through
www.novaga.org by
Friday, April 10, 2009

Location:

Embassy Suites Hotel
1900 Diagonal Road
Alexandria, VA 22314

This is directly across from the King
Street Metro – Yellow & Blue Lines
or park at the hotel for \$5 after 5PM.

NOVAGA Featured Speaker for April

Wesley C. Miller

*Chief Financial Officer,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*



Mr. Wesley C. Miller became CFO, Director of Resource Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in April 2006. As Director of Resource Management, Mr. Miller is responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, advising on, and directing the activities of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers resource management system.

Mr. Miller also provides the Commander and program directors with the resource support and services necessary to accomplish mission requirements involving more than **\$20 billion annually**. Mr. Miller served with the Army Budget Office from 1993 until his current assignment. At the Army Budget Office he served as the Executive for Budgeting to the Planning, Programming and Budgeting Committee. He served in several positions to include Chief Operating Forces Division, Chief Current Operations Division, and Deputy Director Management and Control. Immediately prior to his current assignment, he was the Director, Management and Control Directorate.

Mr. Miller was born in Lexington, Virginia. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Finance Corps in 1972 upon graduation from Eastern Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. He holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. His military education includes completion of the Air Defense Officer Basic Course, Finance Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Mr. Miller has served in a variety of troop and staff positions. His initial assignment was a Platoon Leader for C Battery, 4th Battalion (Nike Hercules), 1st Air Defense Artillery, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. He was then transferred to 8th Finance Section, Landstuhl, Germany, where he performed a variety of finance and accounting duties. In 1979, he was transferred to the U.S. Army Finance and Accounting Center as detachment Commander, Staff Officer and headquarters Assistant Executive Officer. Mr. Miller served as Deputy Finance Officer supporting the 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and Deputy Finance and Accounting Officer, I Corps and 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington. In 1988, he was assigned as Budget Officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff Resource Management, U.S. Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Virginia. He then commanded the 176th Finance Battalion, supporting the 19th Support Command, Tagueu, Korea. On 1 January 2002, Mr. Miller retired from active duty at the rank of Colonel after more than 29 years of service.

His military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal.

President's Message

Welcome to Spring,

The sun is shining, mostly, the days are getting warm and once again NOVAGA has generated the best single day training event to be offered this year. At the end of our Spring Training event, "Using A-123 to Meet Risk Management Challenges" on March 18th, I was regaled with praise on the quality of this event, the excellent speakers, the setting and professional coordination, all of which belongs to the wonderful NOVAGA Education Committee. Thank You! The evidence is clear that NOVAGA's Board is comprised of the most talented, dedicated and resourceful professionals. I am truly honored that I have been allowed to preside over this great group of people. The purpose of NOVAGA is not only to provide opportunity to accounting professionals in the Northern Virginia area to advance their personal career objectives but to provide knowledgeable, competent, qualified accounting professionals in service to the community. This board has demonstrated its commitment to this community in the unselfish giving of their time and talent to make these events happen. To support and continue this tradition into next year I invite all NOVAGA members to take the plunge and commit to a position on next year's board. Planning for next year is beginning, you will meet and work with interesting people, you will have fun and the time will pass before you know it. Interested? Please contact President Elect – Michael Davitt at: Michael.davitt@dodig.mil or 703-601-5952.



Speaking of fun, the March 12th Early Careers Bowling at Lucky Strike event was well attended and great fun. This month I look forward to seeing you at the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks on Saturday, April 4th and the DC Chapter has invited NOVAGA members to join them on their annual Vineyard Tour. On April 26th the NOVAGA team will once again be walking in Walk MS (formerly the MS Walk) -- come join the tradition! And the next Audio Conference is scheduled for April 8th on the topic of auditing.

Tax Day – April 15th is the date of the NOVAGA regular meeting. Our guest speaker is Wes Miller, CFO of the US Army Corps of Engineers. There is a board meeting to follow the regular meeting and after that our informal get together at Duke's.

Save The Date - the May NOVAGA Awards Banquet is right around the corner, May 13, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Alexandria. Nominations for the following NOVAGA Awards are heartily requested, the deadline is April 10th:

- Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management
- Federal Financial Partnership Award
- The Pentagon Memorial Service Award
- NOVAGA Chapter Service Award
- Excellence in Accounting Studies: George Mason University

Complete descriptions of the awards are available later in this newsletter. If you have any questions either about the awards or you are interested in serving on next year's board contact Michael Davitt at: Michael.davitt@dodig.mil or 703-601-5952.

I cannot say it enough,
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.
Dennis Green

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2008 NOVAGA PROGRAM

Meeting Time and Place

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).

Monthly Meeting Cost

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.

Current Meeting Schedule:

Date	Presentation Length	Location	Speaker(s)	Topic	Type of Event	CPEs	Coordinator	Field of Study
4/15/2009	50 minutes 5-7 pm	Embassy Suites Alexandria	Wes Miller US Army Corps of Engineers CFO		Monthly Event	1	Al Woost	
5/13/2009	50 minutes 5-7 pm	Embassy Suites Alexandria		Awards Banquet	Monthly Event	1	Dennis Green	

2008 - 2009 Member Events

Month	Activity	Date	Member Fee
Apr	April - Smithsonian Jazz Café	4 APR	\$15
Apr	April - Virginia Vineyard Tour (new vineyards this year)	25 APR	\$40
May	May - Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Vienna, VA	TBD	
June	June - Nationals Game and Tailgate	TBD	

Roll Call – The NOVAGA Membership Report

By Robin G. McCoy
NOVAGA Membership Chair



Attention NOVAGA members: I need your assistance in recruiting state and local government finance and accounting professionals. If you have a point of contact in either state or local government, please e-mail their information to me at (robin.mccoy@dodig.mil). Also, if you bring your finance or accounting colleagues from the state or local government to the April's 2009 NOVAGA meeting you will be eligible to win a prize. Drawing will be held at the April's meeting.

All new members should contact either Jackson Hufnagle at 202-512-9470 or Michael Lippert at 202-533-5638 to discuss what the chapter can do for you and when you are ready, what chapter activities you would like to pursue. Please feel free to share you thoughts, ideas and concerns for chapter improvement.

Membership Campaigns

Share the value of an AGA membership with your friends and colleagues, and earn BIG rewards in the process. A growing AGA means a greater appreciation of the government accountability profession, improved educational and networking opportunities for all members, and the advancement of government financial management nationwide.



NOVAGA President-Elect Mike Davitt Introduces a Guest Speaker at the NOVAGA All-Day Training Event



NOVAGA Past President Jack Hufnagle Introduces GAO's Jeanette Franzel at the March 18th All-Day Training Event



Everyone Relaxes after the Training Event

AGA's Big Easy Membership Campaign 2008-2009

Welcome to AGA's **Big Easy** Member-Get-A-Member Campaign— Every time you sponsor a new member you enhance AGA.

How the **Big Easy** Works:

1. Click [here](#) to download a membership application. You can also order applications by calling the Customer Satisfaction Center at 800.AGA.7211 and/or e-mailing agamembers@agacqfm.org.
2. Tell your peers and co-workers about AGA. Simply encourage your friends and peers to fill out AGA's membership application or complete the application online. Be sure to include your name in the sponsor's name category on the application.
3. The Big Easy Member-Get-A-Member Campaign will end on April 30, 2009; the grand prize winner will be announced shortly thereafter.



Big Easy Prizes

- Recruit **ONE** or more members, receive a *Sponsors Only* lapel pin and get recognized in *Topics* and on the AGA website
- Recruit **TWO** members and start earning *AGA Dollars*. You'll earn five AGA Dollars for each new member that joins. AGA Dollars are like cash and can be redeemed towards publications, membership dues renewals and national conference registrations.
- Recruit **SIX** members by January 31, 2009 and receive next year's membership dues renewal **FREE**.

Sponsoring 10 or More

- Recruit **10** or more members by March 31, 2009 and be placed into a fishbowl drawing for **Sony Blu-Ray DVD player** (valued at \$300).

Spotlight on Early Career/Tomorrow's Professionals New Members

- A **Garmin Nuvi GPS Navigation system** will be awarded to the AGA member who recruits the most new Early Career members during the Big Easy Campaign.

Sponsor Achievement Awards and Recognition

- **Recruiter of the Year (one winner)**— Receives complimentary **registration to AGA's 2009 Professional Development Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana** and an **Apple iPod touch**.
- **Top Sponsor (two winners)**—The next two members who recruit the highest amount of new members will receive a complimentary AGA national meeting registration.
- **Chapter Overall Growth (six winning chapters)**—Will each win a complimentary AGA national meeting registration and entered in a drawing to receive 15 exclusive AGA shirts to be given out to chapter members. Each chapter president and membership chair will be presented with an achievement plaque as well.

Start Recruiting Today!

Nominating Committee

The activities and events our Chapter sponsors and our members coordinate take time and we can use all the help we can get. That is why we have formed the new Nominations Committee. To help members decide what activities and committees might be right for them. So, we want to hear from any and all members that may be interested in getting involved in a Chapter committee or event. If you are interested but just may not know what would be a good fit for you, please call or email either Michael Lippert at 202.533.5638 or malippert@kpmg.com or Jack Hufnagle at 202.512.9470 or HufnagleJ@gao.gov . We would very much like to help find the right spot for you!

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! The next audio conference will again be held at the conveniently located Kearney and Company office just off I-395 and King Street. See article below for details. **There is no additional charge for NOVAGA members.**

Date	Length	Location	Speaker(s)	Topic	Type of Event	CPEs	Coordinator	Field of Study
Apr 8	100 minutes	Clifton Gunderson	TBD	Auditing	AGA Audio Conference	2	Ron Adolphi	AUD
Apr 22	100 minutes	KPMG	TBD	GAO's Role in the American Reinvesting and Recovery Act of 2009	AGA Audio Conference	2	Ron Adolphi	BEH
May 13	100 minutes	TBD	TBD	Ethics	AGA Audio Conference	2	Ron Adolphi	BEH

The April 8th audio conference will be held at Clifton Gunderson, 4250 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 1020, Arlington, VA

The April 22 audio conference will be held at KPMG LLP 2001 M Street NW , Washington DC , 20420 . Space is limited. Advance registration is required for entry to building on April 22. Please register by contacting [Maria Rossel](mailto:maria.rossel@kpmg.com) (202) 533-6396 as soon as possible! Registration will close **COB WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**. A confirmation will be emailed to each registered participant. If you have any questions please contact Maria Rossel or Dennis Green, Northern VA Chapter President at dennis.green2@va.gov or Work 202-461-6390 Cell 703-994-1814

Directions for AGA Audio conference April 22, 2009

KPMG LLP 2001 M Street, NW

METRO:

The KPMG Building, at the corner of 20th and M Streets, N.W., is located within walking distance of the red line's Dupont Circle (two blocks) metro stop and the orange/blue line's Farragut West (5 blocks) metro stop.

- If you are exiting from Dupont Circle, exit onto 19th St. and walk south towards M St., then turn right onto 20th St. and proceed 1 block to the corner of 20th and M Streets.
- If you are exiting from Farragut West, exit onto 18th St. and walk north several blocks towards M St., then turn left onto M St. and proceed several blocks to the corner of 20th and M Streets.

PARKING:

The parking entrance is located on 20th Street. As you travel north on 20th Street (after crossing the M Street intersection), the garage entrance will be the first driveway on your left. Parking is available for \$10.00 a day. From the garage, please proceed to the Main Level ("L"), and check-in with the Security Desk.

From Virginia – Points West (I-66)

- Take I-66 East toward Washington, DC to the Roosevelt Bridge.
- **Bear left** at the end of the bridge to exit on E Street. Following signs for the E Street exit, make a **left** at the light onto 20th Street.

KPMG is on the left corner of 20th & M Streets, NW. **The main entrance is on 20th Street.** If you need parking, please drive **through** the M Street intersection on 20th Street. The KPMG garage is on the **left side** (20th Street) halfway up the block.

Alternate routes: From Tysons Corner... Take I-495 North towards Bethesda/Frederick and **exit** onto the George Washington Parkway towards Washington. Follow the GW Parkway to the Roosevelt Bridge exit, then follow the directions above from the Roosevelt Bridge. **OR — From Fairfax/Arlington...** Take Rte. 50 East to the Roosevelt Bridge exit, then follow the directions above from the Roosevelt Bridge.

From Virginia – Points South (I-95)

- Take I-95 North to I-395 North.
- Follow signs for Washington, DC, cross bridge. **Note:** *If you are traveling in the HOV lanes, take 14th Street exit. If you are in non-HOV lanes, then take Rte. 1 North exit. You will be on 14th Street, with either exit.*
- **Continue** on 14th Street for several blocks; you will cross the National Mall.
- Turn **left** on K Street, NW (left turn signal). Turn onto main roadway (in center).
- **After crossing** the intersection for Connecticut Avenue, NW, get into the service road (far right) at 18th or 19th Street, and **turn right** onto 20th Street.

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Community Service Spotlight

By: Kristy Green, NOVAGA Community Service Director



For the April 15th meeting I have been given a unique opportunity to have a dual community service program. The regular meeting will begin with the traditional community service presentation. April's guest presenter is Leslie Smith, Communications Manager, USO of Metropolitan Washington, Inc. We will share the funds from the *50/50 Raffle with this organization.

Please Note: We are on the waiting list for a Care Package Packing Party with our sights on May. (Perhaps our speaker will have good news for us). While we wait, short notice requests for volunteers for incidental needs continue to arrive. Many of these have only hours to respond to, but they are just right for donating time and talent on an individual basis. Anyone interested in receiving notification of these last minute opportunities please contact me at kristyann66@yahoo.com and I will add you to the existing list and forward the messages requesting help to you as I receive them.

Also in April - As a Community Service Ms. Vellie Dietrich-Hall of the Census Bureau Advisory Board will be presenting information regarding the upcoming 2010 Census.

Community Service Raffle

NOVAGA Planned Community Service 50/50 Raffle Community Service Organizations & Events for 2008/2009

- April 15, 2009 ***** *Leslie Smith, Communications Manager, USO of Metropolitan Washington, Inc. and Vellie Dietrich-Hall, Census Bureau Advisory Board
- May - Banquet ***** TBD

*At each of the regular meetings, NOVAGA will hold a 50/50 raffle whereby tickets will be sold during the social period and a drawing held at the close of the meeting. The raffle proceeds will be shared equally by the winning ticket holder and the community service organization honored at the meeting.

3rd Annual National Community Service Project

Community service and helping those that are less fortunate than ourselves is an important part of that AGA is about. The dates for our 3rd Annual National Community Service project are April 27–May 1, 2009, again sandwiched between the two weekends of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. There are still tens of thousands of people in New Orleans that need new housing, so we are returning to the Crescent City to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. We will seek lodging for volunteers in the beautiful, new University of New Orleans dormitory (actually two bedroom furnished apartments) with a rate of only about \$30/night/person. Due to popular demand, we have created a second opportunity this year to experience what it's like to work with Habitat in New Orleans. Since AGA's National PDC is in New Orleans June 21-24, 2009, we will also have a 1-day community service event with Habitat on Thursday, June 25th, the day after the PDC ends. For this event, we will seek to extend AGA's special hotel rate to include this extra night. Last year, some chapters "sponsored" one or more of their members to participate, and some chapters have said they will do so again. If you are interested in participating, or have some questions before you can decide, please contact PNP Jeff Hart at hart.jeff@epa.gov.



NOVAGA President Dennis Green
Thanks CJ Staton for his Entertaining
And Informative Presentation at
The All-Day Training Event



March 18th All-Day Event Coordinator Deluxe Terri Patrizio (front right)
Leads Board members, Education Committee, and Friends
in Celebrating a Successful All-Day Training Event



It's Time to Walk for MS! *Still Time to Register for April 26th Event!*

Submitted by Alice Arielly, NOVAGA 2009 Walk MS Team Captain

Spring is in the air and it's almost time for the **2009 Walk MS** Event. There is still time to register online or simply show up on **Sunday, April 26, 2009** at **9 a.m.** in **Reston** and look for the **NOVAGA** walkers. There is usually coffee early, munchies enroute, and lunch afterwards for the walkers.

Join us on the **NEW 4.5 mile route** that starts at 1930 Isaac Newton Square (in front of the Reston Association Building). **PLEASE PARK** at the commuter lot at 1860 Wiehle Avenue. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through a wooded, fully accessible trail that winds around the Lake Anne area and alongside some of Reston's most charming homes.

Register now at MSandYOU.org/walk. Click on [Register](#) on the left side of the page. Click on [Register as a Team Member](#). Click on the [Search for a Team](#) button – there are lots of teams already registered – scroll down & select **NOVAGA**. Click on **NOVAGA** to see our team page, including a picture from a past year's walk. From there you can click on [Join Team](#) where you will be able to join & create your own personal web page. Or you can simply select the name of one of the team members and support us directly in our goals if you can't walk yourself. Donating online is fast, easy, and secure!



The April 2004 NOVAGA Walk MS Team

Left to Right: Jack Hufnagle, Alice Arielly, Ann Francis,
2004 Team Captain Andrea Walker, Chris Francis, Mia & Kif Leswing
Ann & Charles Collins. Back Row: John Francis

Directions: From Route 267, take the Wiehle Avenue exit. Turn left at Sunset Hills Road. Commuter lot is on your right. After parking, walk a short distance south to the check in site located in front of the Reston Association building and the east side of 1930 Isaac Newton Square.

How do I get a commemorative Walk MS 2009 t-shirt? Every participant who raised \$125 will receive a short sleeve Walk MS 2009 t-shirt. If you raise and turn in these pledges on or before the day of the event, you will receive your shirt at the walk. Participants who raise or turn in their pledges after the event but before the pledge deadline will receive their shirt by mail.

Can I bring my dog? Dogs are welcome at Walk MS events as long as they are on a leash.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the79rose@yahoo.com or cell **703-965-7426** the day of the event. Or you can contact the National Capital Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at (202) 296-5363 or WalkMS@MSandYOU.org.

SEE YOU ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH!

What is CGFM?

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation recognizes the unique knowledge and skills of certification holders and has become the mark of excellence in government financial management. Each year the CGFM Program continues to grow and earn greater recognition from federal, state and local government. Virginia is one of seven 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.

Our chapter is actively promoting this credential. We have scheduled study groups starting in January to follow up on the classroom training we received in December. Please contact Jim Davis, NOVAGA CGFM Chair by e-mail at jbdavis@dodig.mil if you want to learn more.

Take the CGFM Examinations before the PDC

Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM before the 58th annual Professional Development & Exposition (PDC) in New Orleans. AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Thursday, June 18 and Friday, June 19 and an opportunity to take CGFM examinations on June 20-21. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: The CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended GFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. Enrollment is limited and participants must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program, so don't delay.

More information and a registration form for this event are available on AGA's website - http://www.agacgfm.org/pdc2009/cgfm_exams.htm.

Congratulations to our Newest CGFMs

The Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA would like to recognize and congratulate the following individuals for passing all of the CGFM Exams and becoming new CGFMs:

Mr. Kevin Michael Alsop, CGFM
Ms. Carol L. Weatherly, CGFM
Ms. Kimberly Anne Tibbs, CGFM
Ms. Mie Miller, CGFM
Ms. Cynthia A. Landrum, CGFM
Mr. Michael Conrad Agresti, III, CGFM

Mr. Christopher Kuzmick Hare, CGFM
Mr. Richard Kenneth Strasser, CGFM
Mr. Noah A. Kaufman, CGFM
Mr. Dennis Gabriel Green, CGFM
Ms. Tzu Y. Chen, CGFM

They will be officially recognized at our April 15th meeting.

Fairfax County and State of Virginia Proclamations For CGFM Month




COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants is a professional organization of 15,000 members in nearly 100 chapters throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,000 members of the Association of Government Accountants represent federal, state, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors and financial managers in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager program of the Association of Government Accountants requires candidates for accreditation to have an appropriate education and employment history; abide by the Code of Ethics of the Association of Government Accountants; pass three examinations requiring a prescribed level of competence in related disciplines; and complete at least 80 hours of professional education in the subject every two years; and

WHEREAS, certified government financial managers emphasize the value of ongoing education, high standards of conduct and advances in services provided to the members of the public they serve; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby proclaim March 2009 as

Certified Government Financial Manager Month

in Fairfax County and urges all residents to join in recognizing the work and contributions made by financial managers who choose public service



Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

February 9, 2009
Date








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 MANAGER MONTH

WHEREAS, the Virginia Peninsula, Roanoke, Richmond, Northern Virginia and Old Dominion University Chapters of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) are professional organizations, part of the Association of Government Accountants which has a network of 15,000 members in 97 chapters in the United States and around the world, with approximately 2,179 active members in Virginia representing state, federal, municipal, and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers; and

WHEREAS, AGA Virginia 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

WHEREAS, AGA Virginia Chapter members are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Virginia by mastering interestingly 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 a 3-part examination requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting; and

WHEREAS, in addition, each CGFM holder must complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kane, do hereby recognize March 2009 as **CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH** in the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.





Governor



Secretary of the Commonwealth

NOVAGA Awards

NOVA Chapter members, the time to submit your nominations for the NOVA Chapter Awards for 2009 is now. Below are the criteria and directions for submitting your nominations for consideration. The Chapter awards include the Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management; Federal Financial Partnership Award; The Pentagon Memorial Service Award; NOVAGA Chapter Service Award; and Excellence in Accounting Studies: George Mason University.

NOVAGA AWARDS 2009

- **Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management**
- **Federal Financial Partnership Award**
- **The Pentagon Memorial Service Award**

- **NOVAGA Chapter Service Award**

- **Excellence in Accounting Studies: George Mason University**

Nomination criteria and application procedures follow. If you have questions, please contact Mike Davitt, Awards Chair, at Michael.davitt@dodig.mil or 703-601-5952.

Deadline for nominations is April 10, 2009.

Awards will be presented at NOVAGA's annual awards banquet, May 13, 2009. The awards banquet will be held at Embassy Suites in Alexandria, VA directly across from the King Street Metro station.

Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management

Purpose and Overview

- In 2003 the Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA instituted the Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award to formally recognize federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures. The first recipient of the award was Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, GAO.
- The 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.
- Nominees must be employed by the federal government. Nominees do not have to be members of AGA.
- Individuals or government units may make nominations. Self-nominations are welcome.
- The award will be presented at NOVAGA's annual awards banquet, May 13, 2009.

Criteria and Evaluation

The Chapter Awards Committee will use the following criteria to evaluate and rank nominees. Therefore, for each key factor listed below, describe in specific terms, the work or contribution that justifies the nomination.

- Contributions to improved federal government services and operations.
- Demonstrated leadership in federal government programs and the financial management profession.
- Results (savings, increased productivity, improvements) from applying innovative management techniques.

Nomination

1. **Nominee Information.**
 - Formal name with designations (e.g. CGFM, CPA, etc.) as it might appear on an award
 - Full address, Phone number, and email
 - Current employer , Title
2. **Award Justification.** Discuss in specific terms, the work or contribution that justifies the Nomination.
3. **Biographical Sketch of Nominee.** List the nominee's education and any other pertinent background information that will assist in evaluating the nominee's achievements.
4. **Citation.** For use as the formal award citation, succinctly (using 2-3 sentences) describe the highlights of the accomplishments, particularly impact and results.
5. **Nominator Information.** Name of nominator, phone number and email address (in case we have questions about your nomination).

How to Prepare and Submit Your Entry

All nominations should include the nomination information listed above and be submitted electronically to michael.davitt@dodig.mil. Please include all information in one file. If you do not have e-mail capability or have questions about this award, please contact Mike Davitt, NOVAGA Awards Chair, at 703-601-5952.



NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER

Federal Financial Partnership Award

Purpose and Overview

- 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 award was John H. Hummel, KPMG.
- The award recognizes the cumulative achievements of private sector professionals who throughout their career have served as a role model for others and who have consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.
- Nominees must be employed by the private sector. Nominees don't have to be AGA members.
- Individuals or government units may make nominations. Self-nominations are welcome.
- The award will be presented at NOVAGA's annual awards banquet, May 13, 2009.

Criteria and Evaluation

The Chapter Awards Committee will use the following criteria to evaluate and rank nominees. Therefore, for each key factor listed below, describe in specific terms, the work or contribution that justifies the nomination.

1. Contributions to improved government services and operations through partnering with the federal government.
2. Demonstrated leadership in the financial management profession.
3. Results from applying innovative management techniques.

Nomination

1. **Nominee Information.**
 - Formal name with designations (e.g. CGFM, CPA, etc.) as it might appear on an award
 - Full address, Phone number, and email
 - Current employer, Title
2. **Award Justification.** Discuss in specific terms, the work or contribution that justifies the nomination.
3. **Biographical Sketch of Nominee.** List the nominee's education and any other pertinent background information that will assist in evaluating the nominee's achievements.
4. **Citation.** For use as the formal award citation, succinctly (using 2-3 sentences) describe the highlights of the accomplishments, particularly impact and results.
5. **Nominator Information.** Name of nominator, phone number and email address (in case we have questions about your nomination).

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The Pentagon Memorial Service Award

Purpose and Overview

- 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.
- The award recognizes dedication and commitment to improved government operations, financial stewardship and accountability through public service to our nation. Nominees must be a civil servant (federal employee) or a member of the Armed Forces. Nominees do not have to be members of AGA.
- Individuals or government units may make nominations. Self-nominations are welcome.
- The award will be presented at NOVAGA's annual awards banquet, May 13, 2009.

Criteria and Evaluation

The Chapter Awards Committee will use the following criteria to evaluate and rank nominees. Therefore, for each key factor listed below, describe in specific terms, the work or contribution that justifies the nomination.

1. Contributions the individual has made to improved government operations, financial stewardship and accountability through public service.
2. Demonstrated leadership in serving our nation through a career in public service.

Nomination

1. **Nominee Information.**
 - Formal name with designations (e.g. CGFM, CPA, etc.) as it might appear on an award
 - Full address
 - Phone number and email
 - Current employer
 - Title
2. **Award Justification.** Discuss in specific terms, the work or contribution that justifies the nomination.
3. **Biographical Sketch of Nominee.** List the nominee's education and any other pertinent background information that will assist in evaluating the nominee's achievements.
4. **Citation.** For use as the formal award citation, succinctly (using 2-3 sentences) describe the highlights of the accomplishments, particularly impact and results.
5. **Nominator Information.** Name of nominator, phone number and email address (in case we have questions about your nomination).

How to Prepare and Submit Your Entry



NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER

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NOVAGA Chapter Service Award

[Purpose and Overview](#)

- This award was established in 2003. The award is given to the individual who contributed the most to NOVAGA during the year. The 2003 recipient of this award was Alice Arielly, Army Audit Agency.
- The award will be presented at NOVAGA's annual awards banquet, May 13, 2009.

[Criteria and Selection](#)

The winner of this award is determined by the Chapter President.

[Deadline](#)

The Chapter Awards Committee will coordinate with the Chapter President to have their recommendation and a citation for the award by May 1, 2009.

Excellence in Accounting Studies: George Mason University

[Purpose and Overview](#)

- 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. The winner of this award will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a one-year membership to NOVAGA.
- Candidates must be a business major at George Mason University and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The award is based on academic achievements and potential for excellence in the field of accounting or financial management.
- The award will be presented at NOVAGA's annual awards banquet, May 13, 2009.

[Criteria and Selection](#)

The winner of this award will be based on the recommendation of the head of the Business Department of George Mason University. The award will be based on academic Achievements and potential for excellence in the field of accounting or financial management.

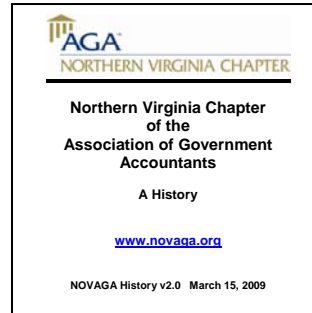
[Deadline](#)

The Chapter Awards Committee will coordinate with the head of the Business Department at George Mason University to have their recommendation and a citation for the award by May 1, 2009.

Research Committee History Project

Version 2 of the NOVAGA History Book is now posted on our Web site at www.novaga.org. Click on History Project on the left side to get to the book.

Alice & Jack returned to AGA National Headquarters and scanned all the pictures we could find, which resulted in some great older pictures. 1984-85 NOVAGA President Mike Janoski sent us a big packet of newsletters, which we've posted on the Web site also. We included excerpts from them in the History Book. Ronell Raaum sent us some great recollections of his time as President (1992-93).



May 1997 Tour of Children's National Medical Center
Ann Collins, Laura Koschny, and
Julie Bryant, NOVAGA 96-97 (& 02-03) President



May 2004 Banquet – Award Winners, Board Members
Back Row: Leon Sneed & Associate, Heather Keister,
Jim Davis, Karl Boettcher
Front Row: Joyce Morrow; GMU Professor; COL Landrum

Numerous Past NOVAGA Presidents have already accepted our invitation to come back to the May 13th Awards Banquet and update us – if you know any of them and can help us track down more of them – or were active in those early years – please let us know! Also, if you can help with providing information or pictures about our chapter's last 40 years or any of its presidents or long-time members, please email us at:

NOVAGA_History@yahoo.com

Also, if you have other suggestions or ideas for the NOVAGA research efforts, please let the Research Committee Chair know at branninp@aol.com. This is an opportunity for you to share your interest and knowledge about our profession and our organization with others.

Pat Brannin,
Research Committee Chair



May 2004 Banquet – Award Winners
Front Row: Jeff Green, Federal Financial Partnership Award '04
Dennis Duquette, Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal
Financial Management '04; Jeff Steinhoff; Pat Wensel, RVP
Back Row: Alice Arielly;
John Hummel, Federal Financial Partnership Award '03;
Mia Leswing, 2003-2004 NOVAGA President

NOVAGA Members in the News

Congratulations to the following NOVAGA members on their recent achievements:



Jeanette Franzel at NOVAGA '05 Training Event

Ms. Jeanette M. Franzel, CGFM, GAO, was recently promoted to Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance. We know that she can follow in Jeff Steinhoff's footsteps because she was trained by the best! Jeanette has always been a strong supporter of AGA, graciously speaking at several educational events on the local and National levels.

Ms. Kay L. Daly, CGFM, CPA, GAO, was recently promoted to SES! Kay has been active with NOVAGA for many years, running successful all-day educational events, and moderating panels at the National PDC.



Kay Daly at NOVAGA '05 Training Event

Mr. Asif A. Khan, CGFM, formerly of Deloitte, was recently selected to fill GAO's new position as Director overseeing DOD Financial Management issues.

We wish each of them much success!

NOVAGA All-Day Training Wrapup

Submitted by Alice Arielly, History Project Chair & Membership Committee

Pictures by Alice Arielly & Mie Miller



Members of NOVAGA's Education Team:
President Dennis Green; Robin McCoy, Membership Chair; Alice Arielly, History Project; Heather Keister, Web Master; and Jack Hufnagle, Past President

Our March 18th Training Event on **Using A-123 to Meet Risk Management Challenges** was great success! We had over 100 people attend the event at the Doubletree in Crystal City. The promised breakfast buffet of cheese blintzes with strawberry sauce, bagels, whole fresh fruits, power bars, and Starbucks coffee and Tazo teas was ready early and plentiful throughout the morning.

NOVAGA President Dennis Green welcomed everyone. Jack Hufnagle introduced our Keynote Speaker **Jeanette Franzel**, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance, **GAO**. Who knew that TARP would have kicked in and become so relevant to our conference?! Jeanette updated us that GAO must report every 60 days! In December, they reported that \$150 billion had gone out without oversight or permanent staff on hand to monitor the funds! The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act also has heavy oversight and (quarterly) reporting requirements. Agencies are required to provide Risk Assessments – Again, our topic of the day was very timely!!

Jeanette was followed by **James L. Taylor**, Deputy Inspector General, DHS, & **Michael Wetklow**, Internal Control Program Management Office, Office of CFO, Department of Homeland Security, who provided us their DHS Internal Control Playbook and discussed Internal Control Audits in the Federal Government. They also gave us timely insight into how DHS will oversee the \$3 billion in ARRA funds it received. After listening to Taylor and Wetklow, many in attendance thought DHS had some great ideas!



Dennis thanks Jeanette Franzel For her Relevant Speech



DHS's Mike Wetklow



DHS's Jim Taylor

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NOVAGA All-Day Training Wrapup (cont.)



ED's Keith Kistler

if you don't do things correctly!

Jim and Mike were followed by **Keith Kistler**, a member of Phil Maestri's Risk Management Team at the **Department of Education**. ED started its own Risk Management Service in the late 90's, made up of four teams overseeing Grant Policy and Procedures, Program Risk Management and Monitoring, Customer Service, and the Management Improvement Team. Keith stressed that their job is to ensure that needed education funds get to the States and students that need the education. They try to work with the States to make the States' programs better!

Mike Walsh, Chief of Accounting at the **US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)**, next provided us an excellent presentation on how to "Get Field Project Manager Buy-in for Internal Controls." It helps to have a great integrated accounting system with lots of controls (the Corps of Engineers Financial Management System or CEFMS), but it also doesn't hurt to have to answer to 2-star General



Ron Adolphi thanks USACE's Mike Walsh

Next, **Jennifer Funk** represented Laurie Howard, Director, Office of Financial Management, **Department of Transportation**. DOT has a real-time tool that Jennifer briefly discussed – see examples posted to NOVAGA's Web site.



DOT's Jennifer Funk

Lunch was a bonus – not only did we get a delicious meal of Caesar Salad, Citrus Chicken Piccata with sautéed asparagus and rice pilaf, a dessert of Bread Pudding with cookie crumbs and Grand Marnier sauce, all accompanied by Starbucks coffee and a selection of Tazo teas, but we were entertained by an **OMB-moderated panel** discussing how to use A-123 to Meet Risk Management Imperatives. **Kim Farington**, **OMB** and AGA-DC Chapter President-Elect moderated **David Zavada**, Kearney & Co. and **Bill Hughes**, MorganFranklin. David discussed **Emerging Issues in Risk Management and Internal Control** – and touched heavily on ARRA



OMB Panel – Farington, Hughes, Zavada

Accountability Objectives, which are promulgated by OMB Memo M09-10. David is also on the AGA Research Committee working on a survey of ARRA implementation approaches. Bill gave us **Risk Management 2009: Accountability, Efficiency, and Alignment with Agency Priorities**, which let us step back and look at the bigger picture, then giving us hints on how to Build the Case with your organization, and practical insights on How to Get Started.



DISA's John Garing

We had the perfect post-lunch speaker – **CJ Staton**, Vice President, CACI (and our own Newsletter Editor), who discussed Building Successful Government/Contractor Teams. CJ gave us a humorous approach that kept us listening (and applauding and asking questions) right up until he did the Pose for the Official Photographer. Oh, yes, and we learned some great, practical tips on communication, expectations, understanding and respecting each other's roles, and addressing issues quickly (see picture earlier).

We then ventured further into the Defense realm, although with very relevant messages for all present - Defense Information Systems Agency (**DISA**) **CIO John Garing** discussed Today's IT Security Challenges. John is a forward thinker, who knows that we all need our networks to meet our missions – any time and anywhere. One of the tools he uses is meeting with corporations to vet best practices. Data exchange among agencies is inherently risky, but with SAS 70 audits, discipline, and common sense, we can interact safely.

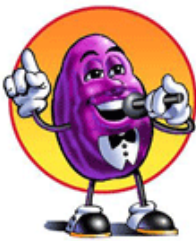


Dennis thanks Gus

Defense Finance and Accounting Service (**DFAS**)'s Deputy Director, **Richard "Gus" Gustafson** wrapped up the afternoon with "Enterprise Risk Management." His presentation included great visual aids to keep our attention...Senior Leadership comes up with a grand plan...but Employees fail to understand the reason for the new plan... He went on to give us sound advice into how DFAS's Enterprise Risk Management Program works.

All in all, several worthwhile sessions throughout the day. In case you missed it, speaker slides, biographies, and lots of additional pictures are available through on our Web site at www.novaga.org.

**For their annual Virginia Wine Tour
Saturday April 25th
9:00 am to 5:15 pm**



This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good wine, good food, and great company! The cost is \$40.00 for AGA DC or NOVA members and their first guest, and \$70.00 for each additional non-member guest. The price for this event includes lunch, tasting fees, and transportation. There will be two buses with two separate itineraries, however; the buses will meet up for lunch at Grandale Farms Restaurant.

Details and Registration: http://agadc.org/page.php?name=wine_tour_information

Contact Crystal Heitman with any questions, crystal.l.heitman@us.pwc.com,

Jazz it Up!
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Saturday, April 4, 2009 7:30 p.m.

Miles Davis's *Kind of Blue* and His Modal Period

Small Ensemble



Kind of Blue, recorded in 1959, was not only one of Miles Davis's masterworks but one of the most influential albums in jazz history. Davis's new formulation--influenced by George Russell's book *Lydian Chromatic Concept of Tonal Organization*--used scales or a series of scales for improvisations and became known as "modal." Modality was the framework for *Kind of Blue*, which included "So What," "Freddie Freeloader,"

and "All Blues"--all destined to become classic tunes.

Event Registration: We are purchasing 20 advanced tickets. Registration is on a first come first serve basis.

www.novaga.org/calendarofupcomingevents.html

Contact John Gioeli 703-631-8840 cell 703-407-0440, jgioeli@beckerreview.com with questions.

Location details: Smithsonian, Washington, DC (building TBD)

Event Information: www.smithsonianjazz.org/sjmo/concerts_events/sjmo_concerts_events.asp

General Admission Tickets are \$25 - \$15 for AGA members and one guest

Event Time: 7:30 pm

Early Careers

University Outreach



NOVAGA members Claire Chen, Pat Brannin, Matt Farage, Frank Policastro, Karl Boettcher, and Paul Marshall will be speaking at two meetings at George Mason University this month - Beta Alpha Psi and Delta Sigma Pi . The group will discuss accounting, audit, and finance jobs in the government, give an overview of the Federal financial world, and discuss the benefits of joining AGA and becoming a CGFM.

Beta Alpha Psi is an honorary organization for Financial Information students and professionals. The primary objective of Beta Alpha Psi is to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the business information field. This includes promoting the study and practice of accounting, finance and information systems; providing opportunities for self-development, service and association among members and practicing professionals, and encouraging a sense of ethical, social, and public responsibility.

National Chapter: www.bap.org

Mason Chapter: www.gmu.edu/org/bap/index.htm

Delta Sigma Pi is a professional fraternity organized to foster the study of business in universities; to encourage scholarship, social activity and the association of students for their mutual advancement by research and practice; to promote closer affiliation between the commercial world and students of commerce, and to further a higher standard of commercial ethics and culture and the civic and commercial welfare of the community.

National Chapter: www.dspnet.org

Mason Chapter: www.gmu.edu/org/dsp/index.html

Lucky Strike – March 2009



Thanks for making this a great event!

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.

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