

Northern Virginia AGA Meeting Minutes

DoubleTree Hotel Crystal City – 300 Army Navy Drive
Arlington, Virginia
Wednesday, April 21, 2010; 6:00 pm

Community Service – Virginia Task Force 1 (VATF-1)

Mr. Stephen Willey of the Virginia Task Force 1 (VATF-1) presented the details of their rescue efforts after a catastrophic earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale struck the nation near Port-au-Prince, Haiti at 4:53 p.m. (local time), on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. VATF-1, Fairfax County International Urban Search and Rescue team, sponsored by the Fairfax County, Virginia Fire and Rescue Department, was activated by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Tuesday evening, January 12, 2010. The largest earthquake to hit the island-nation in over 200 years caused unconscionable loss of life (of biblical proportion), with over 200,000 counted dead so far, many buried in mass graves; affected over 3,000,000 people, with hundreds of thousands starving; and caused widespread physical devastation to buildings and infrastructure, including Haiti's presidential palace. Given their challenges in acquiring speedy transportation to Haiti after the January quake, in all, Willey the two teams sent many firefighters, medical and engineering professionals to Haiti -- and they worked together to rescue 16 persons, saving their lives.

Sarah Welch announced plans for a second NOVAGA session of assembling relief kits for Haiti, including hand and face towels, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, nail files, soap, band-aids, etc. NOVAGA members contributed generously last time, with the \$12 donation matched by NOVAGA. (Ask Heather Keister to please update web site).

Evening Technical Discussion

Speaker - Thomas N. Cooley, Director, Deloitte

"Grants Management and Accountability in the Federal Government"

-Pointed out that President Barack Obama's initiatives on transparency and overseeing improper payments are driving intensive auditing efforts...Improper payments approaching \$100B..Serious internal controls needed.

- Of \$800B Stimulus program (with grants now exceeding contracts !):

- \$288B - Tax Benefits
- \$275B - Contracts, grants, loans
- \$225B – Entitlements

Board Meeting Discussion

President Michael Davitt opened the meeting and announced:

-\$53K in our treasury; \$45K pledged/raised with sponsors this year.

-new Corporate Sponsor – ASKi. Mike thanked Karl Boettcher, Tom Lyden, and the sponsorship committee.

Motions made, seconded and approved:

1. ~\$400 for Karl Boettcher to represent NOVAGA at New Orleans Habitat for Humanity event the last week in April, April 28 – May 1.
2. ~\$200 for AGA National President William A. “Billy” Morehead, Ph.D., CGFM, CPA, **CPM, Chair of Accountancy, Computer Information Systems and Finance; Assistant Professor, Delta State University**, to speak at our May 19 Awards banquet dinner meeting. We are leveraging the amount that Dr. Morehead is receiving from the Montgomery Chapter AGA and we only need to pay air fare (change reservation) plus hotel. Because we made the request at such a late date, this stop could not have been a part of Dr. Morehead’s nominal responsibilities.
3. ~\$100 for PDC Charity gift – TBD.

Announcements of Awards Winners:

- Daniel I. “Danny” Werfel – OMB Controller - Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management
- Mary L. Ugone, SES – DoD OIG - The Pentagon Memorial Service Award.
- James R. Merrill | Executive Director | Government & Public Sector - Ernst & Young LLP - Federal Financial Partnership Award

Membership Committee Report:

- August 1 Nationals game
- Possible DC Fashion Show – possibly a joint venture with DC????
- NOVAGA now has 957 members.

Education Committee Report:

Spring training event a success – pulled in a new Corporate Sponsor.

Newsletter Committee Report:

- Angela Landis Payne needs submissions for newsletter by Friday, April 23.
- Angela submitted newsletter to AGA newsletter contest.

Programs/Logistics/Meetings Committees Report:

Jaclynn Campbell analyzing whether to secure a Deloitte property for chapter meetings and events. Working with Pam Lindsey and others to assess various location options/costs. (Pam submitted tonight’s chapter meeting entrance fees in cash to Mike for deposit; along with Sarah’s cash for raffle.).

Transition Planning:

Jaclynn Campbell, President-Elect, is successfully filling board positions and committee seats. We get extra points if we fill board positions early.

Action Items:

1. Karl Boettcher will research process and procedures for payment of fees by retired members. No one knew what is in our by-laws (are these on web site?). Retired members could mentor younger member professionals.

CLOSING

President Michael Davitt adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Signed:

Pat Evans
Acting Recording Secretary

Approved:

Mike Davitt
Executive Officer