



Northern Virginia Chapter
Association of Government Accountants
Minutes of the September 23, 2009 Meeting

The Board of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the AGA met at the Residence Inn, Pentagon City, VA on September, 23, 2009 from 7:35 pm to 8:30 pm. Mike Davitt, called the meeting to order.

Corporate Sponsorship

- Mike Davitt opened the Board Meeting stating that one of his goals for the program year was to grow the Treasury with a viable corporate sponsorship program. He suggested that we pursue platinum, gold, and bronze sponsorship levels similar to the annual awards sponsorship level of distinction. Mike stated that he would leverage NOVAGA sponsorship efforts from the past three years of discussion and research. Pat Evans will lead this effort with Mike.
- Dennis Green stated that he would be a sponsor (as Dennis Green, CPA) if there was a \$1,000 sponsorship level.

Education

- Details for the forthcoming for the CGFM study group were resolved and interested participants are encouraged to register by October 3rd. The cost of the study group books for all 3 CGFM parts \$150, and effectively the instruction is of no charge to the participants.
- The CGFM classes will be held in Crystal City on Tuesdays starting in early October. Part I on the exam will be in October, Part II in November, and Part III in January/February.
- Other training also is on schedule (i.e., Minimax, Ethics, CEAR, and Grants Management). Specific dates and member/nonmember fees will be posted on the website.
- Motion was approved for an honorarium (\$500) and local travel expense for the Ethics instructor.
- KPMG will sponsor the next audio conference. Details TBD.

- Accountability will be the theme for the NOVAGA training conference in March 2010.
- TARP will be theme for the half day training class in February.

Membership

- A last call was made for the September 26th Oktoberfest. At the date of the meeting there were roughly ten registrants.
- Attendees were encouraged to participate in future monthly member services events. Refer to the website for dates/events.

History Project

- Alice Arielly, History Project Chair, shared a working copy of the NOVAGA History Book that is being produced in anticipation of our upcoming 50th birthday. The NOVAGA History Project was aided by sources from AGA National, our own members' memories, and many people's time and talent.
- We published **Version 3** of the NOVAGA History Book in time for our May 13th Awards Banquet. Refer to the website for a review of the book.
- Members and friends of NOVAGA are requested to participate in updating the History Book by contacting Alice.Arielly@us.army.mil or : NOVAGA_History@yahoo.com

Miscellaneous

- A suggestion was approved to feature a Member Spotlight corner in the newsletter. It will focus on births, promotions, CGFM/CPA new achievements, etc.
- September 30th nomination due date for submitting candidates for Regional Vice President. Mike Davitt's motion to recommend Dennis Green as RVP was approved.
- Program/Meeting Chair noted that monthly meeting logistics still need to be refined. This is especially so for next month's meeting when Congressman Tom Davis will be presenting. CACI's facility was mentioned as the most feasible location. Registration for the October meeting will close 72 hours prior to the event.
- Pat Brannin, Research Committee Chair made a request for research topics.
- Treasurer Ed Pabalan noted that we have roughly \$30,000 in the Treasury...roughly half of the balance we had three years ago. He will present a full report once the financial statements are prepared. Ed also noted how he warded off the IRS in a technical issue.

- Karl Boettcher, SVP, advised that AGA Chapters will now establish, immediately, an Accountability Committee/Chair to focus on CEAR, citizen centric activities, etc. He also apprised that National will have another service activity in New Orleans, similar to last year during the middle weekend between the two week Jazz festival.

Minutes prepared by Anna Dixon, Secretary
On September 29, 2009