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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 19th
Featuring:

Featured Speaker:
CDR Thomas Harker Deputy
Director, Office of Financial
Transformation and
Compliance
United States Coast Guard

**5:30-6:15 pm, Registration/
Cocktail Buffet**
6:15-7:15 pm, Meeting

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October Keynote Speaker

Commander Tom Harker, CPA
Deputy, Office of Financial Transformation
and Compliance
United States Coast Guard



Commander Tom Harker has served for more than 18 years on active duty in the Coast Guard, in a mixture of operational and financial management tours. He currently serves as the deputy for the Office of Financial Transformation and Compliance, the office that leads the internal control and audit readiness effort for the Coast Guard.

Commander Harker received a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Miami, is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in Virginia, and obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley. Prior tours of duty include Comptroller at Integrated Support Command San Pedro, business manager for the buoy tender replacement project, operations officer on board US Coast Guard Cutter VALIANT, Seventh Coast Guard district law enforcement staff, District Seven Tactical Law Enforcement Team and deck watch officer on US Coast Guard Cutter DAUNTLESS. Commander Harker has been married to Deborah Harker for 12 years, and has two sons: Matthew (10) and Drew (7). He serves as the committee chairman for Cub Scout Pack 167 and the treasurer for Cub Scout Pack 149.

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President's Message

Thank you to all the members that made our first NOVAGA month of the year successful. Last month our chapter enjoyed having Jeffrey Steinhoff, the Executive Director of the KPMG, speak to us about improper payments and importance of the new legislation facing our agencies. For our first meeting, we also had a new location in Rosslyn with exceptional views of the DC; which made a great setting for valuable networking with other AGA members across the State/Local government and Federal community.

For community service, we supported N Street Village which 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 NOVAGA chapter members contributed \$220 to this charity. Furthermore, for Early Careers, we had a largely attended joint sponsored (NOVA, DC, and PG Montgomery Co. chapters) picnic at Haines Point.



This month, we're looking forward to continuing to offer excellent services to our members with audio conferences, CGFM study groups as well as an outstanding speaker for our October chapter meeting. Listed below is a summary of all our events for this month:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 CGFM Study Group	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 CGFM Study Group	14 Early Careers Happy Hour	15 Awards Nominations Due	16
17	18	19 Chapter Meeting and Board Meeting	20 CGFM Study Group/ Audio Conference	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 CGFM Study Group	28	29	30
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Please mark your calendars; and I look forward to seeing you at our various chapter events this month.

Sincerely,
Jaclynn Campbell, CPA, CGFM



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Monthly Chapter Meeting Schedule

Rob Irish, Chair

We are excited to resume the monthly chapter meetings. Our chapter meetings are a great way to network, share leading practices and discuss issues facing our federal, state, and local members. Each monthly chapter meeting begins with a reception, which allows chapter members to socialize with colleagues. We then provide a keynote speaker for each monthly chapter meeting to discuss relevant and interesting topics facing our community. We are excited to have Mr. Jeff Steinhoff as our keynote speaking for the September meeting. We strive to continue to provide keynote speakers to discuss topics of interest to our members. Suggestions for topics and keynote speakers are always welcome.

This year, chapter meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. The reception will begin promptly at 5:30 pm and our speaker will start at 6:15 pm. We also have a location change; all meetings will be held in Roslyn, VA at the Waterview Conference Center located in the Corporate Executive Board and Deloitte building. The detailed chapter meeting schedule is as follows:

Date and Time	Location	Date and Time	Location
Tuesday, 09/21/10 5:30pm – Reception 6:15pm – Speaker	Waterview Conference Center, 24 th Floor 1919 North Lynn Street Arlington, VA 22209	Tuesday, 1/18/11 5:30pm – Reception 6:15pm – Speaker	Waterview Conference Center, 24 th Floor 1919 North Lynn Street Arlington, VA 22209
Tuesday, 10/19/10 5:30pm – Reception 6:15pm – Speaker	Waterview Conference Center, 24 th Floor 1919 North Lynn Street Arlington, VA 22209	Tuesday, 2/23/11 5:30pm – Reception 6:15pm – Speaker	Waterview Conference Center, 24 th Floor 1919 North Lynn Street Arlington, VA 22209
Tuesday, 11/16/10 5:30pm – Reception 6:15pm – Speaker	Waterview Conference Center, 24 th Floor 1919 North Lynn Street Arlington, VA 22209	Tuesday, 4/19/11 5:30pm – Reception 6:15pm – Speaker	Waterview Conference Center, 24 th Floor 1919 North Lynn Street Arlington, VA 22209

Note: each participant will earn 1 CPE credit for attending the monthly chapter meeting.

As always, if you are not already a member, we encourage you to join the AGA NOVA Chapter and enjoy the many benefits it offers, to include the luncheon series, learning opportunities and conferences.

First NOVAGA Meeting a Success Steinhoff on Improper Payments

*By Alice S. Arielly, Historian
Pictures by Alice S. Arielly*



View of the National Cathedral and Georgetown University from the Conference Center

During the reception, everyone had a chance to catch up, enjoy food and drink, and admire the fantastic views of the District.

The first meeting of the new 2010-2011 NOVAGA year was a success! Held on September 21st in our new location at Waterview Conference Center on the 24th floor of the Deloitte building in Rosslyn, there were over 50 people in attendance.



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 reception



NOVAGA's first meeting was held in this state-of-the-art conference room

The meeting itself was held in a state-of-the-art conference room as Jaclynn Campbell welcomed everyone and promised a great year!

N Street Village

As has become our tradition, we began the meeting with a short presentation about N Street Village. Ann McCreedy explained how they empower 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. See www.nstreetvillage.org for additional information. Our 50/50 raffle benefited N Street Village and raised \$110. Carl Patton won the raffle and donated his \$55 winnings back to the charity – way to go Carl!



N Street Village Director of Programs Ann McCreedy (left) is welcomed by NOVAGA Community Service Chair Kristi Green (right)

Improper Payments

NOVAGA Program Director, Rob Irish, then introduced Jeffrey C. Steinhoff CGFM CPA CFE, Executive Director, KPMG LLP. Jeff is a longstanding NOVAGA member and supporter, and inaugural winner of our Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award, recognizing federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures. He is also a past National president.



NOVAGA chapter President **Jaclynn Campbell** thanks **Jeff Steinhoff**

The 2002 Improper Payments Act was given additional strength in 2009 when the President signed an Executive Order to reduce improper payments, and in 2010 the Improper Payment and Recovery Act shifted the emphasis on prevention and recovery of improper payments through continuous monitoring.

Jeff's slides will be posted on our Web site, www.novaga.org, as will additional photographs from the meeting.

Early Careers

Lee Richardson, Chair

In the September edition of the NOVAGA Newsletter we announced a joint NOVA, Washington DC, and Prince George/Montgomery County Early Careers (EC) “kick-off” picnic. I and the EC subcommittee are pleased to announce that the event was a resounding success!!! There were approximately 55-60 attendees, great food (Famous Dave’s), games, and networking. It also provided an opportunity for EC current and potential members to meet several NOVAGA board members as well as regional and national AGA leadership and to hear their perspective. Having such a great turnout on a Saturday that the weather was perfect and our competition was steep (e.g. college football☺) confirmed that we have strong and enthusiastic EC contingent. On behalf of the EC subcommittee I want to “thank” each of you that in some way supported this event.

We want to leverage our momentum and continue spreading the word about AGA and what it has to offer individuals in the early stages of their public service career. We have two upcoming events that we are very excited about (information below). Please mark your calendars and spread the word!

- ✓ **Happy Hour:** **Where** – Whitlows on Wilson (2854 Wilson Blvd Arlington, VA 22201) **When** – October 14 from 5:00-7:00 PM.
- ✓ **Joint (all local chapters) Mentoring Social:** **Where** – Elephant and Castle (1201 Penn Ave NW, near Metro Center station) **When** – November 4 from 6-8 PM. **Note:** This event will feature local government leaders (from both industry and consulting) that will provide one-on-one and small group mentoring.

Let us know if you have any questions or comments:

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Early Careers

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Pictures from the Early Careers Kickoff...Looks Like They Were Having Fun!



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The NOVAGA chapter CGFM Study Group sessions have been scheduled. The sessions will take place from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in Crystal City, VA on the following dates. Additional information will be provided upon registration.

Part 1: Tuesday September 25 and 28th - Class Two

Part 2: Wednesdays October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, and 17

Part 3: Wednesday, January 12, 19, and 26 (possibly February 2nd if needed)

Each session will be taught by a volunteer instructor from the NOVAGA Chapter. For AGA members, the cost is \$50 for one part and \$150 for all 3 parts. For non-members, the cost is \$85 for one part and \$255 for all 3 parts (go to www.agacgfm.org to become a member). \$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.

To register, please contact Mie Miller at miller.mie@gmail.com. Please provide her with your email address and phone number. Once registered, please send a check made out to NOVAGA and mail to 13929 Marbledstone Drive, Clifton, VA 20124. Additional information will be provided upon registration. Please pass this along to anyone who might be interested. The sessions fill up fast so please register as soon as possible.

Please note that the CGFM application process takes about 6 weeks. It is recommended that you initiate the CGFM application process prior to the study group session. You will not be able to take the exams until your application is processed and you receive an eligibility letter from AGA. Go to www.agacgfm.org/cgfm for more information about the application process.

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Community Service Spotlight

Kristy Green, Chair

Happy Fall everyone! I am pleased once again to be serving the members of NOVAGA as both your President-Elect and as your Community Service Chair. This will be an exciting and fulfilling year for NOVAGA in many ways and I am sure this year's Community Service program will not disappoint. **Keep watching the NOVAGA website for upcoming Community Service Events.**

NOVAGA's first chapter meeting was graced with a presentation by Ann McCreedy from N Street Village. Our 50/50 raffle proceeds amounted to \$110 to be split between the winner and our featured charity. The winner of the raffle, Carl Patton, generously re-donated his share to N Street Village and that was matched by the NOVAGA chapter for a total donation of \$220.



**OPERATION HOMEFRONT
DC METRO**

October's featured charity is **Operation Homefront** represented by **Kellie Boyle**.

Ms. Boyle is the Director of Development at Operation Homefront DC Metro Chapter -- one of the largest of the nationwide organization's 26 regional chapters. Founded in 2003 as a response to early OIF/OEF deployments, Operation Homefront's mission was to enable the troops to maintain focus on their work and their safety -- knowing that their families would be taken care of "on the homefront."

Today, Operation Homefront provides emergency financial and other assistance to the families of both deployed and wounded troops. Requests for such assistance -- primarily in the way of grants for food, household and car expenses, and emergency travel and lodging -- have increased 400% in the last year as local deployments to Afghanistan have increased, more wounded troops have returned, and the economic slump has continued.

The DC Metro Chapter of Operation Homefront serves Maryland, DC and northern Virginia -- covering roughly 300,000 families, 18 military installations, several National Guard armories and all local military medical facilities (such as Walter Reed, Bethesda Naval, Ft. Meade and Ft. Belvoir).

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Membership

Michelle Amatangelo, Chair



The "What Drives You" Member-Get-A-Member Campaign is the new AGA National membership recruitment and rewards program running until April 30, 2011. As the Northern Virginia Membership Chair, I would like each NOVAGA Chapter Member to think about "What Drives You" to participate in the AGA and how to help your colleagues choose Membership with AGA.

"What Drives You" to participate in AGA? Consider the opportunities to:

- Advance your professional development
- Develop your professional network
- Participate in training activities at reduced costs
- Volunteer and support your local community
- Hold leadership positions within the organization

"What Drives You" to recruit your colleagues and contribute to the growth of the AGA community?

National Campaign Incentives* - Recruit/Sponsor New Members and win!

- One or more members - receive a "Sponsors Only" lapel pin
- Two or more members - earn AGA dollars (like cash!) good towards membership dues, registrations, etc.
- Six or more members - FREE membership dues (must recruit 6 or more by 12/31/2010)
- Ten or more members - be placed in a drawing for a FREE PDC Registration for 2011

Local NOVAGA Campaign Incentives - Recruit/Sponsor New Members to NOVAGA and win!

- To receive credit for recruiting a member, your name and membership ID must be on the "Sponsor" line of the Membership Application for the new member
- The NOVAGA Chapter Member who recruits the most paid members by December 31, 2010 will win a prize
- Stay tuned for additional details!

* Visit the AGA National Website for additional information, a link to the membership application, and a complete listing of the official national campaign rules. www.agacgfm.org/membership/mem_campaign.aspx

Awards Committee Report

Cara Streb, Chair

The National AGA Awards Committee selects leaders from Federal and State and Local governments to recognize via formal awards. These awards recognized outstanding leaders in our field and the presentation occur at the National Leadership Conference. The nominations are due by **Oct.30th**. NOVAGA would like to make chapter nominations, and we need your help to identify those individuals whose leadership and achievements warrant special consideration. Please send me your nominations at cstreb@caci.com by **10/15/2010**.

Distinguished Federal Leadership Award

- AGA presents a maximum of two crystal awards to formally recognize 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.
- The award recognizes individuals in either the legislative or executive branch who have made outstanding contributions to enhancing government financial management.
- Individuals nominated must have served in an elected federal position, or as a Presidential appointee at the time the contribution being recognized was made.

Elmer Staats Award

- AGA presents a maximum of one crystal award to formally recognize federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures.
- 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.
- Individuals nominated must have been employed by the federal government at the time the work being recognized was performed.

Andy Barr Award

- AGA presents one crystal award to formally recognize financial executives in the private sector who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management techniques.
- The award 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.
- Individuals nominated must have been employed in the private sector at the time the work being recognized was performed.

Excellence in Government Leadership Award

- AGA presents one crystal award to a government professional who exemplifies and promotes excellence in government, outstanding leadership, and high ethical and innovative management procedures.
- The award recognizes the cumulative achievements of a state or local government professional who throughout his/her public career has served as a role model for others and has consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.
- The nominee must have been employed by the government at the time the work being recognized was performed.

Awards Committee Report continued

William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award

- AGA presents a maximum of two crystal awards to state government professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies and systems.
- The award recognizes the outstanding leadership of individuals in state government that led to improved financial management practices, policies, systems or operations and consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.
- The nominee must have served in a state government position at the time of the recognized contribution.

Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award

- AGA presents a maximum of two crystal awards to local government professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies and systems.
- The award recognizes the outstanding leadership of individuals in local government that led to improved financial management practices, policies, systems or operations and consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.
- The nominee must have served in a local government position at the time of the recognized contribution.

Private Sector Financial Excellence Award

- AGA presents a maximum of two crystal awards to financial executives in the private sector who exemplify and promote excellence in state or local government financial management, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management techniques.
- The award recognizes the cumulative achievements of private sector professionals who throughout their careers have served as a role model for others and have consistently exhibited personal and professional standards.
- The nominee must have been employed in the private sector at the time of the recognized contribution.



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The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Montgomery/Prince Georges Chapter will be holding a dinner meeting presentation on Wednesday, September 8th. The event will feature speaker Kim Farington, of the Office of Management and Budget, who will discuss "Highlights of OMB's Latest Initiatives". 1 CPE credit can be earned for CPAs and CGFMers.

For details and registration, please see below:

- Topic:** Highlights of OMB's Latest Initiatives
- When:** Wednesday, September 8th, 6:30 - 8:30pm
- Where:** Rockville Hilton Hotel
1750 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852
301-468-1100
- Metro:** Red Line Twinbrook Stop
- Dinner:** Caesar Salad
Black Angus Prime-Rib w/ peppercorn demi-glace
Horseradish Mash Potatoes and fresh vegetables
Cheesecake
- Cost:** \$ 30 Professionals
\$ 15 Federal Employees
- CPE:** 1 CPE
- Register:** [Register Here \(http://www.marylandaga.com/events/registrationform.cfm\)](http://www.marylandaga.com/events/registrationform.cfm)

Education in the Year Ahead

Carl Patton, Chair

The Education Committee is proud to present the plan for the coming year. More information on the events will be provided with each newsletter.

Date and Time	Location	Topic	Type of Event	CPE
Wednesday, 09/29/2010 2 – 3:50 pm	KMPG LLP 2001 M Street, NW 6 th Floor Training Room Washington, DC 20036	Improving Program Performance & Accountability Through Cooperative Audit Resolution	Audio Conference	2
Wednesday, 10/20/2010 2-3:50 pm	KMPG LLP 2001 M Street, NW 6 th Floor Training Room Washington, DC 20036	Was It Fraud or Just Poor Audit Quality?	Audio Conference	2
Tuesday, 11/16/2010 3-5pm	Deloitte Waterview Conference Center, 24 th Floor 1919 North Lynn Street Arlington, VA 22209	VA Ethics	Classroom	2
Wednesday, 11/17/2010 2-3:50 pm	KMPG LLP 2001 M Street, NW 6 th Floor Training Room Washington, DC 20036	Achieving Transparency – The Next Step to Integrating Your Data	Audio Conference	2
Wednesday, 12/8/2010 2-3:50 pm	KMPG LLP 2001 M Street, NW 6 th Floor Training Room Washington, DC 20036	Internal Control and Risk Assessment—Thoughts from SAS 109 and 115	Audio Conference	2
Tuesday, 12/14/2010	KMPG LLP 2001 M Street, NW 6 th Floor Training Room Washington, DC 20036	Half Day Training	Classroom	4
Wednesday, 1/19/2011 2-3:50 pm	KMPG LLP 2001 M Street, NW 6 th Floor Training Room Washington, DC 20036	Are We Winning the Improper Payments Battle?	Audio Conference	2
Wednesday, 2/2/2011 2-3:50 pm	KMPG LLP 2001 M Street, NW 6 th Floor Training Room Washington, DC 20036	Internal Controls	Audio Conference	2
Tuesday, 3/22/2011	TBD	All Day Training	Classroom	8
Wednesday, 4/20/2011 2-3:50 pm	KMPG LLP 2001 M Street, NW 6 th Floor Training Room Washington, DC 20036	Fraud	Audio Conference	2

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