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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 18th
Featuring:
Dr. Carol Eyermann

**Financial Reporting
Requirements for Federal
Government: Evaluating
Performance Management
Reporting**

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

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January Keynote Speaker

Dr. Carol Eyermann
*Financial Reporting Requirements for
the Federal Government: Evaluating
Performance Management Reporting*



Dr. Eyermann graduated with a doctorate (Ph.D.) in Applied Management and Decision Sciences from Walden University, a Master's (MSA) degree in Information Resource Management from Central Michigan University, and a Bachelor's (BS) degree in Management and Accounting from Park University.

Dr. Eyermann is the author of the book, *Benchmarking Public Sector Performance Reporting*, 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.

More information is located at: <http://www.carolphd.com>.

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President's Message

Happy New Year Northern Virginia AGA Members...

We hope everyone enjoyed your time off for the holidays with your family and friends. Back to work now; this includes our Board members who have been busy planning for the second half of the NOVAGA chapter year.

First, we wanted to thank everyone for their achievements thus far. During the first half of the year, we have greatly increased memberships and we had sixteen members become Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFM). Our chapter contributed to four community charity organizations as well as supported various Early Careers events to gain interest in AGA/Federal financial management careers. Furthermore, our chapter had a successful December half-day training event which provided valuable insight on various hot topics important to our chapter members.



The best part of the year is still yet to come in 2011! We enthusiastically are looking forward to the second half of the year events; which includes our continued monthly meetings, CGFM training workshops in February, full-day training in March and our year-end awards dinner in May. Of course, we'll also continue to give back by supporting charitable organizations as well as provide ample social events for our members to network within the Federal financial government community. To keep up with these upcoming events, please continue to look out for our monthly newsletters and updates to the Northern Virginia AGA Chapter website.

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

Date/Time	Event	Location	Speaker/Topic	Register
Tues., 1/18	NOVAGA Chapter Meeting and Board Meeting (immediately follows chapter meeting)	Deloitte - Rosslyn Waterview- 24 th Floor 1919 North Lynn Street Arlington, VA 22209	Carol Eyer mann	http://www.novaga.org/
Wed., 1/19	Training – Audio Conference	KMPG LLP 2001 M Street, NW 6 th Floor Training Room Washington, DC 20036	Audio Conference/ Winning the Improper Payments Battle?	http://www.novaga.org/
Sat., 1/22	Early Careers – Social Event	Ski Liberty	N/A	Stephen Willis sgwillsusa@yahoo.com
Mon., 1/24	Member Services / Capitals vs. New York Rangers –Event	Waterview Conference Center	N/A	http://www.novaga.org/

Regional Membership News

Flora Milans, Regional Vice President, Capital Region

As for regional news, we're 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.

Our chapter extends our congratulations and best of luck to our new leaders in the upcoming year!

Jaclynn Campbell, CPA, CGFM



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Early Careers

Lee Richardson, Chair

Greetings NOVAGA Early Careers (EC) members, I hope that each of you had an opportunity to relax and enjoy time with friends and family during the holiday season. I was able to visit family in Georgia and to celebrate my mother's 50th birthday in Rome, Italy.

On December 12th our Membership and EC committees jointly hosted a football party with the Montgomery/Prince George's County chapter. As members of Redskin nation may recall, that was the day that the Redskins drove the length of the field for what should have been a game tying touchdown drive. Of course the Redskins mishandled the snap and didn't even kick the extra point. Luckily, I am an Atlanta Falcons fan ☺.

We are finalizing the plans for our next NOVAGA EC event (**February 2011**).

Stay tuned for more details.

In the mean time, the DC chapter's EC committee is hosting a ski event at Ski Liberty on **January 22nd**.

Please contact Stephen Willis at sgwillsusa@yahoo.com for additional information.



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CGFM Update

John Gioeli, Co-Chair

Mie Miller, Co-Chair

CGFM Certification News

Congratulations to 2010 NOVAGA CGFMs!

Congratulations to the following NOVAGA members who passed the CGFM exams and earned the credential in 2010.

NOVAGA Member	CGFM Since
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

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<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/CGFMCompensationSurvey.pdf>

The CGFM is the first certification broad enough to cover the whole field of government financial management—federal, state and local. It measures a wide range of knowledge and skills that a

professional needs to succeed in the federal government financial environment, or to meet the unique challenges faced by state and local government financial managers.

Find out more at www.agacgfm.org/cgfm

CGFM Intensive Review Course

Interested in the CGFM certification? Sign up for AGA's special [Intensive Review Course](#) and take the CGFM Examinations after the NLC. Don't miss this opportunity to earn your CGFM.

The Intensive Review Course will take place from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21, and Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011. The CGFM Examinations will be offered by appointment only on Feb. 23-24.

The cost of the course is only \$279 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours.

Special Bonus: The CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees. The cost of this course is not included in the NLC registration fee.

For more information, please go to: http://www.agacgfm.org/nlc_2011/cgfm_exams.htm

CGFM Profiles

AGA Newsletter, TOPICS periodically publishes real-life stories about government financial managers who made the choice to pursue the CGFM Certification. Find your inspiration in the following real-life story.

CGFM—"It's obtainable, and right on target"

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Lt. Col. Milton F. Barr, Logistics and Budgeting officer with the Missouri National Guard, said the CGFM designation gave him more confidence on the job. "There was a great satisfaction in achieving this accreditation and I finally feel like I've met the objectives in the AGA Code of Ethics," he said.

His remarks should resonate with those government financial managers who are deciding whether to take the CGFM Examinations. The confidence and job satisfaction Barr has gained from achieving the CGFM accreditation should answer the question—why CGFM?

Barr is a career Army National Guard military officer who earned a bachelor's degree in business from Central Missouri State University and a master's degree in business administration from William Woods University. Barr is also a member of AGA's Mid-Missouri Chapter.

After being introduced to the CGFM Exams two years ago by an article in Government Executive magazine, Barr decided to pursue this professional accreditation. “It became a gauntlet,” he said. “I charged ahead, made a timeline and lined up the activities.” The rigorous certification process requires that each candidate pass three separate examinations, and Barr understood the challenges that lay ahead.

Barr used a tried-and-true study system that offered enormous advantages when preparing for each exam. “I constantly used AGA’s resources,” he said. The website materials worked well for him once he structured his notes and study book properly. He also worked closely with Michele Dunlap, AGA’s Certification Program administrator.

“Michele gave great pointers that steered me in the right direction for networking with other CGFMs,” he said. One of Dunlap’s priorities in the CGFM Program is to put candidates in touch with the CGFMs who can help them understand how to earn the accreditation.

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“Remember, the main thing for government financial managers to know is that you can never have too much education,” Barr said. He explained that there is a point when all managers need to seek professional accreditation and his experiences with the CGFM have convinced him of this. Barr said that his experience has prompted his department to discuss making the CGFM the recommended training program for some up-and-coming positions. Barr’s reasoning to pursue the CGFM designation? “It’s obtainable, and it’s right on target.”

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Kristy Green, Chair

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FOHA provides rescue, medical care, rehabilitation, and adoption services in the Northern Virginia and Washington, DC metropolitan areas. At any time, the organization typically shelters more than 100 dogs of all ages, shapes, and sizes and up to 30 cats and kittens in its cattery plus many others in foster homes. FOHA is the only no-kill shelter of its size in the area, where visitors can meet many animals until they find the perfect pet for them. Its animals are all spayed or neutered, up to date on shots, and tested (and if necessary treated) for heartworm and other medical conditions. FOHA works to find qualified adoptive homes for all the animals in its care, while keeping the commitment to providing a safe and healthy haven for as long as may be necessary. Approximately 500 dogs and cats per year have found permanent, loving homes through FOHA's efforts.

FOHA's stated mission is to:

- Bring an end to the unnecessary killing of companion animals
- Provide a safe haven for abused and abandoned animals
- Provide food, shelter, medical care, rehabilitation, and compassion to homeless animals
- Find permanent, loving homes for the animals in our care, and
- And most importantly, bring about a time when there will be no more homeless pets and every dog and cat can be guaranteed a loving home

Ms Debbie Hobar, Director of Marketing & Events for Friends of Homeless Animals will be representing FOHA at our January meeting.



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February 15, 2011

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Welcome New Members!

Welcome back and Happy New Year NOVA chapter members! Our chapter had a busy quarter from September through December 2010 and would like to welcome the following new members to the chapter:

Emily E. Brennan	Diana Wu	Allison Wynn	Amanda Marie Tucker
Jess T. Ford	Anthony Accetta	Patrick Aldrich	Christopher N. Benson
Aaron Henderson	John J. Alzona	Matthew Brooks	Jay A. Woodall
Robert Hoffman	Jun Wang	Aquanetter P. Fields	Carolyn Swanberry
Paul M. Lancaster	Lisa Chung	Carolyn Headley	Danielle M. Pino
Ramsay Lanier	Jigna J. Shah	Mary Shiely	Martina Anitra Davis
David Lee	Richard Firth	E. Bradley Wilson	Daniel Shorstein
Gary Oswald	Preston Jenkins III	Mark Zafonte	Paul W. Thompson
Brian David Paige	Brad Johnson	Coleen Copen	Chadrick L. Minnifield
Andrew Price	Sun J. Kim	Andreas Dam	Jae Seong
Enrique Sanchez	Niki A. Lizarraga	Jason Hall	Tabatha Tuman
Stuart Hylton Self	Kristopher Nance	Sherry Lewis	Tamica Bigsby



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

Member Services

Matt Abend, Co-Chair

Washington Capitals vs. New York Rangers Monday January 24, 2011



Location: The Verizon Center, Washington DC – Gallery Place-Chinatown Metro

Date/Time: Monday January 24th, 2011 – 7:30PM

Event Registration: First Come, First Served. Tickets Are Limited!

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Please register by Friday January 21, 2011

Please e-mail Andrew Moses at andrew.moses@morganfranklin.com or Matt Abend at matt.abend@morganfranklin.com for more details

Awards Committee Report

NOVAGA Awards Ceremony Awards on 19 May 2011.

Awards at AGA occur at two levels –National and Chapter. The National Awards are made in the November-December timeframe, while our Chapter awards are made in May. At this time, the National Awardees have been selected, and it is time to start serious consideration for candidates for our Chapter awards. In the following section, we first recognize the 2009 National Leadership Award Recipients, followed by a description of our Chapter Awards.

Congratulations to the 2010 Leadership Award Recipients Federal Leadership Awards

Distinguished Federal Leadership Award

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.

Danny Werfel, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, U.S. Office of Management and Budget- In recognition of Mr. Werfel’s promotion of governmental financial management excellence and for improving operational efficiencies across the federal government. He has led work to reduce improper payments, reform management of government property, and improve reliability and timeliness of financial reporting. He has led OMB’s efforts to implement the transparency and accountability requirements of the American Accountability and Recovery Act. Mr. Werfel’s leadership has produced measurable improvements in the way the U.S. government operates.

Elmer Staats Award

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

Alan “Keith” Bentley, SES, Director, Program Analysis and Financial Management, U.S. Transportation Command, U.S. Department of Defense- In recognition of Mr. Bentley’s transformation of financial management across the Department of Defense by fielding a successful technology demonstration of the Defense Enterprise Accounting and Management System; for coaching his people to personal excellence; and for championing innovative management techniques that have resulted in the transformation of the nation’s premier transportation and distribution organization.

William H. Campbell, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Chief Operating Officer, Atlantic Financial Navigation- In recognition of Mr. Campbell’s work over three decades at the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and National Railroad Passenger Corporation to strengthen financial stewardship in the federal government. At the Coast Guard, he put improvements in place that led to the first-ever unqualified audit opinion, and he has developed the next generation of financial leaders through training and mentoring. His sustained commitment to improving financial performance as a

senior federal official and as a successful financial practitioner is a powerful example that excellence in financial management can significantly improve service to the nation.

[Andy Barr Award](#)

To formally recognize the financial executives in the private sector who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative techniques.

Ronald Longo, CGFM, CPA, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Managing Director, KPMG LLP- In recognition of Mr. Longo's numerous leadership roles in the federal government over 35 years and his devotion to improving federal financial management by helping agencies address complex accounting and auditing issues. Mr. Longo played a major role in implementing the major financial management legislation of the 1990s, including the CFO Act, while at the Office of Management and Budget, and he later served as KPMG's technical specialist on preparing and auditing federal financial statements, working with the inspector general and CFO community to reach consensus. Mr. Longo's efforts have resulted in better financial reporting and improved information and processes, which are useful to decision-makers and stakeholders in managing the business of government.

[State & Local Leadership Awards](#)

[Excellence in Government Leadership Award](#)

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

Richard V. Norment, CGFM, CIA, Nashville Chapter, Assistant to the Comptroller, Comptroller of Treasury, State of Tennessee - In recognition of Mr. Norment's distinguished record of service to the Comptroller of the Treasury's office, where he is responsible for the annual audits of all 95 Tennessee county governments, which are now in total compliance with the financial reporting standards outlined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board in Statement 34. Norment managed the successful implementation of this milestone achievement, and has lent his leadership skills to AGA as Past National President and to several other professional organizations.

[William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award](#)

To formally recognize 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.

Robert L. Childree, CGFM, Montgomery Chapter, Former Controller (Retired), State of Alabama - In recognition of Mr. Childree's leadership in improving state financial management, not just in Alabama, but throughout the nation. He led the development and implementation of a new financial management system in Alabama, wrote new fiscal and accounting policies and received 13 consecutive unqualified audit opinions on the state's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. He has also been actively involved in several national professional associations and chairs AGA's Financial Management Standards Board.

[Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award](#)

To formally recognize 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.

William J. DiVello, CFE, CIG, Northern Virginia Chapter, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of the Inspector General, District of Columbia Government - In recognition of Mr. DiVello's exceptional leadership in implementing a strong financial management infrastructure and audit program, which have produced potentially \$50 million in savings for the District of Columbia in fiscal year 2009 while improving essential services and helping vulnerable populations.

Private Sector Financial Excellence Award

To formally recognize 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.

Paul M. Geraty, CGFM, CPA, Baltimore Chapter, Partner, Public Services Practice, KPMG LLP - In recognition of Mr. Geraty's work assisting the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the state of Maryland and local governments in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C. area with improving financial management processes while providing governmental accounting training to hundreds of state and local government accounting professionals.

Keith F. Novak, CPA, Partner, State and Local Government Services, Clifton Gunderson LLP - In recognition of Mr. Novak's leadership in helping states, counties, local governments, school districts and other governmental entities strengthen controls and improve operational efficiencies while training government finance professionals on applicable accounting rules. His extensive knowledge in Governmental Accounting Standards Board issues has established him as an expert on best practices.

Northern Virginia AGA Chapter Awards

These awards are made annually in May and celebrated at our annual awards banquet. Nominations can be made by any NOVAGA member, and are due by April 1st to allow time for review and selection. Please email nominations to Jaclynn Campbell at jaccampbell@deloitte.com.

Jeffrey C. Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management

This award was established in 2003 by the Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA 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.

Federal Financial Partnership Award

Established in 2003 by the Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA, this award formally recognizes private sector individuals who exemplify and promote excellence through outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures and partnering with the federal government. 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 and do not have to be AGA members.

The 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. It recognizes dedication and commitment to improved government operations, financial stewardship and accountability through public service to our nation.

NOVAGA Chapter Service Award

This award was established in 2003 and is given annually to the NOVAGA member who contributed most to NOVAGA during the year.

Excellence in Accounting Studies: George Mason University

This award was established in 2004 for the purpose of recognizing excellence in accounting studies at George Mason University and encouraging participation in a professional organization. The winner of this award will receive a \$1000 scholarship and a one-year membership to NOVAGA. Candidates must be a business major at GMU and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. This award is based on academic achievements and potential for excellence in the field of accounting or financial management.



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Education in the Year Ahead

Carl Patton, Chair

December Training

We held our half day training on December 14, 2010, and had the privilege of four dynamic speakers discuss several different topics that not only relate to our profession but also to us personally.

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.

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.

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.

Our last presenter was David Zavada, partner with Kearney & Company. 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!

What's coming up in March for training?

Save March 22, 2011 for an all day training session! One half of the training session is reserved for accounting and audit updates such as the GAO Yellow Book update along with new and emerging accounting standards and financial reporting requirements. The other half of the training will focus on security of data and assets. Discussions will include the emerging cloud computing environment in addition to fraud risks and forensic analysis in the financial management environment.

More details and registration to follow soon!

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, 1/19/2011 2-3:50 pm	KPMG 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	KPMG 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	KPMG LLP 2001 M Street, NW 6 th Floor Training Room Washington, DC 20036	Fraud	Audio Conference	2

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