

## Chapter Meeting

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**Tuesday, Mar 22nd**  
**All Day Training Event**

Our maximum capacity  
is 60 so sign up early!

9AM to 4:30PM

Location:  
KPMG, LLP  
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## NOVAGA Spring Training Event

**March 22, 2011**

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This will be an exciting day to learn what's new and emerging from technical matters to information technology use and security. Here are some of the speakers and their topics:

- **Heather Keister, Government Accountability Office** - update on the soon to be released revised GAO Yellow Book.
- **Wendy Payne, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board** - update on accounting and financial reporting technical matters and address emerging issues.
- **Matt Jadacki, Department of Homeland Security** - will share recent experiences with identification of improper payments.
- **Julie Bryant, Federal Aviation Administration** - identify capabilities of Financial Management Information systems and how to effectively use them
- KPMG LLP will discuss the ever growing subject of cloud computing: What are the risks? How does it work? Why is it so great? These questions and more will be part of the presentation.

***Register on-line at [www.novaga.org](http://www.novaga.org) or walk-ins welcome***

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## President's Message

NOVAGA Chapter Members,

I enjoyed seeing many of you at the AGA National Leadership Conference last month. It was a great event despite the current topics which were timely, however reminded us of our economic state and the extreme need for improvements. The NOVAGA chapter helped out with sponsoring two largely attended networking events with Early Careers and Members Services. Also, at the conference, the Capital AGA Region members were able to network at a luncheon to share ideas, lessons learned and suggestions for the upcoming AGA year.

At our last month chapter meeting, we enjoyed having Mr. Steve Butler CFO for the Food Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA speak to us regarding the FNS organization. The meeting provided an extremely engaging discussion; and we greatly appreciate Mr. Butler for volunteering his time to present as well as stay for the Q&As. For community service, we supported United Service Organization (USO) of Metropolitan Washington by raising money in a charity raffle.



This month, our members are looking forward to the annual NOVAGA spring training in which we have several outstanding speakers that volunteered their time to present. Also, this month we're supporting our annual membership drive with a social event scheduled for Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can all advertise the event to support growing our chapter... our goal is to make it to 1,000 members for NOVAGA and we're almost there!

Date/Time	Event	Location	Speaker/Topic	Register
Tues., 3/22	NOVAGA Annual All Day Training	KPMG, LLP 2001 M Street, NW 6th Floor Training Room Washington, DC 20036	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Keister, GAO</li> <li>• Wendy Payne, FASBA</li> <li>• Matt Jadacki, DHS</li> <li>• Julie Bryant, FAA</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.novaga.org/">http://www.novaga.org/</a>
Wed., 3/23	AGA Monthly Audio Conference	Audio Conference – Call-In Number will be Provided	Planning, Conducting and Reporting Performance Audit Work Even More Efficiently	<a href="http://www.novaga.org/">http://www.novaga.org/</a>
Thurs., 3/24	Membership Drive and Happy Hour Co-sponsored by Member Services and the Membership Committee	Café Asia, 1550 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA (Café Asia is Metro accessible via the Orange and Blue lines at Rosslyn station)	N/A	<a href="http://www.novaga.org/">http://www.novaga.org/</a>
Mon., 3/31	Reminder to pay your annual CGFM renewal fee due on March 31st			



Look forward to seeing you at the various chapter events this month. Lastly, I wanted to give a special thank you to our sponsors whose support is essential in making this year successful for the chapter and our members.

Sincerely,

Jaclynn Campbell  
CPA, CGFM

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**Save the Date May 21, 2011**



**Join the NOYAGA Chapter at the annual Awards Banquet**

**More Details Coming Soon!!**

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## **Member Services**

*Matt Abend, Co-Chair  
Andrew Moses, Co-Chair*

**Thank you to everyone who joined us for the NOVAGA Member Services Happy Hour sponsored by MorganFranklin! More than 40 guests enjoyed an evening of networking following the conclusion of the day's activities at AGA's National Leadership Conference.**



## Early Careers Update

On February 17 the NOVAGA Early Careers (EC) had an opportunity to jointly host our fourth event this year with the DC and Montgomery/Prince George's County EC groups. The event was a happy hour at Aria Trattoria Pizzeria & Bar. Besides the great food and drinks our 50+ attendees had the opportunity to interact one-on-one with government and private sector accountability leaders as well as other early career professionals. Thanks to all who came out and supported the event.

Our committee is working to schedule a community service event for April. Stay tuned...

**Let us know if you have any questions or comments:**

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## CGFM Update

*John Gioeli, Co-Chair  
Mie Miller, Co-Chair*

## CGFM Study Group

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### **March is a CGFM month!**

For the past six years, thanks to the initiative and dedication of AGA regional and chapter leaders, states and local governments have been declaring March a CGFM month. This project has been a great example of AGA leadership and teamwork and continues to help spread the word about the CGFM Program! You can read 2010 proclamations on [http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/proclamations\\_10.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/proclamations_10.aspx).

Let's continue this tradition for 2011 - contact your Governor and ask him/her to declare March 2011 (or better yet - March of EVERY YEAR) a CGFM Month. Contact your local government as well. Join us in making this project a success!

Here is what you can do:

1. To avoid duplicate efforts, contact your Regional Coordinator to volunteer or to find out who is handling this project in your state (Not sure who your RC is? Contact Katya Silver, [KSilver@agacgfm.org](mailto:KSilver@agacgfm.org), and she'll put you in touch with the correct person.)
2. A sample proclamation can be found at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/SampleCGFMProclamation.doc>. If you are handling this project, modify the sample proclamation for your state (we've highlighted some of the fields that need to be updated). If you'd like, you can send me a draft for review.
3. Contact your Governor's office and/or local government as soon as possible. Send them the modified sample proclamation. If necessary, send them the proclamation request letter (found at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/downloads/Proclamationrequestletter.doc>).
4. Follow up with the Governor's office and/or local government. Let us know if you run into any problems/questions.
5. When you get the proclamation, publicize it in your chapter - display it at chapter meetings, publish it in your newsletter, send a press release to a local newsletter, etc. Don't forget to send us a copy so that we can post it on AGA website (if possible, please keep the file size under 5 MB).
6. Make March a CGFM celebration: plan a CGFM event for March, publish information on CGFM Program in your newsletter, recognize existing and new CGFMs in your chapter, etc. Let us know if you need ideas or supplies (CGFM brochures, stickers, ribbons, pens).

Obtaining a state CGFM month proclamation is worth 500 BONUS CREDITS in the Chapter Recognition Program (250 BONUS CREDITS for a local government proclamation). Publicizing it in your chapter, state and on the national level earns you an extra 100 BONUS CREDITS!

Thank you for your support of the CGFM Program!

## **Renew Your CGFM Today at [members.agacgfm.org](http://members.agacgfm.org)**

You've made a commitment to your professional development by earning your CGFM. To maintain your CGFM designation in the active status, renew your CGFM today at [www.members.agacgfm.org](http://www.members.agacgfm.org). Here are some important reminders as you renew your designation.

### **1. There are several requirements to maintain the CGFM designation in the active status:**

- Adhere to AGA's Code of Ethics (requirement for all CGFMs and AGA members).
- Pay the CGFM renewal fee by March 31 every year.
- Complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) in government financial management topics or related technical subjects within the designated two-year cycle.
- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

### **2. CGFM renewal payment is due every year by March 31.**

- You can renew your CGFM (as well as AGA membership) online. Please log in now ([members.agacgfm.org](http://members.agacgfm.org)) to renew and check that your address/contact information is up-to-date.
- In January an electronic invoice will go out in the email, and in February a renewal invoice will be mailed to those who have not yet renewed.
- Please contact AGA if you have not renewed and have not received an invoice by the end of February. Please note that the CGFM renewal policy states that it is the responsibility of each CGFM to pay the annual CGFM renewal fee, even if that individual did not receive an invoice from AGA.

### **3. CGFMs can renew their designation only if they are in compliance with the CPE requirements.**

- You need to earn 80 CPE hours during the two-year CPE cycle.
- By submitting the annual renewal payment, CGFMs affirm that they have fulfilled the minimum CPE requirements.
- If you are unable to complete at least 80 hours during the two-year cycle, you can use a grace period of three months following the completion of the two-year cycle (e.g., 1/1/12 - 3/31/12) to catch up on your hours. Any hours completed toward a deficiency in one CPE cycle cannot be counted toward the next CPE cycle.
- CGFMs are required to maintain supporting documentation on CPE hours earned for a minimum of three years and provide it to AGA upon request. Please do not send your CPE documentation to AGA unless it is requested.

4. **Only active CGFMs can use "CGFM" after their name.**

- Individuals who have not met the requirements to maintain the CGFM in the active status become inactive and may not use the CGFM designation after their name.
- Individuals who have met the retired status definition, and have been approved for adjustment of their status to “retired” by AGA, may use "CGFM-Retired" after their name.

For more information on CGFM renewal, CPE requirements, inactive status and retired status please visit [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/maintain).

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## Community Service Spotlight

*Kristy Green, Chair*

Due to NOVAGA's All Day Training there will be no Community Service Speaker. However there are 2 opportunities to sign up for volunteer activity with a featured organization:



### Build Brigade Scheduled! Volunteers Needed!



**What is it:** A three-day construction event where our General Contractor and hundreds of professional trades volunteers transform this specially adapted home from a foundation to a weather-tight shell. This extraordinary process includes framing interior walls, installing windows, hanging doors, shingling the roof, and installing siding! Success is impossible without key volunteers that support the event as a Food Coordinator, Build Brigade Registrar, or event team member.

**Date:** April 1, 2 & 3, 2011  
**Location:** 10 Crowncrest Road Fredericksburg, VA

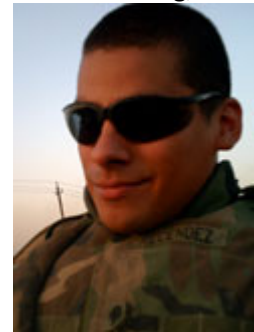


"Build a home for Sgt. Kenny Lyon"

#### Non-construction volunteers

- Donations
- Build Brigade Registrars
- Food Coordinators
- Event team members
- Honor Guard
- National Anthem singer
- Tables, chairs, podium, and sound system
- Food and drink donations

**Date:** April 15, 16 & 17, 2011  
**Location:** 75 Queens Guard Fredericksburg, VA



"Build a home for SGT Jude Recendez"

#### What we need:

- Construction volunteers
- materials:
- Lumber Frame Package
- Framers
- Exterior Windows
- Roofers
- Roof shingles
- Siding Installers

#### For more information please contact:

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## Membership

*Michelle Amatangelo, Chair*

# JOIN US FOR A NOVAGA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND HAPPY HOUR!

Co-sponsored by Member Services and the Membership Committee

We need **YOUR** help to sign up new members in order to reach the NOVAGA Chapter membership goal of **1,000** members! Please invite your coworkers and friends in the government accounting, audit, and financial management community.

**When:** Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

**Where:** Café Asia, 1550 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA

*(Café Asia is Metro accessible via the Orange and Blue lines at Rosslyn station)*

Food and Drink will be served!



Let prospective members know about some top reasons to join AGA including:

- Networking with peers and developing contacts
- Building leadership skills



- Education and CPEs
- The CGFM certification
- The AGA PDC

Stay tuned for **RSVP** information and additional details...



## Welcome New Members!

The Northern Virginia Chapter would like to welcome the following new members that joined the chapter in February 2011!

Heidi Adams - Kearney & Company	Tracy Comerford - Clifton Gunderson, LLP
William Fava - PricewaterhouseCoopers	Ndeye Gning - Watkins Meegan Government Services
Kirubeal Mandefro - Clifton Gunderson	John O'Byrne - Virginia Tech
Thomas O'Malley - Kearney & Company	Rhonda Peppers - HUD
Paul Posner - George Mason University	Gwendolyn Powell - ITT Corporation
Peter Raymond - PricewaterhouseCoopers	Mark Rowell - CACI
Raymond Savukas - Macro Solutions	Zelda Woods - Department of the Interior



The "What Drives You" Member-Get-A-Member Campaign is the 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.
- 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 from January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011 will win a prize

\* 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](http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/mem_campaign.aspx)

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**Make Plans Now for 5th Annual National Community Service project in  
New Orleans, May 3–6, 2011**

**By AGA Past National President Jeff Hart, CGFM, CFE**

We all know that community service and helping those that are less fortunate than ourselves is an important part of what AGA is about. The dates for our 5th Annual National Community Service project in New Orleans are **May 3–6, 2011**, again sandwiched between the two weekends of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. Check out festival details at <http://www.nojazzfest.com/>. In past years, some chapters have sponsored 1 or 2 chapter members to participate in this meaningful community service event, so please again consider that as an option.

We will seek lodging in the beautiful, new University of New Orleans dormitories (some rooms are actually two bedroom furnished apartments) with a rate of only about \$30/night/person. Please let me know ASAP if you plan to join us so we can secure these inexpensive accommodations for you.

As in each of the last 2 years, we will also create a second opportunity to experience what it's like to work with Habitat in conjunction with the PDC in Atlanta. We will have a 1-day community service event with Habitat on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the day after the PDC ends. For this event, we will seek to extend AGA's special hotel rate to include this extra night. Since we have had two projects in each of the last 2 years, this will actually be our 7<sup>th</sup> National Community Service Project.

I have spoken with the Atlanta Habitat chapter, and they are prepared for as many as 120 AGA volunteers on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the day after the Atlanta PDC. We are also seeking sponsors for this big event, so please let me know if your organization is interested.

We also plan to invite all of AGA's 100 chapters to participate in a National AGA Community Service Week from July 9-17, 2011 spanning the dates of next year's PDC, including the weekends before and after the PDC. We will encourage our chapters to partner with their local Habitat chapter (or another charitable organization in your community) and devote at least one day of service on Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and/or another day during that week (or thereabouts).

In the meantime, please put May 3-6 and/or July 14, 2011 on your calendar, and send me an email right away at [jeffshart@comcast.net](mailto:jeffshart@comcast.net) if you plan to join us at either event. And if you have any questions or suggestions about these projects, or other good works in other locations where we may want to plan a national community service project, please email me or give me a call at 303-907-4664.



AGA National Community Service Project  
New Orleans Habitat for Humanity, May 3-6, 2011  
Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers (please include cell if possible): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current AGA Member (not required)? \_\_\_\_\_

AGA Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Job Title and/or AGA Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) Planning to Work in New Orleans: \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of work are you able and willing to do? (Check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_ help at construction site

\_\_\_\_ office/admin work

\_\_\_\_ other--indicate what type here: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_

Airline & Flight Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you plan to stay in New Orleans? (e.g., indicate your hotel info, or indicate if you plan to stay at the University of New Orleans dorms at about \$30 per night. Contact: Elizabeth Johnson (504-280-7731) or email: [eyjohnson@uno.edu](mailto:eyjohnson@uno.edu).)

Will you have a personal or rental car available for ground transport? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to share the cost of a rental car with several others? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need to be picked-up at the airport? \_\_\_\_\_

Please email to Jeff Hart, [jeffshart@comcast.net](mailto:jeffshart@comcast.net), 303-907-4664



## 10TH ANNUAL AGA-DC/GWSCPA CONFERENCE

### THE NEW AGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

**MAY 3-4, 2011**

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**1300 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, NW, WASHINGTON, DC**

The AGA DC Chapter is excited to announce that registration **is open** for the 10th Annual AGA-DC Conference, co-sponsored by the Greater Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants (GWSCPA).

This year's conference focuses on the dynamic nature of today's financial management landscape as well as changes in government more broadly that impact that landscape. We will hear from government leaders on the latest progress, current initiatives and plans for improving and ensuring continued advances in accountability and transparency. The financial management community will share creative approaches and best practices they are adopting in response to these changes while maintaining operations, clean audit opinions and effective FM systems. And, back by popular demand, the Ethics session will be offered for those interested in earning your annual ethics CPE.

Attendees will have the opportunity to obtain up to **15** hours of CPE over the course of the two-day conference.

Early registration fee is \$425 for AGA-DC and GWSCPA members/\$500 for non-members. Early registration closes **March 31, 2011**.

Regular registration fee is \$550 for AGA-DC and GWSCPA members/\$625 for non-members. Regular registration closes **April 22, 2011**.

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[\[http://agadc.org/page.php?name=conference\\_information\]](http://agadc.org/page.php?name=conference_information)

## Education in the Year Ahead

*Carl Patton, Chair*

### 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
Tuesday, 3/22/2011	KPMG, LLP 2001 M Street, NW 6th Floor Training Room Washington, DC 20036	All Day Training	Classroom	8
Wednesday, 4/20/2011 2-3:50 pm	KPMG LLP 2001 M Street, NW 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room Washington, DC 20036	Fraud	Audio Conference	2



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**Wednesday, March 2nd 1:00pm – 2:00pm EST**

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