

## Chapter Meeting

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**Tuesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Featuring:**

**Featured Speaker:**  
**Jeff Steinhoff, Executive**  
**Director KPMG LLP**  
**“Improper Payments”**

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**6:15-7:15 pm, Meeting**

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## September Keynote Speaker

**Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CGFM, CPA, CFE**  
**Executive Director, KPMG LLP**

Jeff is the Executive Director of the KPMG Government Institute. Through the KPMG Government Institute, Mr. Steinhoff was instrumental in developing *The KPMG Executive Guide to High Performance in Federal Financial Management*. Integral to the Executive Guide is a framework that addresses the role of a finance organization across the finance, program, and enterprise



dimensions of an agency, which includes emphasis on performance measurement and reporting, operational planning, and managing for results.

Mr. Steinhoff also serves as the KPMG Executive Fellow to the CFO Academy at the Information Resources College of the National Defense University. The CFO Academy offers programs and services to develop the strategic leadership of competencies of Federal government financial managers.

In 2008, Mr. Steinhoff retired from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) after a 40-year federal career, 21 years of which were served in the Senior Executive Service. For the last almost 9 years of his federal career, Mr. Steinhoff served as Managing Director for Financial Management and Assurance and Assistant Comptroller General of the United States for Accounting and Information Management. He headed GAO's largest audit unit, with responsibility for oversight of financial management and auditing issues across the federal government.

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## Guest Speaker Biography *continued*

Included were the audits of the government's consolidated financial statements and the financial statements of the Internal Revenue Service, the Bureau of Public Debt, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; the development of the Financial Audit Manual used for all federal financial statement audits; the establishment of Government Auditing Standards and internal control standards; assessments of internal control, including implementation of Office of Management Budget Circular A-123; forensic auditing; financial management systems reviews; cost management; improper payments; and the full range of accountability and corporate governance issues.

Mr. Steinhoff represented GAO on the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Standing Advisory Group. He has served on the staff of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee and was a principal architect of the Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Act of 1990. He was involved with government-wide implementation of the CFO Act and other financial management improvement legislation for which he was also a principal architect.

### Professional and Industry Experience

He is a Past National President of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and is a member of its Professional Certification Board, which he founded and chaired from 1994 to 1998, and its National Awards Committee. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and has served on its Members in Government Committee and its Strategic Planning Advisory Committee. He served as Chair and was a longstanding member of the former Joint Financial Management Improvement Program's (JFMIP) Steering Committee.

The recipient of 36 professional awards, in 2006, Jeff was named the Outstanding CPA in the federal government by the AICPA and received the first-ever Excellence in Government Performance and Accountability Award from the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum. A three-time recipient of the Comptroller General's Distinguished Service Award, he received the Comptroller General's Award, GAO's highest honor in 2007. In 2000, he was one of only 26 individuals recognized by AGA for significant contributions toward advancing government accountability in federal, state, and local government over the past 50 years. Other AGA awards include the Elmer B. Staats Federal Leadership Award, the Robert W. King Memorial Award, the National President's Award in 1995, 1997, 2003, and 2009, the National Distinguished Leadership Award, and the National Special Achievement Award. In 2003 an Annual Leadership Award in Mr. Steinhoff's name was inaugurated by AGA's Northern Virginia chapter. In 1991, he was awarded JFMIP's Distinguished Leadership Award "for sustained leadership and significant contribution to the enactment of every major financial management reform legislation during the past decade".

### Publications and Speaking Engagements

Mr. Steinhoff is a widely recognized national spokesperson on government auditing, internal controls, financial management, and information management issues. He has testified extensively before the Congress on a wide range of financial management issues and legislation and before the SEC on internal control issues. He has published numerous professional articles. His most recent articles include *Taking the Next Steps to High Performance in Federal Financial Management* (Journal of Government Financial Management, Spring 2009); *The Government Management Reform Act of 1994: A Retrospective of Achievements and Remaining Challenges and a Look to the Future* (Journal of Government Financial Management, Winter 2008) for which he was selected the recipient of AGA's 2009 Author Award; and *Forensic Auditing – A Window to Combating Fraud, Waste, and Abuse* (Journal of Government Financial Management, Summer 2008). For an earlier article on the *Chief Financial Officers Act*, he received the Outstanding Author Award from the American Society of Military Comptrollers. He was the researcher and author of the AGA research guide, *Procuring Audit Services in Government: A Practical Guide to Making the Right Decision* (AGA CPAG Research Series Report No. 19, February 2009).

## President's Message

Welcome back NOVAGA members! I can't believe how quickly the hot summer months have passed and now we're back for another AGA year. I hope everyone had an opportunity to relax with their family and friends, and recharge the batteries to contribute to the new AGA year.

During the summer, the NOVAGA Board Members have been busy planning for this coming year by attending a planning session held in June, as well as the AGA Professional Development Conference in Orlando in July. From our meetings, our chapter has already proven our commitment to leadership in the area of Federal financial management and accounting with highly dedicated members helping to make our chapter successful in achieving all of our goals in the upcoming year. I feel very fortunate to be able to work with such outstanding individuals within the Federal community. As always, I encourage others to join us and get involved in the chapter to grow our professional organization as well as internally within each of our personal career development goal.



Looking forward, this year our chapter has specific goals to increase our chapter membership (within new careers as well as extending our membership basis among professionals), continue providing high-quality presentations and training events to the Federal community, increase our number of services provided and to promote social/community events to encourage individuals to get involved. To achieve these goals, our Board members have been working hard to think of creative ways to attract new members, obtain excellent resources to present during our chapter events and continue to give back to the Federal community with new hot topics facing all professionals.

This is an exciting time for the Federal community to make a difference within our individual agencies. With an increase in the number of new Federal legislations enacted within challenging deadlines, we as a community need each other's support to work efficiency to guide our respective agencies and organizations to be successful. One of my primary goals this year is to ensure our chapter strives to engage in and discuss the timely and difficult topics facing our members, and make trainings and speakers available to help us solve the often complex financial management and accounting issues. In addition to providing our program schedule, we will provide an opportunity for all members to contribute their ideas and suggestions for topics to be included in our program for the year to make sure all interests and needs are being addressed.

Again, I'm very much looking forward to the coming AGA chapter year. I look forward to seeing many familiar faces and meeting new chapter members as we continue to growth the chapter.

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

## Early Careers

*Lee Richardson, Chair*

### Greetings NOVAGA Early Career Members

Both the end of what looks to be a record breaking summer in the Northern VA area and the beginning of the 2010-2011 NOVAGA Program Year (PY) are quickly approaching. I hope that each of you had a wonderful summer and that you are excited about being involved in NOVAGA this year.

My name is Lee Richardson Jr. and I am the EC Director for the 2010-2011 PY. We also have a very strong sub-committee comprised of the following members: Bethany Wilder, Nabeel Ilyas, Tamara Miseyka, and Blake Covington. We are all extremely excited about the activities that we have planned and that our Board of Directors has approved. We hope to make this year a more rewarding and collaborative AGA experience for each of you.

To continue with that thought, we are pleased to announce that our kick-off event is a jointly sponsored (NOVA, DC, and PG Montgomery Co.) picnic at Haines Point Park in Washington DC. This event will provide an opportunity to relax with friends and co-workers, to meet and network with the sister chapters' EC members, and to enjoy **free** Famous Dave's bar-b-q! The event details are below.

**Date/Time:** September 18/12:00 -3:00 PM

**Place:** Haines Point Park (Washington DC)

**Food:** Famous Dave's

**What to Bring:** Your friends/coworkers & any game that you may want to play

**RSVP Date:** September 15 (email addresses are below)

As previously stated we are committed to enhancing your NOVAGA experience. In order to do that, we need to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our EC sub-committee members with suggestions or concerns that you may have. We will listen to all of your comments and where appropriate, make adjustments accordingly. On behalf of myself and the sub-committee, I would like to say, "Welcome to the 2010-2011 PY; we look forward to working with and getting to know you".

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## CGFM Update

*John Gioeli, Co-Chair*

*Mie Miller, Co-Chair*

## CGFM Study Group

The AGA Northern Virginia chapter is pleased to announce that the 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 14th and 28<sup>th</sup> (possibly October 5th if needed)

### **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](http://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](mailto: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 Marblestone 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](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm) for more information about the application process.

## CGFM Update *continued*

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## Community Service Spotlight

*Kristy Green, Chair*



### Mission Statement

N Street Village 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 Village also provides affordable rental housing for low and moderate income individuals and families.

### Vision Statement

N Street Village is recognized as an innovative and exemplary leader on issues related to the prevention and elimination of homelessness among women. Through its advocacy efforts, collaborative work with peer organizations, and trend-setting programs and services, N Street Village exports its influence and benefit beyond the N and 14th Street site. N Street Village continues to provide affordable rental housing for low and moderate-income individuals and families both at the original N and 14th Street site and elsewhere.

### Values Statement

N Street Village, founded in the hospitality and justice teachings of the Judeo-Christian tradition, is open to persons of all faiths, including the humanistic belief that all people are neighbors and responsible to care for each other. We see spiritual expression as an invaluable aspect of healing. We see spiritual traditions as sources of guidance toward a more just world.

- We serve our clients with hospitality, dignity, respect, compassion and hope for their future.
- We are committed to the advancement of social justice for all individuals in our community.
- We believe in responsibly managing the trust, resources, and commitment given to us by our community, donors, volunteers, and employees.

### Statement of Culture and Community

- We are a community of respect, recovery, and hope.
- We create a safe and welcoming place with our words and actions.
- We expect kindness and we value honesty and diversity.
- We honor and respect each other for the diversity of our experiences and the insight we bring to our work.
- We commit ourselves to grow personally and professionally.

We value spirituality and witness its many forms in our daily work.



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## 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.30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:cstreb@caci.com) by 9/30/2010.

### **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	TBD	Improving Program Performance & Accountability Through Cooperative Audit Resolution	Audio Conference	2
Wednesday, 10/20/2010 2-3:50 pm	TBD	Was It Fraud or Just Poor Audit Quality?	Audio Conference	2
Tuesday, 11/16/2010 3-5pm	Deloitte Waterview Conference Center, 24 <sup>th</sup> Floor 1919 North Lynn Street Arlington, VA 22209	VA Ethics	Classroom	2
Tuesday, 12/14/2010	TBD	Half Day Training	Classroom	4
Wednesday, 11/17/2010 2-3:50 pm	TBD	Achieving Transparency – The Next Step to Integrating Your Data	Audio Conference	2
Wednesday, 12/8/2010 2-3:50 pm	TBD	Internal Control and Risk Assessment—Thoughts from SAS 109 and 115	Audio Conference	2
Wednesday, 1/19/2011 2-3:50 pm	TBD	Are We Winning the Improper Payments Battle?	Audio Conference	2
Wednesday, 2/2/2011 2-3:50 pm	TBD	Internal Controls	Audio Conference	2
Tuesday, 3/22/2011	TBD	All Day Training	Classroom	8
Wednesday, 4/20/2011 2-3:50 pm	TBD	Fraud	Audio Conference	2

## Member Services

*Andrew Moss, Chair*

*Matt Abend, Chair*

# Join the Fun

## NOVA AGA - Happy Hour

### Tuesday, September 28, 2010



**Location:** The W Hotel Rooftop Terrance  
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