

NOVAGA Chapter Meeting

**Featuring: Kate Siggerud,
Managing Director, Physical
Infrastructure Issues
Government Accountability
Office**

**Wednesday
September 21st**

Registration and
Refreshments/Networking:
5:15 pm – 6:00 pm
Meeting:
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Executive Board Meeting:
7:00pm – 8:00 pm

MEMBERS: \$15 registered paid in advance or \$20 walk-in.

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Embassy Suites Hotel
1900 Diagonal Road
Alexandria, VA 22314

Directly across from the King Street Metro Yellow & Blue Lines or park at the hotel for \$6 after 5PM.

Menu:
Cocktail buffet of hot and cold
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Iced Tea and Water Service
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and wines are
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Presented by: Kate Siggerud

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She oversees and manages GAO’s work related to:

- telecommunications programs and policy,
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- the federal real property portfolio, and
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Ms. Siggerud received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Macalester College and a Master of Public Affairs degree from the University of Minnesota.

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President's Message

NOVAGA Chapter Members,

Welcome back!

What an eventful build-up to the start of our program year. First an earthquake then Irene, it is going to be hard to follow such excitement. The NOVAGA team will try to maintain the pace by providing a full year of value added, meaningful, and fun meetings and events. We are already starting with a bang! Our Early Careers and Membership committees have teamed up with the DC and Montgomery/PG County Chapters to once again offer a BBQ picnic at Hains Point park in Washington, DC on September 10th from 12:00-3:00 PM – the results from our e-mail invite have been phenomenal. Our CGFM Committee will begin the CGFM study group for Book 1 on September 13th, for more information check out the CGFM Update page. Our Education committee is hard at work planning our December half-day and ethics training and the Programs, Meetings, Membership and Community Service chairs are ready to bring you a full slate of speakers to provide quality CPE as well as rewarding networking and community service experiences for both the monthly meetings and special events. Registration for meetings and events on the NOVAGA website www.novaga.org.



In addition our Accountability Director is currently working to create NOVAGA's first ever Citizen's Centric Report, other committees are performing research, and gathering history, identifying outstanding local leaders in the Accounting/Financial Management arena, and doing what it takes to keep the business end of the chapter running smoothly. Everyone at the Chapter level is a volunteer. A complete list of the NOVAGA Executive Board for 2011-2012 is located at the end of the Newsletter and on our website. Each committee is responsible for several events during the program year. Our goal is to have co-chairs for each committee to share the wealth for planning, preparation and execution of each event but these committees can always use extra help. Please consider offering assistance to the committee of your choice for at least one event. You will find these are great people to work with and it is fun.

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Please take a look at their information placed throughout the newsletter.

Our regular board meetings are held immediately after the monthly chapter meetings. These meetings are open to all. I am very thankful to have such a wonderful group of people to work with.



NOVAGA exists because of you and for you. NOVAGA shall serve its members by providing or sponsoring appropriate educational programs, encouraging professional development, influencing governmental financial management policies and practices and serving as an advocate for the profession. Your continued membership and participation is key to NOVAGA's ability to do this. I want to thank all Chapter Members for your support

We have returned to the Embassy Suites in Old Town Alexandria after a two year break. Please plan to join us for our first Chapter Meeting on September 21st. Stay for the board meeting and get acquainted.

Here's to a great 2011-2012 program year!
Sincerely,
Kristy Green

Meeting Time and Place

The NOVAGA Chapter meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month beginning September 2011 thru May 2012, except as noted in the schedule below. Registration begins at 5:15 pm with refreshments and continues with a featured speaker or program at 6:00 pm and concludes at 7:00 p.m. The time between 5:15 and 6:00 is a great time for networking!!

The NOVAGA Chapter meets at the Embassy Suites - Old Town, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA. The Embassy Suites is conveniently located directly across from the King Street Metro station. Parking is available at the hotel at minimum cost (\$6.00).

Meeting Cost

Free for a member's first meeting, (must RSVP & let us know this is your first meeting) can become a member at the meeting so long as the membership application is left with the new members committee.

Members:	Non-Members:	Retired Members:
\$15 Pre- registered	\$25 Pre-registered	\$5 Pre-registered
\$20 Walk-in	\$30 Walk-in	\$10 Walk-in

Current Regular Meeting Schedule:

September 21, 2011

October 19, 2011

November 16, 2011 - Montgomery/PG Chapter will join us

April 18, 2012

January 18, 2012

***February 8, 2012 (NOVAGA meets at Montgomery/Chapter)**

*** February 8 is a Tuesday – to avoid conflict with AGA National Leadership Conference - Hilton Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike in Rockville, MD.**

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Early Careers Update

Lee Richardson Jr. and Bethany Wilder, Co-Chairs

Greetings NOVAGA Early Career Members

After having such a great program year last year, filled with events such as volunteering with the Arlington Food Assistance Center, happy hours, and a bbq at Haines Point, we look forward to organizing and executing even more successful and fun filled events for the 2011-2012 Program Year (PY). We have a great team in place with myself (Bethany Wilder), Blake Covington, and Lee Richardson Jr. serving as Co-Chairs for the Early Career (EC) Committee and a strong sub-committee comprised of Joseph Sutter, Kris Nance, Lola Giwa, and Sun Kim.

We are kicking off the program year by having a jointly sponsored (NOVA, DC, and PG/Montgomery Co.) picnic at Haines Point park in Washington, DC again this year. This event was extremely successful last year and we hope to have even more people attend this year! This is a great opportunity to relax with family, friends, and co-workers, meet and network with the sister chapters' EC members, and to enjoy **free** Famous Dave's bar-b-q so we hope you will attend and bring your family, friends, and co-workers along to join in on the fun!

Date/Time: September 10/12:00 -3:00 PM

Place: Haines Point Park (Washington DC)

Food: Famous Dave's

What to Bring: Your family/friends/coworkers & any games that you may want to play

RSVP Date: September 7 (email addresses are below)

If you are interested in learning more about AGA or attending any of the EC events planned for the 2011-2012 PY, we encourage you to reach out to any of the individuals listed below. In addition, if you have any suggestions on how to make the early career committee even better, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to hearing from you and having the opportunity to get to know you better throughout the PY!

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CGFM Update

Reid Mueller and Mie Miller, Co-Chairs

CGFM Study Group

The AGA Northern Virginia chapter is pleased to announce that the CGFM Study Group sessions have been scheduled. Space is limited to 25 people so please register early. The sessions will take place from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in Alexandria, VA on the following dates:

Part 1- Governmental Environment - 9/13, 9/20

Part 2 - Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting – 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13

Part 3- Governmental Financial Management and Control - 1/10, 1/17

Location:

Kearney and Company
1701 Duke Street, Suite 500
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
about 2 blocks from the Kings Street Metro.

Each session will be taught by a volunteer instructor from the NOVAGA Chapter.

You will need to visit the AGA website and fill out the CGFM application form. This process can take up to 6 weeks to complete. You will not be able to take the exams until your application is processed and you receive an eligibility letter from AGA. The instructors strongly recommend taking each test as we finish each book. The AGA web site is:

<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/start/default.aspx>

If you need books, you are responsible for purchasing the study guides available from The Association of Government Accountants (AGA). Cost is \$85 per book for all students. To get the most out of the study group sessions it is best to read the appropriate book before session starts. There is sometimes a 2 week delay in receiving the books. The books can be purchased directly from the AGA website:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studyGuideOrderForm.aspx>

NOVAGA will reimburse AGA member students \$35 for each study guide purchased. Please submit a copy of your invoice to an instructor in order to qualify for the reimbursement. Expect the reimbursement to arrive a couple of weeks after invoice submittal.

There is a \$5 fee to register for each part (Book 1, 2 and 3). Register for one, two or all three parts through the NOVAGA website: <http://www.novaga.org/cgfm.html>

Additional questions should be directed to Reid Mueller 202-345-2565 or mueller22031@yahoo.com

Please pass this along to anyone who might be interested.

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Community Service Spotlight

Community Service Raffle

NOVAGA Planned Community Service 50/50 Raffle* Community Service Organizations & Events for 2011/2012

At each meeting, NOVAGA will hold a 50/50 raffle whereby tickets will be sold during the social period and a drawing held at the close of the meeting. The raffle proceeds will be shared equally by the winning ticket holder and the community service organization honored at the meeting.

Schedule of Events Coming Soon!





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Membership

Michelle Amatangelo and Julia A. Vigneault, Co- Chairs

2011-2012 Year Look Ahead

Membership is the lifeblood of the NOVAGA. Without our members, we would cease to exist! That is why the Membership Committee is dedicated not only to attracting new members, but to ensuring that we meet and exceed the needs of our current members. We strive to keep all of our members involved and interested by planning and sponsoring a number of events and activities aimed at enhancing the membership experience. For the 2011-2012 year, the Membership Committee has the following activities planned, with more to come:

- *September 2011* – Co-sponsored Early Careers Famous Dave’s Picnic at Hains Point, East Potomac Park, Washington D.C. This event will be co-hosted with the D.C. and Prince George County Chapters and was a tremendous success last year.
- *October/November 2011* – Redskins football viewing party! Join us for fun, food, and football.
- *Spring 2012* – Community Service event, co-sponsored by the Community Service Committee. A wonderful opportunity to meet fellow members and work together to help our NOVA community.

Also for the 2011-2012 year, the Membership Committee is excited to announce the new NOVAGA site on LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com)! Here we will provide our members with timely information on upcoming events, activities, learning opportunities, and more.

We are excited about the coming year and the opportunity to better serve you, our members. If you have any suggestions as to how we can further enrich the NOVAGA membership experience, please contact Michelle Amatangelo at michelle.amatangelo@us.pwc.com or Julia Vigneault at julia.vigneault@morganfranklin.com.



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NOVAGA Financial Status

Shaila McCall, Treasurer

**NOVAGA
Balance Sheet**

	<u>Jun 30, 2011</u>
ASSETS	
Cash - checking	\$ 38,365.11
Cash - Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,612.18
Cash - Money Market	\$ 14,597.51
Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 13,951.90</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 72,526.70</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 4,006.31</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 4,006.31</u>
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	\$ 46,917.29
Net Income	<u>\$ 21,603.10</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 68,520.39</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 72,526.70</u></u>



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Income Statement**

	Year End 6/30/11
Income	
Corporate Contributions	\$ 31,300.00
Individ, Business Contributions	\$ 44.30
Affiliated Org. Contributions	\$ 707.00
Interest - Money Market	\$ 6.68
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	\$ 5.32
Membership Dues	\$ 14,673.60
Raffle proceeds	\$ 417.00
Registration fees	\$ 25,353.50
Total Income	\$ 72,507.40
Expense	
Cash Awards and Grants	\$ 150.00
Bank Fees	\$ 245.00
Charitable Contributions	\$ 1,113.18
Course Materials	\$ 3,825.00
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$ 1,250.58
Facilities Rental	\$ 9,202.50
Food and beverage	\$ 27,851.67
Gifts	\$ 204.71
Postage, Mailing Service	\$ 181.95
Printing and Copying	\$ 196.67
Registration charges	\$ 2,446.00
Supplies	\$ 657.64
Web Site, teleconference	\$ 239.40
Other Costs	\$ 587.00
Scholarships	\$ 2,030.00
Speaker Fees	\$ 500.00
Travel	\$ 223.00
Total Expense	\$ 50,904.30
Net Income	\$ 21,603.10

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