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Northern Virginia
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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear NOVAGA Membership,

Happy belated New Year!

I trust everyone enjoyed their holiday celebrations and were able to spend time relaxing with family and friends. As we round the corner into the second half of our 2022 – 2023 Program, we look back on a very successful first half and look forward to maintaining that success. Our monthly meetings will resume Wednesday, March

22, 2023 at the Washington Golf and Country Club. Our guest speaker will be Andrea Sampanis, CGFM, Grants Quality Service Management Office (QSMO) Lead at the U.S. department of Health and Human Services.

In addition to monthly meetings, we will reprise previous successful events such as the Summer Picnic, networking events, and Community Service opportunities. I heartily thank the members of the NOVAGA Board for ably producing these events and the membership at large for making them very successful.

I look forward to a full second-half of my term as your President and seeing you at our events.

Respectfully,
Joseph Hungate
President, 2022-2023
Northern Virginia Chapter

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Is Your AGA Membership Current?

AGA's program year ends June 30th. Check your membership card or log into your AGA profile today to confirm your renewal date. If you haven't already renewed, consider doing so today!

Your AGA membership gives you many benefits, including education and networking opportunities, discounts on chapter and national events, and access to many resources. In fact, each year, AGA members receive at least 14 hours of complementary training / CPE credit on a variety of topics – FOR FREE!

Membership in the NOVAGA chapter only increases this benefit! NOVAGA is one of 90+ AGA chapters nationwide and supports AGA's core values of service, accountability, integrity, and leadership. The NOVAGA chapter provides networking opportunities within and with other local chapters, CPE credit through chapter meetings and special events, and assists members in obtaining their CGFM® certification by offering study groups to its membership.



To check your membership status, sign into your AGA account at agacgfm.org and renew today!

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UPCOMING NOVAGA Chapter Events

NOVAGA Chapter Meetings

Our next chapter meetings will be held in-person at the Washington Golf and Country Club, located at 3017 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA. Members may also attend virtually. Parking is free, and attendees will receive 1 CPE credit. For additional details and to register, check your email and the chapter's website at www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/NOVAGA.

Join the NOVAGA Chapter for its monthly meeting on **March 22nd** from 6pm to 8:30pm. This meeting will feature **Andrea Sampanis, Grants Quality Service Management Office (QSMO) Lead at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**. Ms. Sampanis will speak on how the Grants QSMO mission offers federal awarding agencies shared information technology (IT) solutions and services that empower agencies and grant recipients to deliver efficiently and effectively on the agency's \$1T annual grants mission.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) created QSMOs in OMB Memo M-19-16 (April 2019) to improve agency mission delivery through the use of efficient, effective, and modern federal shared services. OMB designated DHHS as the Grants QSMO in January 2021. In her role at the Grants QSMO Lead, Ms. Sampanis works across government improving the way agencies buy services and share systems. Ms. Sampanis earned her MPA from George Washington University and her BA from Providence College. She is a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM), is SAP ERP certified, and has her COR Level II certification.

Registration for this event opened March 10th. If you have not yet registered you can click [here](#).

NOVAGA Spring Workshop

Planning is ongoing for this year's Spring Workshop, scheduled as a hybrid event on **April 27th** and will be held at KPMG's office in the Training Center located at 1801 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Upon completion of this annual workshop, participants will be able to explain updated accounting and auditing guidance from the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB), Department of the Treasury (Treasury), and other organizations applicable to financial management and the government environment and learn new management techniques and practical tips to increase efficiencies in government financial operations.



Check your email or the Chapter's **Event Calendar** soon for how to register and costs.

NOVAGA Annual Gala

Planning is beginning now for NOVAGA's Annual Gala!! This year's Gala will be held **July 15th** at the Washington Golf & Country Club (3017 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA).

To receive additional information and registration information, make sure your account at **EZ Facility** is active and up to date to allow email notifications.



Beginning in 2022, NOVAGA began using EZFacility to manage communications. If you haven't created your account yet, please contact Katie Labadie (k.labadie@rmafed.com) or Katie Hirsekorn (k.hirsekorn@rmafed.com) to set up your account today!

After creating your account, don't forget to make sure your settings / preferences allow for email notifications to receive emails about upcoming events!

Local Chapter Events

Check out these events at other chapters in our area.

DC AGA Chapter

- 3/22/2023, Monthly Luncheon featuring Deirdre Harrison, Acting Controller, OMB
- 3/29/2023, Annual Spring Conference
 - 2 Day Hybrid Event offering up to 16 CPEs meeting VA, DC, and MD CPE requirements
 - AGA Member Registration \$350
 - Register [here](#)

Montgomery/Prince George's County AGA Chapter

- 3/29/2023, Leading Recovery: The Evolving Role of the Public Sector CFO
 - 12pm – 1pm
 - Virtual Event
 - Carol Ann Booth, KPMG will moderate a panel consisting of Mike Wetklow, National Science Foundation; Olga Kuznestova, Translink, and Mark Johnson, ACCA
 - RSVP [here](#)
- Check out the chapter website at <https://www.agacqfm.org/Chapters/Montgomery-P-G-Chapter/Home.aspx>

*Please join us in-person for these networking opportunities!
CPE events are offered as in-person or virtual events.*

Upcoming AGA Meetings & Events

March 2023							April 2023							May 2023						
Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat	Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat	Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						27	28	29	30	31		

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS AND TRAININGS

April 18

Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Workshop | In-Person | 5.5 CPEs

This event provides participants with practical insight from Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) leaders. The workshop includes presentations as well as facilitated table discussions, where conversations will move from academic discussions to “how-to” explanations and examples. The small, facilitated groups enhance opportunities for both hands-on work and Q&A sessions.

Private-sector participation is available via sponsorship only. Click [here](#) to learn more / register.

May 4

Performance Improvement Officers (PIO) / Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Summit | In-Person | 4 CPEs

Hundreds of PIOs, CFOs, and other government officials, managers, and analysts attend the PIO/CFO Summit each year to discuss the policies that impact and call for greater collaboration between the federal financial management, evidence, and performance communities.

Private-sector participation is available via sponsorship only; sponsorship details are noted on AGA's website [here](#). Click [here](#) to learn more / register.

See AGA's website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Events.aspx> for additional trainings and events.

AGA WEBINARS

Check out AGA's Training & Events page for upcoming Webinars on AGA's website [here](#). Webinars marked with an asterisk (*) are free members-only events; all others include a registration fee.

- ◇ March 22 | Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management in the Federal Sector | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ March 29 | CPAG Wake-Up Wednesday Coffee Chat | Virtual | 0 CPEs
- ◇ April 5* | A State of Flux – Shake Up Within Our Profession | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ April 12 | Ethics | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ April 26 | CARS Act / ARPA | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ May 10 | Fraud / Data Analytics | Virtual | 2 CPEs
- ◇ May 24 | Leadership | Virtual | 2 CPEs

AGA ONLINE TRAINING PORTAL

Check out AGA's Online Training Portal page for its Federal Financial Management Course Library contents (<https://aga.learnupon.com/store>). AGA's Federal Financial management Course Library was developed and presented by Wendy Payne, former Executive Director of FASAB, and provides online, on-demand courses. For a nominal charge, AGA members can purchase any of the five courses currently available online.

New NOVAGA Members

We are excited to welcome new members to the Northern Virginia Chapter; these new members joined our chapter since the last newsletter (Winter 2022).

<u>November 2022</u>			
William Forbes	Joy Tu		
<u>December 2022</u>			
Christina Kurtz	Michael Kurtz	Meaghan McDonald	Michael Parnell
Adam Reidenbach	Nina Wang		
<u>January 2023</u>			
Kenneth Augst, IV	Emily Bianco	Nadine Bou Debs	Sireesha Deena
Richard Hanslovan	Gabrielle Hanson	Rebecca Kinzinger	Jessica Kuykendall
Nitin Mahabal	Tyeshia McIntyre-Bray	Alexandra Shrader	LaRon York
<u>February 2023</u>			
Birollei Debela	Thomas Harker	Edward Kim	Erin Mather
Toylise Moore	Maria Adelaida Ott	Katsi Rivera-Medina	

Lifetime Members

Lifetime membership is bestowed upon individuals who have maintained active members status for at least 40 consecutive years, to recognize their distinguished service to AGA. This means that as of today, NOVAGA's lifetime members have been active since at least 1981; in fact, NOVAGA has two lifetime members that have been active since joining in 1965 – 57 years ago!

Lifetime memberships are awarded each January, with the next slate of lifetime members to be awarded in early 2023. In 2022, NOVAGA had three of its members attain lifetime status, bringing our total lifetime number to 36!

To all of our Lifetime Members, thank you for your continued support, and your service to our chapter, and to AGA.



thank you!

NOVAGA Membership Anniversaries

The NOVAGA Chapter recognizes and congratulates our chapter members on their milestone anniversaries as of November 2022.

Thank you for your continued support!

<u>Lifetime Members (40+ Years)</u>			
Christine Baughman	David W. Bieritz	Dennis K. Black	Charles L. Cipolla
Geoffrey B. Frank	Edward C. Gillen	Richard L. Jackson	Charles J. Roy
Douglas R. Smith	Richard W. Sucher	Dale C. Williams	Shelton R. Young
<u>30 Years</u>			
John C. Craig	Donna M. France		
<u>25 Years</u>			
Richard L. Brown	Rosemary M. Jellish	Jennifer Margaret Lopez	Lynne Martin
Sandra S. Silzer	Victoria A. Smith		
<u>20 Years</u>			
John D. Cewe	Sydney S. Hart	William T. Hughes	
<u>15 Years</u>			
Aurpon Bhattacharya	Duane Bollers	Robert J. Henke	Victoria P. Hulick
Aaron Lewis	Diane K. Magrum-Doegah	Abiy T. Metchia	Ketan R. Patel
Heather L. Rasmussen	Mary Lynn Rich	Towanda Stewart	Torsten Timm
Seth Waugaman	Anthony A. Wisdom	Carol Wronosky	James Yu
<u>10 Years</u>			
Mark Dever	Richard Lawrence McCarthy	Leta A. Potts	Aaron A. Reed
Patricia A. Thomas	James Velez, Sr.	Nina Wang	
<u>5 Years</u>			
Ramsey J. Abdeljawad	Theodore J. Andrewlevich, Jr.	John P. Baker	Willie R. Boykin
Paige Diller	Alexandria N. Gardner	Eric Heffernan	Kathryn Labadie
Nannette N. Langford	Eric J. McGowan	Frank J. Mustari	William D. Parker
Maura L. Russell	Natallia Semiankova	Kathleen Sifer	Herman Smith
Emily G. Steinhagen	Tewodros A. Tessema	Adam E. Thompson	Juliet M. Vargas
Andrew W. Wright			
<u>1 Year</u>			
Adam Bartell	Mark J. Bednarz	Ravi Bhatia	Michael A. Bradshaw
Eric Bryda	Patricia Diaz-Perez	William Arthur Forbes	Joanne Chavez Foster
Heather M. Gallagher	Jordan R. Ghaffari	Elizabeth Harris	Tracey Jordan
Michael Kurtz	Meaghan Marie McDonald	Ryan Monaco	Mark Novelli
Keith K. Omniewski	Michael Parnell	Rhett Raham	Dawayne Robinson
Alex D. Rodriguez	Lynda M. Romero Berenguer	Paul G. Storer	Lakeia D. Truesdale
Joy X. Tu	Cody Michael Wolfe		

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NOVAGA recognizes and applauds our chapter members who have obtained their CGFM® certification since the last publication of the chapter's newsletter.

For more information on the CGFM, check out the CGFM page on our Chapter's website [here](#).



Mr. David J. Primmer – August 2022
Dr. Christopher N. Horton – August 2022
Mr. Nestor R. Lizama – August 2022
Mrs. Andrea Darris – September 2022
Mr. Kenneth R. Augst, IV – September 2022
Ms. Laura McGill – September 2022
Ms. Elizabeth Sodipo – November 2022
Ms. Betty Durosier – November 2022
Andrew Manson, Jr. – November 2022
Mr. William J. Russell, III – November 2022
Ms. Robyn S. Berkenbilt – December 2022

Upcoming CGFM Event:

Webinar: Cybersecurity Supply Chain
Risk Management in the Federal Sector
FY 2022 CEAR Reviewer's Training

- ✓ 2 CPEs
- ✓ Field of Study: IT
- ✓ March 22, 2023
- ✓ 2:00 – 3:15PM ET

To learn more about this event and other webinars, and to register, click [here](#).

Have you checked out AGA's CGFM Online Training Portal? Check it out [here](#).



Tips of the Month:

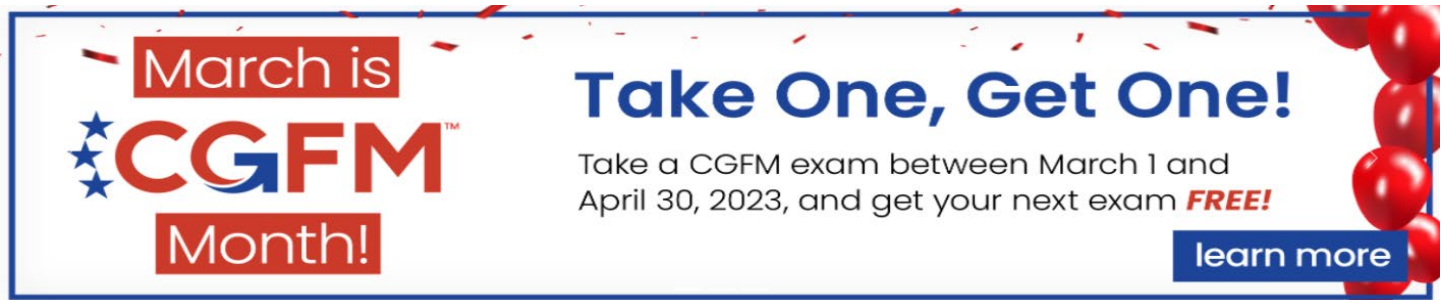
Tip #1

- With the recent start to the new year, it is good practice to aim for 3.5 CPEs per month. If you achieve this manageable goal, you will be positioned to meet the continuing professional education requirements, if applicable. Please note that there is a limit to 20 hours in taxation per cycle and 4 hours must be in ethics.

Tip #2

- If you decide to take an instructor led CGFM Training, ask questions related to the material. This will make the learning more engaging and help others too.

AGA CGFM News

A promotional banner for the 'March is CGFM Month' promotion. On the left, it says 'March is' in a red box, followed by the CGFM logo (three stars and the letters CGFM), and 'Month!' in another red box. To the right, the text 'Take One, Get One!' is written in large blue letters. Below this, it says 'Take a CGFM exam between March 1 and April 30, 2023, and get your next exam **FREE!**'. In the bottom right corner, there is a blue button with the text 'learn more'. The banner is decorated with red confetti and red balloons on the right side.

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Take a CGFM exam between March 1 and April 30, 2023, and get your next exam **FREE!**

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Here's how it works:

1. **Take** one of your CGFM examinations between March 1 and April 30, 2023.
2. **Request** a voucher code for your next CGFM examination by emailing agacgfm@agacgfm.org as soon as you take your exam, and no later than **May 7, 2023**.
3. **Receive** one exam voucher code via email.
4. **Schedule and take** your next CGFM exam using the voucher code as payment by **July 31, 2023**.

Terms and conditions:

- Taking a CGFM exam prior to March 1, 2023 will not qualify for this promotion.
- We recommend requesting your voucher code as soon as you take the exam during the March-April 2023 timeframe.
- Voucher codes will **only** be issued to current CGFM candidates who took a CGFM examination between March 1 and April 30, 2023, and who still have to pass at least one CGFM examination. Voucher codes will only be distributed to those who request them.
- Voucher codes will be distributed on specific dates only: 3/15, 3/31, 4/17, 5/1 and 5/12. Vouchers will be sent to individuals who have met the above requirements and request the voucher at least three days prior to the distribution date.
- Each candidate may only receive one voucher code and they are non-transferable.
- All voucher codes will expire on **July 31, 2023** and will not be extended for any reason. Testing appointments may fill up – candidates are encouraged to request their voucher code and schedule their appointment as soon as possible.

Questions?

Any questions regarding this promotion should be directed to AGA's Office of Professional Certification at agacgfm@agacgfm.org or 703.684.6931.

CGFM Month

Governor Glenn Yougkin recognized March 2023 as CGFM Month in the Commonwealth of Virginia per the Certificate of Recognition on the next page. In addition to the opportunities and benefits provided to CGFMs, this recognition calls out the importance of AGA's CGFM program.



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

Certified Government Financial Manager Month

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants has a network of more than 14,000 members in 96 chapters in the United States and around the world representing senior executives, mid-level managers, entry-level employees, elected officials, professors, and students; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), established in 1974, has approximately 300 active members representing state, federal, municipal, and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the AGA Richmond Chapter members uphold the standards established in the Code of Ethics and respond to the AGA's mission of advancing accountability, transparency, and leadership by promoting education, certification, innovation, and collaboration across all levels of government and to stakeholders in service to citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of the AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate education and employment history to abide by the AGA's Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the CGFM program of the AGA requires the successful completion of three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting; and

WHEREAS, each CGFM holder is required to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years; and

WHEREAS, Certified Government Financial Manager Month promotes opportunity and ethics in financial management throughout government, advances government accountability through the CGFM program, and celebrates the hard-working men and women who demonstrate dependability, initiative, and practical stewardship of states resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize March 2023, as **CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH** in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Early Careers Membership Event

Early Career membership in AGA provides access to resources to develop skills and expand knowledge in government financial management. Becoming part of AGA builds professional connections, boosts job performance, and advances members' careers while positively impacting their community and country.

On April 5, 2023, NOVAGA Board members will speak to students at George Washington University about membership in AGA and how that membership can help enhance and further their careers. Speakers at this event include:

- Joseph Hungate, NOVAGA President
- Christopher Choi, Early Careers Chair
- Kiera Murphy, NOVAGA Assistant Treasurer

If you are interested in helping with or have questions about this event, please contact Christopher Choi, Early Careers Chair (christopherchoi@KPMG.com) or Jacob MacDonald, Membership Committee Chair (Jacob.Macdonald@ey.com).

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To send ideas on and for information about future networking and social gathering events, please contact Jacob MacDonald, Membership Chair at Jacob.macdonald@ey.com.

Update Your Email

Each year, NOVAGA's Membership Committee plans the various chapter-level events that occur alongside the educational and award events, and the many happy hours, skiing, snowboarding, and other sporting events, and fundraisers. While the events were far fewer in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID restrictions and safety concerns, the Committee began hosting some in-person events in late 2021 and even more in 2022. 2023 promises to be no different!

In this upcoming year, our social, educational, and other events will take place in-person and virtually when possible. Events that are in-person will also depend on COVID-related guidance from CDC and Virginia to ensure that all attendees are safe.

To make sure you receive all updates on future educational and social events from AGA and NOVAGA, check your profile and make sure your email is up to date! And don't forget to check your spam folder – you may need to add NOVAGA as a safe address to receive updates.

Check Your



Attention Chapter Members!



If you have any pictures taken at any NOVAGA events (virtual or in-person events) or have information that should be included in the newsletter, please email the Newsletter Editors (Naomi Martinez at naomimartinez@kpmg.com or Sonia Kessler at skessler@cottoncpa.com).

Past Chapter Events

NOVAGA Chapter Meetings

The Northern Virginia Chapter has held several in-person / hybrid networking events this program year. Our members have

On **November 16th** NOVAGA held its monthly chapter meeting and networking event at the Washington Golf & Country Club in Arlington, VA. The evening's moderator, Larry Koskien, led the three-person panel in a great discussion about ***Agency – Inspector General (IG) Alignment that Respects IG Independence and Agency Management*** with several members from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Thank you to Larry Koskien for moderating the event and also to our panelists that evening:

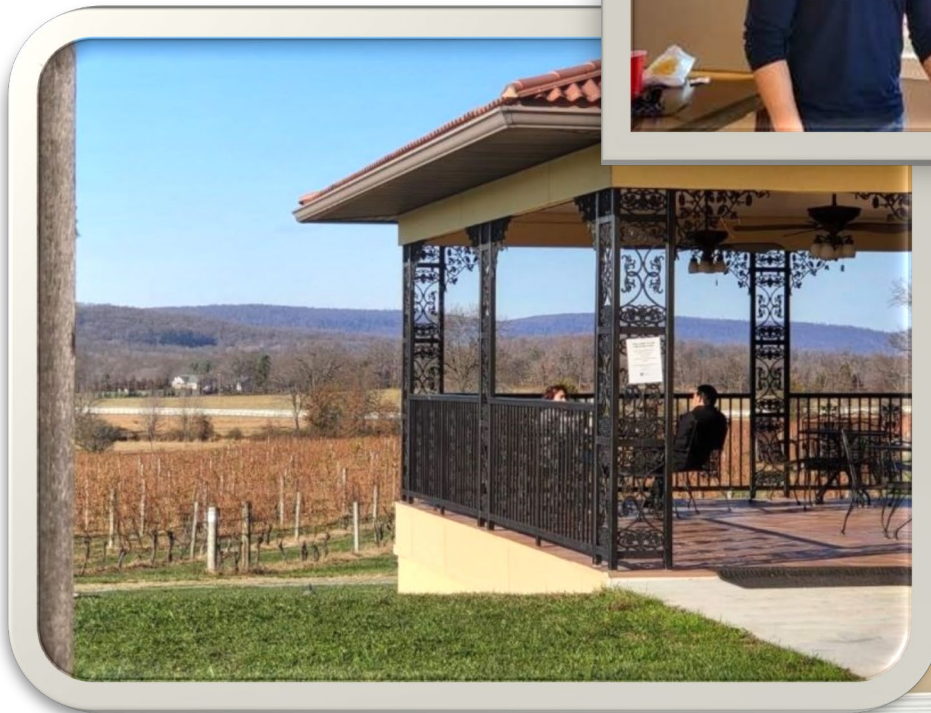
- Vinay Singh, Chief Financial Officer, HUD;
- Rae Oliver Denis, IG, HUD; and Irv Dennis, Ernst & Young Senior Partner, Former CFO of HUD, founding member of ACI, and published author "Transforming a Federal Agency."



2022 Chapter Loudon County Winery Tour

On Saturday, November 19, 2022, several NOVAGA members toured three local wineries in Loudon County. They enjoyed samples from the Breaux Vineyard (Purcellville, VA), Barns at Hamilton Station (Hamilton, VA), and Bluemont Vineyard (Bluemont, VA).

As you can see in the pictures below, everyone had a marvelous time. And what a view!



Additional CPE Opportunities

NOVAGA has continued its agreement with Becker to offer members even more CPE opportunities!

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- Unlimited access to Becker's OnDemand CPE course catalog
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- A \$299 value for a flat cost of \$50 for one year

Once registered, access will be granted within the first week of the following calendar month.

If you are interested in signing up for Becker, please contact Katie Labadie at k.labadie@rmafed.com or Katie Hirsekorn at k.hirsekorn@rmafed.com.

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Thank you to our corporate sponsors for supporting our Chapter and our members during this program year. Through your continued support, we can continue to offer the Becker CPE program at a discounted rate, hold chapter meetings and CGFM study groups, and other networking and membership events.

For information on becoming a corporate sponsor for the this program year (2022 – 2023) or the next program year (2023 – 2024), please contact our Corporate Sponsor Chair (Chris Horton at c.horton@rmfed.com) or our current President (Joseph Hungate (j.hungate@rmfed.com)).

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The Northern Virginia Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (NOVAGA) is an association with almost 1,100 members from the federal, state, local, public and private practices, with a mission statement to serve professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

We would love to hear from you! Feel free to email one of our board members directly, connect with us on social media, or check out our home page at www.agacqfm.org/Chapters/NOVAGA.



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