

AGIA Northern Virginia Chapter NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is with a mix of gratitude and reflection that I address you for the last time as the President of the Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA. It seems like only yesterday I was writing my first message, filled with

anticipation for the year ahead. Today, I am filled with a deep appreciation for the journey we shared.

Reflecting on this past program year, I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together. We began with a commitment to foster connection

and professional development. A major highlight was strengthening our collaboration with our sister chapters the Washington, DC Chapter and the Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter by holding several successful combined events. Furthermore, under the trailblazing leadership of Chris Horton, we launched the new State and Local Government Committee, which hosted its inaugural events this year and created a new forum for our members. Through these initiatives and a dynamic blend of chapter-specific events, your active participation was the cornerstone of our success.

We also set out to nurture our community by focusing on retaining and growing our membership and strengthening our commitment to the communities where we live and work. Our continued partnerships with organizations like Junior Achievement Finance

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Park and the Fairfax County Park Authority have allowed us to make a tangible and positive impact.

As we close out this chapter year, I am eagerly looking forward to celebrating our collective achievements with you at our Annual Awards Gala on July 11, 2026, at the Washington Golf & Country Club in Arlington Virginia. It will be a wonderful evening to honor the outstanding contributions in our fields and to commemorate a successful year together.

Serving as your President has been an immense honor and one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional life. This chapter is defined by the dedication, expertise, and passion of its members. I want to extend my deepest thanks to every one of you, our dedicated board members, and our tireless volunteers. Your commitment is the driving force

behind our chapter's vitality and success.

As I pass the torch to our next President, I am confident that the Northern Virginia Chapter will continue to thrive and reach new heights. The future holds exciting possibilities, and your continued involvement is crucial to shaping it.

Thank you for your trust, your engagement, and for making this year so memorable. I look forward to continuing to serve alongside you as a proud member of our AGA community.

Sincerely,

Irfan Satriadhi

President, 2025-2026 AGA Northern Virginia Chapter



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UPCOMING NOVAGA CHAPTER MEETINGS & EVENTS

NOVAGA has several chapter meetings scheduled for this program year, with great speakers. To our speakers, we thank you so much for giving us your time, energy, and providing us with insight into some great topics.

7/11

NOVAGA Gala

Washington Golf & Country Club • 6–9pm

The time is quickly approaching for the 2026 AGA Northern Virginia Chapter Annual Awards Gala. We are thrilled to share an exciting update as we get closer to this year's Roaring Twenties-themed celebration.

We are proud to announce the recipients of the 2026 AGA NoVA Chapter Awards:

Jeffrey Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management

Christopher C. Alvarez

Pentagon Memorial Service Award

Olivia Ranakusuma

Federal Financial Partnership Award

Alexander Ries

Presidential Award for Distinguished Service

Kevin Love

Presidential Award for Leadership Excellence

Rhett Raham

Presidential Award for Chapter Service

Thomas Luong

Please join us as we honor these outstanding professionals and celebrate their contributions to our community.

If you haven't registered yet, there's still time to secure your spot for this unforgettable evening. The event will feature a buffet dinner, drinks, DJ, a dance floor, and a photobooth to capture your best Gatsby-inspired moments.

We look forward to celebrating with you.

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UPCOMING NOVAGA CHAPTER
MEETINGS & EVENTS CONT'D

9/17

AGA Chapter Meeting (In Person)

Washington Golf & Country Club • 6–9pm

* SAVE the DATE! *

11/10

NOVAGA State and Local
Government Breakfast

Washington Golf & Country Club • 8:30–10am

* SAVE the DATE! *

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS AND TRAININGS

SAVE THE DATE

7/21-7/23

Professional Development Training 2026 (PDT)

Hybrid (DC) | Up to 20 CPEs

PDT 2026 will bring together 3,000+ financial professionals in Washington, D.C. and online July 21-23, 2026, to explore cutting-edge strategies in government financial management. Earn up to 20 CPEs, engage with leaders in the profession, and discover solutions to boost government accountability, efficiency, and innovation.

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UPCOMING AGA WEBINARS

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

VIEW UPCOMING WEBINARS



7/15

Expand Your Career Options
with AGA and CGFM (FREE)

2:00-2:30pm

Keeping Accountability on Track

PDT 2026

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ADDITIONAL TRAININGS AND EVENTS





UPCOMING AGA WEBINARS CONT'D

7/30

**Strategies for Success for CGFM
Candidates (FREE)**

2:00–2:30pm

8/26

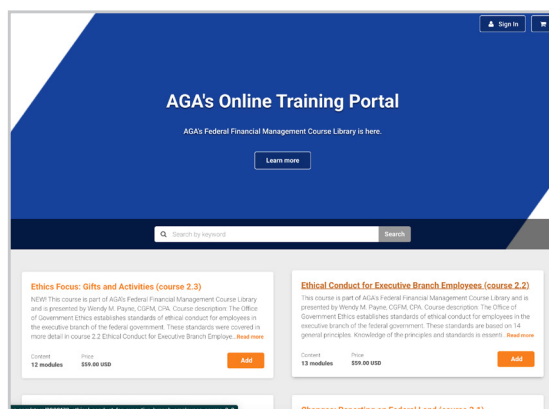
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AGA ONLINE TRAINING PORTAL

Check out AGA's Online Training Portal page for its Federal Financial Management Course Library contents. 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.

ACCESS THE TRAINING PORTAL





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT RHETT RAHAM

Q1: Tell us a little bit about yourself and your career.

A: After graduating from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas five years ago, I relocated to the Washington, D.C. area to pursue my passion for federal financial statement auditing. I began my career with KPMG, where I supported a major Department of War (DoW) engagement and gained valuable experience working in the federal audit environment. Since then, I have continued to build my expertise in governmental accounting and auditing, working with a variety of federal agencies and stakeholders. Today, I am proud to be part of EY's Government and Public Sector practice, where I continue to support the DoW in their auditability journey.

Q2: What was one of your first jobs and how did it shape your career?

A: One of my first professional experiences was an internship with Deloitte Tax LLP. While the internship provided valuable exposure to the accounting profession, it also helped me discover where my true interests lie. I realized that I was much more passionate about auditing than tax because audit work involves extensive collaboration, problem-solving, and teamwork. Working closely with clients and colleagues toward a common objective was something I found especially rewarding, and that

experience ultimately helped guide my career path into federal auditing.

Q3: How did you learn about AGA and what made you get involved with the NOVAGA chapter?

A: I first learned about AGA through one of my mentors, Evan Mount, who encouraged me to get involved as a way to connect with other professionals in the federal audit community. I'm incredibly grateful for that introduction. Becoming involved with the NOVAGA has allowed me to build meaningful relationships with professionals across government and industry. The connections I've made through AGA have broadened my perspective, strengthened my professional network, and created friendships that I expect will last throughout my career.

Q4: How do you anticipate AGA will contribute in your career development?

A: AGA has already had a significant impact on my career. The relationships and connections I developed through the organization played an important role in my transition to EY. Looking ahead, I expect AGA will continue to provide opportunities to connect with government leaders, industry professionals, and prospective clients. Beyond networking, AGA offers valuable professional development resources and insights into emerging issues in government accounting, all of which will help me continue to grow as a leader in the federal audit space.

Q5: Are there any membership benefits you are looking forward to?

A: One of the aspects of AGA that I enjoy most is the opportunity to connect with fellow members through networking and social events. This year's ski trip to Liberty Mountain was a great experience, and it was a fun way to build relationships outside of the workplace. The Fall Wine Tour is another annual tradition that I always look forward to. These events create a unique environment for professionals to connect, share experiences, and strengthen the sense of community within the chapter.

Q6: Do you have any advice for professionals in government?

A: My advice would be to take advantage of opportunities that genuinely excite you, even if they push you outside of your comfort zone. Some of the most rewarding experiences in my career have come from saying "yes" to new challenges and responsibilities. You never know which opportunity will lead to a new skill, a valuable connection, or the next step in your career. Being proactive, staying

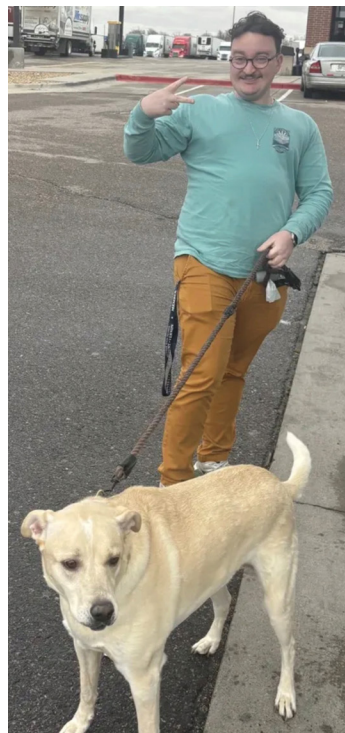
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curious, and remaining open to growth can make a tremendous difference over time.

Q7: What is something most people do not know about you?

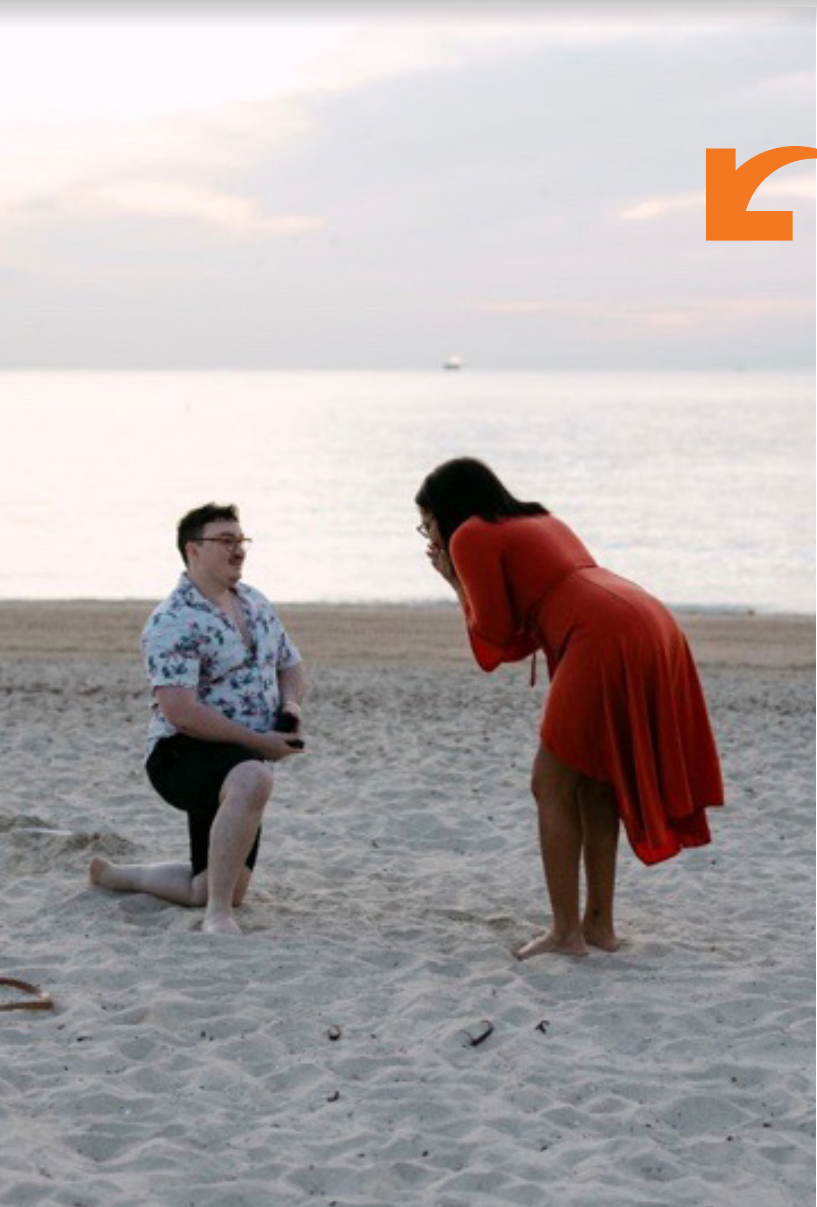
A: Most people are surprised to learn that I was a member of my college marching band and played the baritone. It was a memorable part of my college experience and taught me lessons in teamwork, discipline, and performance under pressure. Looking back, many of those same skills have carried over into my professional career and continue to serve me well today.



CELEBRATIONS & MILESTONES

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

NOVAGA extends its heartfelt congratulations to Rhett Raham and Jaslin Madrigal on their engagement. Having met through AGA two years ago, they are a true testament to the power of AGA connections.





NEW NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER MEMBERS

March 2026

Emilio Pope, Colleen Heywood, Marian Botchway
Cindy Wu, Erica Guillot, Ryan Hatamosa, Julia
Stevenson, Jose Ayala Torres

April 2026

Colleen Burke, Tracy Bradley, Byron Poindexter, II, Nathan
Wells, Sarah Mavor, Kindler Joel, Ethan Synsteliën, Archie
Wright, Ryan Flood, Georgina Grob, Wasfi Alnabki,
Darlene Bennett, Douglas Borden, III, William Boyle, Jr.,

April 2026 cont'd

Amy Brayshaw, Christopher Calfee, Soumya
Chakraverty, Carla Cunningham, Eileen
Famiglietti, Reyner Fouch, Brandon Fowlkes,
Kimberly Grippio, Mark Hill, James Holm,
Isata Jalloh, Roya Kamalzadeh, Chase Kelly,
Kurt Kramer, Charles Liles, John Major, Alicia
Martinovich, Curtis Masiello, Russell Moore, II,
Timothy OKeefe, Christopher Pistrutto, Eugene
Schied, Nathaniel Voois, Montrice Yakimov

May 2026

Yi Cheng



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ANNIVERSARIES – LIFETIME

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 14 lifetime members, with two that have been active since joining in 1965– 61 years ago! Our lifetime members have a combined 681 years of service! 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. Lifetime memberships are awarded each January, with the next slate of lifetime members to be awarded in early 2027. In January 2026, our total lifetime members rose to 34. To all of our Lifetime Members, thank you for your continued support, and service to chapter, AGA. The NOVAGA Chapter recognizes congratulates chapter members on their milestone anniversaries from March 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026.

LIFETIME MEMBERS (40+ YEARS)

*Rex A. Baggett
Patrick J. Fitzgerald
Joyce L. Fitzhugh
Harold R. Gill
Charles M. Hicks
Ronald H. Johnson
N. Carl Jordahl
William J. Keating
John Raymond Laney
Thomas J. Muldoon
Robert B. Peterson
Harold L. Stugart
Thomas E. Young
Montrice Yakimov*

ANNIVERSARIES – CONTINUED

(30 YEARS)

Nauri D. Ahmed
 Carl W. Hoecker
 David C. Merrill
 Deirdre M. Reed

(20 YEARS)

Jaheda H. Guliwala
 Hira Shafqat Hasan
 Wesley Kenyon
 Ily E. Soares

(15 YEARS)

Francisco A. Estevez
 Curtis Gordon
 Gregory Hammett
 Chanon Jay Miller
 Jessica Anne Sharp
 Eric Tarmy
 Jamila D. Webb
 Diane Exler Rudnick
 Jennifer A. Minix

(10 YEARS)

Mani Allu
 Dylan J. Erickson
 Matthew R. Martinez
 Trevor L. Mcnamara
 Lisa Yoo

(5 YEARS)

Joann M. Gallagher
 Brendan W. Kearney
 Kathryn Valentine
 Ryan C. Waguespack
 Silas J. York
 Christine A. Guevara

(1 YEAR)

Michael W. Robinson
 Rebekah Williams
 Jeannetta Leniece
 Mckinney
 Joshua Briggs
 Kelsey Do
 Jessica Kerns
 Gina G. Roach
 Jestina Sesay
 Gi Ho Yang

**AGA NOVAGA INSTAGRAM HANDLE!****@AGANOVACHAPTER**

Our AGA member Jaslin Madrigal Castro has created AGA NOVAGA Instagram Handle. Feel free to add, share and or contact Jaslin at Jaslin.S.Madrigal.Castro@ey.com to send anything you would like to add to our Instagram.

**AGA NOVAGA LINKEDIN PAGE**

Check the Chapter's LinkedIn page for more information on chapter meeting events.





CGFM CORNER

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM®) certification demonstrates competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state, and local levels. The CGFM® is unique because it not only encompasses a specialized focus on government financial management, but it also has broad coverage of various aspects of financial management at all levels of government.

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

NEW CGFMs

Mr. Alexander Ries, CGFM
March 2026

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CGFM CHANGES

New editions of the 3 CGFM study guides are now available!

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The CGFM examinations have begun following the updated content outlines.

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The updated CGFM examinations are now in place (with immediate score reporting).

CGFM EVENTS

We held a joint AGA chapter CGFM study group on **May 6th** with about 15 participants. We covered federal budgeting and financial reporting.

CGFM TIPS

Tip #1

Build a timed study schedule with regular sessions each week.

Tip #2

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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.

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PAST EVENTS

NOVAGA CHAPTER MEETING (MAY 14, 2026)

NOVAGA hosted its in-person Chapter Meeting at the Washington Golf and Country Club where Tom Harker, Deputy Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary of War (Comptroller) (OUSW(C)) shared strategies, experiences, and lessons learned in advancing financial excellence within the Department of War.

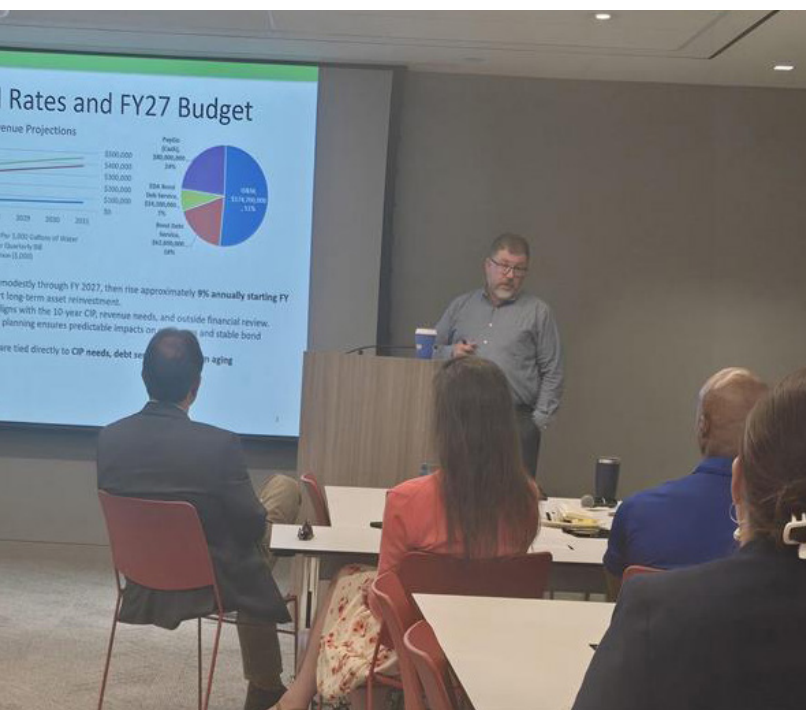




PAST EVENTS CONT'D NOVAGA STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BREAKFAST (SLG) (MAY 20, 2026)

On May 20, The NOVAGA SLG Committee hosted a training and networking session on capital project management. We had two speakers. Michael Peter, Senior Manager at Fairfax County's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services spoke about the wastewater infrastructure in Fairfax County. Mr. Peters showed the extent of the wastewater infrastructure, how Fairfax County's wastewater links to the DC wastewater treatment system, and the methods used to fund wastewater treatment infrastructure maintenance and construction. Dave

Covington, Delivery Director for the I-81 project at the Virginia Department of Transportation, provided an update on the I-81 corridor work. This involves construction and safety improvements from Bristol at the Tennessee border to Winchester at the West Virginia border. The SLG Committee extends its thanks to RMA Associates for its support in obtaining the facility and coordinating an excellent breakfast through IHOP. The next SLG Committee activity will be virtual training in the week of September 14.



EARLY CAREER AGA JOINT SPRING HAPPY HOUR

The NOVAGA and Washington, DC chapters co-hosted a successful joint happy hour on **Wednesday, April 22**, at Wood & Iron in Ballston. Organized by the Early Career Committee, the event brought together members and guests for an evening of networking, idea-sharing, and building connections in a relaxed setting. We extend our sincere thanks to the DC chapter for their collaboration and partnership, and we look forward to future opportunities to continue working together and strengthening our community.



NOMINATIONS FOR NOVAGA LEADERSHIP FOR 2026-2027 PROGRAM YEAR

We are excited to announce that NOVAGA is now accepting nominations for the positions of President Elect, Treasurer, Program Chair, Membership Chair, and Secretary for the upcoming term (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027). If you are interested in serving in one of these roles, please email Kelsey Do at kelsey@kadoexec.com with a brief summary of your professional background, qualifications, and leadership experience. All active members of NOVAGA are eligible to be a candidate. **The deadline for submission is June 30, 2026.**



OFFICERS

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President-Elect	Kelsey Do
Immediate Past President	Jacob MacDonald
Secretary	Jasmine Trefzger
Treasurer	Kiera Murphy
NCC Representative	Jacob MacDonald

COMMITTEES

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Awards	Raymond Urias-Rivera
CGFM	Kevin Shers
Community Services	Diana Huang
Corporate Sponsorship	Chris Horton
Early Careers (Co-Chair)	Chad Willhite
Early Careers (Co-Chair)	Rhett Raham
Education	Kevin Love
Membership	Xiaolei Wang
Newsletter	Sonia Kessler/Nishit Kurani
Programs	Joseph Hungate
Special Events (Co-Chair)	Silas York
Special Events (Co-Chair)	Donna Canady
State and Local Government	Chris Horton
Webmaster	Zak Kennedy

SPONSORSHIPS

Thank you to our corporate sponsors for supporting our Chapter and our members during this program year. Through your continued support, we can continue hold chapter meetings and CGFM® study groups, and other networking and membership events.

We are excited to announce a new initiative this year: a special discount for small businesses – Platinum, Gold, and Silver levels. We believe this will provide greater opportunities for diverse organizations to engage with our Chapter and contribute to our shared goals.

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