

AG⁺A Northern Virginia Chapter

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am honored to address you for the first time as the President of the Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA. As I step into this role, I am filled with excitement and a deep sense of responsibility to lead our organization.

With over 20 years of experience in government accountability, I have experienced the evolution and transformation of our field. My journey has been marked by challenges, learning, and growth, which have all contributed to my understanding and appreciation of our diverse field. I express my gratitude to Jacob McDonald for his leadership as President and for the accomplishments we have attained during the last program year. I look forward to building upon our past successes

and exploring new opportunities for growth and collaboration.

Summer is a wonderful time for renewal and growth. It's a season that brings new energy and opportunities, and I am eager to embrace all that it offers for AGA. As we plan our program for the year, we are committed to continue to hold in-person and virtual events that will bring together professionals to collaborate, network and exchange ideas. We will kick-off the program year, starting with the Hidden Oaks Nature Center outdoor volunteer activity on August 16, our first chapter meeting at the Washington Golf & Country Club in Arlington on September 18, followed by a Multi-Chapter picnic at Jennie Dean Park on September 27.

As we navigate an ever-evolving landscape, we will continue our efforts in retaining and growing our membership. Retention is not just about maintaining numbers; it's about nurturing relationships. We are

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dedicated to providing you with valuable benefits, opportunities for professional development, and a network that supports your goals through our chapter meetings, networking and recreational gatherings, and educational events. Growth is a collaborative effort, and we invite you to be ambassadors. By sharing your experiences and the benefits of membership, you help us reach new individuals who can contribute to our vibrant community.

We plan to continue to offer timely and relevant educational courses and events, including ethics training, a spring workshop, and chapter meetings. Additionally, we will maintain our support for certification through organized study groups and promote the relevance and value of the CGFM to individuals, employers and educators. Furthermore, we will enhance our support and outreach to young professionals by partnering with local universities and hosting events tailored for them, such as networking happy hours.

We remain dedicated to making a positive impact in

the communities where we live. We will continue our partnership with Junior Achievement Finance Park in Fairfax and Fairfax County Park Authority. We look to expand our community service involvement with other partners in the community. We will also continue our fundraising efforts supporting the National Community Service Fund (NCSF).

Finally, I am delighted to present the summer edition of our newsletter which is packed with articles about our events and spotlights of our diverse members. I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter.

This new program year holds exciting possibilities. Your involvement is crucial, and we would love to hear from you. Thank you for being an integral part of the Northern Virginia Chapter.

Sincerely,

Irfan Satriadhi

President, 2025–2026 AGA Northern Virginia Chapter



PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



AGA Nova Family – time has come for me to transition out of the role of Chapter President as Irfan, our Program Year 25-26 President, assumes this role. I have known Irfan for many years as he has been a part of one of my original, core AGA friend groups since 2017. In this group we have seen each other advance in our careers, supported each other in both good times and difficult times, and learned lessons as we navigate through life in the government accounting/consulting industry. This is a real example of AGA's value – we make long lasting impacts! Along those same lines, I hope that I have made a lasting and valuable impact during my time as President, and I am thrilled to see how Irfan's leadership will guide us towards success.

In our last issue, we highlighted key target areas and examples of how we are achieving our goals. Since then, we continued that momentum with our operations and communications, thanks to our amazing leadership team. Efficiency through collaboration remains strong. We conducted a successful Spring Training Workshop in partnership with the Montgomery Prince George's (MPG) County Chapter, an all day training event that also welcomed local area students. Our members also had the opportunity to enjoy Top Golf with the DC Chapter in May at a collaborative event. Further, at the DC Chapter's Annual Awards Gala, I had the honor of representing our chapter to present a multi-chapter award along with both DC and MPG – an award that has not been presented for many years but was reinstituted this year. I am happy to see our local chapters continue working cohesively to maximize what we can do for our members and achieve our goals!

As my presidency sunsets, I will still be active on the board of directors for this great chapter as your National Council of Chapters (NCC) representative. The NCC is comprised of one member from each AGA chapter to advise the National Governing Board (NGB) and facilitate connections among chapters. I look forward to this opportunity to serve our members from a new perspective and to apply any lessons learned from AGA National that may benefit our chapter.

Lastly, I want to thank all of our members and corporate sponsors for their engagement with AGA NOVA. Without engaged members, we simply would not exist – it is you, the individual reading this very newsletter, that is the heart of AGA. It is you, our engaged members, along with the partnership and support from our existing sponsors, RMA, Kearney & Co., and KPMG, and newest sponsor, Workiva, that will ensure our operations, mission, and legacy continues.

It was an honor to serve as your Program Year 24-25 Chapter President and I truly enjoyed attending events and interacting with colleagues, friends, and new faces. I encourage you all to stay active and engaged, and I look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Warm regards,

Jacob MacDonald
*Past President and NCC Representative,
 AGA Northern Virginia Chapter*

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

AIDAN KARDOS

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

A: I graduated in 2020 with a B.S. in Accounting and started working as a public accountant in the Pittsburgh area. After moving to northern Virginia in 2021, I started working with the federal government as an auditor with the Defense Contract Audit Agency. I'm now an auditor with the DoD Office of Inspector General and hold my CPA license in Virginia.

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

A: I started my accounting career working in tax, and my biggest takeaway from that experience was the importance of team coordination. I've found it's really the key to getting projects done effectively, and it comes with a mindset I strive to keep in all my work.

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

A: I learned about the AGA during a career development event. And living in the northern Virginia area myself, the NOVAGA chapter seemed to be the best fit to meet with other local professionals.

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

A: I hope to meet and exchange with other professionals in the government space and learn takeaways from their unique public service careers.

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

A: In addition to networking opportunities, I am looking forward to attending the training and conferences the AGA offers.

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

A: Always try and take opportunities as they're presented. I've found it's a great way to learn new skills and find rewarding experiences in the government space.

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

A: In addition to hiking, I also enjoy cooking and collecting digital watches.



AGA NOVAGA NEWLY CREATED INSTAGRAM HANDLE!

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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.





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT DYLAN GILBERT

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

A: I've been an Advisory Analyst at Deloitte since September 2024. I started by supporting Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness (FIAR) as an audit coach for a DoD client and currently support a state agency, where I create and automate processes and conduct invoice reviews from contractors before they're sent to FEMA. In AGA, I serve as Early Career Chair for the NOVAGA Chapter and Co-Chair for both the Corporate Sponsor and Luncheon Committees for the DC Chapter. I earned my B.S. in Accounting from Mississippi College. I'm originally from Anniston, AL and now live in Arlington, VA. I enjoy traveling, biking, and hosting with friends.

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

A: One of my first jobs was as a bank teller during my senior year of high school. My school partnered with a local bank to open a student-run branch, which gave us hands-on experience teaching financial literacy to students in grades 7–12. At that time, I had no idea what I would study in college, but working in that environment, meeting people, and having real conversations helped me realize I wanted to study accounting. That job laid the foundation for my career.

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

A: My college professor, Billy Morehead—AGA's 60th

National President—encouraged me to join the organization after an internship as a federal auditor. I applied and was selected for the National Collegiate Leadership Scholarship, which allowed me to attend the 2024 AGA National Leadership Training. After accepting my role at Deloitte, I moved to Arlington, VA in summer 2024. I started going to local events, including a multi-chapter gathering at the beer garden, where I met others and built relationships that led me to get more involved with the NOVAGA chapter.

Q4: What's been the best aspect with AGA with respect to your career development? Are there any membership benefits you have particularly enjoyed?

A: The best aspect with AGA is how friendly everyone is. Everyone has been so helpful as I am early in my career. I have been able to ask questions about my career and receive advice from professionals. The local chapters and AGA National plan events to give the members great value. I have attended NOVAAGA's Gala, sporting events, Bike & Brew, Top Golf and so much more.

Q5: Why would you recommend AGA to someone with a career in government accountability?

A: No matter how early or late in your career, AGA is a great place to meet professionals in the private and public sectors. AGA is a pioneer in supporting government accountability. AGA's Certificate in Accountability Reporting (CEAR) program has helped many federal agencies improve their financial reports by bringing reviewers and providing recommendations to continue the improvements of the federal government. Beyond that, the discussions you have at events like the Annual Spring Workshop and the monthly luncheon will help when it comes to professional development.

Q6: Do you have any advice for professionals in government who are considering joining AGA or are not active members? How can AGA play a role in their career?

A: My advice is to just get involved—attend one event, join a committee, introduce yourself. The connections you make through AGA can open doors and help you navigate your career path with confidence. As someone early in my career, I've learned so much by being active and asking questions. AGA offers a unique opportunity to develop professionally while also giving back to the community. Whether it's learning from experienced members or contributing to impactful events, AGA meets you where you are and helps you grow.

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

A: Most people don't know that I'm a twin and also a first-generation college student.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

EZI UGBODE

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

A: I've been with KPMG since graduating from Drexel University, and I started out in the Philly area where I lived for over 10 years. About 5 years ago, I transferred to the DC office to join the Federal practice, which has been a great opportunity to grow and take on new challenges. Outside of work, I love to travel—my goal is to visit at least one new place every year. I'm also a big foodie, so I really enjoy exploring the DC metro's restaurant scene with friends and finding those hidden gems around the city.

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

A: My first corporate job was as an intern in a forensic accounting firm, and it definitely opened up my view of the accounting profession and showed me that there is so much more to it than debits and credits and that I could have an exciting career as an accountant.

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

A: I'm familiar with AGA through work and I have attended a few AGA events in the past which I enjoyed. I've been desiring to get involved in my community in some way and since I work in the government space and live in the NOVA area, it made a lot of sense to join the AGA NOVA chapter.

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

A: I think AGA will be a great way for me to grow professionally while also connecting with others in the field. I'm looking forward to being part of a community that really cares about good government and accountability. I see it as a place where I can both learn and contribute as I continue to grow in my career.

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

A: I'm excited about connecting with and learning from everyone in the community

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

A: I know it's a tough time to be in government—there's been a lot of disruption and uncertainty. But



I also think these periods bring about innovation. My advice? Be patient, be kind—to yourself and to others. And don't lose touch with your network. Staying connected and supporting each other makes a huge difference and will help us come out of this stronger.

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

A: Most people are surprised to learn that I make candles and skincare products in my spare time. It started during the pandemic when I finally had the time to dive into hobbies outside of work, and it just stuck. Now it's something I really enjoy—it's relaxing and a fun way to get creative.

THE NEW STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE



The State and Local Government (SLG) Committee was created by the NOVAGA Board of Directors on June 11, 2025. The purpose of the SLG Committee is to formalize NOVAGA's outreach to finance-related professionals in state and local government communities to:

- Improve communication between these finance professionals on topics of mutual interest
- Provide training and networking opportunities
- Help drive membership and engagement in AGA and in NOVAGA
- Provide an opportunity for collaboration between NOVAGA and other AGA chapters

The primary outreach of the committee will be to state and local government finance professionals in northern Virginia, but the committee will work collaboratively with other chapters to share networking and training opportunities with state and local finance professionals outside of northern Virginia.

Membership on the committee is open to any NOVAGA member who is in good standing with

AGA and NOVAGA, and who agrees to work actively toward the purpose of the committee. The committee's membership is limited only by the work available to be done, and membership is open to any AGA membership category.

We plan to have our **first event in October** as an opportunity for professionals who work with state and local government finance management to meet, network, train, and learn about opportunities for collaboration. If you are interested in working with the SLG Committee please contact Chris Horton, SLG Committee Chair, at chorton@mgocpa.com. We would love to have you!

The NOVAGA State and Local Government Committee is proud to announce that the First Annual NOVAGA Virginia Election Debrief will be held on November 12 at the Washington Golf and Country Club in Arlington. A panel of veteran politicians will discuss the election results and the impacts on state and local governments in Virginia. **This will be a breakfast training event offering 1.5 CPEs.**

More information about registration and sponsorship opportunities will be shared in September through the NOVAGA chapter website, social media, and email.

UPCOMING NOVAGA CHAPTER MEETINGS & EVENTS

9/18

September Chapter Meeting

Our **September chapter meeting** will be held in person at the Washington Golf and Country Club, located at 3017 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA. Parking is free, and attendees receive 1 CPE credit. The Honorable Irving ("Irv") L. Dennis, CPA, will return with an updated status of the Department's initiatives to enhance operational effectiveness, streamline resources, and drive impactful reforms.

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.



LEARN MORE & REGISTER

9/27

AGA Multichapter Picnic

Members of the AGA DMV Chapters are invited to join us for our annual Multi-Chapter Picnic!

Reconnect with colleagues, catch up with friends from other chapters, or make new connections in a casual and fun setting. This event is free, but space is limited to 100 attendees, so make sure to register early! You must be registered to attend.

Please note the following when registering:

- Be sure to select your main/home Chapter for your ticket type.
 - For non-member guests, choose the same Chapter as the member who is inviting them.
 - Each attendee's name must be listed on the registration.
- Registrations without full attendee names may be declined/cancelled.

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025
- Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Location: Jennie Dean Park – 3630 27th St S, Arlington, VA 22206
- Cost: Free for AGA members in good standing
- Included: Food and fun!

Important:

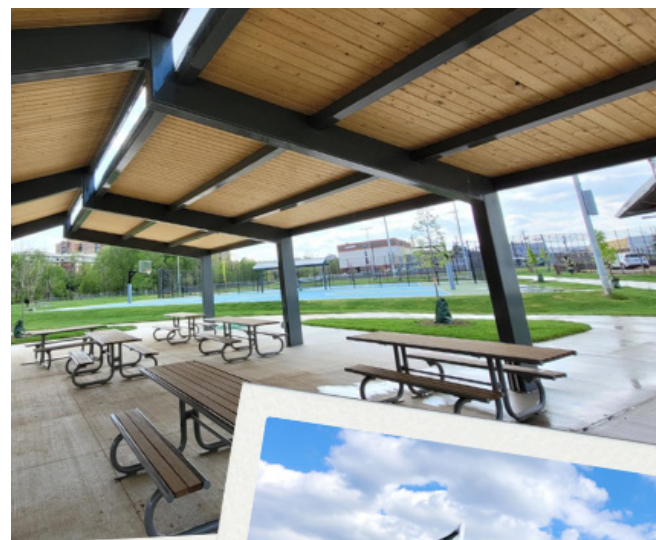
Street parking is limited. Please carpool or use a rideshare, if possible. Attendees may also consider parking in Shirlington Village which is walking distance from Jennie Dean.

Questions? Reach out to [Jacob MacDonald](#) or [Cherry Sancho Ung](#).

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**Honorable Irving
'Irv' L. Dennis**
CFO HUD



UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS AND TRAININGS

9/24-9/25

AGA's 2025 Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training

Hybrid (DC) | 14 CPEs

The Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training focuses on management's responsibility for ensuring good systems of internal control, and the role of accountability professionals to minimize the risk of fraud, waste and abuse. Leaders in government and private industry discuss the latest discovery techniques, lessons learned and how governments are cooperating to improve services to citizens.

Registration and Fees - \$575 AGA Members / \$750 Non-AGA Members by August 29, 2025 early bird deadline.

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11/6

AGA's 2025 Technology Transformation Summit (TTS)

Virtual Event | 6 CPEs

This event brings together over 1,000 government leaders and industry experts to explore the transformation of mission delivery through IT innovation, workforce development, cybersecurity, and cloud technology. Now more than ever, digital transformation is essential to achieving efficient and effective mission outcomes across government!

Registration and Fees - Free to Government and Private Members; \$140 to Government Non-members and \$270 for Private Non-members.

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UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS AND TRAININGS CONT'D

12/2

AGA's 2026 Datathon – Kick-off Call

Via Zoom | 0 CPEs

Students, Elevate Your Data Science Skills at AGA's Datathon! Ready to challenge yourself and take your data science skills to the next level? Join AGA's 2026 Datathon—a unique competition where you'll collaborate with fellow college students to solve real-world problems using cutting-edge data science techniques. Plus, if your team makes it to the top three, you'll have the chance to present your solution during the National Leadership Training (NLT) in Washington, D.C., with all travel expenses covered by AGA!

This competition is perfect for students eager to apply their data skills to meaningful challenges. Whether you're an experienced coder or just starting out, this Datathon is your opportunity to grow, learn, and showcase your talent in front of industry professionals.

September 1:

Application Opens —Use cases, data sets, and tools introduced.

December 1:

Application Deadline

December 2:

(12 p.m. ET): Zoom Call—Meet fellow participants and event sponsors and introduction of mentors.

January 16 (11:59 p.m. ET):

Project Submission Deadline

January 20–23 :

Zoom Presentations—Teams present their projects to the judges.

January 26:

Top Three Teams Announced!

February 18:

Final Presentations at NLT in Washington, D.C., followed by an exclusive reception for all participants.

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UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS AND TRAININGS CONT'D

1/14/26

AGA's 2026 ERM Workshop

Virtual Event | 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 we move from academic discussions to "how-to" explanations and examples. The small, facilitated groups enhances opportunities for both hands-on work and Q&A.

2026 AGA/AFERM ERM Workshop agenda planning is underway.

Registration and Fees - \$120 AGA Members and Non-AGA Members by November 14, 2025, early bird deadline.

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ADDITIONAL TRAININGS AND EVENTS



2/18-2/19/26

AGA's 2026 National Leadership Training (NLT)

Hybrid (DC) | 14 CPEs

National Leadership Training (NLT) is the essential event for developing and training government financial professionals to excel as leaders in today's competitive market. Don't miss this opportunity to share best practices, find new solutions to challenges, network with peers and learn from the top financial management leaders and industry experts. This training offers up to 14 CPE hours.

Registration and Fees - \$575 AGA Members / \$750 Non-AGA Members by January 30, 2026, early bird deadline.

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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](#)

9/17

Communications

2:00–3:50pm • 2 CPEs

10/22

**Uniform Guidance and
Grant Accounting**

2:00–3:50pm • 2 CPEs

11/19

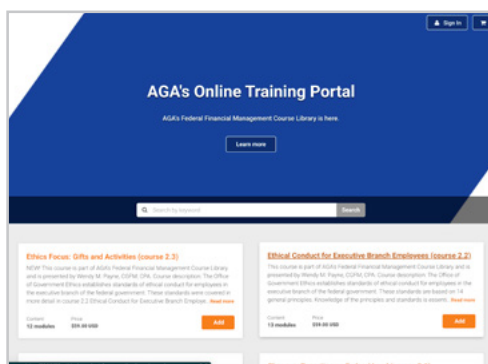
Ethics

2:00–3:50pm • 2 CPEs

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.

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NEW NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER MEMBERS

April 2025

David Brand, Joshua Briggs, Mark Doehnert,
Alexander Granado, Gina Roach, Jestina
Sesay, Gi Ho Yang

May 2025

Kelsey Do, Jessica Kerns, Jeanette Kuendel,
Caroline Lillard, Joshua Reiter

June 2025

Lihong Guo, Joyce Meeks

July 2025

Ezinwanne Ugbode

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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 36 lifetime members, with two that have been active since joining in 1965 – 58 years ago! Our lifetime members have a combined 1,759 years of membership in AGA! 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 36 lifetime members, with two that have been active since joining in 1965 – 58 years ago! Our lifetime members have a combined 1,759 years of membership in AGA! Lifetime memberships are awarded each January, with the next slate of lifetime members to be awarded in early 2025. In January 2022, NOVAGA had three members attain lifetime status, bringing our total lifetime members to 36.

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 2025 through August 2025.

LIFETIME MEMBERS (40+ YEARS)

*Karl L. Boettcher
Joseph C. Brown, Jr.
Sheila B. Clark
Patrick J. Fitzgerald
Joyce L. Fitzhugh
Harold R. Gill
Charles M. Hicks
N. Carl Jordahl
William J. Keating
Raymond D. Kidd
Philip D. Lavietes
Edward J. Migliore
Michael Slachta, Jr.*

ANNIVERSARIES – CONTINUED

(40 YEARS CONT.)

George H. Stalcup
 Jeffrey C. Steinhoff
 James C. Stewart
 Harold L. Stugart
 Thomas E. Young

(25 YEARS)

James B. Davis, Jr.
 Elaine M. Jennings
 John Short
 Shana M. Willard

(20 YEARS)

Jeffrey I. Feingold
 Theresa Patrizio
 Sarah Ann Roberts

(15 YEARS)

Sarah H. Allen
 Nicole L. Durity
 Marc Hebert
 Allison Karbowski
 Sean M. Mccue
 Lindsey Nosari
 Lauren E. Ponce
 Shannon M. Roberts
 Jennifer M. Walker

(10 YEARS)

Javier E. Alcover
 Yodit Amde
 Jason Campbell
 Cynthia J. Davis
 Claire Hutchins
 Sydney M. Phalen
 Robert Daniel Richards,
 Iii
 Justin Joseph Rollison
 Diane Ward
 Anthony T. Williams
 Catherine E.S. Willis
 Erin M. Mather

(5 YEARS)

Jennifer Adamson
 Bruce Corfield
 Donna Culbertson
 Donald Holzinger
 Allen B. Jones
 Kristene Mcminn
 Takiylia K. Middleton
 Truc Nguyen
 Lukas L. O'Donnell
 David J. Primmer
 Alexander Ries
 Kristy L. Williams

(1 YEAR)

Ashton Harris
 Gillian Rosendale
 Brian Anthony Vargas
 Christopher Burton
 Walker
 Candace Williams
 Jin Lim
 Ruben Antonio Mojica
 Karla Valle-Mannes
 Taimur Bajwa
 Regenna Bemby
 Lyndsey Elliott
 Rebecca Evertsz
 Troy Ho
 Matthew D. Hoak
 Christopher Marotta
 Rochelle McMurray
 Amber Ostrup
 Shruti Pandey
 Margaret Prados
 Alisha Rivers
 Dan Salenger
 Ambika P. Sapkota
 Manoj Srivastava
 Michael D. Staab

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

NEW CGFMs

Alexander Kelley
January 2025

William Arthur Forbes
January 2025

Andrew Conran
February 2025

Andrea Tse
March 2025

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CGFM CHANGES

New 2024 editions of the 3 CGFM study guides are now available!

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Starting September 1, the CGFM examinations began 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 CGFM Study Group on **June 11, 2025**. 21 attendees joined the event, which covered Government Environment. **14 attendees** joined the event, which covered governmental accounting, budgeting and financial reporting – general knowledge.

Please stay tuned for an upcoming CGFM Study Group on the **first part of Module 2** this fall!

CGFM TIPS

Tip #1

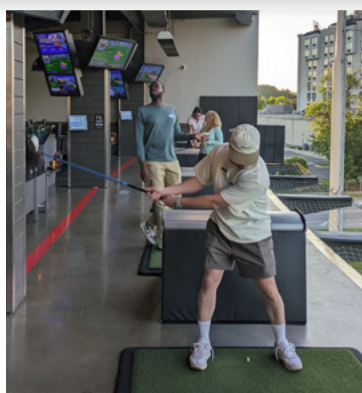
Keep an eye out for any free information sessions available on becoming a CGFM such as through AGA National. This is a great way to get your questions answered.

Tip #2

Practice questions can be helpful in determining where to focus more of your studying effort.

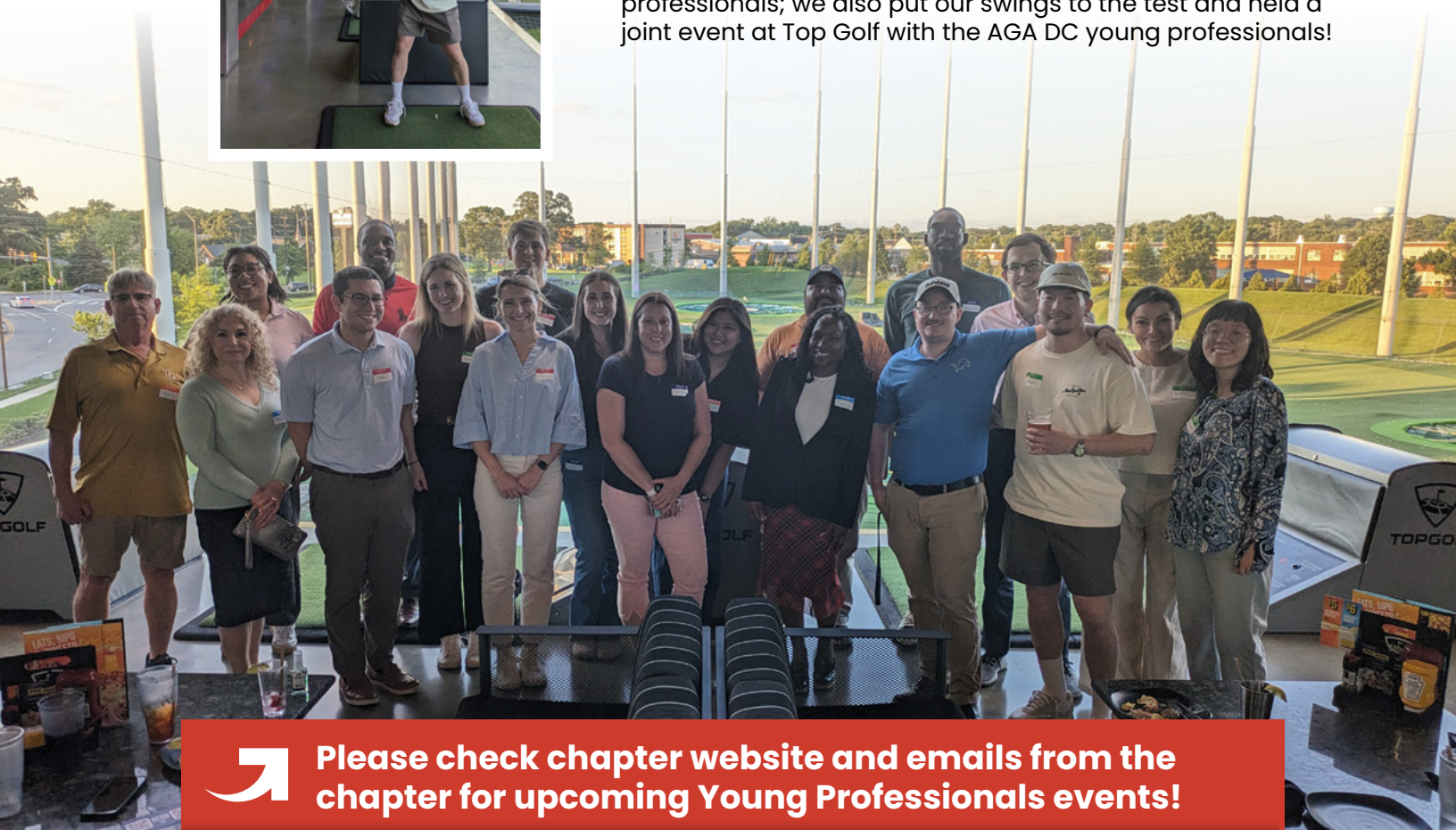
EARLY CAREERS BIKE & BREW

NoVA AGA young professionals enjoyed an afternoon biking along the Washington and Old Dominion Trail while enjoying some brews along the way. Biking a grand total of 10 miles while stopping by Aslin, Crooked Run, and Lost Rhino breweries, we got our cardio in as well as our carbs!



TOP GOLF

Biking was not enough activity for the NoVA young professionals; we also put our swings to the test and held a joint event at Top Golf with the AGA DC young professionals!



Please check chapter website and emails from the chapter for upcoming Young Professionals events!

PAST EVENTS

NOVAGA CHAPTER MEETING

We held our May Chapter in person meeting at the Washington Golf and Country Club, located at 3017 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA on **May 14, 2025**. We welcome back Chris Kraft as he shared updates on the latest advancements in AI technology.



NOVAGA COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT

AGA Northern Virginia Chapter hosted a volunteer activity on Saturday, August 16th Hidden Oaks Nature Center Outdoor Volunteer Activity where the volunteers removed invasive plant species to help maintain the health of the natural habitat.



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NOVAGA GALA 2025

Thank you for attending and making our 2025 NOVAGA Awards Gala a successful event. This year's event was hosted at the Washington Golf & Country Club in Arlington, VA and we had a spectacular night of great food, networking, dancing, and celebrations. Congratulations to all of our winners, and we look forward to seeing you next year. The night ended with an exchange of the Gavel passing our President role from Jacob MacDonald to Irfan Satriadhi. **This year's winners are:**



Alaleh Jenkins – Award Recipient for the Jeffrey Steinhoff Award for Excellence in Federal Financial Management. Jeffrey Steinhoff presented this award himself.



Carl "Marty" Grenn, Jr. – Award Recipient for the Pentagon Memorial Service Award. Accepted by Joshua Henderson on behalf of Carl Grenn, Jr. Presented by Tom Wirth of Workiva (NOVAGA's new sponsor).

Zach Hamrick – Award Recipient for the Federal Financial Partnership Award. Accepted by Allan Kim on behalf of Zach Hamrick and presented by Reza Mahbod, RMA Associates, LLC.



Dr. Jennifer Miller – Award Recipient for the Presidential Award for Distinguished Service. Presented by Irfan Satriadhi, KPMG LLC.

Anna N.K. Smith – Award Recipient for the Presidential Award for Leadership Excellence. Presented by Bartlo Pressel, Kearney & Co.



Donna Canady – Award Recipient for the Presidential Award for Chapter Service. Presented by Jacob MacDonald.

Changing of the Guard – The NOVAGA Presidential Gavel was passed from Jacob MacDonald to our new President Irfan Satriadhi. Thank you so much Jake for your great work as President and we look forward to supporting and working with Irfan.



WHAT DOES YOUR SUMMER LOOK LIKE?



This summer, AGA NOVAGA Member Karla Gracías had the incredible opportunity to explore the vibrant city of Rome. Highlights included taking in the views from the iconic Spanish Steps, admiring the architectural grandeur of the Pantheon, wandering the historic halls of Vatican City, and enjoying a wine tasting at Minardi Winery. The trip was a perfect blend of culture, history, and connections.



AGA NOVAGA Member Kelley Grow and her husband, Nathan, are enjoying spending time on their deck with their two young children, Asher (2) and Aleesia (10 months)



AGA NOVAGA member Dr. Jennifer Miller enjoying Welcome popcorn and sweet treats from Seascope resort



AGA NOVAGA member Dr. Jennifer Miller enjoying TooGoodToGo mystery bakery bag order from Whole Foods, Destin, FL America.



Sandlots of Miramar Beach, FL mascot

AGA NOVAGA member Dr. Jennifer Miller enjoying fireworks at Gulf of America.

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