

Chapter President's Message

Hello AGA Members,

Last month we held our annual Spring PDC co-hosted with ASMC. We had great speakers, a wonderful atmosphere and a record number of attendees. The feedback we received was that the conference was a great success. I want to personally thank the committee that worked so hard to ensure all the details were taken care of.

We are winding down our program year and starting to plan for next year's administration with elections of officers in the near future. Our President Elect Curtis Joachim is busy getting his team in place so he will be able to hit the ground running. However, he needs your help. He needs as many chapter members as possible that are willing to lend a hand and continue to make this the best chapter it can be. I ask that you provide the same support to Curtis that you have provided to me -- you have been great! I ask that each of you step up to the challenge and use your special gifts and talents in one of the programs or activities that you are interested in.

Please mark May 19th, on your calendar. We will have our annual awards ceremony that night, where I will present tokens of appreciation to members that have worked tirelessly for the chapter during my watch. I ask that you join us to applaud our collective efforts. May 19th is our last meeting of this "AGA year", and will therefore signify the end of my term as your chapter president.

I know I have said this before but I want to thank each member that has volunteered their time and talent in helping us continue to move our chapter forward to new heights.

Thanks for all you do,

*Bradford W. Smith
President
AGA VA Peninsula Chapter*



NEXT MEETING

April 21, 2011

Crowne Plaza Hampton
Marina

11:30 am

Tom Tierney, FBI

"Staying Safe in Today's
Fraudulent World"

One CPE

\$10 for members
\$15 for non members

Payment of cash, check or credit card
accepted in person.

All attendees must RSVP to
Melissa Saunders at
misaunders@wittmares.com
by April 14th

**Last Chapter Meeting
for this AGA Year:**

May 19, 2011
Chapter Awards Night
Quality Suites Lake Wright

Registration and cash bar: 5:30pm
Dinner: 6:00pm

Menu: Taste of Italy Buffet

FREE for members

What's Happening?

This month:

April

- April 21 – Chapter lunch meeting, Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina, **11:30 am** (POC is [Melissa Saunders](#))

Meet our April Speaker –Tom Tierney

Tom Tierney, Special Agent with the FBI's Norfolk Division has graciously agreed to present "Staying Safe in Today's Fraudulent World" as our April meeting speaker.

The Norfolk Division serves the southeastern part of Virginia, including the Southside, Peninsula, and the Virginia Eastern Shore.

The FBI works around the globe to combat the most dangerous criminal and security threats facing our country—

- from international and domestic terrorists to spies on U.S. soil
- from cyber villains to corrupt government officials
- from mobsters to violent street thugs
- from child predators to serial killers.

The FBI currently has jurisdiction over violations in more than 200 categories of federal law. They generally are grouped under three national security priorities and five criminal priorities.

Be sure to attend the April meeting to hear Special Agent Tierney's remarks!

Be a Leader!

The Virginia Peninsula chapter is led by an annually elected volunteer board of director that is always in need of help. The new AGA year begins in July and for continued success and growth, it is crucial that the chapter incorporate new leaders.

What interests you? Chances are, there is a board position that matches your interest. Please consider sharing your time and talent to help continue all the good things the Virginia Peninsula chapter of AGA provides...conferences, meetings, community service, and awards to name a few. Chapter president elect Curtis Joachim is in the process of putting together board members for next year. Volunteer your talents by contacting him at cjoachim@thejoachimgroupcpas.com.

Virginia Peninsula Chapter 2010-2011 Remaining Events

- May 1 - March of Dimes Walk America – Oceanfront Boardwalk, 2400 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach. Chapter will help provide manpower to register walkers and count donations after the event for deposit. (POC is [Helen Brooks](#))
- May 19 – Chapter awards dinner. Quality Suites Lake Wright . We will not have a speaker; it is dinner, networking/mingling, There will be a cash bar and awards will be presented to members. "Nothing formal just having a good time." (POC is [Brad Smith](#))
- May - Equikids Therapeutic Riding program for special children. Chapter will contribute \$250 to sponsor a hole for the fundraiser and/or help sponsor a team to participate. (POC is [Joe Rutecki](#)).
- June 4- Clean the Bay Day, 9:00 am – 12:00pm (POCs are Tobin McMurdie (GAO) and [Ellen Silvela](#)).
- July 10-13, [AGA Professional Development Conference](#), *Celebrating Our Past, Embracing the Future*, Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta, GA.
 - Sign up for AGA's special intensive review course and take the CGFM Examinations before the PDC. (POC is [Katya Silver](#))
 - July - Community Service Fund Raiser at the AGA PDC in Atlanta, GA The chapter will provide a gift basket as a prize for the fund raiser and a donation for the chapter challenge. (POC is [Helen Brooks](#))

Certification News



Quickly Earn Your CGFM Before the PDC

Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM before the annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC). AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Thursday, **July 7, 2011** and Friday, **July 8, 2011** and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on **July 9-10, 2011**. The cost of the course is only \$279 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: The CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees. Contact AGA's [Katva Silver](#)

Congratulations to our newest CGFM!

Karen Colombo, City of Norfolk

Are YOU ready to become a CGFM? Click the following links to learn more!

[CGFM Application](#)

[CGFM Certification--Learn More](#)

Membership News

Did you know?

Tidbits from our chapter history

Prior to 1975 the AGA was known as the Federal Government Accountants Association (FGAA). The Virginia Peninsula chapter was its 37th chapter, with Thomas E. Inman as president and 31 members. The charter was presented to the chapter during a ceremony on Oct. 1, 1960 by FGAA National President Raymond Einhorn. Later, in May 1962, the Tidewater chapter was formed in Norfolk as chapter 43 with William H. Morris Jr. as its president. The Tidewater Chapter ultimately dissolved and today, members of the Virginia Peninsula Chapter (now known as chapter No. 57) hail from both the Peninsula and Tidewater sides of the bridge! To read more about the VA Peninsula chapter's history and its colorful leaders, visit the "[Chapter History](#)" link on our chapter website.

Sponsor a New Member Challenge

The chapter's membership recruitment campaign that started in September ended March 31st. The member who sponsors the most new members during that time period will win free membership for the 2011-2012 program year. The winner of the challenge will be announced at the April monthly meeting on April 21, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina. It will not be necessary to be present to win but membership status must be current to win. In case of a tie, membership dues will be divided equally. Thanks to all who have recruited new members this year.

Welcome to our New Members

Conception Guzman - Coast Guard

Glenyz Vasquez-Banchon - Navy

Ludy Jenkins - Coast Guard

Margaret (Meg) McIntosh - Norfolk Navy Shipyard

James (Jaime) Finlay - Norfolk Navy Shipyard

Bart Rasic - Coast Guard

Anita Jones-Quinones - Coast Guard

Pizza Luncheon Opportunities

Want a free pizza lunch at your agency? Any agency that wants to host a VA Peninsula chapter leader at its office to discuss AGA and the benefits of joining will be treated to a pizza luncheon. We will provide the pizza and drinks to the agency along with AGA memorabilia. Interested? Contact me at baileywilliams@deloitte.com



Chapter Treasurer Ellen Silvela celebrates after finishing the Shamrock 8k by her goal- under an hour! Congratulations Ellen and all VA Peninsula Shamrock participants.

Member News

A Shamrocking experience – By Ellen Silvela

In 2009, I did my first Shamrock 8k race and finished in about 1 hour and 4 minutes. Ever since then I had a goal to complete an 8k in 60 minutes or less. I'm happy to report that I reached my goal at this past Shamrock 8k race by completing it in 58 minutes and 22 seconds (I ran and walked this)!! It's amazing how that one hour can fly by so fast trying to beat the clock -- but at the same time, it goes by so slow, since I don't listen to an ipod and have too much time to think while waiting for the finish line to appear. Thank you to all of my AGA friends who gave me words of encouragement during the AGA ASMC Spring 2011 mini-PDC. It meant a lot to a wanna-be runner like me!!

P.S. I don't usually wear silly-bands but I got a silly-band that was the shape of a man running I wore for good luck!

The chapter has made its annual \$500 scholarship awards to two local accounting students. Congratulations to:
James Fiske - Old Dominion University and
Todd Vernon - Christopher Newport University

RENEW Your Membership Today!

AGA members, it's almost that time of year again! The AGA membership year ends March 31st. AGA members and CGFMs must annually renew their AGA membership to avoid interruption of services. We encourage all members to renew before the deadline to avoid receiving this second invoice. For information on renewals feel free to [e-mail the National Office](#).

Please go to <https://www.agacgfm.org/homepage.aspx> . Select Renew Now, to renew your AGA membership for another year!

The "What Drives You" Member-Get-a-Member campaign ends **April 30**. Many opportunities are available to recruit new members and win great incentives including a netbook laptop, free national conference registration and AGA Dollars. For more information on the recruitment campaign, [please visit the website](#). Winners will be notified the second week in May.



Education

Spring PDC a Smashing Success!

Offering 16 CPES and the opportunity to learn from dozens of leaders in our field, the spring PDC was a smashing success with more than 150 paying participants. See for yourself as pictures and feedback from several satisfied conference go-ers follow! Thanks to all who contributed to this success through planning and participation.



(Above) Rear Admiral Joseph P. Mulloy, United States Navy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Budget (FMB) Director, Fiscal Management Division OPNAV (N82). His presentation was on operating in FY11 under an extended CR and a review of the DoN PB12 and the efficiency and enhancement process and results.



(Above) Cliff Cole, Director of Field Technical Support Division US Department of Housing and Urban Development spoke on HUD OIG's data mining efforts.

The AGA/ASMC spring conference in Chesapeake was two days of interesting topics and dynamic speakers. The topics addressed federal as well as local issues which was appealing to me. I especially enjoyed the presentation by John James, Jr. SES Director and Lyndon Remias, CPA, CIA, City Auditor from Virginia Beach. It is evident that quality planning and organizing went into this conference.

*Barbara O. Carraway,
Chesapeake City Treasurer*

Education – More pictures from the Spring 2011 PDC



Above, Aubrey Vaughan presents "Preventive approaches to improper payments". Vaughan is the Managing Director of Public Sector Oversight Systems, Inc.



Meals and snacks were a highly rated aspect of the conference. Plated luncheons gave participants the chance to meet and network with new people.



Conference attendees had plenty of opportunity to feed both their minds (above) AND stomachs (at right)!

Reflecting on the PDC last week, I can only say one thing: FANTASTIC. The PDC committee did an outstanding job of creating the right environment for professional and personal growth. We had great speakers, great attendees and great food to make this learning experience both enjoyable, entertaining and full of networking opportunities. With record attendance of over 170, this PDC was the best ever hosted by AGA and ASMC. The PDC has evolved into a world class event that any government financial management organization would be happy to send its employees to. I feel fortunate to have worked with this outstanding in making the PDC become reality. Thank you!

- Mark Morehouse, MBA, CGFM



Education — Final thoughts on the Spring 2011 PDC



Loren Heckelman spoke on his perspective as Comptroller of Military Sealift Fleet Support Command



I thought the speakers were the best in a long time. Food and service was exceptional. Especially noteworthy was AGA's Brad Smith and ASMC's Norma Canonizado. At the conference they made an excellent leadership team.

To thank our speakers, AGA and ASMC made a donation of \$15 in each of their names to March of Dimes. This "Charity Donation Gift" totaled \$255, which in addition to the \$926 from raffle ticket sales, made for a conference total of \$1,181 raised for the March of Dimes. Our contribution will be even bigger with the addition of AGA National Office's Community Service Fund match!

Thanks to Richard Walters, Janice Shank Mark Morehouse, Curtis Joachim and everyone else that helped with this fundraiser.

--Helen Brooks



So what's this really going to cost? Sherry Weir, PMP, Partner Kearney & Company, P.C. (below) answered that question with her presentation on cost accounting. At lower right, Cathy Kreyche presented a number of valuable tips for personal development.





Above and below: John James, Jr., SES Director National Security Personnel System Transition Office provided an update on the NSPS transition.



Dr. Douglas Webster, DBA, CGFM, PMP, Partner CSC gave a talk on enterprise risk management for financial managers.



From the feedback we received it seems that most people enjoyed the conference from the speakers to the food. I tip my hat to the committee members who did the work in putting it all together.

-Brad Smith

At right, Larry White, CMA, CFM, CGFM, CPA, Executive Director Resource Consumption Accounting Institute, spoke on "A Conceptual Framework for Managerial Costing: Creating Value Inside the Organization"



Community Service Projects Update

Many thanks to all of you who supported our local community through our various donations and drives this year!

At the US Coast Guard Finance Center alone we collected:

- 44 bags of winter clothes
- 11 coats
- 4 large bags of socks + 24 pair
- 12 hats
- 12 gloves
- 2 large bags of toiletries

There are still opportunities to get involved with our community service program. Be on the lookout for details on the March of Dimes Walk America May 1 at the Oceanfront Boardwalk, 2400 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach. The chapter will help provide manpower to register walkers and count donations for deposit after the event. Also, on June 4th we'll be participating in Clean the Bay Day from 9:00 am – 12:00pm (POCs are Tobin McMurdie (GAO) and [Ellen Silvela](#)).

Member Spotlight



Tia Godwin

What is your job position?

I am a Senior Consultant in the Federal- Audit & Enterprise Risk Services at Deloitte & Touche LLP, located in Arlington, Virginia.

Give us a brief description of your job.

Deloitte's Audit & Enterprise Risk Services help organizations build value by taking a Risk Intelligent approach to managing financial, technology and business risks. Specifically, I am responsible for providing proactive solutions and interpreting guidance and policies to provide workable solutions for Deloitte's clients.

What do you like most about your job?

Delivering high quality service and cultivating rich and effective client relationships to ensure client success.

What is your favorite perk of AGA membership?

Making connections and building personal and professional relationships with members in various agencies.

What is your most memorable AGA experience?

I am fairly new to AGA; therefore, I have not had the pleasure to experience all of the opportunities available through AGA. However, I am very excited about the upcoming AGA Spring 2011 PDC. I am looking forward to meeting other AGA members; listen to their personal stories of success; and sharing ideas and best practices.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy writing business plans and spending time with my family and friends

What was your best vacation?

This year, my best vacation has been a relaxing weekend in the Bahamas. I enjoyed the sun-kissed beaches, stunning crystal-clear water in every possible shade of blue, refreshing trade winds, and the friendly people.

Anything else you'd like to share about yourself?

I have over five years of experience evaluating risks of material misstatement and fraud, assessing compliance with State and Federal laws and regulations, and developing process flows to identify key controls and areas for improvement. I have provided technical advice on Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Beyond the Chapter – AGA Regional and National News

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! Enter the PDC 2011 Video Contest

Grab your video camera and produce a creative and entertaining two-minute video to share your views on the value of attendance at AGA's 60th Professional Development Conference in Atlanta, GA

Your video must

- Include the PDC 2011 conference logo.
- Include the conference theme/tagline in a spoken manner
- Be up to, but no longer than, two minutes in length.
- Explain why you want to attend AGA's 60th Professional Development Conference.

Your video could answer one of these questions:

- My most valuable or memorable PDC experience in previous years was...
- The reason I wouldn't miss PDC 2011 is...
- If I only have two minutes to explain to someone what AGA is, I would say...
- What I love about the conference each year is...
- Here's what I apply back on the job that made a difference...and I learned it all at the conference!
- The conference networking is invaluable because...
- If I had two minutes to "sell my boss, my spouse, my partner, my kid, my pet" on going to the conference, I would say...

To enter, you must first have an active YouTube account and be able to attend the AGA's 60th Professional Development Conference & Expositions Video Contest on July 10–13, 2011 in Atlanta, GA.

You are encouraged to upload your two minutes video to YouTube or other video sharing website. Follow the site's instructions to create a free account if you do not have one. Your video must be in compliance with YouTube Terms of Service, copyright policy and all other user guidelines. Any technical questions should be directed to the site itself (e.g., YouTube).

Then, just copy and paste the URL link where your video is posted on the PDC 2011 Video Contest Submission Form and e-mail it to Jerome Bruce at jb Bruce@agacgfm.org no later than Friday, May 20, 2011.

So what are you waiting for...start filming today! For complete contest rules, visit [the AGA National website](#)

April 15 Deadline to Submit National Award Nominations

AGA's National Awards Committee is accepting nominations for National Awards that recognize the leaders advancing our profession and setting the standards of excellence. These awards will be presented during AGA's 60th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition in Atlanta, July 10-13. In many cases, individuals do not have to be members of AGA to be eligible. All nominations are due by **Friday, April 15**. [Nomination forms are available online](#). For more information, contact [Louise Kapelewski](#).

Apply for AGA Leadership Positions

AGA is seeking candidates interested in filling vacancies on National boards and committees. Serving as a board or committee member might just be the most important contribution you will make to your own career and the profession.

Take advantage now of this exceptional opportunity to:

- Contribute to the growth and success of your professional association
- Network with a dynamic group of accountability professionals
- Develop your leadership skills
- Develop solutions to meet present and future challenges
- Stay apprised of hot topics in financial management

Please contact the National Office by **April 15**, using the [online sign-up form](#).

UPCOMING NATIONAL CONFERENCES



Treasurer's Report

By Ellen Silvela



Below is the chapter Treasurer's report as of 2/28/2011.

Stay tuned for a breakdown of all the revenues and expenses from the spring conference.

It was a pleasure to help, along with Jim Haley from Booz Allen Hamilton, an ASMC member, in coordinating the sponsorships for this conference. Thank you to the sponsors for supporting our local AGA and ASMC chapters. Along with providing financial support, they sent representatives to the conference which our attendees were able to mingle with and also set up exhibit booths with informational brochures to help further our professional and personal development.

A Special Thanks to our AGA ASMC Spring 2011 Mini-PDC Sponsors!



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AGA Virginia Peninsula Chapter Monthly Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance 2/1/11	\$ 14,734.00
Income	
Collections from Spring 2011 PDC Attendees	\$ 5,395.00
Collections from Spring 2011 PDC Sponsors	\$ 700.00
Collections from Meeting Feb 17th	\$ 170.00
Collections for Charity Donation	\$ 37.10
Interest from Bank	\$ 0.62
Total Income	\$ 6,302.72
Expenses	
Credit Card Fees	\$ 90.86
Fall 2010 PDC Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 50.00
A/V charges at hotel for Jan 20th Meeting *	\$ 113.12
Website	\$ 12.95
Total Expenses	\$ 266.93
Net	\$ 6,035.79
Available Balance 2/28/11	\$ 20,769.79

* Error charge - refunded 3/11/11



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