

**THE COMMUNIQUE NEWSLETTER**

*September Dinner Meeting*  
**Tuesday, September 15, 2009**

**with Presentation to be given by Jeffrey C. Steinhoff, CGFM, CPA, CFE,  
Executive Director of the KPMG Government Institute**

**"Taking the Next Steps to High Performance in Federal Financial Management:  
Moving from the Back Room to the Board Room"**

Time: Reception: 6:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.  
Dinner and Meeting: 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.  
(approximate ending time)

Cost: \$30 for members and nonmembers. Cash or check made payable to "AGA" and **credit cards accepted.**

Location: Hilton Hotel, formerly the DoubleTree Hotel  
1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD  
301-468-1100  
See our Web site at [www.marylandaga.com](http://www.marylandaga.com) for directions.  
Self-parking is complimentary in the hotel garage. Metered parking is available behind and on either side of the hotel.

RSVP to Jimmy Hauer, 202-533-3624.

You may also RSVP for the dinner meeting by visiting our Web site.

## **SPEAKER BIO**

### **JEFFREY C. STEINHOFF**

*CGFM, CPA, CFE, Executive Director of the KPMG Government Institute*



#### **Background**

Jeff is the Executive Director of the KPMG Government Institute. Through the KPMG Government Institute, Mr. Steinhoff was instrumental in developing The KPMG Executive Guide to High Performance in Federal Financial Management. Integral to the Executive Guide is a framework that addresses the role of a finance organization across the finance, program, and enterprise dimensions of an agency, which includes emphasis on performance measurement and reporting, operational planning, and managing for results.

Mr. Steinhoff also serves as the KPMG Executive Fellow to the CFO Academy at the Information Resources College of the National Defense University. The CFO Academy offers programs and services to develop the strategic leadership of competencies of federal government financial managers.

In 2008, Mr. Steinhoff retired from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) after a 40-year federal career, 21 years of which were served in the Senior Executive Service. For the last almost nine years of his federal career, Mr. Steinhoff served as Managing Director for Financial Management and Assurance and Assistant Comptroller General of the United States for Accounting and Information Management. He headed GAO's largest audit unit, with responsibility for oversight of financial management and auditing issues across the federal government.

#### **Professional and Industry Experience**

He is a Past National President of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and is a member of its Professional Certification Board, which he founded and chaired from 1994 to 1998, and its National Awards Committee. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and has served on its Members in Government Committee and its Strategic Planning Advisory Committee. He served as chair and was a longstanding member of the former Joint Financial Management Improvement Program's (JFMIP) Steering Committee

The recipient of 36 professional awards, in 2006, Jeff was named the Outstanding CPA in the federal government by the AICPA and received the first-ever Excellence in Government Performance and Accountability Award from the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum. A three-time recipient of the Comptroller General's Distinguished Service Award, he received the Comptroller General's Award, GAO's highest honor in 2007. In 2000, he was one of only 26 individuals recognized by AGA for significant contributions toward advancing government accountability in federal, state, and local government over the past 50 years. In 1991, he was awarded JFMIP's Distinguished Leadership Award "for sustained leadership and significant contribution to the enactment of every major financial management reform legislation during the past decade."

#### **Publications and Speaking Engagements**

Mr. Steinhoff is a widely recognized national spokesperson on government auditing, internal controls, financial management, and information management issues. He has testified extensively before the Congress on a wide range of financial management issues and legislation and before the SEC on internal control issues.

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## CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Chapter Members:

How quickly time flies as another fiscal year is upon us. I am really excited and look forward to the upcoming fiscal year as president. The board members have been very busy working to finalize plans related to our monthly program events, community events, and networking events. As in the past, we have gained several new directors who have taken the initiative to volunteer their time to shape the upcoming year's activities in areas such as education, membership, early careers, and community services. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the board members for all of their hard work.

Our September Monthly Program Event on September 15, 2009, will feature Jeffrey Steinhoff, who will speak about "Taking the Next Steps to High Performance in Federal Financial Management: Moving from the "Back Room" to the "Board Room."

I hope to see you at this event as well as future events that we have been putting together. I think that you will find that this year's events will be filled with interesting and enriching topics as well as some informal networking opportunities and fun.

Please check our Web site at <http://www.marylandaga.com> for additional information on our monthly program events, our educational events, and our member services activities.

Lastly, if you have any suggestions for improving the Chapter training and other activities, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the officers and directors listed at our Web Site.

Sincerely,

Angela Walter, CPA  
President, AGA Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter

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## MONTGOMERY/PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY CHAPTER EVENTS

### ***MPG Chapter Represented in Regional and National Support of New West Virginia Chapters' Training Event***

Flora Milans, Regional Vice President-Elect and a Past-President of the Chapter, participated with other Capital Region officers in a panel discussion of Expectations of the Government Accountant, where in addition to focusing on how AGA helps government financial managers, the National President, William Morehead, presented the Beckley Chapter with its charter.

The training event was a joint effort by the Charleston, WVA; Beckley, WVA; and Mid-Ohio Valley Chapters as well as the Regional Officers, National President, and National Office. The conference was hopefully the first of many joint training events for the chapters bringing together notable federal and state financial management experts. Seven CPEs were provided to about 80 attendees. The conference was also a community service event where participants brought cans of food to be given to a charity.

National and Capital Region participants in the conference were: Scott Bell, Regional Vice President and a Past-President of the DC Chapter; John Homan, Past Regional Vice President and a Past-President of the NOVAGA Chapter; Evelyn Brown, Regional Coordinator for Chapter Development and Assistance and a Past National Treasurer; Karl Boettcher, Senior Vice President-at-Large; Phil Nally, Senior Regional Vice President, Section IV; and William Morehead, National AGA President.

In addition, the Region also provided two speakers for the conference. Scott Bell, Department of the Treasury, discussed the Financial Report of the U.S. Government and Ed Mazur, former member of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB), spoke on Intergovernmental Financial Risk.

All in all, the event was an outstanding success and example of AGA teamwork!

### ***Networking Event at University of Maryland, University College***

On August 25, 2009, board members were invited to a University of Maryland University College (UMUC) Accounting Majors: Networking in the Classroom and Beyond event. The following members attended: AnLih Tung (membership), Christine Tritsch (early careers), Eric Rasmussen (sponsorship), Scott Turnbull (membership), Tolu Shoyemi (early careers), Flora Milans (Regional Vice President-Elect), Doreen Shute (Special Projects), and Angela Walter (President). The event was held at the Shady Grove campus. It was an open event for their accounting majors who attend their Shady Grove campus. UMUC Career Services had a brief presentation, and the AGA Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter (AGA) was featured as part of their networking event. We were able to network with the various students elaborating on our careers and involvement in the AGA. We were able to successfully sign up the first 10 students as members.

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## CHAPTER NEWSLETTER RESEARCH, ARTICLES, AND BOOK REVIEWS

The Chapter encourages volunteers to provide newsletter articles on relevant subjects. We encourage all members to consider providing information that can enhance our knowledge base.

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### AGA NATIONAL UPDATES

#### *AGA's Professional Development Conference & Exposition*

Participants traveled to the "Big Easy" on June 21–24, 2009, for AGA's 58th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC)—the premier education and networking event of the year. AGA broke another record attendance with over 2,000 attendees.

This year's theme was focused on the government's response to the economic crisis. Main topics included the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP) in addition to the wide breadth of financial management topics and issues that financial managers address every day.

The PDC featured government and private sector experts in a variety of topics, that share with the attendees the latest research, innovative management techniques, and technological tools that can aid efficiency and improve effectiveness.

From the practical to the theoretical, sessions helped attendees sharpened their skills to bring greater efficiency and effectiveness to government operations.

Keynote Speakers were:

- James Carville and Mary Matalin, Washington's Best-Loved Political Couple;
- Earl E. Devaney, Chairman, Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board;
- Gene L. Dodaro, CGFM, Acting Comptroller General, U.S. Government Accountability Office;
- Dr. John Edward Hasse Author, Curator & Music Historian;
- Lt. General Russel Honore, Ret., Former Commander of Joint Task Force Katrina and Current CNN Contributor; and,
- Alison Levine, Team Captain of the First American Women's Everest Expedition and Groundbreaking Polar Adventurer

In addition, each year, the AGA National President presents special awards to recognize Chapters for their contributions and achievements. This year, the Montgomery/PG County Chapter was recognized at the PDC and presented with the following awards:

- 2008-9 AGA Platinum level Chapter Recognition Award
- 2008-9 Website Awards Group A First Place- Montgomery/PG County - Corinne Dougherty, CGFM, CPA

In addition, AGA National President Sam Mok, awarded Yehuda Schmidt, Chapter's President 2008-9 with the 2009 National President's Award for significant personal contribution and commitment above and beyond the call of duty in providing advice, support and guidance to me directly and continuously during my tenure as national president.

On one of the nights after a day of hearing from top-notch speakers, making new contacts, learning about the latest research, and discovering innovative management techniques, we got into the spirit and marched in our very own Mardi Gras parade for a night of food, drinks and plenty of fun. The event was sponsored by Ernst & Young, LLP, Grant Thornton, IBM, and MasterCard. We marched down to the Steamboat Natchez. The Steamboat Natchez is the only authentic steamboat in New Orleans and one of six still operating on the Mississippi River. Some people enjoyed music by the Rockin' Dopsie Jr. & the Zydeco Twisters, while others simply enjoyed the relaxed, casual atmosphere to network with colleagues and friends. The party was packed with excitement and a good time.



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## CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS CORNER

The following are the Chapter's upcoming monthly program highlights. Please visit our Web site at <http://www.marylandaga.com/meetings.cfm> and click the **Upcoming Chapter Events** for more details.

### September 2009

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### October 2009

October 7

#### **\*FREE\* AGA Audio Conference: Internal Controls for Auditors, Management, and Staff: Making Government**

AGA is pleased to announce its latest audio conference on Internal Controls for Auditors, Management, and Staff: Making Government Organizations More Effective.

**Date and Time:** This conference is scheduled on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 from 2:00–3:50 p.m. EDT

**Location and Cost:** KPMG LLP has agreed to sponsor this event \*free of charge\* for our Chapter members.

The conference will take place at KPMG LLP's Washington, DC office (2001 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036)

Please contact Maria Rossel to RSVP for this event, 202-533-6396 or [mrossel@kpmg.com](mailto:mrossel@kpmg.com).

October 21

#### October Dinner Meeting

**Presentation:** To be given by Tom Davis, Deloitte principal, former seven-term congressman from the Commonwealth of Virginia Government.

This meeting will be a **joint event with the Northern Virginia Chapter (NOVAGA)**. Please register to attend on NOVAGA's Web site. This event will be held at the Residence Inn Arlington Pentagon City.

### November 2009

November 18

#### **\*FREE\* AGA Audio Conference: Auditors' Role in Government Performance Measures**

AGA is pleased to announce its latest audio conference on Auditors' Role in Government Performance Measures.

**Date and Time:** This conference is scheduled on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 2:00–3:50 p.m. EST.

**Location and Cost:** Clifton Gunderson has agreed to sponsor this event \*free of charge\* for our Chapter members.

The conference will take place at Clifton Gunderson's corporate offices (1710 Beltsville Drive, Suite 300, Calverton, MD 20705).

Please contact Elizabeth Robinson to RSVP for this event, 301-943-3371 or [Elizabeth.Robinson@cliftoncpa.com](mailto:Elizabeth.Robinson@cliftoncpa.com).

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### December 2009

#### December 16

#### **\*FREE\* AGA Audio Conference: Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud**

AGA is pleased to announce its latest audio conference on Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud.

**Date and Time:** This conference is scheduled on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 from 2:00–3:50 p.m. EST.

**Location and Cost:** KPMG LLP has agreed to sponsor this event \*free of charge\* for our chapter members.

The conference will take place at KPMG LLP's Washington, DC office (2001 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036).

Please contact Maria Rossel to RSVP for this event, 202-533-6396 or mrossel@kpmg.com.

*For additional information and to register for any of the above Chapter events, please go to our Web site at [www.marylandaga.com](http://www.marylandaga.com).*

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