

## Report to Our Members 2023—2024 2024 Citizen Centric Report (CCR)

### About AGA

The AGA was founded in 1950. The AGA's mission is to advance accountability, transparency and leadership by promoting education, certification, innovation and collaboration across all levels of government and to stakeholders. The AGA connects and empowers professionals to help them: **Advance, Grow and Accelerate**. AGA has 84 Chapters across the United States and the territory of Guam. As of June 30, 2024, AGA has 11,214 members comprised of federal employees (24%); state, local and tribal employees (41%); private sector employees (18%); higher education, students, and retirees (14%); and other and undeclared (3%). The AGA sponsors the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification which recognizes the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government. Of the 11,214 members previously noted, 4,178 are CGFM's.

### About the Northern Virginia Chapter

The Northern Virginia Chapter of AGA (NOVAGA) was chartered on June 1, 1968 and as of June 30, 2024 includes approximately 766 professional members. The NOVAGA chapter is the second largest chapter of the AGA. Like the AGA, the NOVAGA members are accountants, auditors, Inspector Generals, grants managers, Information Technology professionals, and many other related disciplines. Our members are primarily from the communities of Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax; as well as other Northern Virginia cities and counties in the surrounding area. See page 2 of this report for a breakout of membership by employer type.

### Our Mission

NOVAGA services professionals in our community by providing quality education and networking events, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

### Our Vision

To contribute to the advancement of government through financial practices, accountability, and transparency, aiming for improved management control and accountability to the public. **Advance.**

To learn, grow, train, and inform government professionals in the fields of accounting, auditing, budgeting, systems, financial management, and the general business environment. **Grow.**

To recognize the unique skills and knowledge required of professionals who specialize in government financial management by sponsoring a professional certification program. **Accelerate.**



Dear NOVAGA Membership,  
It was an honor to have served as your 2023-2024 Chapter President and I am pleased to provide you with the NOVAGA 2023-2024 Citizen Centric Report. As we transition into the 2024-2025 program year, I would like to introduce you to your new Chapter President, Jacob MacDonald.

Christopher Horton (pictured above)  
NOVAGA Chapter President  
Program Year 2023-2024

Jacob MacDonald (pictured on the right)  
NOVAGA Chapter President  
Program Year 2024-2025

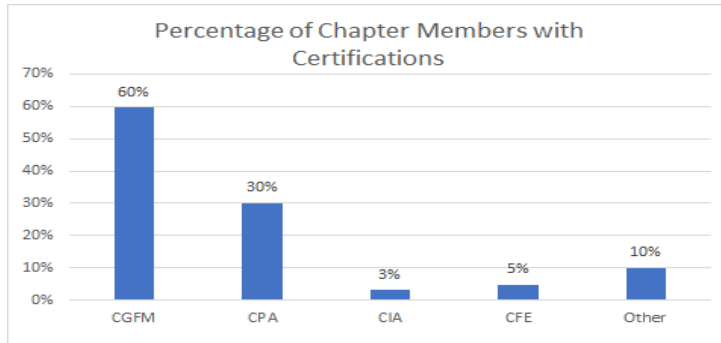


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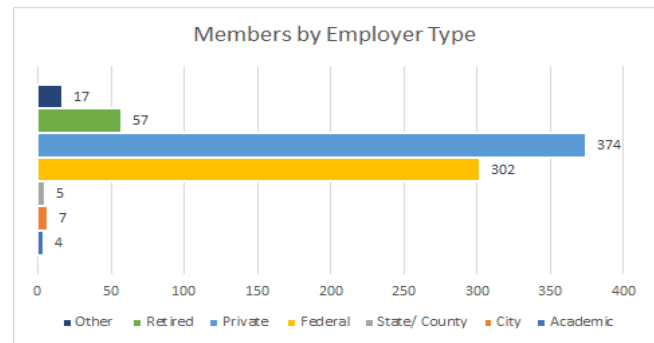
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## Chapter Demographics:



60% of chapter members are Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFMs), followed by 30% with Certified Public Accountants (CPA) certifications.



374 of the 766 chapter members work in private industry with the next biggest employer group being Federal Government with 302 members.

## Our Performance:

NOVAGA had a successful program year! The chapter's performance can be summarized in the following four areas: (1) Chapter Meetings, (2) Training Events, (3) Member Events and (4) Communications.

- Chapter Meetings:** Chapter meetings were generally held monthly (approximately 10 meetings in the program year) at the Washington Golf and Country Club in Arlington, VA. Each meeting provided attendees networking opportunities as well as one continuing professional education (CPE) credit.
- Training Events:** The Chapter held its annual Ethics training in January 2024 providing CPA's of Virginia with two hours of annual required Ethics training. Also on April 16, 2024, the Chapter held its Spring Workshop which provided attendees with up to eight hours of CPE credit. In addition, the Chapter held several instructor led study sessions for NOVAGA members interested in pursuing the CGFM certification.  
*Note: In general chapter meetings and training events are held in person with a virtual attendance option and CPE earned at these events meet the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) requirements.*
- Member Events:** NOVAGA holds events that encourage members to network and enjoy one another's company in a relaxed environment. The following are a few of the member events that were held during the program year. We kicked off our chapter's member events with a picnic in September 2023 in Arlington, VA followed by a Northern VA winery tour in November 2023, and a holiday party at the Hard Rock Cafe in December 2023. In addition, an early career happy hour was held on April 25, 2024 and finally the program year-end with a Chapter Gala in June of 2024.
- Communications:** NOVAGA primary sources of communication with its members are through its website <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Northern-Virginia-Chapter/Home.aspx> and a LinkedIn group (referenced below). Both the website and LinkedIn are regularly updated with upcoming events and information about NOVAGA. In addition, this past program year, NOVAGA sent out three news letters via email and also posted the letters to the website.

## Achievement in Chapter Excellence Award (ACE)

The NOVAGA Chapter has had a long streak of receiving Platinum Awards from the AGA National Office. Like many chapters, we struggled in some key performance areas during the pandemic and did not receive platinum chapter status. However, the chapter regained platinum chapter status in 2022-2023 program year and again in the latest 2023-2024 program year.



(Pictured on the left)

Christopher Horton, 2023-2024 President for NOVAGA Chapter receiving the Platinum in Denver, CO July 2024

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**[AGA Northern VA Chapter?](#)**



# NOVAGA Chapter Finances:

## Overview

NOVAGA Chapter finances are sound. During the 2023-2024 program year, the chapter added an additional \$6,019 in funds to its net position as of June 30, 2024. The chapter contracted with a third party CPA to compile the chapters financial statements and related tax returns for the 2023--2024 program year. The CPA's compilation report and the chapter's financial statements can be found on the NOVAGA chapter's website [here](#).

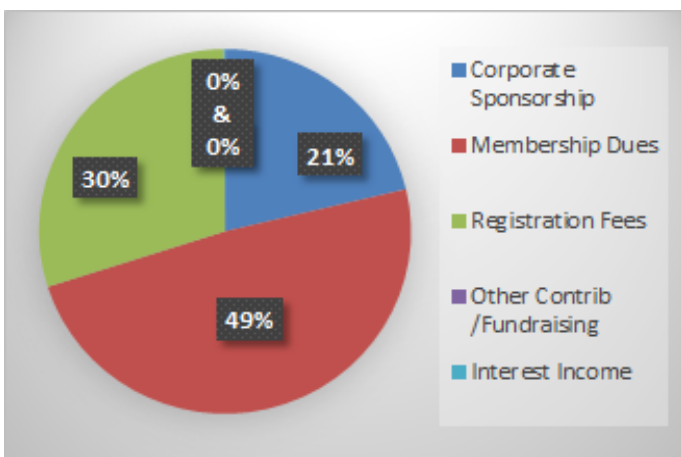
## Revenue Sources:

For the program year 2023-2024, the largest source of revenue for the Chapter related to membership dues which totaled \$22,476 of the total revenues of \$46,071. Other chapter revenues were registration fees at \$13,749; corporate sponsorship at \$9,807; interest income at \$39; and other contributions at \$0. For the program year 2022-2023, the largest source of revenue for the Chapter related to membership dues which totaled \$13,765 of the total revenues of \$20,997. Other chapter revenues were registration fees at \$5,770; corporate sponsorship at \$1,417; interest income of \$45; and other contributions at \$0. The increase in revenue from program 2022-2023 to program 2023-2024 years related to a re-newed increase in increasing corporate sponsorships and a continued increase in fees and dues relating to increase activities since the pandemic downturn associated with program years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

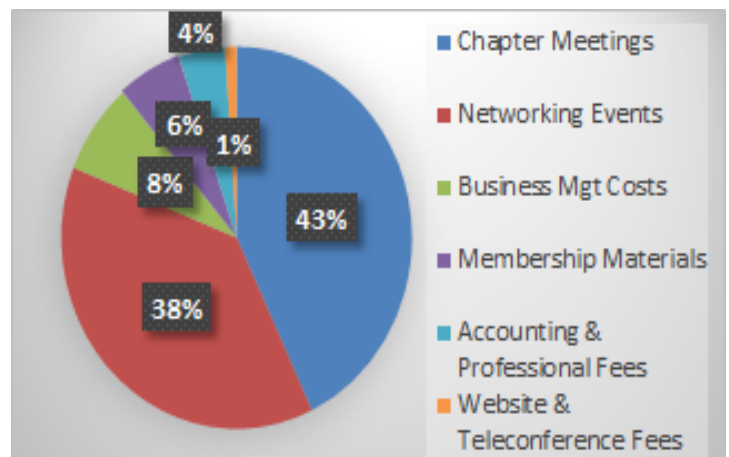
## Expenditure Categories:

For the program year 2023-2024, the largest source of expenditures for the Chapter related to chapter meeting related expenditures for our members, which totaled \$17,095 of the total expenditures of \$40,052. Other chapter expenditures were networking event expenses at \$15,124; business management expenses at \$3,327; membership materials and F&B at \$2,394; accounting and professional fee expenses at \$1,700; and website and teleconference fee expenses at \$412. For the program year 2022-2023, the largest source of expenditures for the Chapter related to chapter meeting related expenditures for our members, which totaled \$10,545 of the total expenditures of \$19,968. Other chapter expenditures were networking event expenses at \$3,246 business management expenses at \$2,339; membership materials and F&B at \$1,445; accounting and professional fee expenses at \$2,200; and website and teleconference fee expenses at \$193. The increase in expenditures from program year 2022-2023 to program 2023-2024 years related to a continued increase in chapter meetings and networking events since the pandemic downturn associated with program years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

2023-2024 Revenue Sources:



2023-2024 Expenditure Categories:





# Looking to Next Year!

The chapter ended the 2023-2024 program year on a happy note with an AGA platinum chapter award being awarded to the NOVAGA chapter! As we look into the 2024-2025 program year our focus will be in the following five areas of focus as noted by the incoming NOVAGA chapter presidents message:

- 1. Chapter Meetings - NOVAGA plans to hold at least nine evening chapter meetings at the Washington Golf and Country Club.
- 2. Training events - NOVAGA plans to hold an annual Spring training session and plans to offer a winter training session covering at a minimum the ethics CPE requirements for the VA Board of Accountancy CPA license. We also plan to provide study groups for individuals wishing to obtain their CGFM certification.
- 3. Member events - NOVAGA holds events that encourage members to network and enjoy one another's company in a relaxed environment. We will be kicking off our chapter's member events with a tri-chapter picnic in September 2024 and ending the program year with a Gala and Awards Ceremony.
- 4. Communication - NOVAGA will continue frequent website updates, provide more timely email communications regarding meetings and member events, prepare periodic newsletters, and post regularly to social media to reach as many chapter members as possible.
- 5. Community Service- NOVAGA plans to hold at least one stand-alone community service event and/or support the annual PDT NCSF fundraiser with contributions.



(Picture on the left)  
NOVAGA Early Careers Happy Hour at Whino (in Arlington, VA) on April 25, 2024  
Those in attendance had a great time, and the Chapter received some great interest from those in attendance!  
Thanks to the Committee for sponsoring a great event!



(Picture above)  
NOVAGA monthly chapter meeting (fireside chat) with Ms. Sheila Conley, CPA, DCFO at HHS and Ms. Ann Ebberts, MS, PMP, CEO at AGA.  
Meeting held at the Washington Golf and Country Club.  
- November 2023

## NOVAGA Chapter Leadership

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Join AGA and the NOVAGA Chapter NOW!!