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# Monthly Footnotes

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## April Luncheon Meeting CD Audio Conference Welcome Members and Non-Members

**TOPIC: Using Internal Controls to Better Manage and Monitor Programs**

Live broadcast March 11, 2009 - This is a cd presentation of the topic

**DATE: Thursday, April 29, 2010**

**REGISTRATION: 11:30 a.m. LUNCH: 11:45 a.m.**  
CD audio presentation runs from 12-1:50; 2 CPE

**COST: \$6 for Members, \$12 for Non-Members**

**PLACE: Rocky Rococo's Pizzeria, 1753 Thierer Road (near East Towne)**

**MENU: In-room buffet with pizza, salad, breadsticks, and fountain soda**

### RESERVATIONS

Please contact Sherri Voigt **by 1 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2010** with your name, membership status, meal choice at (608) 267-9818/e-mail: [sherri.voigt@wisconsin.gov](mailto:sherri.voigt@wisconsin.gov). If you need help getting a ride to lunch, please contact Sherri for car-pooling information.

### NEW MEMBERS FIRST LUNCHEON MEETING

If you are a new member and this is your first luncheon, please note that when calling in your reservation. Your first chapter luncheon meeting is FREE!

## ABOUT THIS MONTH'S LUNCHEON AUDIO CONFERENCE

By now, most people understand the need for internal controls. But do they know how to implement these concepts? What are the underlying reasons that intelligent, hard-working people simply ignore or circumvent such checks and balances? Is it a matter of inadequate resources or laziness? Should poor leadership be tolerated? How can poor internal controls lead to fraud?

Once we have recognized the need for internal controls in most organizations and have developed a comprehensive set of internal controls, how can an agency's investment in compliance help it reduce the total cost of controls and regulatory compliance as well as improve performance, thereby reprogramming resources in support of mission initiatives?

To share their views on these internal controls questions are **Terry Carnahan, CGFM, CPA**, Managing Director for Federal Internal Audit and Regulatory Compliance Services, KPMG LLP; and **Robert Gray, CGFM, CIA, CFE**, Consultant, Robert Gray Training; Former Regional Inspector General, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Please join us for two hours of lively discussion about this important and timely topic. In addition to the speaker's commentary, there will be approximately 20 minutes of recorded Q&A for participants to ask the speakers questions and share their own experiences.

This audio conference offers important information to almost everyone in the accountability profession. Please share this program announcement with others in your government, chapters, educational institutions and private firms.

## Register Today



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## THIRTY-THIRD ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

May 11, 2010  
University of Wisconsin  
Memorial Union  
800 Langdon Street  
Madison, WI 53704

TO REGISTER REFERENCE WEBSITE-- <http://www.aga-wis.org/>

Registration should be received by **April 30, 2010**. Mail to:

**ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS**

PO Box 1454; Madison, WI 53701-1454

Registration Contact: Sherri Voigt at 608-267-9818 or fax 608-264-6277

[sherri.voigt@wisconsin.gov](mailto:sherri.voigt@wisconsin.gov)

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA

Happy April!

I wanted to draw your attention to this month's luncheon meeting: **Using Internal Controls to Better Manage and Monitor Programs**. It will be a 2 hour audio conference on cd. This format has worked well in the past, so we are trying it again. The content should serve well for both financial and program staff.

April 30 is the deadline to apply for the May 11 Annual Symposium (see ad on page 2.) We look forward to seeing you there.

### March Lunch Meeting Notes

Brad Livingston, Airport Director, Dane County Regional Airport (DCRA), spoke at the March lunch. He brought along Kim Jones, Director of Finance and Administration, to help with any of our financial questions.

- The airport owns over 4,000 acres, including the land where MATC and

Bridges are located. The airport is in the top 100 (#98 or 99) of 470 commercial airports.

- They receive no property tax revenue; most small airports in the nation do.
- DCRA set up on a cost recovery basis and is not designed to earn a profit.
- DCRA has cash reserves near the level of their long-term debt. The FAA protects these reserves from being raided for other county gov't use.
- Employment fact: DCRA has 72 employees; TSA has 100.
- Fares out of Madison over decreased 16.7% from 2008 to 2009 (1995 rates)
- New carrier in May: Frontier airlines
- DCRA have one of the new screeners; there are weight issues and aren't sure it will fit on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor w/o reconstructing the security area.
- Epic books over 25,000 flights/year

*Sherri V.* 🐣

### **Chapter Board Meeting – 4/6/2010**

Present: Lily Radivojevich, David Mellem, Roger Birkett, Tom Scheidegger, Dolly O'Laughlin, Sherri Voigt, Carrie Ferguson

**Treasurer's Report:** 18,302 balance

**Membership-**Member drive 3/17-31  
2 people joined; will put us at 95

**CGFM** – March celebration lunch & photo

#### **Community Service**

- May 2 MS Walk-chapter donation again?
- Matching check for Second Harvest; Round up to \$250 total and send
- Do a basket for NCSF? WI items basket (tee shirt, mug, WI on-line company gift card)

**CRP** – Dolly entered info through 3/31. Copy her on anything you (if points may be

involved)

**Newsletter** – monthly puzzles; CEC group photo

#### **Education**

- Symposium meals/other details -discussed supplies and planning details for the training
- April 29-audio cd-purchase cd for use; use January lunch rates since cd cost
- May topics?

#### **Other Items**

- Member survey
- Chapter Awards-Lily suggested we look at 1 or 2 for the 2011 program year
- Web site fees-Scott needs to know amount since may have better options
- PDC-Eric was approved as the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter attendee to receive partial PDC reimbursement



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
CHAPTER MEMBER  
JOHN ROGAN!  
*Irish Person of the Year***

John (Jack) Rogan has been selected as the Irish Person of the Year for 2010 by the Dane County Shamrock Club. Jack was recognized at the club's Irish Flag Ceremony in the Capitol on March 14 and at their St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 21. Jack has been a member of the Southern Wisconsin AGA Chapter for nearly 37 years.

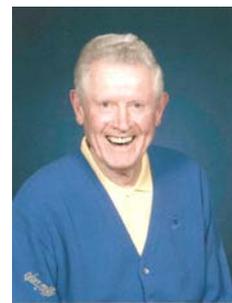
Jack, the oldest of seven children, was born to Irish parents in New York City in July 1926. Soon after, the family moved to Gortgarn, Northern Ireland (near Belfast) before relocating to Elmira, New York. He gave up his seminary deferment to enter service in June 1945. Following the Japanese surrender, he transferred from the Infantry to Finance and spent the majority of his 25 year active duty career serving in a wide range of increasing important financial management positions. He was promoted to rank of Colonel in April 1968. He decided to take early retirement in June 1970.

Upon relocating to Madison, Jack served as State Finance Director for 13 years during the tenure of five governors. During this period, he was also actively involved at the national level as a member of the National Council on Government Accounting, Council of State Governments and President of National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers. Jack recently completed over 38 years of voluntary service to

the Diocese of Madison as a financial advisor to three different bishops and served as a long-term member of the Corporate Board and other key boards and committees.

Jack married Ann Cogan in Kyoto, Japan in 1950 and they are the parents of nine children. They will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Jack and Ann are long-time members of St. Bernard's Parish in Middleton where he served as Parish Council President and financial advisor. He continues to serve as lector/commentator and Eucharistic minister.

Jack has been recognized for his military and state government careers. In addition, the Rogan's were named "Family of the Year" in 2003 by the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus, Jack was chosen as "Serran of the Year" in 2004 and he received the prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs in 2009. He is a member of the "Know Your Madisonian" group and was the subject of an article in last June's Middleton Times-Tribune. Jack and Ann have been long-time members of the Shamrock Club. The Club website is [www.madison.com/communities/shamrock/](http://www.madison.com/communities/shamrock/).



## Please join the AGA-Southern Wisconsin Team and walk with us on Sunday, May 2.

This year, the walk starts at Warner Park.  
To join, go to:

[http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/WI/GWalkEvents?team\\_id=185673&pg=team&fr\\_id=13766&s\\_tafId=75383](http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/WI/GWalkEvents?team_id=185673&pg=team&fr_id=13766&s_tafId=75383)

Click Join Team

Click box on Participant-Team Registration and enter your fundraising goal (if you mark a pledge here, it will bill you for it now.) Contact Sherri Voigt if you have questions

If you can't make the Walk and just want to make a donation, use the link above, click on a team member, and select "Donate to Walker." If you prefer to use a check, contact Sherri Voigt to pledge to Team AGA.



## National News

### From the National President



### AGA's First Federal Performance Conference

AGA has added a new conference to its national education program this year in response to the Obama administration's unprecedented emphasis on transparency and accountability in federal government operations.

AGA's first Federal Performance Conference is designed to answer calls for help on this important issue. It is scheduled for **April 27–28** at the

Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. The conference starts at 1 p.m. Tuesday and runs all day Wednesday. Cost is \$395 for AGA members and \$495 for nonmembers.

Sessions include:

- Closing the Gap on Strategic Planning
- Partners in Performance: Integrating Agendas of the CFO, CIO, CHCO and PIO Councils
- They're All Related: Getting the Most out of Your Financial Statements, Budgets and Performance Information
- Using Data to Manage—State and Local Governments Share Their Approaches
- What's Working? Analyzing the Results for Better Program Management
- Communicating Government Performance to Multiple Audiences

The Renaissance has agreed to offer rooms to conference attendees at the government rate of \$226 for April 27 and April 28 only. Call the hotel at 800.228.9290 (mention AGA FPC) or make your reservations online. A limited number of sponsorships are available, and some space is available for exhibitors. For more information contact [Evie Barry](#) or [Ada Phillips](#).

- [Register today](#)
- [Visit the Conference Page](#)
- [Reserve a hotel room](#)

### **AGA PDC Overflow Hotel: Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista**

Have you registered for AGA's PDC and reserved your room in Orlando? If not, don't worry... there's still time. But rooms are selling quickly; we encourage you to make your hotel reservations today, for the best price and availability.

If you are unable to obtain a room at the Orlando World Center Marriott, you may [contact the Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista in the Marriott Village](#) for reservations. The Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista offers a great location, numerous amenities and convenient dining options, such as the Village Market Place Food Court, featuring Starbucks®, TCBY®, Village Grill, and Pizza Hut™, a Lobby Bar and the Courtyard Café. The property also boasts a game room, three swimming pools, a 24-hour business center, three fitness facilities and laundry rooms on virtually every floor. Spacious guest rooms serve as relaxing, comfortable retreats to help you enjoy your stay. All rooms have refrigerators, wireless web TV, Sony PlayStation® and complimentary high-speed Internet.

As an Official Walt Disney World® Good Neighbor Hotel, the Courtyard is located just one mile from Walt Disney World® Resort and Downtown Disney, and is in close proximity to upscale shopping outlets and

Orlando's top attractions.

[The Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista](#) is located just a few minutes from the Orlando Marriott World Center and offers **complimentary shuttle service for PDC attendees**.

To make a reservation, please call 877.682.8552 or 407.938.9001 and mention that you are attending the AGA PDC to receive the \$108 rate.

## **CGFM Corner**



### **Indian Affairs Makes it Simple for Finance Employees to Earn CGFM**

**Janet Hogler, CGFM**, is not only committed to bringing the best training to employees, but also to making it as convenient as possible.

About six years ago, Hogler brought AGA's three Government Financial Management (GFM) courses to U.S. Department of Energy employees in Pittsburgh, PA, and Morgantown, WV. While successful, in looking back she thought more employees would have taken the three examinations if she had brought the test to them, rather than expecting them to do that footwork on their own.

That's why Hogler added an extra step this time. As Chief of Staff to the Chief Financial Officer – Indian Affairs, she asked AGA to bring the three GFM courses to their workplace in Reston, VA. She lined up 26 students, most of them

from Indian Affairs and a few from the U.S. Department of the Interior's (DOI) Office of Financial Management, and also arranged for the exams to be held immediately after each course. [Read more.](#)

## Interested in the CGFM Certification?

Sign up for AGA's special Intensive Review Course and take the CGFM Examinations before the PDC. Don't miss this opportunity to earn your CGFM! The Intensive Review Course will take place from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, and Friday, July 9, 2010. The CGFM Examinations will be offered by appointment only on July 10-11, 2010.

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. The cost of this course is not included in the PDC registration fee.

BEFORE YOU REGISTER, PLEASE READ:

***What is the Intensive Review Course?*** It is a special limited enrollment opportunity for those individuals who have already been studying for the CGFM Examinations and want extra reinforcement of the material. It is a way to save money on the examination fees (and get the course with it!). It is a review of the main topics covered in the examinations. It is an opportunity to add the value of the instructor who can explain concepts, provide examples and answer questions for those who chose the self-study option. It is a refresher course for those who took the AGA instructor-led courses a long time ago. It is a great way to set a deadline for completing your certification examinations

and get it done!

- ***What it is NOT:*** It is **not** a shortcut. The Intensive Review Course is **not** a substitute for the three AGA instructor-led training courses. It is usually **not** enough by itself to prepare for the CGFM Examinations – advance preparation is strongly recommended (see [How do I prepare?](#) for more information). It is **not** an exam prep course with strategies on how to pass the exams.

### Registration

To participate in this event, individuals must:

- 1) Apply for the CGFM Program (submitting CGFM application form, fee and college transcript – see Eligibility section below).
- 2) Pre-register for this event by submitting the [Intensive Review Course Registration Form](#) and appropriate fee. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

The complete application for the CGFM Program must be submitted BEFORE or TOGETHER with the Intensive Review Course Registration Form. Registrations for this event will not be confirmed until after the CGFM application is accepted.

Cancellations must be received by June 17, 2010; refunds will not be granted after this date.

**Deadline:** Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first-served basis. Space is limited, so we encourage you to sign up early. Registrations will not be accepted after **June 24, 2010.**

### Location

The Intensive Review Course and the CGFM Examinations will be held at

the same hotel as the Professional Development Conference:  
Orlando World Center Marriott  
8701 World Center Drive  
Orlando, FL 32821.

## **Eligibility**

To attend the Intensive Review Course and/or take the CGFM Examinations participants must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program. Candidates need to submit the CGFM Program application form with \$85 application fee and a copy of a transcript from an accredited college or university. The transcript must show that a degree (bachelor's or higher) was awarded and list at least 24 credit hours of courses in financial management or related topics. Applicant's name and the name of the college or university must appear on all transcripts. Please see [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/start/](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/start/) for more information.

In addition, those individuals who want to complete their CGFM at this event need to submit a Work Verification Form listing at least two years of professional-level government financial management experience.

*Prior attendance of CGFM training course(s) or purchase of the CGFM Study Guides is not required but is strongly encouraged.*

If you have already taken a CGFM Examination and did not pass, you must satisfy the waiting period before taking that CGFM Examinations at this event.

## **Materials**

No materials will be provided at the Intensive Review Course. However, participants are encouraged to order CGFM Study Guides at least six weeks before the course date. For more

information on study guides visit [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studyguide.aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/prepare/studyguide.aspx).

*The cost of the study guides is not included in the price of the Intensive Review Course.*

Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to send in the registration form indicating their preference for an examination date and time as soon as possible (Intensive Review Course Registration Form). Some of the time slots may fill up and no longer be available. We will confirm your registration and indicate whether we are able to accommodate your request for the particular examination time slot(s).

Individuals who want to take the CGFM Examinations at this event without attending the review course can do so by following the same registration procedures. The fee for taking the three CGFM Examinations is the same as the Intensive Review Course fee – see the Intensive Review Course Registration Form for more details.

The CGFM Examinations are:

- Examination 1—Governmental Environment
- Examination 2— Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting
- Examination 3—Governmental Financial Management and Control

More detailed information on CGFM Examinations content can be found on [www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/exams/](http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/exams/).

The examination results will be available immediately.

## Articles

### *State and Local News*

#### **State Debt Woes Grow Too Big to Camouflage**

California, New York and other states are showing many of the same signs of debt overload that recently took Greece to the brink: budgets that will not balance, accounting that masks debt, the use of derivatives to plug holes, and armies of retired public workers who are counting on benefits that are proving harder and harder to pay. And states are responding in sometimes desperate ways, raising concerns that they, too, could face a debt crisis. —Mary Williams Walsh, *The New York Times*. [Read more.](#)

#### **Health Care: States Mull Whether to Sue**

The question of whether states should sue over federal health care reform is a legal matter that is quickly turning into a partisan wedge issue, pitting governors against their own attorneys general in states where they come from different political parties. Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard, a Democrat, is refusing to join lawsuits filed by 14 of his counterparts—all of them Republicans except Louisiana's Buddy Caldwell—because he considers legal action "a waste of scarce taxpayer dollars," *The Arizona Republic* reported. "These lawsuits will be considered in federal court with or without Arizona's participation," Goddard said. —*Stateline.org*. [Read more.](#)

### *Federal News*

#### **Republicans Say Iraq Watchdog Should be a Comptroller General Candidate**

House and Senate Republicans said in a letter Thursday that **Stuart Bowen**, the special inspector general for Iraq

reconstruction, should be added to a list of names that Democrats have submitted to President Obama as candidates for comptroller general, the head of the Government Accountability Office. The Democratic choices were **Rep. Todd Platts, R-PA.**; **Linda Bilmes**, a faculty member at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government; Acting Comptroller General **Gene Dodaro**, a member of AGA's Northern Virginia Chapter, and former Assistant Comptroller **Ira Goldstein**, a member of AGA's Washington D.C. Chapter. —*CongressDaily*. [Read more.](#)

#### **DFAS Halts Terminations of 20 Debt-Troubled Employees**

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) has halted the terminations of as many as 20 employees nationwide who were going to lose their jobs because of debt-related problems. Spokesman Tom LaRock said that DFAS will review the positions of employees facing termination because they lost their security clearances. DFAS will determine if the employees actually need to be classified as sensitive. A 2005 Pentagon regulation tightening security clearance policies meant DFAS employees—who deal with personal data such as Social Security numbers and bank account information—were reclassified as holding sensitive positions and required background checks. The background checks include reviews of employees' finances to see if they have histories of not paying taxes, patterns of shirking debts, or serious money troubles linked to other problems such as drugs, alcohol or gambling. —Stephen Losey, *The Federal Times*. [Read more.](#)

#### **OMB Financial Management Chief Pledges to Urge Quick Results**

The Obama administration will insist on short-term progress in improving federal financial management, despite its commitment to long-term change, said a top Office of Management and Budget official on Tuesday. **Danny Werfel**, controller of OMB's Office of Federal Financial Management and a member of AGA's Washington, D.C. Chapter, said the administration's guiding principle is to focus on defining financial management and take immediate steps toward improvement while not shying away from significant change. "In the very short term, we need to make sure that the investments we're making in all aspects of government have the maximum return on investment," Werfel said at an Association of Government Accountants Leadership Breakfast in Washington. "It's that dynamic that is quite challenging, because transformational change often requires longer-term process, longer-term investments." While much of the change will come from modernizing agency business systems and other investments, Werfel said agencies also should adapt to focus on the financial metrics that are most important to taxpayers.—Elizabeth Newell, *Government Executive*. [Read more.](#)

### *Private Sector News*

#### **CEOs See Pay Fall Again**

The boss took another haircut as CEO compensation edged lower in 2009, the first time in two decades that pay declined for two consecutive years. The median value of salaries, bonuses, long-term incentives, and grants of stock and stock options for the chief executives of 200 major U.S. companies declined 0.9 percent to \$6.95 million, according to an analysis for *The Wall Street Journal* by the Hay Group management consultancy. The drop in total direct compensation was only the third since 1989, when the Journal began tracking CEO pay. In 2008, pay fell 3.4 percent. The analysis also showed that highly paid CEOs generally run

companies that deliver better-than-average shareholder returns. —Joann Lublin, *The Wall Street Journal*. [Read more.](#)

### *Accounting Standards News*

#### **GASB Proposes to Improve Financial Reporting Entity Guidance**

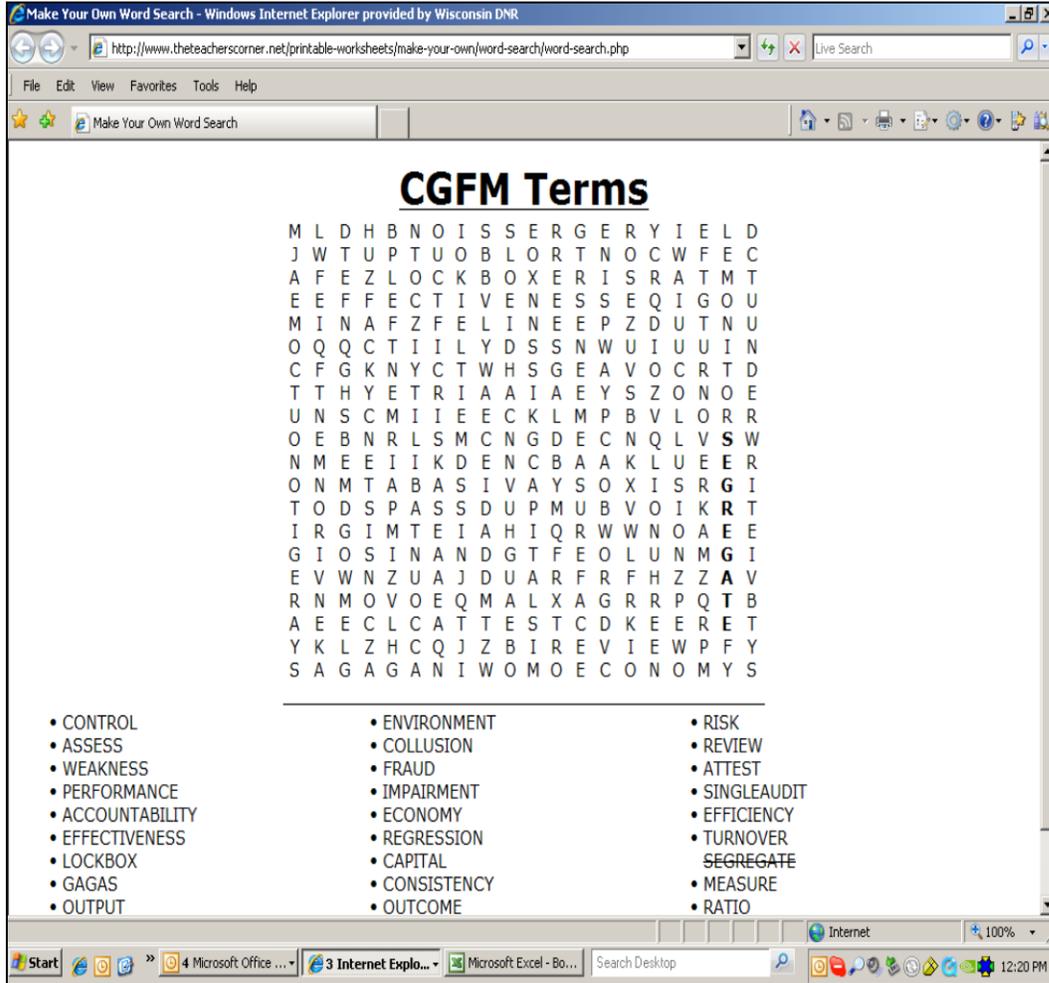
On March 26, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued a proposal that would amend its standards for including, presenting and disclosing information about component units and equity interest transactions. Read the [news release](#). Download the [Exposure Draft](#)

#### **Members Who Made a Difference**

In recognition of AGA's 60th Anniversary this September, we will issue a special issue of the *Journal of Government Financial Management* to commemorate the occasion. We'd like to feature a cross-section of members who contributed to AGA's success over the last 10 years. Whether on the national, regional or local level, members are hard at work every day to ensure AGA's continued success. Please help us to recognize deserving members by suggesting them for our "Members Who Made a Difference" profiles in the Fall 2010 issue of *The Journal*. We're looking for the foot soldiers and unsung heroes who have served AGA faithfully during the 2000s. Please return [this form](#) to [Marie Force](#) by **April 15, 2010**.

# TEST YOUR SKILL

## Developed by Sherri Voigt



### LOCATE THESE TERMS FROM THE CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER (CGFM) REVIEW BOOK 3: GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

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| <b>ACCOUNTABILITY</b> | <b>FRAUD</b>       | <b>RATIO</b>        |
| <b>ASSESS</b>         | <b>GAGAS</b>       | <b>REGRESSION</b>   |
| <b>ATTEST</b>         | <b>IMPAIRMENT</b>  | <b>REVIEW</b>       |
| <b>CAPITAL</b>        | <b>LOAN</b>        | <b>RISK</b>         |
| <b>COLLUSION</b>      | <b>LOCKBOX</b>     | <b>SEGREGATE</b>    |
| <b>CONSISTENCY</b>    | <b>MEASURE</b>     | <b>SINGLE AUDIT</b> |
| <b>CONTROL</b>        | <b>MONITOR</b>     | <b>TURNOVER</b>     |
| <b>ECONOMY</b>        | <b>OUTCOME</b>     | <b>UNDERWRITE</b>   |
| <b>EFFECTIVENESS</b>  | <b>OUTPUT</b>      | <b>WEAKNESS</b>     |
| <b>EFFICIENCY</b>     | <b>PCAOB</b>       | <b>YIELD</b>        |
| <b>ENVIRONMENT</b>    | <b>PERFORMANCE</b> |                     |

### SHARE YOUR NEWS

Do you have some interesting news that your fellow chapter members may be interested in? If so, please submit an article to the Newsletter Editor at [radiojevich@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:radiojevich@co.dane.wi.us). Deadline for submission of articles is the 25th of the month. Feel to send in topic suggestions or features to include.

### COMMENTS

We would love to hear feedback on the newsletter changes. Let us know what you like, what you hate, what we can do better! Contact the Newsletter Editor at [radiojevich@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:radiojevich@co.dane.wi.us) or the Chapter President at [sherri.voigt@wisconsin.gov](mailto:sherri.voigt@wisconsin.gov)

### ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are moving, or have already moved, please notify both your chapter and AGA National of your address change. You can update your address online at the national website:

[www.agacgfm.org/membership/form\\_address.htm](http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/form_address.htm)



### Stress Management

Just in case you are having a rough day, here is a stress management technique that actually works -- and doesn't rely on habit-forming drugs. Ready to give it a try? Just follow these simple steps:

1. Take a deep breath.
2. Picture yourself near a stream.
3. Hear the birds softly chirping in the cool mountain air.
4. Recall that no one knows your secret place.
5. You are in total seclusion from the hectic place called the world.
6. The soothing sound of a gentle waterfall in the distance fills the air with a cascade of serenity.
7. The water is crystal clear.
8. You can easily make out the face of the person you are holding underwater.

See? You're smiling already

## Southern Wisconsin Chapter Calendar of Events for 2009-2010

August 4, 2009 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

September 1, 2009 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

September 24, 2009 - Retirement System Update, Sari King, Constituent Relations,  
Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF), Great Dane - Fitchburg

October 6, 2009 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

October 22, 2009 – State of Wisconsin Strategies for the American Recovery and  
Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Susan Crawford, Chief Legal Council to Governor  
Doyle, Babe's Restaurant

November 3, 2009 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

November 19, 2009 – Wisconsin Economic Update, John Koskinen, Chief Economist,  
Wisconsin Department of Revenue

December 1, 2009 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison (meeting cancelled)

January 5, 2010 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

January 28, 2010 – Annual Tax Update, Mardee L. Blattner, CPA, MST, Manager,  
Baker Tilly Virchow Krause & Company – Imperial Garden's Restaurant,  
Madison

February 2, 2010 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison, WI (meeting cancelled)

February 25, 2010 – Eugene S. Farley, MD, MPH, Health Care – What It Means For  
Individuals, Families, Businesses, Governments, and Health Care Providers –  
Dayton Street Café, Madison, WI

March 2, 2010 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

March 25, 2010 – Bradley Livingston, Director, Dane County Regional Airport

**April 6, 2010 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison**

**April 29, 2010 – Using Internal Controls to Better Manage and Monitor Programs-  
CD Audio Conference – Rocky Rococo's Pizzeria, 1753 Thierer Road**

May 2, 2010 – MS Walk 2010 (community service event)

May 4, 2010 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

May 11, 2010 – *Annual Spring Symposium*

May 20, 2010 – luncheon topic and location to be determined

June 1, 2010 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

Note: Community service, VITA, and social events will be announced during the year.

## AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter 2009-2010 Officers and Directors

**President** – Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA, DNR, [sherri.voigt@wisconsin.gov](mailto:sherri.voigt@wisconsin.gov), 608-267-9818

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**Past President** – Eric Busse, DPI [eric.busse@dpi.state.wi.us](mailto:eric.busse@dpi.state.wi.us), 608-267-9199

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**Treasurer** – Roger Birkett, CPA, [jabirk@charter.net](mailto:jabirk@charter.net)

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