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November Luncheon Meeting Welcome Members and Non-Members

TOPIC: Property Value Assessments and How They are Utilized in the City of Madison Budget

SPEAKER: Mark Hanson and Dave Schmiedicke

DATE: Thursday, November 17, 2011

REGISTRATION: 11:30 a.m. **LUNCH:** 11:45 a.m.

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

PLACE: Frida Mexican Grill, 117 State Street, on second level (parking ramp at 214 North Carroll; elevator available)

MENU: All meals include soda and chips & salsa

Enchiladas Rancheras: cheese enchiladas topped with ranchera sauce and melted cheese, served with Mexican rice, black beans, lettuce, pico de gallo

Carnitas Quesadillas: slow roasted pork, onions, cheese, served with lettuce, pico de gallo, sour cream

Fajita Burrito: filled with beef, rice, sautéed onions and bell peppers, served with white rice refried beans lettuce, pico de gallo

RESERVATIONS: Please contact Sherri Voigt by 11 a.m. on Monday, November 14, 2011 with your name, meal choice, and membership status at (608) 267-9818/e-mail: sherri.voigt@wisconsin.gov. If you need help getting a ride to lunch, please contact Sherri for car-pooling information.

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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 SPEAKER ABOUT THIS MONTH'S LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Mark Hanson has served 5 years as the City of Madison Assessor, from 2006 to the present. He worked 18 years with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Property Tax Bureau, Equalization Section from 1988-2009, starting as a Property Assessment Technician and promoting up to Section Chief. Prior to that Hanson was employed with Gardiner & Clark in Verona, Wisconsin.

Hanson earned a Bachelor of Science degree from UW-LaCrosse. He is a Certified Wisconsin Assessor 2 and 3. He is a member of the Wisconsin Association of Assessing Officers and International Association of Assessing Officers.

Dave Schmiedicke is the City of Madison Finance Director. Prior to this appointment in 2011, he served as the State of Wisconsin Budget Director.

Additional information will be provided in the confirmation email



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE Carrie Ferguson, CPA



November heralds the arrival of Thanksgiving. Many of us associate this holiday with feasting and football – all topped off with a heaping slice of pumpkin pie. However, with these tough economic times, many of our friends, family and fellow citizens have seen their slices of the American pie shrinking to a size that is anything but heaping. Because of this, our Chapter is committed to continuing its food drive at the November and January lunch



meetings. For those of you who were already generous in your donations for Second Harvest at the September meeting, many thanks. For those of you who will choose to donate (or donate again) at either/both of those meetings, many thanks. It is gratifying to know that we can, in some small way, make some people's holidays, and other days, a little bit brighter. Thank you as well to all who participated in and made donations during our Passionately Pink for the Cure event at our October luncheon meeting. Having had family touched by that disease, I truly welcome the possibility of a cure brought about by the researchers' hard work that is funded by those donations.

And speaking of hard work, I am thankful for the efforts of all of the AGA board members in helping to bring you not only the community service events, but also our many educational events. We had another great luncheon meeting

in October and have more planned for upcoming months – so be sure to check out our future newsletters and our chapter website for more details. Because I am thankful for the efforts of all our board members, I remain committed to highlighting the work of each of these board members in my president's messages in upcoming months, as I have done during September and October, so stay tuned.

I am thankful for our all of our members as well. I have enjoyed meeting many of your at our many events, and look forward to meeting others at upcoming events. If you are not a member of AGA, or if you are a member and know someone you think should join, be sure to check out the details of our "20-20-20" membership campaign on page 6.

So, you see, I didn't want to save up all my thanks until Thanksgiving. I hope you don't as well. In any case, I hope all of you have a safe and healthy holiday with family and friends. Of course, healthiness aside, I hope you all are able to indulge in a heaping slice of pumpkin pie (or some other equally delicious dessert).

2011 Southern Wisconsin Chapter Officers and Directors



Pictured (left to right): front: Tom Scheidegger, Mary Laufenberg, Sherri Voigt, Dolly O'Laughlin; back: Roger Birkett, David Mellem, Lillian Radivojevich, Carrie Ferguson





Chapter Board Meeting Minutes October 4, 2011

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

Treasurer's Report: \$20,873.19 at 10/4/11.

Membership: 79 members currently. October 21 is the deadline to apply for the recruitment scholarship. Plan to give dues rebates up the first xx to apply based on funds received from National AGA.

CGFM: \$20 discount on applications.

Accountability: Hope to have a draft Chapter CCR next month; some local government contacts in process.

Chapter Recognition: Doing well so far with 5.944 points recorded in first period.

Community Service: Passionately Pink for the Cure at October lunch meeting. Food collected at September lunch went to MOM in Middleton; \$31 cash collected will be combined with November donations/ chapter match and sent to Second Harvest.

Newsletter: Dave will try to send Thursday. Get all items to Lily by 10/26.

Education: Brainstormed meeting locations and topics. Ideas included: Madison Assessor's Office, SOX outcomes-what changes made/how addressing fraud,

unemployment insurance, libraries-funding in general
Began reviewing topics for the Symposium; more to be discussed next month.

Next meeting November 1 at Hometown Buffet

September 22, 2011 Luncheon Meeting Notes & Photo

Chief Noble Wray of the City of Madison Police Department (MPD) was the speaker. Chief Wray has been with the MPD for 20 years.

A change is afoot in policing nationally. There is no current national campaign (such as 'War on Drugs' or 'War on Crime.') Crime rates have been decreasing the past decade. Police have become very effective at analyzing data.

Public expectations are increasing. The public expects a proactive police force: prevent crime from occurring. Research is being done nation-wide to look at how municipalities are sustaining public safety, especially as regards overtime and hiring. 150-200 responded (out of 18,000 local law enforcement units; 600 units in Wisconsin alone.)

- 43% have a hiring freeze
- 58% have a wage freeze
- 16% have instituted furloughs
- 68% reduced training/task forces

There is no change in the public demand for public safety.

The 3 C's of being Police Chief:

Cost, Conduct, Crime

Chief Wray is spending most of his time



on Cost. The MPD is the “800 pound gorilla” in the room when it comes to budget time. This year the concept of “we’re the police so we can’t be cut” is over. In Camden, NJ, half the department was laid off. Police are being laid off. Citizens are not fighting it since crime is on the decrease. Chief Wray hired a civilian Finance Manager. This person is able to explain scenarios to the City Council, etc., in a manner people can better understand (instead of a Budget Captain or Budget Lieutenant, who spoke more police jargon), especially when it comes to matters of overtime.

Law enforcement is trying to consider itself a profession instead of 18,000 distinct units. A profession has a body of knowledge, a body of research that law enforcement nation-wide can rely on. This includes best practices and how outcomes can be predicted.

What need to do to police in the new economy: five key items in his 2012 budget request

- A. Explore technology-to increase efficiency and effectiveness; find ways to do more with less, i.e.; monitor in squad that shows action in area parks, etc.
Technology has a cost: what affect to the one-to-one contact that builds trust on top of the dollars from the budget.
- B. Regionalization (or metropolitan policing)-stop the duplication of effort, share equipment. Find a way to manage in a decentralized manner. We cannot afford to continue to operate separately.
- C. Labor/Management-constructive negotiations.
- D. Civilianization-civilians and volunteers doing things the cops used to do,
- E. Talk about policing in the new economy-look at the impacts and

possibilities. Customer satisfaction increases when actually know an officer or knew the officer’s name. Community policing is labor and cost intensive, but it is what MPD does.

Q&A Session

- volunteers: bring retired officers back (helps against knowledge loss)
- drunk drivers: number is down, but chronic offenders on the rise; criminal justice needed-more reliance on the interlock system
- last hour (officer only goes out to priority or emergency calls)-this has had a positive impact on overtime; mitigated somewhat by going to a five shift schedule so less impact on calls
- Why the heroine explosion? And why so many overdoses?-crack cocaine lost its appeal; Wray gave a lot of information on the addictive nature of heroin and how easy it is to OD.
- Regionalization in Dane Co?-Parisi amenable to talking about it; will take strong leadership; police chiefs can influence county boards
- Lack of national initiative good or bad?-it allows flexibility with local problems
- What is relationship with DA Office now that funding down?-good personal relationship; have a special investigative unit to address repeat violent offenders; looking at “focused deterrence”





20-20-20 Recruitment Program: \$20 Incentive Payments, \$20 Bonus, and \$20 Rebates under The Southern Wisconsin AGA Chapter New Member Recruitment Program

Our chapter is holding a 20-20-20 member recruitment campaign.

Incentive Payments: You can earn an incentive of a single payment of \$20 as a Southern Wisconsin Chapter member simply by recruiting one or more new chapter members.

Bonus Award: Members who recruit more than one member will be entered into a drawing for a prize of an additional \$20 award. Members who recruit more than one new member will have one entry for each additional member recruited.

Rebates: Each new chapter member will receive a \$20 rebate for their first year's dues.

This chapter member recruitment program runs **through Thursday, January 20, 2012**. The membership application must be submitted to the AGA national office by January 20, 2012 (in accordance with AGA national rules.) The member recruiter and/or new member must notify the chapter membership chairperson at david.mellem@oig.hhs.gov or 608-264-5415 ext. 25, by no later than the day after the submission deadline. Funds available for this recruitment effort are limited and will be paid on a first notice, first paid basis.

The AGA Membership Categories, annual dues and reduced dues after rebate for this recruitment campaign until January 20, 2012 are as follows:

Full Government Member	\$ 90 less \$20 rebate = only \$ 70
Private Sector Member	\$150 less \$20 rebate = only \$130
Early Career Member	\$ 45 less \$20 rebate = only \$ 25
Student Member	\$ 30 less \$20 rebate = only \$ 10
Retired	\$ 30 less \$20 rebate = only \$ 10

Membership applications and instructions are available on the AGA national website at <http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/joinnow.aspx> as well as other membership information at <http://www.agacgfm.org/homepage.aspx> under Membership & Chapters in the left side menu.

READY, SET, GROW ... Member Get-a-Member Campaign

The 2011 Ready, Set, Grow, Member Get-A-Member Contest, runs May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012. AGA is offering several incentives to recruit new members.

- Everyone who recruits at least one new member will receive a **Sponsors Only Lapel Pin**.
- For every new member you recruit by April 30, 2012, your name will be entered into a fishbowl drawing to win an **iPad**; e.g., recruit one new member to have one entry to win; recruit two and have two entries to win.
- Recruit six new members by December 31, 2011 and receive a full year's **AGA membership free**.
- Recruit 10 or more members by March 31, 2012 and your name will be placed into a drawing for a **\$200 American Express Gift Card**. After 10, each new member sponsored gives you another chance at the drawing. Recruit 10 members, get one chance at the drawing, recruit 16 members, get seven chances, and so on. The more members you recruit, the more chances you have to win.
- **Recruiter of the Year** (one winner)—The member who recruits the most new members from May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012 will be presented with the Recruiter of the Year distinction and receive a complimentary **registration to the 61st Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition in San Diego and two tickets to Sea World San Diego**.
- **Top Sponsor** (two winners)—The next two members who recruit the most new members from May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012 will each be presented with the Top Sponsor distinction along with a **complimentary registration to the 61st Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition in San Diego**.

Learn more at http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/mem_campaign.aspx.

Current AGA Membership Application Form:

http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/downloads/membershipapplication_interactive.pdf

Membership Types, Criteria and Dues:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/membership/join/categories.aspx>

Help Transform Careers by Sponsoring a New Member Today.

http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/mem_campaign.aspx

If you need further assistance, please contact: Jill Murphy, Membership Specialist, at the AGA national office at jmurphy@agacgfm.org or (703) 684-6931 ext. 306 or David Mellem of the Southern Wisconsin Chapter at david.mellem@oig.hhs.gov or (608) 264-5415 ext. 25.

Past AGA Chapter President Donald Coyle Remembered

Donald Coyle, age 93, passed away on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011.

He served as president of the Association of Government Accountants-Madison Chapter (renamed Southern Wisconsin Chapter) in FY1975 and was a charter member of the chapter. He was also a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors - Milwaukee Chapter, where he held officer positions and participated in a study of internal audit practices in several Wisconsin counties.

He worked three years as an auditor for the State of Wisconsin and later joined the Madison audit staff of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (reorganized as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) from which he retired in 1985 after about 20 years.

He spent five years in the military and served with the 13th and 5th Army Air Corps in the South Pacific Theater and in Japan during World War II. With the help of the G.I. Bill of Rights he attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He was an honorary member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4527, Madison, and a member of the William



P. O'Connor Fourth Degree Assembly for several years and a member of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, Togstad-Glenn Chapter, Madison, and also a life member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Madison Chapter. He was a volunteer with the Madison Diocese Catholic Charities in the Respite Care and Mentor programs for many years. He always enjoyed working with the people that Catholic Charities were committed to help make peoples' lives a little better. He was recognized for his community service by the Wisconsin State Journal with an article in its Know Your Madisonian series.

He is remembered for his unique kindness, caring, patience and sense of dignity.



National News



Richard O. Bunce, Jr.
Senior Advisor to the
President

rate is \$133 (plus tax) for single and double occupancy. Rates are guaranteed until **July 6**, or until the block is sold out. To make a reservation, please call the conference hotels directly and mention you are attending the AGA PDC to ensure you receive the discounted rate. All hotel rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis until the hotel is sold out. Make your reservations early!

Register Today for 10th Annual National Leadership Conference

[Registration is now open](#) for AGA's 10th Annual National Leadership Conference being held **February 16-17, 2012** at the Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center in Washington D.C.

From the National Office

61st Annual PDC Scheduled for Sunny San Diego; Hotel Rooms Available

Registration and hotel information for AGA's [61st Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition](#) is now available online. Plan now to attend the PDC in San Diego, **July 29-Aug. 1, 2012**. You can [reserve a room at one of five hotels](#) near the conference site, the San Diego Convention Center. The room

In today's challenging economic times, now more than ever, government financial managers and accountability professionals must stay abreast of the latest developments, policies and issues affecting our citizens, and continually enhance their skills. Staying up to date on new regulations, while maintaining a clear vision of government transformation, can be accomplished through the best training.

The NLC offers a cost-effective way of doing just that. Earn 14 CPE hours, learn from top-notch speakers, discuss the latest research, discover innovative management techniques, and see technological tools that can help your agency achieve its mission.

For Attendees—[Register today!](#)





CGFM Corner

Earn Your CGFM in February; Examinations Are Free

Don't miss the opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM at the next Intensive Review Course event in February. AGA is offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on **Monday, Feb. 27, 2012** and **Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012** and an opportunity to take CGFM Examinations on **Feb. 29–March 2, 2012**. 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.

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended GFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. Enrollment is limited and participants must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program, so don't delay.

[More information and a registration form for this event are available on AGA's website.](#)



CGFM Frequently Asked Question

What is the CGFM's responsibility for maintaining documentation of completed Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours?

CGFMs are required to maintain supporting documentation on CPE hours earned for a minimum of three years and provide it to AGA upon request. The CGFM's records must include the following information for each CPE program or activity attended or completed: the sponsoring organization (for example, AGA National Office, a local AGA chapter); the title of the program, including subject matter, field of study or a brief description of its contents; the dates attended for group programs or dates completed for individual study programs; the number of CPE hours earned; and evidence of attendance or completion.

Evidence of completion may include the following:

- a certificate of attendance, a CPE form or other evidence of completion of CPE from the CPE provider for group and individual-study programs.
- a grade report received for a university or college credit course.
- a letter from the program sponsor, documenting the CPE courses presented and/or developed.
- a copy of the published book, article, or materials that names the writer as author or contributor, a written



statement from the writer supporting the number of CPE hours claimed, and the name and contact information of the publisher, if applicable.

- an official report from the employer that has the employer's name and lists all of the required information (employee's name, sponsoring organization, title of the program, completion date and number of CPE hours earned).

Articles

State and Local News

Unlikely duo of Daniels and Cuomo Crusades to Shrink Local Government

One is a Republican, the other a Democrat. The first speaks with a cadenced, pleasant Hoosier accent, his counterpart with the emphatic, not-quite-brusque manner of a New Yorker making a point. They enjoy enough prestige within their parties that they could some day wind up on opposite sides in the Senate or even opposing each other for the presidency. But Mitch Daniels of Indiana and Andrew Cuomo of New York have made their names as governors with a surprisingly similar pursuit: They want to cut the cost of government, and not just at the state level. They have argued that putting their state's economies on track requires keeping a lid on

taxation and public spending at both the state and local levels. And so it is that both Indiana and New York, despite radically different histories, legislatures and attitudes toward government, are engaged in parallel experiments: to see what happens when the state limits local governments ability to raise revenue through property taxes in the midst of a stumbling economy. Rob Gurwitt, *Stateline.org*. [Read more.](#)

Office of Intergovernmental Affairs: More Influential Than Ever

In September 2008, the seven organizations representing state and local governments in a rare moment of unity sent a letter to then-candidates John McCain and Barack Obama urging the winner of the presidential election to strengthen the federal-state-local partnership after taking office. As part of the request, the letter asked each candidate to make the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs an active part of his policy process." A strong office, the organizations wrote," would form the cornerstone of federal-state-local communications necessary to make our partnership effective. Two years later that appears to be just what Obama has done? The Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) is more prominent and responsive than it ever was during the eight years of George W. Bush presidency, say state and local leaders who interact with the office. I think it's been one of the bright spots for





me in our relations with Washington, says Mesa, Ariz., Mayor Scott Smith, a Republican and a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors leadership team. It's always good for us to know we have somebody in the White House we can call who we're on a first-name basis with. Ryan Holeywell, *Governing*. [Read more.](#)

Federal News

GAO Recommends OMB Help Fund Long-Term Efficiency Initiatives

The Office of Management and Budget should do more to help federal agencies cover the upfront costs associated with projects that will improve efficiency and save money in the long run, the Government Accountability Office recommended in a new report.

The report, which gives agencies advice on streamlining operations in response to budget pressure and a 2010 performance management law, recommended that the OMB director "work with Congress and federal agencies to develop proposals for funding mechanisms" that will assist "longer-term efficiency improvement projects." GAO noted that, if handled correctly, such investments would pay off with savings greater than or equal to the amount of initial funding. GAO singled out one recent initiative as showing promise: an OMB venture that gives seed money to pilot programs singularly focused on increasing government efficiency. Andrew Lapin, *Government Executive*. [Read more.](#)

Fraud in Corps of Engineers Contracting Charged

Strip away the shell companies and complex wire transfers, and what federal prosecutors have called • gone of the most brazen corruption schemes in the history of federal contracting was really quite simple. First, officials at the Army Corps of Engineers and technology company representatives got together and agreed to file inflated invoices for federal contracting services, prosecutors said. Then they bought millions of dollars worth of BMWs, Rolex and Cartier watches, flat-screen televisions, first-class airline tickets and investment properties across the globe. Until they were arrested Tuesday, authorities said, they had their sights on another contract, one worth \$780 million. Four men • \ two program managers at the corps, a son of one of them and the director of contracts at a Dulles technology firm • \ were indicted on corruption-related charges that were made public Oct. 4. The arrests revealed what authorities described as one of the most audacious bribery scams they have investigated. With little oversight, corps officials and contractors easily manipulated an arcane and complex contracting system on a scale rarely seen, allowing them to fleece the government of about \$20 million, authorities said. Del Quentin Wilber and Robert O. Harrow Jr., *The Washington Post*. [Read more.](#)





Federal Accounting Corner

Asset Disposals for Replacement

When an agency sells property with the intention of purchasing qualifying replacement property, U.S. Code Title 40 Section 503(a) allows the agency to keep the funding for one year (sometimes two years) if a number of conditions are met, such as the old asset cannot be surplus and the new asset must be similar to the old. There are two different posting streams based on whether the sale is before or after the replacement property is purchased. Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM, CPA. [Read more.](#)

Private Sector News

Old-Fashioned Career Advice from the 1940s Still Works Today

I was lucky to grow up with parents who attended The Dale Carnegie Course in Effective Speaking and Human Relations. In case you missed Dale Carnegie or didn't grow up with such parents, Carnegie was famous for his courses on self-improvement and interpersonal skills, a best-selling author and the man whose dictums ruled our household. "Act enthusiastic and you'll be enthusiastic" is the one that still sticks. Carnegie's ideas, published in his books in the 1930s and 1940s *How to Win Friends and Influence People* and *How to Stop Worrying and Start Living* may

seem quaint today. But I can't think of better words of wisdom to help you through these difficult days in 2011. When you're trying to get hired, what are you doing? Influencing. When you're trying to get the employer to see that your lack of experience in an area is not an issue, what do you need to do? Influence. Andrea Kay, *USA Today*. [Read more.](#)

Accounting Standards News

FASAB Committee Issues Technical Release on PP&E

The Accounting and Auditing Policy Committee of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) has announced the issuance of Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Technical Release (TR) 14, [Implementation Guidance on the Accounting for the Disposal of G-PP&E](#). The implementation guidance in TR 14 addresses important implementation questions. The guidance will lead to consistent accounting treatment for the disposal, retirement, or removal from service of general property, plant, and equipment as well as related cleanup costs. The technical release provides implementation guidance that further clarifies existing SFFAS 6 requirements. The implementation guidance should help differentiate between permanent





and other than permanent removal from service of G-PP&E assets. The implementation guidance also recognizes the many complexities involved in the disposal of G-PP&E, as well as delineates events that trigger discontinuation of depreciation and removal of G-PP&E from accounting records. FASAB.

Accounting Community Calls for Independent Standards Board for Private Companies

CPA firms, private companies, lenders, and nonprofit entities have joined in a massive letter-writing campaign to the Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF) to express their views on the need for separate standards and an independent standards-setting board for private companies. The new board would be empowered to make modifications to GAAP not subject to veto power by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). According to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), 99 percent of comment letters from the privately held company constituency demanded that the FAF create different standards for privately held companies. The AICPA has taken a leading role in the campaign, by urging members to participate and by providing a form letter that members can use to write to the FAF. The letter can be customized

to the interests and needs of individual letter writers. The letter supports the Blue Ribbon Panel on Private Company Financial Reporting that recommended a separate board and separate standards in its final report to the FAF in January 2011. Anne Rosivach, *AccountingWEB*. [Read more.](#)

AGA Hiring Director of Education and Research

AGA is seeking a full-time Director of Education and Research to work at its Alexandria, VA, office. This position is responsible for managing AGAs education and research initiatives. This includes putting together the technical programs for all AGA's national conferences, audio conferences and webinars; selling AGA onsite courses to agencies and chapters; providing guidance to AGA chapters with regards to their educational programs; working with Corporate Partners and independent researchers to conduct research leading to published reports; and speaking/representing AGA at various events.

The ideal candidate has knowledge of governmental financial management and at least seven years of experience in managing professional development programs. Track record in sales of educational courses. Bachelors' degree. CGFM and/or CPA a plus. Ability to tackle challenges, organize projects and produce results. Some travel.

Work with great team in Del Ray, Alexandria. Competitive Salary/benefits• \medical, dental, 401K, flextime and tuition reimbursement. Send resume and salary requirements to [Susan Fritzen](#).



COMMENTS

Do you have feedback? Let us know what you like, what you hate, what we can do better! Contact the Newsletter Editor at rdivojevich@co.dane.wi.us or the Chapter President at 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.agacqfm.org/membership/form_address.htm



SHARE YOUR NEWS

Do you have some interesting news that your fellow chapter members may be interested in? If so, you are welcome (and encouraged) to submit an article to the NewsletterEditoratrdivojevich@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.



Southern Wisconsin Chapter Calendar of Events for 2011-2012

August 23, 2011 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

September 22, 2011 – Lunch Meeting, Chief Noble Wray, Madison Police Department,
Topic -- Policing in the New Economy, (Dayton Street Café, inside the
Concourse, 1 West Dayton)

October 4, 2011 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

October 20, 2011 – Lunch Meeting, Janice Mueller; Topic – Government Accountability
Professionals: Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going? (Talula, 802
Atlas Avenue, off Hwy 51 at Cottage Grove Road)

November 8, 2011 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison *DATE CHANGE*****

**November 17, 2011 – Lunch Meeting, Mark Hanson and Dave Schmiedicke,
Property Value Assessments and How They are Utilized in the City of
Madison Budget, Frida Mexican Grill, 117 State Street**

December 6, 2011 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

December, 2011 – Audio conference to be scheduled

January 3, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

January 26, 2012 – Lunch Meeting, Annual Tax Update, Mardee L. Blattner, CPA, MST,
Virchow Krause & Company, Imperial Gardens Restaurant

February 7, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison, WI

February 23, 2012 – Lunch Meeting, Topic and location to be determined

March 6, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

March 22, 2012 – Lunch Meeting, Topic and location to be determined

April 3, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

April 19, 2012 – Lunch Meeting, Topic and location to be determined

May 1, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

May 7, 2012 – MS Walk 2012 (community service event)

May 10, 2012 – *Annual Spring Symposium*

June 5, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

June 7, 2012 – Lunch Meeting, Topic and location to be determined

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

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