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# Monthly Footnotes

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## SAVE THE DATES

**2012 - 2013 PROGRAM YEAR  
FULL MEETING SCHEDULE  
FEATURED ON PAGE 12**

**SCHEDULED LUNCH DATES:  
(THURSDAYS)  
SEPTEMBER 27  
OCTOBER 25  
NOVEMBER 15  
JANUARY 17 OR 31  
FEBRUARY 21  
MARCH 21  
APRIL 18**

**2013 SYMPOSIUM SET FOR  
MAY 14, 2013**





## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

**Carrie Ferguson, CPA**

I'd like to thank all of the board members, chapter members, and non-members who participated in chapter events and activities during our 2011-2012 program year. We recently learned that the Southern Wisconsin chapter achieved Platinum status for the year – the highest level that can be achieved!

I was especially pleased to see the large turnout for the 2012 Symposium. While there were a few growing pains with the new facility, the issues that occurred should be things we can fix, or at least improve, next year. We have already booked next year's symposium at Union South for Tuesday, May 14, 2013, so I hope to see all of you back again.

I would also like to thank all of you who took the time to respond to the symposium survey. We will use those comments to improve and to continue to meet the needs of our members and interested non-members. As always, you can submit other feedback any time by emailing me or one of the other board



members (see our contact information later in this newsletter). We especially like to hear about interesting topic and/or speaker ideas for our chapter events.

During our upcoming 2012-2013 program year we look forward to continuing our tradition of providing quality affordable continuing education. We have included a schedule of dates for next year's education events in this newsletter so that you can save the dates. Also, be sure to stay tuned to future newsletters as the topics and speakers for those events are finalized.

For now, go out and enjoy the summer!





**June 26, 2012**  
**Chapter Board Meeting Minutes**



**Present:** Roger Birkett, Mary Laufenberg, Carrie Ferguson, Lily Radivojevich, Dolly O’Laughlin, Sherri Voigt

**Treasurer’s Report:** Balance as of 6/25/12 was \$24,553.81. There are a few final checks and deposits to complete before having the June 30 ending balance.

**Reminder:** All committee plans to be submitted to RVP/SVPRS/National Office by July 15 for the 2013 program year to get CRP points.

**Membership:** Dave sent in the report. We ended with 76 members (9 new during the year and 10 suspended members).

**CGFM:** The 2013 plan is in progress.

**Community Service:** The board reviewed donations made for the program year. Because some other costs came in lower for the year, we voted to send another \$200 to Second Harvest and \$500 to the American Red Cross.

**Accountability:** The 2011 member centric report was posted on the Chapter web site and submitted for the certificate program so we could get feedback. The 2012 report will be completed by September 1.

**Chapter Recognition:** We reached Platinum level for the 2012 program year.

**Newsletter:** We will do an August/September newsletter in late August. The deadline will remain the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for submissions.

**Education:**  
Lunch meeting dates were set for 2013 working around holidays and other

scheduled events. Lunch dates are currently set up as:

September 20	February 21
October 25	March 21
November 15	April 18
January 17 or 31	

Possible topics were discussed and Mary will start contacting speakers for September and October.

An ethics training is in the works with DHS as a partner. This will be 2 hours of cd content and DHS attorneys will lead a related discussion. The date will be set on July 6 and added to the calendar. This is expected to offer 3 CPEs.

The Mequon Indirect Cost class is set up for October 18.

The Symposium Evaluations were reviewed and discussed. These will be revisited as we start the 2013 planning.

**Board Meeting Dates:** Carrie proposed we continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month as we have been, with the exception of holidays and election days. The dates selected are:

August 28	February 5
October 2	March 5
November 13	April 9
December 4	May 7
January 8	June 4

Dates may change during the year, so people should continue to check the posted calendar of events.

# Safety and Professional Services, Department of Financial Program Supervisor Job Announcement Code(s): 12-02445

<b>County(ies):</b>	Dane
<b>Classification Title: / JAC:</b>	FINANCIAL PROGRAM SUPERVISOR 12-02445 Financial Program Supervisor
<b>Job Working Title:</b>	
<b>Type of Employment:</b>	Full Time (40 hrs/week)
<b>Salary:</b>	This position is in a pay schedule and range 81-03. The hiring range is \$22.026-\$36.343 an hour. A probationary period is required.
<b>Contact:</b>	Brenda Sedmak, Human Resources Specialist, 608-261-0451, <a href="mailto:brenda.sedmak@wisconsin.gov">brenda.sedmak@wisconsin.gov</a>
<b>Bargaining Unit:</b>	Non-Represented
<b>Area of Competition:</b>	Open
<b>Deadline to Apply:</b>	7/6/2012
<b>Exam Information:</b>	00580 - 048 FINANCIAL PROGRAM SUPERVISOR <a href="#">Preview Exam</a>

The Department of Professional Services (DPS) is located at 1400 E. Washington Street in Madison, Wisconsin. They are seeking a dynamic leader for their Fiscal area. DPS is a great place to work and offers free parking!

### **Job Duties:**

Under the general direction of the Budget Director, this position is responsible for the management of technical and detailed financial activities involving diverse funding sources (e.g., GPR, PR, FED, SEG, and Bonding) as well as complex and routine accounting work for the agency. This position is responsible for the development and administration of department-wide general accounting policy and procedures, including the audit, design, and implementation of changes to the accounting systems. This position supervises auditor and financial specialist staff and serves as a management team member in establishing priorities, procedures and processing of fiscal expenditures. This position oversees the receipt of all revenue, working as a liaison with division financial staff, US Bank, and the State Controller's Office on a variety of transaction or system issue. This position works on process improvements to improve our lockbox, cash handling, and on-line payment procedures.

**Special Notes:** A background check will be conducted prior to appointment.

### **Job Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

Knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP); business management and financial principles; project management methodologies and reporting; policy development and administration; knowledge of an automated accounting system; knowledge of federal grant requirements, including financial reporting requirements; data processing tools, including spreadsheets (e.g., Excel); effective management and supervisory techniques; internal accounting controls and auditing principles; data analysis and report development; and training tools and methods. The ability to guide, organize, direct, and evaluate the work of assigned staff; use effective oral and written communication skills and effectively problem-solve is required.

**How To Apply:** Apply online. Full directions are on the WiscJobs site for the application process.

[http://wisc.jobs/public/job\\_view.asp?annoid=60226&jobid=59741&index=true](http://wisc.jobs/public/job_view.asp?annoid=60226&jobid=59741&index=true)



## **Staffing Notice Internal Auditor Albany Office**

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority seeks a creative, self-motivated and knowledgeable person to help NYSERDA accomplish its objectives by utilizing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of the Authority's risk management, internal control and governance processes.

The Internal Auditor's primary responsibilities will be to:

- Conduct internal audits and contract audits on your own or assist others as a member of a professional internal audit team in auditing areas identified in the annual audit plan or assigned as a special project
- Use a wide variety of evaluation procedures such as making inquiries, observing activities and testing financial transactions to interpret information
- Participate in the preparation of written audit findings and recommendations, report writing and an annual organization-wide risk assessment
- Perform other responsibilities as assigned

Depending on specific assignments, you would be involved in the review of:

- Adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls
- Operational effectiveness and efficiency of business processes
- Reliability of information systems and the quality of the financial and decision-making information produced by those systems
- Compliance with NYSERDA policies, contracts, state and federal statutes, and regulations
- Safeguarding assets against loss

### **Required minimum qualifications an individual must possess include:**

- Two years of experience in an analytical or financial role such as auditing, accounting, budgeting, financial analysis, regulatory compliance, quantitative analysis, modeling, program analysis, or similar experience
- Strong project management, business process evaluation, quantitative analysis, and problem solving skills
- A strong background with Microsoft Word, Excel or other spreadsheet software
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in order to work closely with various levels of staff and management throughout the Authority to evaluate and appraise NYSERDA's operations

### **Preference will be given to those individuals who also possess the following:**

- Experience conducting internal, external, contract audits, or similar experience
- Familiarity/experience with evaluation of internal controls, business process analysis, compliance reviews, financial statement auditing, and contract auditing
- Experience with analyzing or auditing information systems and technology, especially PeopleSoft accounting applications or similar
- A strong background with Microsoft Access or other database software
- CIA, CGFM, CPA, or other designation

### **Minimum educational requirements an individual must possess include:**

- A Bachelor's degree or higher in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, Economics, or a related field of analytical study or
- An unrelated Bachelor's degree and 3 years of relevant experience as described above

### **Salary**

Individuals will be considered for Associate Internal Auditor (salary from \$47,952) or Internal Auditor (salary from \$55,963) based on qualifications and experience. An excellent benefits package with generous paid leave is also offered.

### **To Apply**

Please submit a cover letter and resume along with your salary history and requirements to [recruiter@nyserda.ny.gov](mailto:recruiter@nyserda.ny.gov). When applying, please type the Position's Title & Job Code 200 in the Subject Line. An Equal Opportunity Employer

## National News



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

Virginia Commonwealth  
University

resulting information. AGA, along with federal agency leaders, reviewed the outcome of a research study on the development and use of data analytics in federal agency operations. This study, sponsored by Accenture, was launched as an effort to reduce government fraud, waste and information abuse. AGA also hosted a successful panel discussion about this report on May 22 in Washington. [Read more.](#)

### From the National Office

#### **AGA Releases Research Report on Data Analytics in Federal Organizations**

The findings of this AGA research study are detailed in a report entitled, "[Leveraging Data Analytics in Federal Organizations](#)," which incorporates interview and survey information gathered from eight federal agencies and from a broad spectrum of federal financial officials on how federal agencies are using data analytics, and what they are doing with the

#### **Keynote Speakers Named for 61st Annual PDC: Training to Solve Today's Fiscal Challenges**

One of the best reasons to attend this year's PDC is the unprecedented gathering of top-notch speakers and financial management experts. Checkout this year's dynamic, high-profile keynote speakers:

##### **Hon. Darrel Issa**

Chairman, Committee on Oversight & Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives

##### **Daniel I. Werfel, JD, MBA** (invited)

Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget

##### **Hon. John Chiang**

California State Controller

##### **Commander Kirk Lippold**

Inspirational Leader and Commander of the USS Cole

[Watch Video](#)

##### **Kimberly Dozier**

Associated Press Correspondent and Best-Selling Author of *Breathing the Fire*



## Leonard Brody

Business Visionary and Best-selling Author

Jonathan Sprinkles  
Connection Coach

Don't miss the chance to get inspired and motivated by these topnotch speakers.

- [Register online now](#)
- [Print registration form](#)

### Win a Free PDC 2013 Training Registration, Plus 5-night Hotel Accommodations (\$1,600 value)

Grab your digital video camera and produce a creative & entertaining two-minute video to share your views on the value of attendance at AGA's 61st Annual PDC: Training to Solve Today's Fiscal Challenges. Click below for details:

- [Complete an entry form](#)
- [View video contest information & rules](#)

### Introducing PDC Interactive Training Agenda & Exhibition Floor Plan

New this year! Prior to departing for San Diego, you will have the opportunity to create your personalized training itinerary and exhibition schedule.

**[Technical Program Agenda](#)**: Search the training agenda by date, field of study or track, keyword, and speaker. You can select your favorite sessions and print your training



itinerary or export it to your Outlook calendar.

**[Exhibition Floor Plan](#)**: Click on a booth and learn more about the exhibitor's company description, contact information, and product/services offerings. Use the exhibitor search and exhibitor list to create a list of your favorite exhibitors and plan your route.

**[PDC Mobile](#)**: Where you can view the agenda and exhibition floor plan and build your PDC itinerary direct from your mobile phone.

### AGA Names the 2013 National Scholarship Recipients

#### Full-time Study-\$3,000 Merit Scholarship

Artemio Ricardo Aguon Hernandez  
Delvin Seawright  
Maranda Summers  
Kasey J. Wiggins

#### Part-time Study-\$1,000 Merit Scholarship

Jay H. Gwak

#### Community Service-\$3,000 Merit Scholarship

Anthony Edmund Michael Georgiades  
Xiaoyi Shao





## CGFM Corner

### Interested in the CGFM Certification?

Sign up for AGA's Intensive Review Course and take the CGFM Examinations before the PDC in San Diego. Don't miss this opportunity to earn your CGFM. [Read more.](#)

## Articles

### Pew Report: Cities Lose Property Tax, State Aid

For the first time since 1980, property tax revenue and state aid to cities across the United States are shrinking simultaneously, the Pew Charitable Trusts said in a report last week. –Hilary Russ, *Reuters*. [Read More](#)

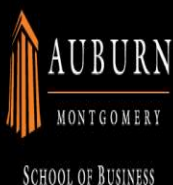
### Performance Measurement Improves the Quality of Health Care

Something special and worthy of note has been happening at the management end of health care. Quality measures for performance aren't being stuck away on some dusty unused webpage. They're being used to change the way doctors and hospitals are reimbursed and to change

### Community Service-Honorable Mentions for Commendable Service

Nelson Auner  
Whitney Bird  
Melissa Hernandez  
Darwin Hsu  
Kunal Kochar

Recipients of the full-time and part-time academic scholarships were rated on their academic success and achievements and their potential to make a significant contribution to government financial management. The community service scholarships were awarded this year recipients that demonstrated an outstanding commitment to serving their community. Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients!



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both provider and consumer behavior. – Katherine Barrett and Richard Greene, *Governing*. [Read more](#)

## OMB Touts Progress on Reducing Federal Property Footprint



Daniel I.  
Werfel

The White House recently announced new progress in the Obama administration’s effort to save money by consolidating and selling off unneeded federal real estate. Through the first quarter of fiscal 2013, agencies saved \$5.6 billion in property costs and were “on track” to exceed President Obama’s goal of saving \$8 billion by year’s end. –Charles S. Clark, *Government Executive*. [Read More](#)

## What Were the TSP Hackers Really After?

The hack of a computer supporting the federal government’s retirement savings plan may be part of a more extensive breach of U.S. government information, several cyber security experts said independently. – Aliya Sternstein, *NextGov*. [Read more](#)





### **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 in the members' only area:

[www.agacqfm.org](http://www.agacqfm.org)

The sign in box is in the upper right corner



### **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 Newsletter Editor at [radiojevich@danesherriff.com](mailto:radiojevich@danesherriff.com)

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 2012-2013**

August 28, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

September 20, 2012 – Lunch Meeting, Todd Berry, Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance,  
“Economic and Accounting Issues of Presidential and Wisconsin Campaigns,”  
location to be determined

October 2, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

October 18, 2012 – Cost Principles and Cost Allocation Rules and Regulations for  
Federally Funded Grants and Contracts, Mequon, Wisconsin

October 25, 2012 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined

November 13, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

November 15, 2012 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined

January 8, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

January 17 or 31, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined

February 5, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison, WI

February 21, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined

March 5, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

March 21, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined

April 9, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

April 18, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined

May 7, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

May 2013 – Community Service Event

May 14, 2013 – *Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South*

June 4, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

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

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