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# Monthly Footnotes

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## Welcome Members & Nonmembers

### February Luncheon Meeting

**TOPIC:** History of the Nonpartisan Wisconsin Government Accountability Board (GAB)

**SPEAKER:** Reid Magney  
Public Information Officer  
Wisconsin GAB

**DATE:** Thursday, February 27, 2014

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

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

**PLACE:** Dayton Street Café (Inside the Concourse Hotel), 1 West Dayton Street

**MENU:** Meals include soda, coffee, or tea

- **Salad Bar** - variety of salads, toppings, breads, soups
- **Grilled Burger** – grass fed highland beef, cheddar cheese, with fries (lettuce, tomato, onion on side)
- **Roasted Pepper Hummus** – roasted peppers and hummus, carrots, cucumber, pickled red onion, tzatziki sauce, grilled pita bread, with fries

**RESERVATIONS:** Contact Sherri Voigt by 11 a.m. on Monday, February 24, 2014 with your name, membership status, meal choice, and for carpooling information at (608) 266-2814 or [sherri2.voigt@dot.wi.gov](mailto:sherri2.voigt@dot.wi.gov).

**NEW!** Reservations may be made from our website.

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## ABOUT THIS MONTH'S LUNCHEON SPEAKER

**Reid Magney** has been Public Information Officer for the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board (GAB) since July 2009, and is responsible for communications with the media and the general public, as well as developing and maintaining the agency's main website and responding to requests under the Public Records Law.

Prior to joining the G.A.B., he was a journalist for 25 years working primarily as a newspaper reporter and editor in La Crosse, Wisconsin, as well as newspapers in Illinois and Iowa. He also has experience in television, radio and online news. Much of his journalism career was spent covering government, politics and elections – experience that has proven valuable in dealing with public officials and the news media at the G.A.B.

Mr. Magney will discuss the history of the nonpartisan G.A.B., the only state agency of its kind in the United States administering elections, ethics, campaign finance and lobbying, and the steps the Board and staff take to be nonpartisan and transparent.

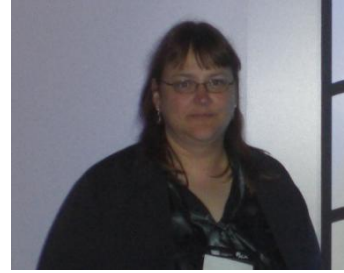
## NEW MEMBERS FIRST LUNCHEON MEETING IS FREE

If you are a new member and you are attending your first luncheon, it's **FREE!**  
Please note that when making your reservation.

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**for updated employment  
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register online for luncheons, easy  
and convenient.**

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**  
**Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA**



Greetings all-

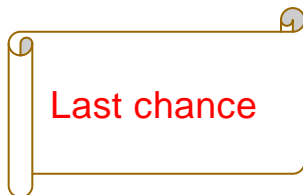
We are past the half-way point for the program year. I hope you have been able to attend one or more meetings this year.

If you attended some lunch meetings this fall and are a member, you will soon be contacted about whether you earned a free lunch (attend 3 lunches from September to February, get a free lunch in March or April). If you need just one more, the February lunch is your chance to do it.

It is membership renewal season and the National Office has been sending out notices. The actual membership year ends March 31. I do hope you will renew your membership and take advantage of the member discounts offered. It is also CGFM renewal time for those who have the certification.

I would like to take a moment to mention that long-time member Laura Bowles contacted us recently. She is returning to private industry after many years working for the WI Department of Health Services and the UW-Madison. Laura was a frequent lunch meeting and Symposium attendee. She also served many years in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program as a chapter volunteer. I wanted to take the chance to congratulate her on this big move and let people know about her change.

Our chapter will be sending out a member satisfaction survey in the next 6-8 weeks. I hope you take the opportunity to give us feedback on the events held this year and provide us with suggestions for topics for the new program year.



**Last chance**

**Back by Popular Demand!**

**Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch?**

***Membership Special!***

Members who attend 3 lunch meetings from September to February receive a free lunch certificate for the March or April lunch meeting!

# Chapter News

## Community Service

### Community Service Opportunities

At the February luncheon we will continue to support the Salvation Army with collections. The need now is for diapers, wipes, ointments.

Please consider bringing an item to the luncheon to be passed on to the Salvation Army Shelter and Community Center.

We will also collect paper bags for the Middleton Food Pantry.

Thank you AGA members and non-members for all of your wonderful support, it is greatly appreciated especially during this freezing Artic Vortex weather.

### AGA Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 7, 2014

- **Treasurer's Report** – Balance as of 12/31/13 was \$23,513.71.
- **Membership** – 86 currently, rebate promotion done on January 31
- **CGFM** – We are on track for March as CGFM month.
- **Community Service** – collect toiletry items for January lunch meeting
- **Accountability** – nothing to report
- **Chapter Recognition** – deadline extended to 1/14; send in any activity by 1/10 ; we should get draft report to review about then
- **Newsletter** – get items to Lily by 25<sup>th</sup>
- **Education**
  - Lunches: February is at Concourse: no powerpoint!
    - Need Feb/Mar/Apr speakers
  - Live audio courses
    - January 15 – Fraud Detection/Prevention (DOT)
    - March 5 – Accountability in Government (DOR)
- **Other Matters?**
  - Social event (get CRP points); we discussed a happy hour at Coliseum Bar or Brass Ring...need to consider what month would work
  - Sherri invited to serve on the PDT Technical Committee for July
  - Laura Bowles, long-time member, is leaving govt and going back to the private sector

### 2013-14 Officers and Directors

Pictured (left to right): front: Sherri Voigt, Michele Tessner, Mary Laufenberg; middle: Lily Radivojevich, Rachel Zellmer, Sean Walker; back: Tom Scheidegger, David Mellem



## Job Announcements

### Accountant - Journey

Job Announcement Code(s): 14-00715

**Classification Title:** / ACCOUNTANT-JOURNEY 14-00715

**JAC:** Financial Services Accountant

**Job Working Title:**

**Type of Employment:** Full Time (40 hrs/week)

**Salary:** The Accountant – Journey civil service classification for this position is assigned to Broadband Pay Schedule/Pay Range 07-03. The starting salary range for this position is \$46,451 - \$59,508 annually, depending upon qualifications. A six-month probationary period will be required.

**Contact:** Terry Wm. Kraus, Human Resources Specialist - Senior, Department of 608-266-3357, [Terry.Kraus@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Terry.Kraus@Wisconsin.gov)

**Bargaining Unit:** Non-Represented

**Area of Competition:** Open

**Deadline to Apply:** 2/27/2014. The deadline to apply is 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2014.

**Exam Information:** 00263 - 092 ACCOUNTANT-JOURNEY  
[Preview Exam](#)

Are you an accountant with strong analytical and communication skills? Are you looking for a caring, mission-focused, professional work environment that offers excellent benefits and flexible work hours? Are you interested in professional development and growth opportunities within your career? If so, please consider joining our team!

The Wisconsin Educational Communications Board (ECB) is a state agency which delivers educational, noncommercial and public safety media to the citizens of Wisconsin. The ECB is seeking an insightful accountant to perform a wide variety of duties in a collaborative, professional team setting. For more information on ECB, please visit <http://www.ecb.org/>

#### **Job Duties:**

This accountant position works in the ECB's finance office under the supervision of the ECB's Finance Director. The accountant is responsible for the daily payables operations of the ECB including coding and processing payables on WiSMART. Additionally, the accountant will act as a liaison to ECB staff and vendors regarding the status of payables. This role also performs allocations of revenue and expense among the divisions of the ECB, and reconciles ledgers. The accountant is responsible, under general supervision, for preparing month-end close out journal entries, running reports and trial balances, and maintaining the agency's fixed asset ledger. The position will also assist with preparation of year-end reporting for GAAP financial statements, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the annual financial statement audit.

#### **How To Apply:**

If you have not already done so, you will need to create an account. After you are logged in and are viewing the announcement, click "Apply Now." You can preview the exam questions by clicking on the "Preview Exam" link. Your responses to the exam questions will be used to determine your eligibility for this position. Resumes will not be part of the initial screening process. Online applications that do not include all of the requested materials will not be considered.

**The deadline to apply is 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2014.**

Full position details are available on the wic.jobs website at:

[https://wisc.jobs/public/job\\_view.asp?annoid=72015&jobid=71530](https://wisc.jobs/public/job_view.asp?annoid=72015&jobid=71530)

## Financial Management Supervisor - Assistant Inspector General, Internal Audit Section Chief - Career Executive

Job Announcement Code(s): 14-00377

**County(ies):** [Dane](#)

**Classification Title:** / FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR 14-00377

**JAC:** Assistant Inspector General, Internal Audit Section Chief

**Job Working Title:**

**Type of Employment:** Full Time (40 hrs/week)

**Salary:** The starting salary is between \$60,000 and \$89,500 per year, depending on qualifications, plus excellent benefits. The pay schedule/range is 81/02. A two-year Career Executive trial period is required.

**Contact:** Christy Christens, Human Resources Specialist, 608-266-3027, [christine.christens@wi.gov](mailto:christine.christens@wi.gov)

**Bargaining Unit:** Non-Represented

**Area of Competition:** Open

**Deadline to Apply:** 3/3/2014

**Exam Information:** 00530 - 055 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SUPERVISOR

### **Job Duties:**

Under the general direction of the Inspector General, this position serves as the Section Chief of the Internal Audit Section within the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Health Services (DHS). This section is responsible for internal and single audit functions for DHS. Internal Audit (IA) is an independent, objective assurance and business advisory activity designed to add value and improve DHS operations. Single Audit (SA) provides independent and objective assurance that municipal, non-profit and for-profit entities receiving grants from DHS comply with applicable state and federal financial and related requirements. This is accomplished through entity-wide audits conducted in accordance with applicable standards, including but not limited to OMB Circular A-133, by independent CPA firms. This position also leads the development of general and detailed risk assessments. In addition, the Section Chief develops and administers IT audits as part of the overall IA plan. IT audits provide assurance that DHS has sufficient controls in place to effectively monitor computer access security and other direct/indirect compensatory controls over multiple automated platforms including complex mainframe on-line relational database management information systems. This position provides overall leadership/direction to subordinate staff and any contract auditors organizationally located within the Internal Audit Section.

### **How To Apply:**

To be considered for this position, you will need to create an account and apply online. For instructions, click on the following link:

[http://wisc.jobs/public/links\\_page\\_detail.asp?pageid=756](http://wisc.jobs/public/links_page_detail.asp?pageid=756). You **must** apply online to be considered for this position.

**The application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on March 3, 2014.**

Full position details are available on the [wisc.jobs](http://wisc.jobs) website at:

[http://wisc.jobs/public/job\\_view.asp?annoid=72008&jobid=71523&org=435&class=00530&index=true](http://wisc.jobs/public/job_view.asp?annoid=72008&jobid=71523&org=435&class=00530&index=true)

# National News



**2013-2014  
National President**  
Ms. Mary E. Peterman,  
CGFM, CPA

## It's Time to Renew!

Save time and postage; renew your AGA membership and/or CGFM online. [Login and renew now](#)

## Meet Fellow Member, Elena M. Tercero, CPA, CGMA

What's the best thing about AGA? "The leadership opportunities available to those ready to step up and lead." [Read more](#)

## Perspectives: Destined to be Dinosaurs—Are We?

Articles proclaim that we have entered the 'Second Machine Age'. Computers cipher through reams of data and spot fraud fast. Should we worry about our jobs? [Read more](#)

## Submit an Article for AGA's *Journal of Government Financial Management*

We seek articles that provide practical insights into an aspect of government financial management. **Next deadline: Mar. 1.** [Read more](#)

## Call for 2014 National Academic Scholarships

Are you - or a family member - pursuing a degree in a government finance discipline? Submit by Apr. 18. Apply for an AGA scholarship today! [Read more](#)

## Chapter Citizen-Centric Reports (CCR)

It's not too late to submit your chapter CCR and receive 350 credits in Chapter Recognition Points. Please have your Accountability Chair contact [Evie Barry](#) if there are questions.

## 2014 Government Performance Summit

**May 6-7 | Washington | 14 CPEs Available**

AGA and the Performance Institute partner to help the government performance community, "Decode the Financial & Performance Puzzle." [Read more](#)

## New Year, New Resolutions?

Can you believe that 2014 is already here? I feel that 2013 was nothing but a blink of the eye and poof, it vanished away! Well, we all know that with a new year come new resolutions and goals. We typically make commitments that we will exercise more, eat better, make a budget, etc. So, what about if your chapter made a resolution or goal to use Wiggio more? [Read more](#)

## New Orleans Habitat for Humanity® Project Planned for April

Participate in a Habitat for Humanity® project in New Orleans, April 15-18, with AGA Past National President, Jeff Hart, CGFM, CPA. [Read more](#)



## CGFM Corner

**Certified Government Financial  
Manager (CGFM®)**

### CGFM Intensive Review Course

**Two Options: March 31-April 1,  
Washington | April 2-3, Oklahoma  
City**

Learn about the updated CGFM  
Examinations content outlines. [Read  
more](#)

### CGFM Examination Update

CGFM Examinations will be updated on  
April 1. [Read more](#)

### CGFM Preparation Q&A Webinar

This webinar, scheduled for January 27  
at 2 p.m. ET, is a great opportunity for  
Q&A on CGFM Examinations  
preparation. [Read more](#)



### ARE YOU MOVING?

Please notify both your chapter and  
AGA National of your address change.  
Update your address online at the  
national website in the members' only  
area: [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)



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Please 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.





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### Calendar of Events 2013 – 2014

August 27, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

September 26, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, Kimberly Hazen, Regional Director for the Southwest Region of the Wisconsin Better Business Bureau, Investment Fraud, Vintage Brewing

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

October 17, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, UW-Madison Grants Management, Robert Andresen, Asst. Director, UW-Madison Research and Sponsored Programs, Monona Garden

October 23, 2013 – Grants Management Reform Updates and Agency Insights (audio conference), Department of Transportation

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

November 21, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, Upcoming Budget of the Madison School District and Influences by the Drop of Shared Revenues, Mike Barry, Asst Superintendent for Business Services, Madison School District

December 3, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

December 11, 2013–Taking the High Road: How to Succeed Ethically When Others Bend the Rules (ethics audio conference)

January 7, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

January 15, 2014–Fraud Detection (audio conference)

January 23, 2014 – Lunch Meeting, Annual Tax Update, Imperial Gardens

**February 4, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison**

**February 27, 2014 – Lunch Meeting, Reid Magney, Public Information Officer, Wisconsin Government Accountability Board**

March 4, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

March 5, 2014 – Accountability in Government (audio conference, exact title to be determined)

March 27, 2014 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined

April 1, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

April 24, 2014 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined

May 6, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

May 2014 – Community Service Event – MS Walk

May 8, 2014 – Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South

June 3, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

June 19, 2014 – 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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