



SOUTHERN
WISCONSIN
CHAPTER



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Monthly Footnotes

APRIL 2014

Welcome Members & Nonmembers

April Luncheon Meeting

TOPIC: The Budget and Estimated Impact on Operations for the Upcoming Alliant Energy Center Construction

SPEAKER: Mark Clarke, Executive Director, Alliant Energy Center
Bill Franz, CFO, Alliant Energy Center

DATE: Thursday, April 24, 2014

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

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

PLACE: Babe's Madison, 5614 Schroeder Road

MENU: All meals include fries and soda, coffee, or tea

- **Cheeseburger** – Knoche's ground chuck served on toasted bun with lettuce, tomato, pickles. With cheddar cheese.
- **Chicken Sandwich**–Grilled chicken breast on a toasted bun with lettuce, tomato, pickle, side of mayo.
- **Veggie Machine**–Grilled eggplant, mushrooms, yellow zucchini, red pepper, artichoke hearts, onions, topped with melted provolone cheese on grilled sour dough bread with pesto mayo and balsamic reduction.

RESERVATIONS: Contact Sherri Voigt by 11 a.m. on Monday, April 21, 2014 with your name, membership status, meal choice, and for carpooling information at (608) 266-2814 or sherri2.voigt@dot.wi.gov.

NEW! Reservations may be made from our website.

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ABOUT THIS MONTH'S LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

Mark Clarke, a lifelong native of Wisconsin, received his B.S. degree in animal science from the University of Wisconsin – River Falls. Following graduation from UW- River Falls, Clarke owned and operated his own business as an Independent Sales and Marketing Representative for ABS Global. He joined Pharming Health Care in July 1999 as Operations manager of Vienna Pharms, a transgenic cloning cattle facility near De Forest, Wisconsin. There he started up and managed a first of its' kind cattle facility which raises animals that will produce biopharmaceutical drugs for human use from the milk of the cloned transgenic animals. In 2004 Clarke moved into the equipment side of the dairy industry by assuming a position of product manager of milk harvest equipment for BouMatic. In addition to milking equipment Clarke also served as trade show manager. In fall of 2007 Clarke took over as General Manager of World Dairy Expo in Madison WI. Here he oversees the daily operations of the largest dairy cattle and exhibit show in the world. Currently Clarke is the Executive Director of the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, WI. Alliant Energy Center is a full service multi venue complex hosting approximately 500 events per year.

Bill Franz received his B.B.A. degrees in Accounting and Management Administration from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1989. Following graduation from UW- Madison, Franz spent two years as a Staff Accountant for the City of Janesville. He joined Dane County in July, 1991 as a Budget Analyst before promoting to Budget Coordinator in 2001 where he was responsible for overseeing the County's budget and capital planning processes and systems. In 2011 Franz moved to his current position of Assistant Center Manager – Chief Financial Officer of the Alliant Energy Center. The Alliant Energy Center is a full service multi-venue complex hosting approximately 500 events per year.

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 calling in your reservation.

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for updated employment opportunities and important news breaking
announcements. Also, register online for luncheons, easy and convenient.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA



As we are coming to the end of the 2014 program year, we have a lot in store for you. If you need CPE, this is the time to get it. We have the April 24 lunch meeting, the May 8 Symposium, and a live audio/web conference on June 11. That is 10.5 CPE if you attend all three! If you don't need CPE, there are just some great learning opportunities open to you.

We had a successful March lunch meeting. There are notes from the session on page 6 of the newsletter. We also had a great response to the community service drive. We collected over 300 diapers, some ointment, and a stack of paper bags for the food pantry. The diapers/ointment will be dropped at the Salvation Army for them to hand out to families in need at the two shelters. Thank you to everyone who helped out!

We also had a nice turnout of CGFMs to celebrate "March is CGFM month". We got the group together and took a photo with the proclamations signed by Mayor Soglin and Governor Walker.

If you are interested in the certification, feel free to contact Michele Gundrum (michele.gundrum@dpi.wi.gov). The chapter just ordered a set of the 2014 study guides that can be borrowed to study for the exams



March is CGFM Month Photo



Pictured, L to R: David Mellem, CGFM, Mary Laufenberg, CGFM, Joanne Schultz, CGFM, Al Vick, CGFM-Retired, Sherri Voigt, CGFM, Michele Gundrum, CGFM.

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

SHARE YOUR NEWS

Please submit an article to the Newsletter Editor at radiojevich@danesherriff.com. Deadline for submission of articles is the 25th of the month.



Chapter News

Community Service

Community Service Opportunities

At the April luncheon we will continue to support the Salvation Army Shelter and Community Center.

Thank you AGA members and non-members for all of your wonderful support, it is greatly appreciated.

Items collected at the March lunch meeting



Please Join the AGA-Southern Wisconsin Team and Walk With Us on Sunday, May 4.



This year, the walk starts at Warner Park.

To join the team or make a donation, visit our Team AGA webpage at:

http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/WIGWalkEvents?team_id=375471&pg=team&fr_id=23605

Contact Sherri Voigt at sherriv@live.com for any details

AGA Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Present: Sean Walker, Carrie Ferguson, Roger Birkett, Tom Scheidegger, Mary Laufenberg, Sherri Voigt

Treasurer's Report – Balance as of 4/1/14 was \$23,060.98

CGFM

- We got a nice number of CGFMs to lunch meeting, displayed proclamations. A group photo was taken for the newsletter.
- Did we decide to buy 1 or 2 sets of the new study guides? There shouldn't be changes for a while. Decision: Buy 1 now. If study groups pick up, we will buy a 2nd set.

Community Service

- The March lunch was extremely successful. 2-3 people brought in stacks of paper bags for M.O.M. food pantry and we collected over 300 diapers and some ointment for the Salvation Army.
- The MS Walk is coming in May. No decision was made on a chapter donation.

Newsletter – Items due to Lily NOW

Education

- April speaker set up, location needed. Options reviewed for speakers needs.
- Live audio course on June 11 at DOR.

2013 Chapter Financial Summary	
Chapter Revenues	
Monthly Lunch Meetings	1,440
Annual Symposium	11,940
Training Events	2,495
Member Recruitment	155
Interest on Bank Account	40
CGFM Book Deposits	65
Donations at Lunches	47
Total Chapter Revenues	\$16,182
Chapter Expenditures	
Monthly Lunch Meetings	2,792
Annual Symposium	5,741
Training Events	1,837
Community Service Donations	1,000
Chapter Administration	865
Member Recruitment	180
PDC Sponsorship	1,000
CGFM Program	531
Total Chapter Expenditures	\$13,946
Net Increase in Cash Balance	\$2,236

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

**March 20, 2014 – Lunch Meeting
Reid Magney, Public Information Officer
Wisconsin Government Accountability Board**

Reid Magney, Public Information Officer at the Government Accountability Board (GAB), spoke about the history of the nonpartisan board.

When he went to work there, he was surprised about how much about the rules for elections and ethics he did not know.

A bill in 2007 was passed to create the GAB. It was set up with nonpartisan judges as board members and nonpartisan staff. There is a random draw for a candidate's team that meets to review nominations for the board. The Governor appoints members to the board and there is a State Senate confirmation.

Our GAB has remained strong, but the role is weakening in other states.

The agency has 40-50 employees, and one accountant. Staff are restricted from running for partisan office and cannot contribute to any state/local office. They do check donations registers annually to confirm employees are in compliance. The question was asked: Can they vote? Answer: Yes. The right to vote is sacred and private.

The GAB gets heat from both sides. Whenever one side loses, they say it's partisan or bias. But both sides have lost. There have even been protests from both sides in a single day.



Reid covered some of the highlights of the recall election. He noted there were actually very few duplicates for petitions and less than five fake names.

The board does its best to be transparent, but cannot be as transparent as they might want. Complaints and investigations have strong confidentiality rules built in.



**2014 ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SYMPOSIUM -- REGISTER TODAY!**

THIRTY-SEVENTH ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

May 8, 2014

**University of Wisconsin Union South
1308 West Dayton Street
Madison, WI 53715
(608) 890-3000**

**The Association of
Government Accountants
Advancing Government Accountability
Thursday, May 8, 2014**

7:30 a.m. Registration 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Conference

Objective: This conference is designed to enhance understanding of some of the problems encountered today in the public sector, inform of public policies and emerging issues, and provide managerial techniques to affect positive changes. The 37th Annual Accounting and Financial Management Conference continue the Association of Government Accountant's commitment to a planned program of professional education and development for public sector financial managers.

<http://aga-wis.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/2014-Brochure-Symposium.pdf> (full brochure)

Format: Lecture, question and answer

Level: Update/Overview

CPE Credits: 7.5 hours

Fee: AGA Member \$35

Non-Member \$70

Retired AGA Member \$25

Registration Deadline: 04/24/14

National News



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

Have You Renewed?

The deadline to renew is March 31. Conserve time and postage by renewing your AGA membership and/or CGFM online before the deadline. [Read more](#)

Matthew J. Power, Director, MD StateStat, Headlines GPS

May 6-7 | Washington | 14 CPEs
Attend the 2014 Government Performance Summit (GPs) and hear from the director of Maryland's StateStat program, Matt Power. [Read more](#)

Perspectives: Do We Really Need the Ethics Training Required of Most Certifications?

People see things differently and personal behavior has changed. We need to ensure our behavior coincides with the rules. [Read more](#)

2014 Professional Development Training

July 13-16 | Orlando | 24 CPEs
Three great reasons to attend: earn up to 24 CPEs; learn/enhance skills to successfully do your job; and network with colleagues. [Read more](#)

AGA Member, Bill Mason, Passes

Bill Mason, a member of the AGA Montgomery/Prince George's County chapter passed last week. Bill was a policy analyst, in the Internal Control Program Management Office, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He was a co-chair of AGA's Intergovernmental Partnership Workgroup that created the Fraud Prevention ToolKit.



CGFM Corner

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM®)

Meet Fellow CGFM Member: Peggy Javery, MPA, CGFM

"The CGFM added to my marketability...I proudly display the CGFM in my email signature and resume." [Read more](#)

CGFM Study Guide 1 and 2 Now Available

The 2014 edition of CGFM study guide 1 and 2 are now available. [Read more](#)



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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 20, 2014 – Lunch Meeting Canceled

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

March 5, 2014 – Accountability in Government Audio Conference

March 20, 2014 – Lunch Meeting, Reid Magney, Public Information Officer, Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

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

April 17, 2014 – Lunch Meeting

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



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