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CHAPTER



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# Monthly Footnotes

OCTOBER, 2014

## Welcome Members and Non-Members to the New 2014-15 Program Year!

### November Web Conference: Are You Prepared for DATA Act Challenges?

November 5 | 1-2:50 p.m. | 2 CPEs Available

The bar for accountability and transparency over federal spending continues to rise with the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (the DATA Act). Federal agencies and stakeholders, such as state and local governments and grantees, are now preparing for a variety of potentially complex reporting and data assurance challenges. This web conference will address these challenges and share practical approaches on the way forward.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Advance Preparation:** None

**CPE:** Two credit hours

**AGA Members \$0; Non-Members \$10**

Register by: E-mail, phone, or website. Invoicing is available. [www.aga-wis.org](http://www.aga-wis.org)

Contact: Sherri Voigt at 608-266-2814 or [sherri2.voigt@dot.wi.gov](mailto:sherri2.voigt@dot.wi.gov)

Location: Department of Transportation, 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Room 421

Parking and other details will be sent with registration confirmation.

**\*\*SPACE IS LIMITED TO 60 PEOPLE\*\***

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mary Laufenberg, CGFM, CPA

We have started off the year a little slower than we would have liked, but we have a lot planned for you for training opportunities.

We have confirmed a speaker for our November 20 luncheon meeting: Joe Chrisman, Wisconsin State Auditor. At that luncheon, he will be highlighting recent audit findings, how state agencies can be proactive and how to keep off their list. We also have several webinars planned for this year as well. Watch for our future newsletters for additional information.

If you have any questions on anything AGA related, feel free to contact any of the board members or myself.

*Mary Laufenberg, CGFM, CPA*

# Chapter News

Chapter Revenues	2014
Monthly Lunch Meetings	\$732
Annual Symposium	6,955
Training Events	60
Member Recruitment	163
Interest on Bank Account	36
CGFM Book Deposits	40
Donations at Lunches	20
<b>Total Chapter Revenues</b>	<b>\$8,006</b>

Chapter Expenditures	2014
Monthly Lunch Meetings	\$1,789
Annual Symposium	4,413
Training Events	1,267
Community Service Donations	538
Chapter Administration	935
Member Recruitment	120
PDC Sponsorship	267
CGFM Program	40
<b>Total Chapter Expenditures</b>	<b>\$9,369</b>

## Community Service

The AGA Southern Chapter continues 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.

**The Salvation Army of Dane County,** Debra D. Crye, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator, provided some ideas for what is needed for the up-coming months:

**October:** school/art supplies, socks for all ages (children, women, and men), and tee shirts for women (L-1X)

**November:** mittens or gloves for all ages (children, women and men)

**December:** information will be provided for Christmas ideas in late October or early November

## 2014-15 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

If you travel... the Salvation Army is in need of travel size shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste. etc.

The Salvation Army of Dane County appreciates your donations and your generosity.

### **AGA Southern Wisconsin: 2013-2014 Report to Our Members**

The newly published “Report to Our Members” is now available on our web site. This 4 page report follows the Citizen Centric Reporting model and guidelines, but updates you on the local membership value and chapter progress.

Visit our website directly or go the the following link: <http://aga-wis.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/WI-CCR-2014.pdf>. We welcome any feedback you have on the current report or suggestions for future performance criteria to measure.



Visit [https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools---Resources/Citizen-Centric-Reporting-\(CCR\).aspx](https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools---Resources/Citizen-Centric-Reporting-(CCR).aspx) for more information on CCR reporting. Feel free to contact [Sherri Voigt](#), Accountability Outreach Chair, if you know of a local government that would be interested in help to create a 4 page report for its citizens.

### **Have You Ever Considered Earning The CGFM?**

The time is now! The Certified Government Financial Manager Certification turns 20 this year. In celebration of that, the online application fee has been discounted to just **\$20**...that is a **savings of \$65!!!** Apply by October 31 to take advantage. You will still have the full three years to complete any work requirements and pass the three exams.

Did you know???

Our chapter has a library with a copy of the newly revised CGFM study guides. Members can check the books out with a small refundable deposit.

Visit the AGA National website for complete information on the CGFM Certification process:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Certification-Process.aspx>



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# 20-30 Recruitment Program \$20 Incentive Payments and \$30 Bonus Award Southern Wisconsin AGA Chapter New Member Recruitment Program

**Our chapter is holding a 20-30 Member Recruitment Campaign this year.**

**Incentive Payments:** You can earn an incentive 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 new member will be entered into a drawing for a prize of an additional \$30 award. Members who recruit more than one new member will have one entry for each additional member recruited. The more members you recruit, the better your chances of winning.

This chapter member recruitment program begins October 2014 and runs through January 2015. The membership application must be submitted by the end of January to the AGA national office. The member recruiter must notify the chapter membership chairperson at [david.mellem@oig.hhs.gov](mailto:david.mellem@oig.hhs.gov) or 608-264-5415 ext. 25 by this 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 and annual dues are as follows:

Full Government Member	\$ 90
Private Sector Member	\$150
Early Career Member	\$ 45
Student Member	\$ 30
Retired	\$ 30

Membership applications and instructions are available on the AGA national website at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) under the Membership drop down menu near the top of the website homepage.

**As always, new members receive a free lunch meeting!**



# National News

## AGA CEO Receives Career Honors

AGA CEO, Relmond P. Van Daniker, DBA, CPA, received recognition from President Obama, peers and corporate partners at ceremony. [Read more](#)

## Perspective: Funding the Government for FY 2015

Hopefully, plans are in the works to ensure a smooth transition for fiscal year 2015, avoiding the potential for another shutdown. [Read more](#)

## AGA Congratulates CEO, Relmond P. Van Daniker, DBA, CPA, on His Retirement

AGA thanks Van for his dedicated service and lasting impact on this organization, and the government finance community. [Read more](#)

## Perspective: Deferred Maintenance and Repairs

A huge future liability—deferred maintenance and repairs (DM&R)—has not received much attention in the federal government, and it's getting worse. [Read more](#)

## Public Input Request on the Establishment of Financial Data Standards (Data Exchange)

The U.S. Department of the Treasury requests comments about the DATA Act, specifically on data exchange, to ensure data standards are informed and useful. [Read more](#)

## The New Green Book

### October 22 -- 2 CPEs

Join us to learn how the '[Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government](#)' has changed and the potential impact of these changes. The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently issued the [new 'Green Book'](#) that provides the overall framework for establishing and maintaining an effective internal control system.

In the first segment of this web conference, **Kristen Kociolek**, Assistant Director, Financial Management and Assurance Team, GAO, will discuss the changes to the Green Book and its impact.

In the second segment, learn how agencies, including state and local governments, can employ and benefit from the Green Book's guidance. **Melinda Miguel, CIG, CFSA, CBM, CICA, PMP**, Chief Inspector General, Executive Office of the Governor, State of Florida, will present.

### Registration Fees

#### 1. **Individual:**

AGA Member: \$49

Nonmember: \$69

#### 2. **Group:**

On or Before Oct. 22: \$289

After Oct. 22: \$339

Group registration fee is per site, not per person. Each paid fee includes unlimited attendance at a single location.



## CGFM Corner

### CGFM Turns 20!

The CGFM is celebrating 20 years of excellence in government financial management.

### CGFM October Promotion

To celebrate 20 years of the CGFM®, AGA is lowering the CGFM online application fee to \$20 for the month of October. The \$65 discount starts October 1. [Read more](#)

### Register for the CGFM® Intensive Review Course (IRC)

**February 23-24 | Washington | 18 CPEs**

AGA's IRC with CGFM Examinations included—a great opportunity to review course material with a knowledgeable instructor and earn your CGFM! [Read more](#)

CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers.

[Learn more at "The Value of CGFM."](#)

- [Introduction to the CGFM Program Webinar](#)

To earn the CGFM, candidates must apply for the CGFM Program and meet the following requirements:

- [Ethics](#)—read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics.

- [Education](#)—have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- [Examinations](#)— pass three comprehensive CGFM Examinations.
- [Experience](#)— have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.

[Learn more about the process of earning the CGFM designation.](#)

- [CGFM Application](#)—If you are ready to start the process of earning your CGFM, [click here to apply for the CGFM Program.](#)

### Requirements to Maintain the Certification

Continue to enjoy the benefits of the active CGFM certification by abiding by [AGA's Code of Ethics](#), earning the [Continuing Professional Education \(CPE\) hours](#) and [renewing your CGFM](#).

[Learn more about maintaining your CGFM.](#)

- [CGFM Renewal](#)—If you are ready to renew your CGFM, [click here.](#)

Have additional questions? Try our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#), or call the Office of Professional Certification at 800.AGA.7211 or 703.684.6931.



If you ever come up with a topic or speaker you think the local AGA chapter should offer, let us know!!! We are always looking for ideas. (contact Chapter President Mary Laufenberg at [maryfred6998@gmail.com](mailto:maryfred6998@gmail.com))



Over the past couple of months, we were contacted with some ideas. If we are able to locate a presenter, we will be offering some additional training over the winter. Keep watching our calendar of events for

[www.aga-wis.org](http://www.aga-wis.org)

### **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)



### **SHARE YOUR NEWS**

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.

## Calendar of Events 2014 – 2015

August 12, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

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

November 5, 2014 – Web Conference, Are You Prepared for the DATA Act Challenges?, WI  
Department of Transportation

November 11, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

November 20, 2014 – Lunch Meeting, Joe Chrisman, Common Audit Findings and Ways to  
Prevent Them, State Auditor, location to be determined

December 2, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

December 10, 2014 – Web Conference, "How do you Spell Success? E-T-H-I-C-S!", WI  
Department of Health Services

January 6, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

January 22, 2015 – Lunch Meeting, Annual Tax Update, Imperial Gardens

February 3, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

February 18, 2015 – Web Conference\*\*, Internal Controls Topic, WI Department of  
Transportation

March 3, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

March 26, 2015 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined

April 7, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

April 23, 2015 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined

May 3, 2015 – Community Service Event – MS Walk

May 5, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

May 12, 2015 – Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South

June 2, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

June 3, 2015 – Web Conference\*\*, Government Financial Management, location to be  
determined

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

\*\* *subject to change as more detailed topic information becomes available*





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