



SOUTHERN
WISCONSIN
CHAPTER



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Monthly Footnotes

FEBRUARY 2015

Welcome Members and Non-Members

FEBRUARY AUDIO CONFERENCE

From Ponzi to Madoff: Trust, Gullibility & Greed

February 18 | 1-2:50 p.m. | 2 CPEs Available

In existence for close to 100 years Ponzi schemes thrive, but what elements of these frauds make them as viable today as they were in Ponzi's time? This webinar will answer questions including: What leads people to place trust in others when, at least in retrospect, warning signs are present? What emotions come into play when people make gullible decisions? And how can greed put people at risk of falling victim to fraudsters? Hear how such frauds are developed, the key components of how investors are lured, and why Carlos Ponzi and Bernie Madoff were so successful as others like them continue to be today.

Speaker: Allan Bachman, CFE, Education Manager, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

Learning Objectives: Identify and prevent instances of fraud that rely on building trust based on emotions and false claims.

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None

CPE: Two credit hours

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

REGISTRATION: E-mail, phone, or website. Invoicing is available. www.aga-wis.org. Contact: Sherri Voigt at 608-266-2814 or sherri2.voigt@dot.wi.gov

LOCATION: Department of Transportation, 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Room 364
Parking and other details will be sent with registration confirmation.

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

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**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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announcements. Also, register online for luncheons, easy and convenient.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mary Laufenberg, CGFM, CPA

WELCOME:

A lot of our winter days are gloomy days without sun. Without our sun, we sometimes lose our excitement and enthusiasm for work. To get that enthusiasm back and get out of your normal routine for just a little while, watch and sign up for our continuing education times through the AGA newsletter. The next education time is a two-hour web conference scheduled on February 18th titled "Fraud Prevention". The board is also currently working on an agenda for the May Symposium. It is starting to look like we have a great start to this agenda so watch for this information when it gets posted.

We are blessed with great friends and great jobs. However, some individuals are not in that same place in life. That is why we continue to work on community service to help those in need. Please be sure to watch for those luncheons that are taking donations to help these groups. For your convenience, we also post a list of items that are appropriate to bring at those luncheons.

Stay focused in these gloomy days ahead of us and winter will soon be over.

Take care, my friends.

Mary

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
Total Chapter Revenues	\$8,006

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
Total Chapter Expenditures	\$9,369

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

Happy Valentine's Day

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:

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 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.



National News

Working to prevent, detect or mitigate fraud in your organization?

Utilize AGA's user-friendly Fraud Prevention Toolkit. [Try it now](#)

Spring Undergraduate Government Case Challenge Underway

Academicians/adjunct professors: invite students to compete. Teams collaboratively analyze data and develop a CCR. Application deadline: Feb. 4. [Read more](#)

Got an Ethical Dilemma?

[Submit your ethics question](#), and an answer to your anonymous question may be published in the summer *Journal*.

Cut Costs, Improve Core Competencies

Anthony Scardino, CGFM, 2015 NLT Technical Committee Co-Chair invites you to attend. [Read more](#)

Everybody's Doing It; You Should, Too

Renew online; it's quick, easy and secure. Need an invoice? Print one online. [Renew now](#)

Perspective: Defense Entities Gearing Up for Audit Readiness

Audit of the SBR, the next crucial step towards full financial statement

auditability in 2017. Are you ready? [Read more](#)

Using Data Analytics in Government Financial Management

The summer *Journal* will focus on data analytics. Show your subject matter expertise, submit an article for consideration on this hot topic! Deadline: March 1. [Read more](#)

Don't Delay, Renew Today!

Renewing online is secure, and now open. Need an invoice? Print one online. [Renew Now](#)

National President Encourages Leadership

Bill Miller shares his thoughts on leadership training - it's vital to AGA and your professional growth. [Read more](#)

Training and Events

Potholes on the Path to Performance Management

Feb. 4 | 2-3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs:

Hear a city auditor, a deputy director and a state representative share their performance management experiences.

[Register](#)

Fraud Prevention

Feb. 18 | 2-3:50 p.m. | 2 CPEs | Registration Opens Soon



CGFM Corner

Important CGFM® Renewal Information

To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFMs are required to:

- Pay the CGFM annual renewal fee by March 31.
- Complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) in government financial management topics or related technical subjects within each designated two-year cycle.
- Maintain and provide detailed information on CPE hours completed. See [Maintaining CGFM Certification](#) for more information on CGFM renewal and CPE requirements.

What is My CGFM® CPE Cycle?

For answers to this and other FAQs, see [CGFM CPE Requirements FAQs](#)

I Just Retired...

How do I request retired status for my CGFM? For retired status definition, terms and procedures, see [Maintaining CGFM Certification](#)

CGFM® Intensive Review Course with Complimentary Exams

Feb. 23-24 | Washington | 18 CPEs

AGA's CGFM Intensive Review Course—a great opportunity for your chapter members reach their certification goal in the New Year! [Learn more](#)

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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)



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

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.



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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

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 – **CANCELLED Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison**

February 18, 2015 – Web Conference, 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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