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# Monthly Footnotes

## October 2015

### October Audio Conference Webinar

October 21 | 1-2:50 p.m. | 2 CPEs Available

## Welcome Members and Non-Members

**TOPIC:** FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT IN  
GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015

**COST:** Free for Members, \$10 for Non-Members

**PLACE:** WHEDA -- 201 W Washington, 1<sup>ST</sup>  
floor conference room

**RESERVATIONS:** Contact Sherri Voigt by 1 p.m. on  
Friday, October 16, 2015 with your name,  
membership status, at (608) 266-2814 or  
[sherriv@live.com](mailto:sherriv@live.com).

Registration Available On-Line at

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

Invoicing is available

### 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 this when making reservation.

## ABOUT THIS MONTH'S FRAUD PREVENTION WEBINAR

Fraud poses a significant risk to the integrity of federal programs and erodes public trust in government. Managers of federal programs maintain the primary responsibility for enhancing program integrity and managing fraud risks. Hear from two individuals tasked with combating government fraud and learn from their unique perspectives.

This webinar will present:

- An overview of the Government Accountability Office's Fraud Risk Management Framework, released in July 2015 and developed in part with guidance from state and local audit associations.
- A discussion of the Department of Health and Human Services' "Medicare Takedown," a wide-ranging antifraud initiative that succeeded in June 2015 through a partnership among federal agencies with assistance from state and local levels.

Speakers:

- **Ryan S. Coble**, Special Agent, Office of the Inspector General, HHS
- **Linda S. Miller**, Assistant Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO

**Learning Objective:** Understand how government financial managers at federal, state and local levels can use GAO's Fraud Risk Management Framework to develop or enhance efforts to manage fraud risks in a strategic, risk-based manner. Understand the OIG's role in auditing and investigating fraud through recent examples of HHS-OIG's efforts to investigate healthcare fraud.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Mary Laufenberg, CGFM, CPA

Cooler weather is here with us now but hopefully we get a last crack at summer before winter arrives. I hope this newsletter finds you well and not too busy to consider attending one of our future luncheon meetings and/or webinars.

- "Fraud Prevention" scheduled on October 21 from 1 - 2:50 at the WHEDA 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room, 201 W Washington Avenue
- November 12 is the next luncheon meeting. The topic meeting is "OpenBook Wisconsin" presented by Scott Thornton, DOA Division of Executive Budget and Finance, location yet to be determined.
- "Ethics in the Work Place" scheduled on December 2nd from 1 - 2:50 at the WHEDA 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room, 201 W Washington Avenue

Also, it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for our Southern Wisconsin AGA Chapter. We are considering a special luncheon but we are open to suggestions.

If you have any suggestions for future topics for a luncheon meeting, please let me know at [fredmary6998@gmail.com](mailto:fredmary6998@gmail.com)

Thank you

# Chapter News

**Salvation Army Donations** collected at AGA lunch meetings (socks, backpacks, diapers, baby items)

At the September lunch meeting the chapter collected 4 bags of underwear

that were delivered to the Salvation Army Community Center.

For the next chapter meeting, they have asked us to collect donation of tee shirts and warm socks.

## RECAP OF SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> LUNCHEON MEETING with John Pohlman & Paul Zajakowski of the WI DNR Sauk Prairie Restoration Area Master Plan

John Pohlman and Paul Zajakowski of the WI Department of Natural Resources presented a history of the land that is the former Badger Ammunition plant. The land was taken by the federal government during WW2. Within 10 months, the facility was set up and started shipping product. It was shut down after the war and reopened during the Korean and Vietnam wars. In 1997, the plant was decommissioned. The USDA got the farmland, then the Ho Chunk Nation got a share of the land, and then the DNR put in a bid for the rest of the land.

The DNR proposals for the land have included prairie area, limited trails, ATV trails, and a shooting range. The final plans dropped some of these during the public comment period. John was the lead in developing the master plan for the property. The final plan presented for public comment includes:

- Day use (picnic points)
- Rocket launch area for school and hobby groups (up to 10 days/year and not during pheasant season)
- Dog training area (class 2) and designated off-leash areas

- Visitor center, possibly in partnership with USDA and Ho Chunk, with historical displays of the land use
- Looking into horse and buggy/horse cart use (2 days/year where the trails would be closed to other use)
- 15 miles of bike trails

### Funding highlights:

- \$10,000-20,000 annually until developed
- About \$75,000/year once developed
- \$2.3M to remove the reservoirs on the land (but they first have to solve the salamander problem; there is a unique population there that cannot be re-homed due to herpes virus)
- \$3M to remove remaining building and reservoir (fortunately, the Army removed most the buildings)
- \$4M to build/develop the items noted in the master plan

You can see the full master planning document at the DNR website. See photos on page 5. If you would like a copy of the presentation, contact Sherri Voigt at [sherri2.voigt@dot.wi.gov](mailto:sherri2.voigt@dot.wi.gov)

## Recruit New Members – Don't Delay!

### \$20 Incentive Program Extended of New Members

The Southern Wisconsin AGA Chapter extended the \$20 recruiter incentive payment portion of the Member Recruitment Campaign for recruiting new AGA members.

**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.

This campaign previously ended January 2015. Since funds from last year's program area still available, the Chapter board decided to extend the campaign. **The member recruitment program will run until the funds are used up.**

The new chapter member membership application must be submitted to and accepted by 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. Current 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.agacqfm.org](http://www.agacqfm.org) under the Membership drop down menu near the top of the website homepage.



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

**\*\* JOB ANNOUNCEMENT \*\***

Please share this information with your personal and professional networks.

**Wisconsin Public Radio** announces Finance Manager (80%) position.

**Finance Manager, WPR – 80%**

**Location: Madison, WI**

Are you an accounting pro looking for a rewarding part-time job with a respected non-profit? If so, we want to hear from you. Wisconsin Public Radio Association is searching for a Financial Manager who will also act as primary financial liaison with its board.

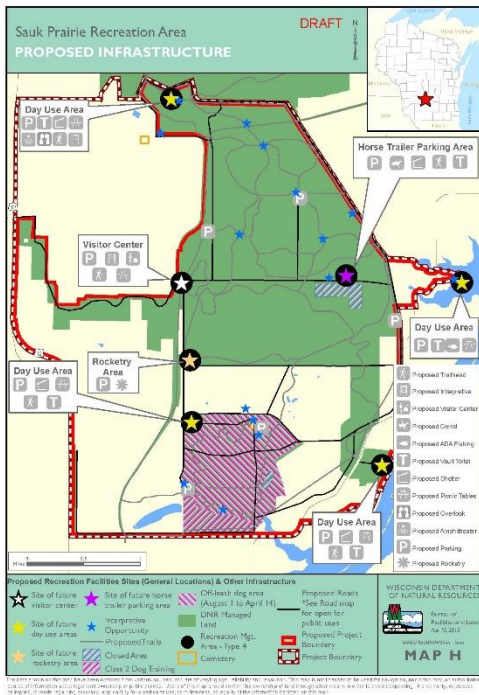
Requires: 4-yr degree and five years' experience in accounting or financial administration. Experience must include written, analytic and interpersonal communication responsibility in a professional work environment and computer/database knowledge. Demonstrated interpersonal and collaboration skills in a team setting. Preferred: Non-profit experience, CPA, Budget experience.

**Details and application instructions can be found at:**  
<http://www.wpr.org/financial-manager-wpra>

Questions may be directed to Susan Oman at 263-4119, [Susan.oman@wpr.org](mailto:Susan.oman@wpr.org)

Academic Staff 80% fixed term appointment  
Open until filled; for best consideration apply by **10/16/15**

Photos from the September Lunch Meeting presentation:



### Potential Outcomes: benefits

- Habitat**
- Recreation**
- Economic**

# National News

### **AGA CEO: How DATA Act implementation is like climbing Mt. Everest**

Ann Ebberts joined federal officials for a panel on DATA Act implementation and plans for pilot tests. [Learn more](#)

### **Government Innovation: an Imperative not an Oxymoron**

**Oct. 7 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET | Webinar | 2 CPEs**

Learn how federal agencies have established labs to foster creativity and experimentation to ultimately do business better. [Learn more](#) | [Register](#)

### **Chapter Spotlight: Phoenix**

The Phoenix Chapter offered 36 high-quality, low-cost CPEs to members in the 2014-2015 program year. [Read more from their chapter CCR](#)

### **Survey shows IG community works together to address frustrations**

Inspectors general are working together to address frustrations caused by restricted access to data, the federal hiring process and more. [GovExec](#) | [FedScoop](#) | [AGA's IG survey](#)

### **Approaches to implementing enterprise risk management vary by agency**

The IRS, Department of the Treasury and a Department of Education office took different approaches to implementing ERM. [Read more](#)

### **One Thing a Leader Must Do: Complimentary members-only webinar**

**Nov. 18 | 2–3 p.m. ET | Webinar | 1 CPE**

This no-cost session will define leadership traits and detail how to overcome challenges and get a job done. [Learn more](#) | [Register](#)

### **Financial Management Standards Board requests response to GASB survey**

The Government Accounting Standards Board seeks feedback as it assesses the costs and benefits of conforming to GAAP. Teleconference Oct. 8; deadline Dec. 15. [Learn more](#)

### **Continuous improvement program successfully engages employees**

A continuous improvement program in New Brunswick engages employees in initiatives with significant effects on costs and service levels. [Read more on page 18](#)

### **Survey seeks input from those born in 1980 or later**

In support of AGA's Young Professionals Focus Group, this survey seeks input on career, goals and work experience. [Learn more](#)

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## The Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®)



**The Mark of Excellence  
for Government  
Financial Professionals**

CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

### Initial Certification Requirements

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.

[Apply for CGFM Certification](#)

### 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.

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



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## Calendar of Events 2015 – 2016

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

August 11, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

September 17, 2015 – Lunch Meeting, John Pohlman, DNR, “The Sauk Prairie Restoration Area Master Plan“, Rigby Pub

**October 6, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison**

**October 21, 2015 – Fraud Prevention Audio Conference, WHEDA, 201 W. Washington**

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

November 12, 2015 – Lunch Meeting,

November 18, 2015 – AGA National Free Webinar for Members

December 8, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

December 16, 2015 – Ethics Audio Conference

January 5, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

January 28, 2016 – Lunch Meeting, Annual Tax Update,

February 2, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

February 3, 2016 – AGA National Free Webinar for Members

February 25, 2016 – Lunch Meeting

March 1, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

March 24, 2016 – Lunch Meeting,

April 5, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

April 28, 2016 – Lunch Meeting

May 1, 2016 – Community Service Event – MS Walk

May 3, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

May 11, 2016 – Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South

May 25, 2016 – AGA National Free Webinar for Members

June 7, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

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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