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NEW MEMBERS FIRST LUNCH 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.

Monthly Footnotes

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2018

Welcome Members/Non-Members

Wednesday, November 28 Webinar

November 28 | 1–2:50 p.m. | 2 CPE

TOPIC: Ethics - Escape the
BlindSpot Zone

SPEAKER: **Kevin McCarthy**
Inspirational Speaker, Best-Selling
Author, BlindSpots, LLC

REGISTRATION: 12:45 p.m. - Webinar 1:00 p.m.

COST: Attendance is free to the
first 30 people who register.
A wait list will be created if
more than 30 people sign
up.

PLACE: Regent Street Area-Exact Site To
Be Determined
Details will be sent to registrants

Register on-line at www.aga-wis.org
or by e-mail (sherri-aga@hotmail.com) by 1 pm on
Monday, November 26, 2018.

**Note: The AGA Chapter signs up for a single-site
group webinar license. We can only award CPE for
on-site attendance.**

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ABOUT THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER



Kevin McCarthy

Inspirational Speaker, Best-Selling Author, BlindSpots, LLC

The problem with making ethical decisions is you don't always know you are in the middle of an ethical dilemma. Our speaker spent 33 months in a federal prison for a crime he didn't knowingly commit because... he had blind spots. What are your blind spots doing to you? We all have numerous blind spots. They are nearly impossible to recognize if we are not looking for them.

Learners will discover how to make better decisions and enjoy richer relationships at work and home by:

- Discovering your unconscious assumptions that are impacting your decisions and behavior
- Learning how to quickly recognize your blind spots so you can avoid unnecessary hardships
- Unmasking the hidden biases that creep into every decision-making process
- Learning and applying simple but effective decision-making tools

Wednesday, December 5 Webinar

December 5 | 1–2:50 p.m. | 2 CPE

Topic: Internal Control
Ensuring Effective Quality Management of
the A-123 Program

Program Level: Overview

Prerequisite: None

Advance Preparation: None Required

Field of Study: Auditing (AUD)

Financial leaders responsible for Risk and Control programs will discuss steps they are taking and tools they use to ensure quality in their organization's A-123 programs to avoid surprises and increase efficiency and effectiveness of risk and control assessments.

Speakers

- Mike Wetklow, CGFM, CPA, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Division Director, NSF
- Mark A. Krieger, CPA, Director, Office of Finance, USPTO

Moderator

Daniella Datskovska, Director, TFC Consulting Inc.

REGISTRATION: 12:30 p.m. - Webinar 1:00 p.m.

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

PLACE: Location to be Determined

Register on-line at www.aga-wis.org or by e-mail (sherri-aga@hotmail.com) by 1 pm on Monday, December 3, 2018.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA

Welcome to winter!

We have two training events coming up. November 28 is an AGA national webinar with a unique presentation of ethics and how to blind spots can lead to trouble. On December 5 we are hosting the AGA national webinar on internal controls and A123.

Tax season is just around the corner...in January we have the annual tax update lunch meeting. Last year, we got an overview of the proposed changes to tax laws. This year we can learn how the implementation will be handled

The planning is full speed ahead for the May 8 Annual Symposium. Many speakers are confirmed and the agenda is shaping up well. **save the date**

As always, if you have any topic or speaker suggestions, feel free to send them to Education Chair Mary Laufenberg at maryendres6998@gmail.com.

Sherri



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Chapter News



2018 – 2019 Chapter Board Members (left to right): David Mellem, Mary Laufenberg, Roger Birkett, Lillian Radivojevich, Sherri Voigt

Salvation Army Donations

The Salvation Army greatly needs the following items:

- Bath Towels
- Diapers - All Sizes
- Baby Bottles
- Sanitary Items

Items will be collected at luncheon meetings.

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.

National News

Now Available: Interactive Anti-Fraud Playbook

The Anti-Fraud Playbook, developed by the Department of the Treasury and the CFO Council, provides a four-phased approach to help your organization combat the risk of fraud. This new interactive guide breaks down strategies and actions in an easy-to-understand way.

[learn more](#)

Ready to Lead?

We are seeking candidates for two positions on the 2019–2021 National Governing Board: president-elect and treasurer-elect. Nominate by Dec. 10. This is your opportunity to shape AGA programs, advance your profession and represent members' interests.

[learn more](#)

AGA is on Facebook

Have you heard? AGA is now on Facebook! “Like” our page to be in the know about AGA events, member benefits and view photos from our events.

["like" us](#)

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“Since joining AGA, I have benefited greatly from the wealth of knowledge that I've gained from professionals in the field. Their mentorship and experiences have motivated me to do and be more.”

Ebonie Smith, CGFM
Supervisory Accountant, EPA, Office of the CFO
NC Triangle Chapter

AGA Executive Reports Focus on Future of Technology in Government

AGA is proud to present two new executive reports: Forum on Robotic Process Automation and The CFO Office of the Future. Both reports focus on the unique opportunity that technology offers government agencies to transform and improve their services.

[read the reports](#)

Nominations Now Open for National Leadership Awards

Do you know federal, state or local officials or private-sector financial executives who promote excellence in the profession? Give them the recognition they deserve by nominating them for a National Leadership Award. Deadline for applications is Nov. 30.

[learn more](#)

Help AGA Grow — Learn the Benefits of Membership!

The AGA Membership Campaign is still underway! Congratulations to our monthly member recruiter winner for October, Jeffery Knybel of the Washington, D.C. chapter! Our most successful recruiters are well versed in the benefits of AGA membership. Be ready to share the ways AGA supports training and career growth for workers who impact financial resources — including those in HR, budget, IT, acquisition, performance evaluation and reporting, grants management and other disciplines.

[get prepared](#)

Chapter Spotlight

Idaho Centennial chapter hosted a successful event for those interested in earning the CGFM credential to meet and network with current CGFMs.

congratulations!

Upcoming Events

Check out AGA's calendar for national and chapter events.

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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

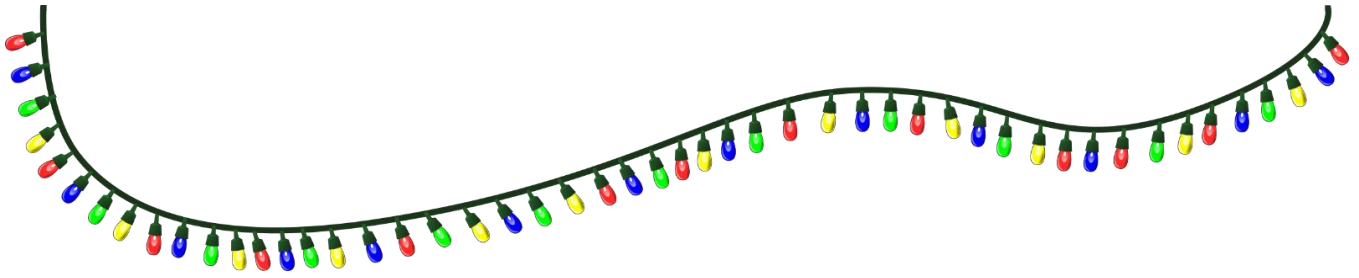
SHARE YOUR NEWS

Please submit an article to the Newsletter Editor at [radivojevich@danesherriff.com](mailto:rادیوjevich@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 Mary Laufenberg, Education Chair, at maryendres6998@gmail.com)

Over the past couple of months, we were contacted with great 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 changes!





Calendar of Events 2018 – 2019

October 2018 – Board Meeting, to be determined
October 2018 – No Luncheon Meeting

November 6 2018 – Board Meeting
November 1, 2018 – Luncheon Meeting, Speaker Cory Fish, Director of Tax, Transportation and Legal Affairs, Topic Collecting Sales Tax from Online Retailers
November 28, 2018 – Webinar, Presenter Kevin McCarthy Inspirational Speaker, Best-Selling Author, BlindSpots, LLC, Topic: Ethics

December 2018 – No Board Meeting
December 5, 2018 – Webinar, Presenters Mike Wetklow, CGFM, CPA, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Division Director, NSF and Mark A. Krieger, CPA, Director, Office of Finance, USPTO, Topic: Internal Control

January 8, 2019 – Board Meeting, to be determined
January 24, 2019 – Luncheon Meeting, Annual Tax Update, speaker and location to be determined

February 5, 2019 – Board Meeting, to be determined
February 28, 2019 – Luncheon Meeting, topic and location to be determined

March 5, 2019 – Board Meeting, to be determined
March 28, 2019 – Luncheon Meeting, Topic: Ice Age Trail Joint Partnership—Funding and Operations; Speaker and location to be determined

April 2, 2019 – Board Meeting, to be determined
April 10, 2019 – Webinar: Ethics

May 5, 2019 – Community Service Event – MS Walk – date and location to be determined
May 7, 2019 – Board Meeting, to be determined
May 8, 2019 – Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South

June 2019 – Board Meeting, 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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