



2018-2019 Chapter History Report

September, 2019

The Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants earned silver status for the 2019 program year. We had a wide variety of educational events and community service opportunities. We were able to offer a total of 977 CPE hours during the program year. Anyone attending all sessions could earn 17.0 CPE for the year.

1. Training Events Held – Total CPE Offered: 15.0 Hours

November 28, 2018: Ethics – AGA National Web Conference

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

CPE's Offered – 2 hours

Attendance: 14

December 5, 2018: Internal Control Ensuring Effective Quality Management of the A-123 Program – AGA National Web Conference

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

CPE's Offered – 2 hours

Attendance: 10

February 6, 2019: GASB Update – AGA National Web Conference

This webinar will highlight recently issued standards, due process documents, and recent GASB activities on the following topics:

- Leases
- Financial reporting model and conceptual framework
- Revenue and expense recognition
- Public private partnerships
- Note disclosures
- Conduit debt
- Subscription-based information technology arrangements
- Fiduciary activities

CPE's Offered – 2 hours

Attendance: 12

April 10, 2019: Ethics – AGA National Web Conference

Nathan Mueller, Fraud & Ethics Awareness Speaker - Co-author of Lessons From An \$8 Million Fraud

CPE's Offered – 2 hours

Attendance: 42

May 8, 2019: AGA Annual Spring Symposium at the University of Wisconsin
Topics – Various accounting/auditing/development topics (listed behind speaker below)
Speakers:

- **Internal Control**, James Arnette, Jr, CGFM, CISA, AGA National President and Local Government Audit Director, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury
- **Increasing Prevalence of Extreme Weather Events**, Jim Swanke, Director, Risk Consulting, Willis Towers Watson and Lecturer, WI School of Business, UW-Madison
- **Accounting Fraud: Identification, Prevention, and Detection**, Jodi Gissel, PhD, Marquette University
- **Identity Theft: Protect and Prevent, Identity Theft: Protect and Prevent**, Michelle Reinen, Bureau Director, WI Dept of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection
- **Flood Panel**, Dr. Shane Hubbard, Research Scientist, UW Madison and John Reimer, Deputy Director, Dane County Land & Water Resources Department
- **The Rise and Fall of Bitcoin and Cryptocurrencies**, Phil McKnight, PhD, Professor, Edgewood College
- **The Roles of the Central Bank**, David Oppedahl, Senior Business Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
- **Building the Plane While You're Flying It: Developing an Effective Program of Audits, Controls and Oversight in State Government**, Barb Loescher, Chief, Internal Audit Section, WI Dept of Health Services

- **Partly Cloudy with a Slight Chance of Contract Enforcement**, Ruth Ginzberg, Senior IT Procurement Specialist, UW System Administration

Location – University of Wisconsin-Madison Union South, Madison, WI

CPE's Offered – 7.0 hours

Attendance: 111

2. Monthly Chapter Luncheon Meetings– 1 CPE offered for each luncheon except January Tax Update – 3 CPE

- November 1, 2018 – Collecting Sales Tax from Online Retailers, Cory Fish, Director of Tax, Transportation and Legal Affairs (13 attended)
- January 24, 2019 – Annual Tax Update, Bart Halderson, Senior Manager Tax, BDO (20 attended)
- March 28, 2019 – Ice Age Trail Joint Partnership—Funding and Operations, Ice Age Trail Alliance and Dane County Parks, (11 attended)

3. Membership:

We offer a free lunch meeting to all new members to encourage participation. New members are announced and welcomed at the monthly lunch meetings. The chapter president or membership chair sends out a welcome letter.

Chapter members are able to invite their supervisor to attend one lunch meeting for free each program year. This is a “thank you” for supporting member participation.

4. Community Service:

Our chapter held specialized drives at the January lunch meeting and February webinar to collect seasonal items needed by the Salvation Army Community Center and Homeless Shelter. We collected pairs of warm socks, diapers, tee shirts, and food items. Two members participated in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, totaling over 100 hours. The chapter had a group participate in the Zoo Lights event on two nights at the Henry Vilas Zoo. We sold tickets and helped to train others on the system and appropriate cash handling. Three people participated for a total of 14 hours. The chapter donated \$120 in gift cards to go the PDT for the National Community Service Fund (NCSF) raffle.

The chapter made the following cash donations during the program year: Ice Age Trail Alliance, Dane County Parks.

5. CGFM Activities:

We published articles in several newsletters related to the certification and offered reimbursement to the first 4 people to pass the exam. This year, we had one member start the review process, but no one sat for any exams.

We were once again able to get a Governor's Proclamation that March was CGFM month. We received a signed certificate from Scott Walker, Governor, State of Wisconsin. We were also able to get a certificate from the Mayor of Madison. The two proclamations were displayed and highlighted at the March lunch meeting and May 8 Symposium. CGFM holders who came to the March lunch meeting received free registration. A photo was taken of the CGFMs at the March meeting and was included with the proclamations for the newsletter. At our May 9 Symposium, all CGFM holders received a special CGFM sticker for their name badge to highlight their professional achievement.

6. Early Career Activities

We tried to target early career people at state agencies by sending meeting announcements.

7. Awards

The Chapter earned the Silver level under the Chapter Recognition Program.

8. Accountability

The prepared its annual Member Centric Report. It was shown at meetings.