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## February Luncheon Meeting Cancelled

Please send any ideas you have for future topics and/or speakers to Chapter Education Chair, Laufenberg, at [mary.laufenberg@revenue.wi.gov](mailto:mary.laufenberg@revenue.wi.gov) or 608-266-1670

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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**  
**Carrie Ferguson, CPA**

The past month has been a month of illness for many of us. Wishing you all a happy and healthy February.

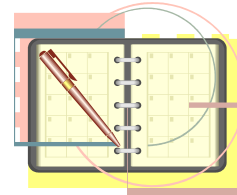


**2012-13 Officers and Directors**

Pictured (left to right): front: Mary Laufenberg, Carrie Ferguson; middle: Roger Birkett, Bea Beasley, Lily Radivojevich, Sherri Voigt; back: David Mellem, Dolly O’Laughlin, Tom Scheidegger



***Save the Date***



**AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter  
Annual Symposium  
UW-Madison Union South  
May 14, 2013**



## Job Announcements

### Finance Director

**The Village of Allouez** is seeking applicants for a Finance Director (30 hrs. to fulltime salaried position). The position is responsible for maintenance of the municipal accounting system and the procedures governing receipt and expenditure of municipal funds. Plans, organizes, controls, directs and evaluates the work of staff involved with various fiscal activities including payroll / accounts payable and utility bookkeeping functions. Applicants are required to have a Bachelor degree in finance, accounting or business administration or related field. Five to seven years progressively responsible experience in administrating financial operations preferably in a public sector position. Three to five years of supervisory experience. CPA preferred. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. Competitive wage plus benefit package.

**Interested applicants** should submit completed Village application, cover letter and resume **by February 25, 2013** to Village of Allouez 1900 Libal Street Green Bay, WI 54301 Attention: Tracy Flucke, Administrator. Application form and additional position information is available at [www.villageofallouez.com](http://www.villageofallouez.com)

### Wisconsin Department of Health Services Office of the Inspector General

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) was recently created within the Department of Health Services (DHS) to consolidate and improve the Department's public assistance program integrity and fraud prevention efforts. DHS manages many of the state's largest public assistance programs, including Medicaid, FoodShare, and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program. The OIG conducts audits of providers who receive department funds, performs internal audits of department programs and operations, and investigates allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse of DHS resources by contractors, providers and recipients.

The OIG is recruiting for the Chief of the Internal Audit Section classified as a Financial Management Supervisor. The position reports directly to the Inspector General who reports to the DHS Secretary. The primary function of this position will be to oversee internal and single audit functions of DHS and to conduct IT audits to provide assurance that sufficient controls are in place to effectively monitor computer access security. For additional information and to apply for this position, please go to our website at:

[http://wisc.jobs/public/job\\_view.asp?annoid=64425&jobid=63940&index=true](http://wisc.jobs/public/job_view.asp?annoid=64425&jobid=63940&index=true)

**The deadline to apply for this position is February 27, 2013.**





members to renew online now with their AGA ID and password. Initial email notification for renewals was sent on January 15th encouraging online renewals. Paper invoices will be sent in February to members who have not already renewed online. Help AGA by spreading the word about renewal season and help retain those additional 500 members!

## National News

### NATIONAL NEWS



Brown serves as AGA National President and chair of the National Executive Committee with more than 34 years of government financial management experience.

### It's Time to Renew Your AGA Membership

Have you renewed your AGA membership? Login with your AGA ID and password to [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) and click the gray billing button to renew online. Be sure to verify we have your current mailing information while you are there. Contact [agamembers@agacgfm.org](mailto:agamembers@agacgfm.org) if you have any questions.

### Resolve to Recruit!



### Recruit at least one new member into AGA during the month of January!

Serving the needs of our members is the driving force behind our education programs, our certification program, our publications and our advocacy of issues affecting government financial management. We believe the positive experience of current members, is our best marketing tool. That is why it is so important for every member to talk about what they get out of their AGA membership. We know your time is valuable, but in as little as five minutes, you can help a colleague or friend learn how AGA can work for them too. [Read more](#)



## 2013 Call for National Award Nominations

AGA's National Awards Committee is accepting nominations for our 13 National Awards that recognize the leaders advancing our profession and setting the standards of excellence. The awards are presented at AGA's PDC in Dallas, TX in July. Individuals do not have to be members of AGA to be eligible. All nominations are due on March 29. [Read more](#)

## Submit an Article for AGA's Journal of Government Financial Management

AGA's Journal Editorial Board seeks articles for consideration in our quarterly *Journal of Government Financial Management*. Accepted articles will provide practical insights into an aspect of government financial management. Upcoming themes include technology, growing demands with diminishing resources and workforce planning. Submissions for the summer 2013 issue are due by March 1, 2013. Contact [journal@agacgfm.org](mailto:journal@agacgfm.org) if you have any questions. [Read more](#)



## Perspectives: Finding New Efficiencies by Embracing Disruptive Technologies

When it comes to serving citizens, disruption is usually something to be avoided. Yet, new, "disruptive technologies" are offering the opportunity for government agencies to provide better service at a lower cost. - Ray Kalustyan, *Fiserv*. [Read more](#)

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



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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.

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of Ethics, earning the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours and renewing your CGFM.

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- 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.

## 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 and have completed at least 24 credit hours in financial management or related topics.
- 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

## Articles

### STATE & LOCAL NEWS

#### **GASB Issues Survey on Statement 33: Your Input is Needed**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is conducting surveys of preparers and auditors of state and local government financial statements as part of its evaluation of the effectiveness of GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange Transactions. It addresses when to recognize assets and receivables (and liabilities and payables) associated with intergovernmental grants, taxes, and other transactions in which there is not an exchange of equal value. Survey for financial statement preparers. Survey for financial statement auditors. Please respond by February 15.

## New Funding Model Needed for Urban Parks

Irvine, Calif., doesn't quite rank as one of America's leading cities, but with a population over 200,000, it's no lightweight. When the U.S. Marine Corps closed its 1,347 acre base in Irvine in 1994, public officials saw an opportunity to create the next great urban park, one that would rival San Francisco's Griffith Park, San Diego's Balboa Park or even New York's Central Park - Tod Newcombe, *Governing*. [Read more](#)



## FEDERAL NEWS

### Navy Ahead of Schedule in Reducing IT Spending

The Department of the Navy didn't just set itself a goal of reducing its IT spending over the next five years. The chief information officer Terry Halvorsen and his superiors are demanding real dollar savings - no cost avoidance will be accepted - that equal a 25 percent reduction starting from a baseline of \$7.6 billion as of fiscal 2011. "It's all about the money," he said. "For that particular goal, there is only one metric. Did you achieve the amount of savings that you have to achieve each year to meet the goal? The answer is right now we are on track and slightly ahead." - Jason Miller, *Federal News Radio*. [Read more](#)

### Analytics: Big Data Takes Center Stage in 2013

Data analytics generated all sorts of headlines in 2012, and experts believe the usual suspects - performance metrics and big data - will garner even more attention in 2013. The PortfolioStat initiative, which the Office of Management and Budget launched in

### ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are moving, or have already moved, please notify both your chapter and AGA National of your address change. You can update your address online at the national website in the members' only area:

[www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org)

The sign in box is in the upper right corner



### SHARE YOUR NEWS

Do you have some interesting news that your fellow chapter members may be interested in? If so, you are welcome (and encouraged) to 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. Feel to send in topic suggestions or features to include.





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## Calendar of Events 2012-2013

August 28, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

September 20, 2012 – Lunch Meeting, Todd Berry, Fiscal and Economic Issues the 2012 Context, Restaurant--Rocky Rococo's Pizzeria, 1753 Thierer, Road (near East Towne)

October 2, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

October 18, 2012 Cost Allocation A-87 Training, Joe Stertz, Mequon, WI

October 25, 2012 – Lunch Meeting, E. Dionne, The Planning of Audits – Setting Priorities and How It's used in Audits, Restaurant--Vintage Brewing, 674 S Whitney Way

November 6, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

November 15, 2012 – Lunch Meeting, Linda M. Fournier, Public Affairs Officer, Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, Financial Impact of Fort McCoy on the State of Wisconsin, Restaurant--Dayton Street Café (inside the Concourse, 1 West Dayton Street)

December 18, 2012 – Ethics Training Audio/Live Discussion, WI Department of Human Services, 3 CPE

January 8, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

January 17, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, Annual Tax Update, Imperial Gardens

**February 5, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison, WI \*\*CANCELLED\*\***

**February 21, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, topic to be determined, Restaurant--Dayton Street Café (inside the Concourse, 1 West Dayton Street) \*\*CANCELLED\*\***

March 5, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

March 21, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined

April 2, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

April 18, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined

May 5, 2013 – MS Walk

May 7, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

May 14, 2013 – *Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South*

June 4, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

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



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