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March is CGFM Month



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Welcome Members and Nonmembers

March Luncheon Meeting

TOPIC: The Highlights of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)

SPEAKER: David Cagigal, CIO, State of WI

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2013

REGISTRATION: 11:30 a.m. **LUNCH:** 11:45 a.m.

COST: \$6 for Members, \$12 for Non-Members

PLACE: The Rigby Pub, 119 E Main Street, upstairs

MENU: Meals include soda, coffee, or tea and served with house made potato chips.

- **Cheeseburger** – classic burger served with cheddar cheese, lettuce and tomato on a Kaiser bun
- **Grilled Chicken** – marinated grilled chicken breast topped with lettuce, tomato, red onion, and chipotle mayo on a Kaiser roll
- **Grilled Mozzarella Cheese** – fresh mozzarella grilled with sliced roma tomatoes and homegrown basil served on fresh baked rustic Italian bread

RESERVATIONS: Contact Sherri Voigt by 11 a.m. on Monday, March 18, 2013 with your name, membership status, meal choice, and for carpooling information at (608) 266-2814/e-mail: sherriv@live.com

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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.



March is Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Month – All CGFMs are invited to attend the luncheon meeting for FREE

ABOUT THIS MONTH'S LUNCHEON SPEAKER



David Cagigal was appointed CIO for the State of Wisconsin in November, 2012. As the CIO, he also serves as Division Administrator for the Division of Enterprise Technology (DET). DET manages the state's IT assets and provides technology to state agencies such as computer services, voice-data-video telecommunications, and print and mail services. The division also provides geographic information systems (GIS) services to state agencies, organizations and local governments.

David is a seasoned executive with over 25 years of experience in information technology visioning, strategic planning, and management. He is experienced in converging business strategies with ever-changing and innovating information technologies. He also identifies and implements the appropriate change management processes and risk mitigating strategies for each unique culture. David has held executive IT positions at Alliant Energy, DeVry University, DePaul University, Maytag and Amoco that crosses multiple industries and business functions.

He is also passionate about education reform and 21st Century Learning Strategies through technology innovations in collaboration with teachers, administrators, parents, communities and most importantly students.

His specialties are strategic planning, budget management, program management, business intelligence, data analytics, risk analysis, quality management, business continuity, disaster response, technology analysis / implementation, security operations, and training / development of personnel.

David holds a BS and MBA from DePaul University.

David was also honored to serve as:

Edison Electric Institute – Technology Advisory Council, Chair

Urban League of Greater Madison, Board Member

University of Wisconsin, Erdman Center (MBA), Advisory Board Member

DePaul University, College of Computing and Digital Media, Leadership Council Computerworld's Premier 100 IT Leaders



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Carrie Ferguson, CPA

Spring is fast approaching we are told. After all, the clocks are moving back and the sound of bouncing basketballs fills the air. Unfortunately, signs of spring aren't quite as visible in nature, given the recent snowstorm. Although, perhaps that is just a sign that Mother Nature is taking "March Madness" to heart, too.

March also brings another event – AGA membership and CGFM renewal time! For all AGA members and CGFMs, please try to get your renewals in by March 31! If you are not currently an AGA member, this is a great time to join. Remember, you are only responsible for dues as the national level as our chapter does not charge any additional chapter dues. If you have questions about membership, please check out our AGA website or contact our membership chair (see page 12 for his contact information). If you are not a CGFM, this is a great time to consider looking over the requirements and to start studying for the exam. Check out our CGFM corner in this newsletter (see page 9) and the CGFM section of our website for additional information. Also, feel free to contact either of our CGFM co-chairs with any additional questions you might have (see page 12 for their contact information).

In fact, March also marks AGA's CGFM month. **Congratulations to all Southern Wisconsin Chapter CGFMs!** We hope to see many of you at our upcoming March luncheon! **In recognition of CGFM month, Madison's mayor and Wisconsin's governor have issued proclamations to recognize this event.** See pages 5 & 6 for



copies of these proclamations. Also, good luck to those of you who are still working to complete your remaining parts of the exam!

If March sports are not your cup of tea, or if you have some free time between games, perhaps you might be "mad about art." If so, you should consider entering the Chapter Citizen Centric Reporting (CCR) Program Logo Contest. More information about the rules for this contest can be found on **page 7** of this newsletter. There are some great prizes if your design receives the most votes (or even if your design is the runner-up). Not only that, the winning design will impact the CCR program for years to come! All members are welcome to enter, since chapters may submit more than one design for the contest, so be sure to submit your entry by March 29, 2013.

Finally, March is also a time when many of us our thinking taxes (if we aren't fortunate enough to have them completed yet). After all, April 15th is fast approaching.

Hopefully, you were fortunate enough to attend the January luncheon meeting to pick up some additional tax preparation tips from the presentation provided by Andrew Justl, Manager at Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP.

Happy CGFM Month! And Happy Spring (whenever it gets here)!

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Chapter News

Community Service

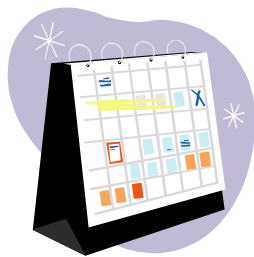
The Chapter will continue holding a food drive at the lunch meetings and continue collecting paper grocery bags for the MOM food pantry in Middleton and personal items for the Salvation Army.



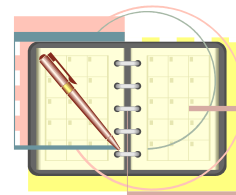
2012-13 Officers and Directors



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



**Southern Wisconsin Chapter
Annual Symposium
UW-Madison Union South**

May 14, 2013



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MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, belonging to the Association of Government Accountants which has more than 15,000 members in 90 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 90 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS,** AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Wisconsin by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and
- WHEREAS,** the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history and to pass a three-part examination requiring expertise in The Government Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing comprehensive training sessions totaling 80 hours over a two-year period.

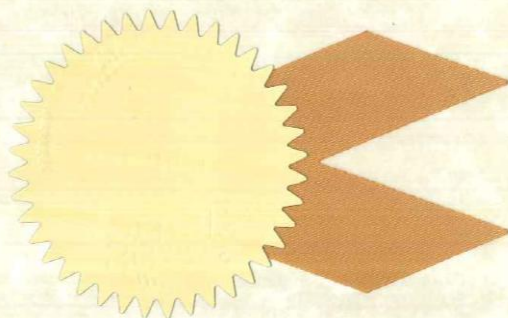
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Madison, Wisconsin, does hereby proclaim March 2013 as

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

in the City of Madison.

Mayor Paul R. Soglin

Signed and sealed this 6th day of February
2013 at City Hall.



STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization belonging to the AGA, which has more than 15,000 members in 90 chapters in the United States and around the world, and approximately 90 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors and financial managers in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of "advancing government accountability," as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Wisconsin by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

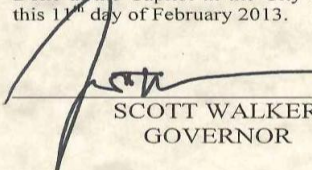
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2013, as

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 11th day of February 2013.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State



AGA Career Fair

**Mar. 26 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Washington
| No Fee to Attend**

Are you seeking a job or an internship? Attend AGA's Career Fair and connect with prospective employers. This program provides the knowledge and skills needed to reach your career goals. We invite you to participate in this event to network with the top consulting and technology firms in the area. [Read more](#)

National News

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AGA National President Brown has more than 34 years of government financial management experience.

From the National President, Evelyn Brown, CGFM-Retired

As we end calendar year 2012, I'd like to express my appreciation to the AGA leadership, other members, staff, colleagues, and friends who contributed to the many successes that AGA has realized during the year. I'm especially appreciative of the momentum that I've observed in the chapters as we prepare for 2013. [Read more](#)

The Fiscal Cliff: Can Federal Financial Managers Hang On?

The focus in the news is on the potential fiscal cliff - the combination of automatic federal cuts and the end of the Bush era tax cuts - that could both go into effect this coming January - Robert Maitner, MPA, CGFM, CDFM, PMP, *Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP*. [Read more](#)

Perspectives: Leveraging Expertise to Improve Payment Accuracy and Prevent Fraud

Ensuring that payments to citizens are accurate and timely is a challenge for most agencies that is complicated by ever-evolving criminal tactics. Agencies may not have the resources or expertise in-house to adequately keep abreast of data quality issues and fraudulent activity – Ray Kalustyan, SVP and general manager, Government Services, *Fiserv*. [Read more](#)



Compete in the Chapter CCR Logo Contest

Submission Deadline: March 29

AGA invites all chapters to submit a logo design for the Citizen Centric Reporting (CCR) program. When the winning logo is selected, we will ask that all future CCRs include the logo on their report. The logo must include both AGA and CCR (or citizen centric report(ing) in the design. Send your submissions to ccr@agacgfm.org by **March 29**. [Read more](#)

Meet Your Fellow Member, Sara Ransford



Sara S. Ransford, Fiscal Facilities Manager, Omaha Douglas Public Building Commission, is a member of the AGA Omaha Metro Area Chapter. "I was asked to become a member during a membership drive years before I actually became involved. I eventually became involved when a new president reached out to me to help on the board." [Read more](#)



Graduate Students: Compete in the Government Finance Case Challenge

April 5 | Online

AGA invites graduate students from around the nation to compete in the Government Finance Case Challenge. Student teams will collaboratively analyze data for a specified U.S. city government and develop a Citizen-Centric Report. Submissions will be judged and the top three teams will win a scholarship to attend the finals in Dallas. [Read more](#)

Leadership Positions Available on National Boards and Committees

AGA is seeking candidates interested in filling vacancies on national boards and committees. Serving as a board or committee member might just be the most important contribution a member will make to their career and the profession. Learn more about the myriad of activities our boards and committees perform by visiting the [AGA website](#). Contact us by March 29, using the [online sign-up form](#). Your submission will be considered for vacancies on committees you are interested in. [Read more](#)



CGFM Corner Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM®)

**The Mark of Excellence in Federal,
State, and Local Government**

March is CGFM Month – Governor's and Mayor's Proclamations!

For the past nine years, thanks to the initiative and dedication of AGA regional and chapter leaders, states and local governments have been declaring March a CGFM month. This project has been a great example of AGA leadership and teamwork and continues to help spread the word about the CGFM Program.

Your AGA Southern WI Chapter is proud to continue this tradition in 2013.

Articles

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

White House Details Sequestration Cuts by State

The White House kicked off a week of warnings about the sequestration by issuing reports Sunday on how the looming \$85 billion in automatic budget cuts will affect each of the 50 states.

Among the examples: A slowdown of Superstorm Sandy cleanup in New Jersey, teacher layoffs in Ohio, reduced ship maintenance in Virginia, fewer vaccinations in Georgia, military base cutbacks in Texas and California, and similar reductions in states across the country, said the reports - David Jackson, *USA Today*. [Read more](#)

AGA Featured: Giving Citizens Numbers They Can Understand

AGA has tried to deal with this through its "citizen-centric" financial reporting initiative. In 2006, the AGA came up with a formula for distilling the most important financial and performance information about a jurisdiction into a four-page document. About a hundred or so jurisdictions now are doing citizen-centric reporting, including huge governments such as the state of Texas and smaller ones such as Scottsdale, Ariz. In an era when journalists and public officials are united on the need for transparency, it's surprising that more governments have not embraced citizen-centric reporting - Mark Funkhouser, *Governing*. [Read more](#)

FEDERAL NEWS

OMB to Test Agency Readiness to Move to Financial Shared Services

Agencies will have to take a test to measure just how ready they are to move their financial management system to a federal shared-service provider. The Treasury Department's



Office of Financial Innovation and Transformation (OFIT) and OMB will run the tests, which are specifically designed for large agencies, that over the past nine years have been reluctant to use these common services - Jason Miller, *Federal News Radio*. [Read more](#)

The 30 Biggest Risks Facing the Federal Government in 2013

This month, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) updated its biannual High Risk List. The list includes 30 topics the GAO says are of greatest risk to the federal government in 2013. Many of the areas added to the list in 2011 have seen significant improvement, so much so that two items were removed from the list this year. In their place, two topics have been added to the High Risk List: limiting the fiscal impacts of climate change and mitigating gaps in weather satellite data - Mark Micheli, *Government Executive*. [Read more](#)



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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.agacqfm.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 radivojevich@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 AllocationA-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 12, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

March 21, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, David Cagigal, CIO, State of WI, The Highlights of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Rigby Pub, 119 East Main Street

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

April 18, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, Rachel Zellmer, DPI, "The Safeguards Put in Place to Monitor Activities, Adhere to the Federal Requirements, How Allocation Amounts Flow Through the District, and the Budget Process", location to be determined

May 5, 2013 – MS Walk, Community Service Event

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

June, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined



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