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Monthly Footnotes

MARCH 2014



MARCH is CGFM Month



Welcome Members & Nonmembers

March Luncheon Meeting

TOPIC: History of the Nonpartisan Wisconsin Government Accountability Board (GAB)

SPEAKER: Reid Magney, Public Information Officer
Government Accountability Board

DATE: Thursday, March 27, 2014

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

COST: \$6 for Members, \$12 for Non-Members
CGFMs attend for free!

PLACE: Coliseum Bar, 232 E Olin Avenue

MENU: All meals include french fries and soda, coffee, or tea

- **Classic Cheeseburger** - 7oz burger topped with cheddar cheese.
- **Veggie Burger** – meatless burger served with lettuce and tomato on a seeded bun with ranch dressing on the side
- **Club Sandwich** - turkey, ham, lettuce, tomato, bacon cheddar cheese & mayonnaise served on pita bread.
- **Buffalo Chicken Wrap** – crispy chicken tossed in buffalo sauce, lettuce, blue cheese dressing, wrapped in a tortilla

RESERVATIONS: Contact Sherri Voigt by 11 a.m. on Monday, March 24, 2014 with your name, membership status, meal choice, and for carpooling information at (608) 266-2814 or sherri2.voigt@dot.wi.gov.

NEW! Reservations may be made from our website.
www.aga-wis.org

ABOUT THIS MONTH'S LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Reid Magney has been Public Information Officer for the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.) since July 2009, and is responsible for communications with the media and the general public, as well as developing and maintaining the agency's main website and responding to requests under the Public Records Law.

Prior to joining the G.A.B., he was a journalist for 25 years working primarily as a newspaper reporter and editor in La Crosse, Wisconsin, as well as newspapers in Illinois and Iowa. He also has experience in television, radio and online news. Much of his journalism career was spent covering government, politics and elections – experience that has proven valuable in dealing with public officials and the news media at the G.A.B.

Mr. Magney will discuss the history of the nonpartisan G.A.B., the only state agency of its kind in the United States administering elections, ethics, campaign finance and lobbying, and the steps the Board and staff take to be nonpartisan and transparent.

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 making your reservation.

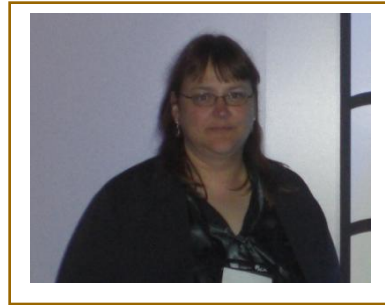
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**for updated employment opportunities and
important news breaking announcements. Also,
register online for luncheons, easy and convenient.**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA



March is CGFM Month

Happy CGFM Month!!!! This month, AGA chapters world-wide celebrate the Certified Government Financial Manager certification. The CGFM is celebrating 20 years of excellence. If you would like to know more, please see the CGFM corner of the newsletter (P9) or visit <http://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Overview.aspx>.

The lunch meeting this month will honor CGFMs, who may attend for free. We will have signed proclamations from Mayor Soglin and Governor Walker stating that March is CGFM month.

The March lunch meeting will be at a site close to the Alliant Center to facilitate attendance by those who are attending STAR meetings. If you are in meetings 8-12, 1-5, or both, just let us know and we'll help you with any special arrangements needed. To make a reservation, go to www.aga-wis.org and locate the meeting area

The annual Symposium brochure will be ready soon. We have a full lineup of topics. The date is Thursday, May 8. Stay tuned...



Chapter News

Community Service

Community Service Opportunities

At the March luncheon we will continue to support the Salvation Army Shelter and Community Center.

The need is great for baby supplies, specifically diapers size 1 – 4 and baby ointment.

Thank you AGA members and non-members for all of your wonderful support, it is greatly appreciated.



Please join the AGA-Southern Wisconsin Team and walk with us on Sunday, May 4.

This year, the walk starts at Warner Park. To join the team or make a donation, visit our Team AGA webpage at : http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/WIGWalkEvents?team_id=375471&pg=team&fr_id=23605

Contact Sherri Voigt at sherriv@live.com for any details

AGA Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 4, 2014

Present: Sherri Voigt, David Mellem, Roger Birkett, Tom Scheidegger, Mary Laufenberg, Lily Radivojevich, Michele Gundrum, Rachel Zellmer.

- **Treasurer's Report** – Balance as of 3/3/14 was \$23,256.82.
- **Membership** – 89 currently. Rebate promotion done on January 31 with 3 new members and 3 sponsors to get a check. David will report out on Wiggio with results.
- **CGFM** – We are on track for March as CGFM month and have signed proclamations from the Governor and Madison Mayor.
- **Community Service** – collect diapers/related items for March lunch meeting, plus paper grocery bags for M.O.M.
- **Chapter Recognition** – Reviewed last quarter for changes to be made. Once done, will get to CRP Coordinator to fix. Next deadline is 3/31 so we should get a draft report to review before then.
- **Newsletter** – get items to Lily by Friday
- **Education**
 - Lunches: March should be close to Alliant Center to make it possible for state employees attending the STAR meetings
 - Live audio courses
The March 5 session was rescheduled for June 11– Government Financial Management (DOR)
- **Other Matters?**
 - Social event (get CRP points); we discussed a happy hour at Coliseum Bar or Brass Ring...to decide in April.
 - Sectional Leadership Meetings: AGA has scaled back the session s to save money. Chapters may send

the president-elect and one person who has not attended. Mary Laufenberg and Michele Gundrum will attend. Sherri Voigt will attend as RVP-Elect.

- Member satisfaction survey: We will review the past survey questions and get the updates done. Survey completion goal is 3/31.

2013 Chapter Financial Summary

Chapter Revenues	
Monthly Lunch Meetings	1,440
Annual Symposium	11,940
Training Events	2,495
Member Recruitment	155
Interest on Bank Account	40
CGFM Book Deposits	65
Donations at Lunches	47
Total Chapter Revenues	\$16,182
Chapter Expenditures	
Monthly Lunch Meetings	2,792
Annual Symposium	5,741
Training Events	1,837
Community Service Donations	1,000
Chapter Administration	865
Member Recruitment	180
PDC Sponsorship	1,000
CGFM Program	531
Total Chapter Expenditures	\$13,946
Net Increase in Cash Balance	\$2,236

2013-14 Officers and Directors

Pictured (left to right): front: Sherri Voigt, Michele Gundrum, Mary Laufenberg; middle: Lily Radivojevich, Rachel Zellmer, Sean Walker; back: Tom Scheidegger, David Mellem



AGA Chapter Membership Recruitment Scholarship Program Results

Three New Members Recruited by Three Sponsors

Three new chapter members and their sponsors earned a total of \$120 under the Chapter's 20-20-20 Chapter Recruitment Scholarship Program. The new members and their sponsors are as follows:

New Members:

Kyle Saxe, Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Nancy Whiles, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Yu Zheng, Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Their Respective Sponsors:

Yu Zheng, Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Donna Kern, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
James Otterson, Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Each new member receives a \$20 rebate and each sponsor receives a \$20 incentive payment for recruiting at least one new member (limited to one incentive payment per sponsor). The program ran from October 2013 through January 2014. An additional \$20 bonus payment was available, based on a drawing, for members who recruited more than one new member. Chances of winning the drawing increase with each additional new member recruited since the pool consists of one entry for each new member (over one) recruited by each sponsor. There were no multiple member recruiters this year.

If you have suggestions for new uses of the National Office recruitment scholarship funds, submit them to any Chapter officer or board member. Your suggestions are always appreciated. This is the third year that the Chapter ran this program. Last year, seven new members joined our chapter. The program appears successful and we will likely run it again next year, if the National Office offers it again.

The AGA National Office awarded \$163 to our chapter under the AGA Membership Recruitment Scholarship Program last fall. The remaining unspent \$43 is being returned to the National Office in accordance with its program rules.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

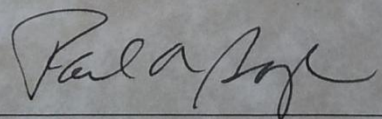
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

- 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 2014 as

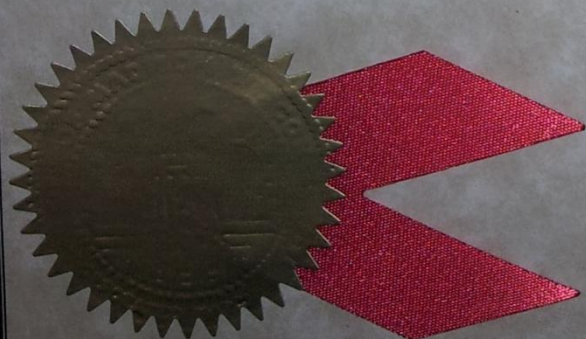
CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

in the City of Madison.



Mayor Paul R. Soglin

Signed and sealed this 6th day of February
2014 at City Hall.



STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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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 Governmental 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;

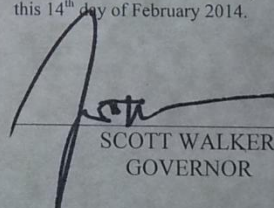
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim the month of March 2014, as

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

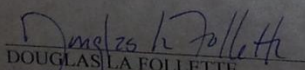
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



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 14th day of February 2014.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

Chicago AGA Chapter
PDT April 23-24, 2014
8-4 Each Day

Featured Speakers:

Dr. Peter Singer, Ph.D.

Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, Director, Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence

TOPIC: *Cybersecurity & Cyberwar*

Leon Young

President, Author & Motivational Speaker, Leon Young Seminars

TOPIC: *Communication Skills & Leadership*

Ross Simms, CPA, CIA, CGMA, MBA, Assistant Director

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

TOPIC: *Evolving the Federal Reporting Model and Federal Accounting Standards Update*

Christopher Moschella

Manager, PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP

TOPIC: *Federal Budgetary Accounting*

James Holzrichter, Sr.

Founder, James H. Holzrichter Consultancy

TOPIC: *A Celebration of Heroes and Working with Relators*

Dr. Richard Hurley, Ph.D., JD, CPA, CFE, CFF

Professor-Attorney, School of Business, University of Connecticut

TOPIC: *Ethics*

Bill Hardin, CPA, CFE, CFF, PMP, MBA

Director, Navigant Consulting, Co-Chair, Global Data Privacy & Incident Response

TOPIC: *Data Privacy & Incident Response*

Cost: *Two-day registration:* \$195 for members, \$295 for non-members

One-day registration: \$145 for members, \$220 for non-members

- All attendees will receive a copy of the book, "A Just Cause" and certificate of completion
- Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided both days.
- Materials will be furnished via a link for printing on your own or viewing on electronic devices at your leisure

Number of CPEs: 12+

RSVP: Matt Matczynski, mmatczynski@hudoig.gov

<http://www.chicagoaga.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/2014-PDT-Event-Flier.pdf>

Metcalfe Federal Building
GSA Conference Room 331
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

National News



**2013-2014
National President**
Ms. Mary E. Peterman,
CGFM, CPA

March is CGFM Month

To recognize our CGFMs and the CGFM Program, AGA has declared the month of March each year as "CGFM Month".

[Read more](#)

Meet CGFM Member: Riley Shaull, CGFM

Q: How has the CGFM enhanced your career? The CGFM has given me the knowledge that I needed in my area of government financial management. [Read more](#)

Perspectives: Not Just Hope—Real Numbers and Determination

I was transfixed after reading a quote from Microsoft founder, Bill Gates. He predicted that by 2035, there will be almost no poor countries left in the world. [Read more](#)

2014 FSS Executive Report Released

Discussion about near-term and future prospects of federal financial management and systems in a budget-constrained environment. [Read more](#)

Call for 2014 National Academic Scholarships

Are you - or a family member - pursuing a degree in a government finance discipline? Apply for an AGA scholarship by April 18! [Read more](#)



CGFM Corner

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM®)

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

For the past ten-years, thanks to the initiative and dedication of AGA regional and chapter leaders, states and local governments have been declaring March 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 **2014**.

[Learn more at "The Value of CGFM:"](#)

[Introduction to the CGFM Program Webinar](#)

Click here to view the CGFM webinar.

Special Offer for CGFM Candidates

Schedule your CGFM Examination for April or May and receive complimentary access to the updated CGFM study guide. [Read more](#)

It's Time to Renew!

Time is running out! Renewals were due by the end of March. Save time and postage; renew your AGA membership and/or CGFM online. You can also print an invoice. [Login now](#).



Save the Date

**AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter
Annual Symposium
UW - Madison Union South
May 8, 2014**

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.agacqfm.org



SHARE YOUR NEWS

Please submit an article to the Newsletter Editor at radivojevich@danesherriff.com. Deadline for submission of articles is the 25th of the month.



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Calendar of Events 2013 – 2014

August 27, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

September 26, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, Kimberly Hazen, Regional Director for the Southwest Region of the Wisconsin Better Business Bureau, Investment Fraud, Vintage Brewing

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

October 17, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, UW-Madison Grants Management, Robert Andresen, Asst. Director, UW-Madison Research and Sponsored Programs, Monona Garden

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

November 12, 2013 – Grants Management Reform Updates and Agency Insights (audio conference), Department of Public Instruction

November 21, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, Upcoming Budget of the Madison School District and Influences by the Drop of Shared Revenues, Mike Barry, Asst Superintendent for Business Services, Madison School District, Rigby

December 3, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

December 11, 2013 – Taking the High Road: How to Succeed Ethically When Others Bend the Rules (ethics audio conference)

January 7, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

January 15, 2014 – Fraud Detection (audio conference)

January 23, 2014 – Lunch Meeting, Annual Tax Update, Imperial Gardens

February 4, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

February 27, 2014 – Lunch Meeting Cancelled

March 4, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

March 27, 2014 – Lunch Meeting, Reid Magney, Public Information Officer, Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, Coliseum Bar and Banquet

April 1, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

April 24, 2014 – Lunch Meeting, topic and location to be determined

May 4, 2014 – Community Service Event – MS Walk

May 6, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

May 8, 2014 – Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South

June 3, 2014 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

June 11, 2014 – Government Financial Management Audio Conference

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



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