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DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016



Audio Conference

**Evidence Based Policy Making -- Making the Right
Decision to Improve Programs**

JAN 13 | 1–2:50 p.m. CT | 2 CPE

Governments at all levels make budget and policy choices each year that have long-term effects on the services provided and dollars spent delivering those services to the public. Studies have shown that government leaders can make better decisions and achieve better results by using rigorous evidence to inform, enable and operate programs more strategically. Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative has developed a framework for governments to build and support a system of evidence-based policymaking.

Speakers: **Torrey Silloway**, Manager, Pew Charitable Trusts, **Gary VanLandingham**, Director, Pew Charitable Trusts

Moderator: **Robert Shea**, Principal, Grant Thornton LLP

TOPIC: EVIDENCE BASED POLICY MAKING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016

COST: FREE FOR MEMBERS -- \$10 FOR NON-MEMBERS

PLACE: WI Department Of Transportation, 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, room 421

RESERVATIONS: Contact Sherri Voigt by 1 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2016 with your name, membership status, at (608) 266-2814 or sherriv@live.com.

Registration Available On-Line at

www.aga-wis.org

Invoicing is available

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January Luncheon Meeting

Welcome Members and Non-Members

TOPIC: Annual Tax Update

SPEAKER: Andrew Justl, Manager
Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP

DATE: Thursday, January 28, 2016

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

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

PLACE: Home Town Buffet -- 1745 Parkside Drive, Madison, WI 53704 (banquet room)

MENU: Buffet with a variety of meats, potatoes, vegetables, soups, pizza, salad bar, taco bar, and dessert bar

RESERVATIONS: Contact Sherri Voigt by 11 a.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016 with your name and membership status and for carpooling information at 608) 266-2814/email: sherriv@live.com

Reservations may be made from our website.

After many years of holding our annual tax update luncheon at Imperial Garden on the east side, they have sold out. We found this location in the same area and are interested in ideas on where this lunch could be held in the future. Please feel free to contact Mary Laufenberg, chapter president, with any suggestions fredmary6998@gmail.com



ABOUT THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Andrew Justl, Manager with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, joined the firm in 2011. He specializes in serving clients in the Construction and Real Estate industries.

Specific Experience

- Experience in all areas of tax preparation including corporations, partnerships, and individuals.
- Provides consulting and research services relating to federal, state, and international tax issues.

Industry Involvement

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)

Education

Marquette University – Milwaukee
Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Master of Science in Accounting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mary Laufenberg, CGFM, CPA

A new year is almost upon us and we have great AGA trainings set up for you as well as anniversaries to celebrate. Those dates are as follows:

January 13 audio conference titled "Evidence Based Policy Making - Making the Right Decisions to Improve Programs" at a location to be determined.

January 28 luncheon with our speaker, Andrew Justl from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP on the annual tax updates at the Old Country Buffet

February 3 members only webinar titled "Managing in a Multi-Generational Workplace"

We will be celebrating the National AGA's 50th anniversary at an upcoming luncheon. Our historian is looking at ideas from the Southern Wisconsin AGA Chapter's 25th anniversary. If you have any ideas to celebrate our chapter's anniversary, please get back to me (fredmary6998@gmail.com) or David Mellem (david.mellem@oig.hhs.gov).

Did You Miss It?!?!

Do More with Current Funding: Blending and Braiding Funds

AGA National offers 4 free webinars for members each year. Each is worth 1 CPE. The first session was held August 12. If you missed it, you can catch the presentation slides on-line. The recording will be posted later (sorry, CPE during live event only). Log in at <https://www.agacgfm.org/My-AGA/Sign-In.aspx>. Click on Member Resources in the left panel. The information is in the center column.

While there, check out past webinar materials (some include the recording). Sample titles are:

- **Introductory Level Approach to Turning the "Super Circular" into a User Friendly Tool**
- **Prevent, Detect and Mitigate Fraud in Your Organization**
- **The Federal Budget Process: How It Works from Conception to Programs"**

Mary Laufenberg, CPA, CGFM
2015-16 President, Southern Wisconsin AGA Chapter

Chapter News

No AGA Board Meeting Held December 2015

Salvation Army Donations still collected at AGA lunch meetings:

- Socks
- Backpacks
- Diapers
- Baby Items

50th Anniversary!!!

The AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter celebrates its 50th anniversary on January 1, 2016. Yes, we have been around since 1966 and remain dedicated to serving the government accountability population of Wisconsin. Look for news of a celebration at an upcoming training/luncheon event.



Recap Of November Luncheon Meeting OpenBook Wisconsin Scott Thornton, DOA

The state of Wisconsin has a transparency website to look up state agency expenditures. If you have not visited, it is an interesting and easy to use site to look at.

<http://openbook.wi.gov/>

Expenditures can be searched by fiscal year and agency, vendor, or category.

Mr. Thornton gave a history of the laws that brought the site into being, discussed all the items covered, and how inquiries can be made. The full presentation handout is available on our website at <http://aga-wis.org/?p=1391> including some excellent history of how this site came about and what can be located. It also notes the challenges (and opportunities) that come about with the introduction of the new state accounting system during SFY2016.



Recruit New Members \$20 Incentive Program Still Available

The Southern Wisconsin AGA Chapter extended the \$20 recruiter incentive payment portion of the Member Recruitment Campaign for recruiting new AGA members.

Incentive Payments: You can earn an incentive single payment of \$20 as a Southern Wisconsin Chapter member simply by recruiting one or more new chapter members.

The new chapter member membership application must be submitted to and accepted by the AGA national office. The member recruiter must notify the chapter membership chairperson at david.mellem@oig.hhs.gov or 608-264-5415 ext. 25 by this submission deadline. Funds available for this recruitment effort are limited and will be paid on a first notice, first paid basis. Current AGA Membership Categories and annual dues are as follows:

Full Government Member	\$100
Private Sector Member	\$160
Early Career Member	\$ 45
Student Member	\$ 30

On-line membership application and instructions available on the AGA national website at www.agacqfm.org under the Membership drop down menu near the top of the website homepage.



As always, new members receive a free lunch meeting!

National News

Homan: 2016 will bring an election and changes. Prepare yourself.

President John Homan issues a call to action: attend AGA's 2016 events and prepare for a year full of changes. [Learn more](#)

Shared-services report examines federal models

AGA's most recent report, after meeting with existing users, suggests the government consider several shared-service models. [Read the report](#)

Seeking volunteers to pre-test DATA Act pilot models

AGA is helping the federal government identify grants experts to pre-test models for the DATA Act pilot program. [Read more on AGA's DATA Act Information Hub](#)

Jan. 19 | 8 a.m.– 4:45 p.m. ET | *Government Employees

The Financial Systems Summit (FSS) features sessions on DATA Act pilots, innovation and shared services—including commercial success stories and cybersecurity. [Learn more](#)

Chapter spotlight: West Michigan

The chapter annually selects a student to participate on its board in addition to receiving an academic scholarship. [Read more](#)

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The DATA Act: What recipients need to know

Learn how the DATA Act affects recipients and how they should **prepare for the future in this pre-recorded webinar**. [Learn more](#)

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 radiojevich@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 Chapter President Mary Laufenberg at maryfred6998@gmail.com)



Over the past couple of months, we were contacted with 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



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Calendar of Events 2015 – 2016

July 7, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

August 11, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

September 17, 2015 – Lunch Meeting, John Pohlman, DNR, “The Sauk Prairie Restoration Area Master Plan“, Rigby Pub

October 6, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

October 21, 2015 – Fraud Prevention Audio Conference, WHEDA, 201 W. Washington

November 2, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

November 12, 2015 – Lunch Meeting,

November 18, 2015 – AGA National Free Webinar for Members

December 2, 2015 – Ethics in the Workplace Audio Conference, WHEDA, 201 W. Washington

December 8, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison -- CANCELLED

January 5, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

January 13, 2016 – Audio Conference--Evidence Based Policy Making

January 28, 2016 – Lunch Meeting, Annual Tax Update

February 2, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

February 3, 2016 – AGA National Free Webinar for Members “Managing in a Multi-Generational Workplace”

February 25, 2016 – Lunch Meeting

March 1, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

March 23, 2016 – Audio Conference--Internal Controls

April 5, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

April 28, 2016 – Lunch Meeting

May 1, 2016 – Community Service Event – MS Walk

May 3, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

May 11, 2016 – Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South

May 25, 2016 – AGA National Free Webinar for Members

June 7, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

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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