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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 this when making reservation.

# Monthly Footnotes

## MARCH 2017



### March is CGFM Month

To recognize the CGFM Program and its accomplishments, AGA has declared the month of March "CGFM Month".

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## Welcome Members & Non-Members

### March 23 Luncheon Meeting

**TOPIC:** Madison Mallards – Renovation of Warner Park Stadium

**SPEAKERS:** Vern Stenman, Northwoods League Executive

**DATE:** Thursday, March 23, 2017

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

**COST:** \$6 for Members, \$12 for Non-Members  
**Free** for CGFMs

**PLACE:** Rigby Pub & Grill, 119 East Main Street (upper level)

**MENU:** Meals served with house cut pub fries and include fountain soda, coffee, or tea.

- **Cheeseburger** – classic 1/3 lb. burger served with cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion.
- **Cuban Sandwich** – house-smoked pulled pork, berkshire ham, pepper jack cheese, pickles, Carolina gold sauce
- **Veggie Wrap** – mixed greens with seasonal vegetables.

**RESERVATIONS:** Contact Sherri Voigt by 1 p.m. on **Monday, March 20, 2017** with your name, membership status, meal choice (and for carpooling information) at (608) 266-2814 or [sherriv@live.com](mailto:sherriv@live.com).

Register on-line at [www.aga-wis.org](http://www.aga-wis.org)

## ABOUT THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

### Vern Stenman, Northwoods League Executive

#### Madison Mallards – Renovation of Warner Park Stadium

Vern Stenman, the 2003 and 2005 Northwoods League Executive of the Year, is entering his nineteenth season in the NWL. His innovative promotional ideas and steady vision have contributed to the Mallards consistently ranking in the top 25 in attendance in all of Minor League Baseball. He has helped draw over 200,000 fans per year from 2006 through 2015. Prior to Madison he was an intern and later Assistant GM for the St. Cloud River Bats from 1997 to 2000 before taking a position with the NHL's Minnesota Wild for a year. As the President of Big Top Baseball his role also includes management and part ownership of the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters, Kenosha Kingfish and Green Bay Bullfrogs of the Northwoods League. Stenman and wife Kallie have two children, daughter Chloe Mae (8), and son Bode (4) and live in Madison. He is originally from St. Cloud, MN.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Mary Laufenberg, CGFM, CPA

Hello everybody:

The Month of March is certainly rolling in like a lion; I like to think that our educational events are doing at the Southern Wisconsin AGA Chapter. Some of the new and exciting things that have been planned so far are as follows:

- The March luncheon is scheduled at Rigby Pub & Grill on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The speaker for this meeting is the President of the Madison Mallard's. Don't forget that this March is CGFM Month and this meeting will be free to those who hold this certification.
- Watch for the agenda of our Fortieth Annual AGA Symposium scheduled on May 10; it has been finalized and will be posted on our website in the next few days.
- The April luncheon speaker is Attorney Shayna Borakove of Borakove/Osman, LLC. She will be speaking to us regarding trusts, estates, taxes, and the planning for your future generation. The restaurant has yet to be determined.
- Check out the member spotlight on page 5 of our newsletter featuring Andrew Stovich, CGFM.

As always, I am reaching out to our members for ideas of new topics for our luncheons and symposium. If you have an idea for an educational topic, please let me know. I will definitely look into any and all ideas coming my way.

I hope to see everybody at these events.

Mary Laufenberg, CGFM

# Official Southern Wisconsin Chapter AGA “March is CGFM Month” Proclamations: City of Madison and Wisconsin Governor

For the past eleven-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 **2017**.

## 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 100 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 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 BE IT RESOLVED** that, I, Mayor Paul R. Soglin, on behalf of the residents of Madison, Wisconsin do hereby proclaim the month of **March 2017** as

## CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

in the City of Madison.



  
**Mayor Paul R. Soglin**

Signed and sealed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017 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, with approximately 90 active members representing state, federal, municipal, and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of AGA's members have responded to AGA's mission and continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics; and

*WHEREAS*; the chapter's members 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

*WHEREAS*; CGFM candidates must pass a three-part examination requiring expertise in categories such as governmental environment, governmental financial management and control, governmental accounting, and financial reporting and budgeting; and

*WHEREAS*; CGFM requires each member to maintain certification by completing comprehensive training sessions totaling 80 hours over a two-year period;

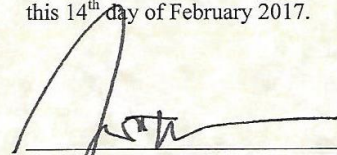
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 2017 as

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017.

  
SCOTT WALKER

## CGFM Month Member Spotlight Andrew Stovich



I graduated from UW-Whitewater with a major in accounting and became a CPA. I always wanted to be an accountant because my father was.

My CGFM experience is from the Social Security Administration, doing financial reviews of private entities and other government organizations. Some assignments were a triggered quick response and involved working with Office of the Inspector General. My recent government accounting was with the Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs.

Now, I am the CFO for Isotropic Networks Inc. in Lake Geneva WI. We have government customers and compete for government contracts for satellite equipment and bandwidth service. What I like most about the AGA is the training and events. There is always a training webinar or conference saved on my calendar. Being an AGA member is the best way to keep my skills modern and meet educational requirements.

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### 2016 CGFM Lunch Photo



Pictured left to right: Sherri Voigt, CGFM, Mary Laufenberg, CGFM, Joanne Schultz, CGFM, Andrew Stovich, CGFM, David Mellem, CGFM, Allen Vick, CGFM

## Position Announcements

**Position: Contract and Compliance Specialist**  
**Location: Madison, WI      Basis: 50% FTE**

<http://www.wpr.org/contract-and-compliance-specialist-bami>

Broadcasting and Media Innovations (BAMI) is home to Wisconsin Public Television (WPT), Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) and Instructional Communications Systems (ICS) and is headquartered on the University of Wisconsin campus. This position coordinates division-wide contract and compliance services for WPR and WPT and may assist with support to the Wisconsin Public Radio Association (WPRA) and the Friends of Wisconsin Public Television (Friends) which are not-for-profit organizations that raise funds for WPR and WPT. Prior contract administration experience and effective communication skills are required.

This is a 20 hour per week position with benefits; the Contract Specialist will have some flexibility in determining a regular work schedule.

**Position: Payroll Coordinator and Financial Specialist**  
**Location: Madison, WI      Basis: 50% FTE**

<http://www.wpr.org/payroll-coordinator-financial-specialist>

Broadcasting and Media Innovations (BAMI) is home to Wisconsin Public Television (WPT), Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) and Instructional Communications Systems (ICS) and is headquartered on the University of Wisconsin campus. This position coordinates division-wide payroll and approves and processes certain financial transactions for WPR and WPT. The position also assists in creating and submitting various reports may provide support to the Wisconsin Public Radio Association (WPRA) and the Friends of Wisconsin Public Television (Friends), not-for-profit organization that raises funds for WPT and WPR. Two years of previous customer service experience is required and previous bookkeeping knowledge is preferred.

This is a 20 hour per week position with benefits; the Payroll Coordinator & Financial Specialist will have some flexibility in determining a regular work schedule around payroll and accounting deadlines.

# Chapter News



## ***Save the Date***

**AGA Southern Wisconsin  
Chapter  
Annual Symposium  
UW - Madison Union South  
May 10, 2017**

## **\$20 Incentive Program for Recruiters of New Members**

**Starting January 2017, chapter members can earn incentive payments of \$20 for each new AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter member recruited by April 30, 2017.**

Membership applications and instructions are available on the AGA national website at [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org) under the Membership drop down menu near the top of the website homepage.

Questions about this program should be submitted to the chapter membership chairperson at [david.mellem@oig.hhs.gov](mailto:david.mellem@oig.hhs.gov) or 608-264-5415 ext. 25.



## **Walk Details**

**Date(s):** May 7, 2017

**Start/Finish Location:** Warner Park

**Time:** check-in opens at 9 a.m.; walk begins at 10 a.m.

## **Walk to create a world free of MS.**

Ending multiple sclerosis for good will take all of us. Walk MS helps us team up with friends, loved ones and co-workers to change the world for everyone affected by MS. Together, we become a powerful force. And with every step we take, every dollar we raise...we're that much closer.

**Together, we will end MS forever.**

**Join us for Walk MS: Madison 2017 on May 7, 2017.** Contact Sherri Voigt at (608) 266-2814 or [sherriv@live.com](mailto:sherriv@live.com) to participate.

# National News

## From LA to L.A.

Whether your next move is to Louisiana or in Los Angeles, our member-only [job board](#) has you covered. Don't miss out on this benefit — renew today!

[learn more](#)

## It's not too late to attend 2017 National Leadership Training!

Register now to attend training — virtually or in person — Wednesday and Thursday, and learn how to climb to new heights in your career, while earning up to 14 CPEs.

[learn more](#)

### By the Number

14

Number of PDT Awards of Distinction.  
Deadline for entries:  
March 31.

[learn more](#)

### Upcoming Events



View AGA's calendar for national and chapter events.

[learn more](#)

### Chapter Spotlight



**Idaho Centennial**  
Six members received awards at PDT 2016. Who will [this year?](#)

[learn more](#)

## Do you love the *Journal*? Help review it!

Positions will soon open for members of the [Journal editorial board](#).

[learn more](#)





### Meet Fellow Member: Tina McManus

This 2014 AGA Top Recruiter realized there was no internal audit function at her job, so she created the office herself.

[learn more](#)



### Guidance and Standards: weigh in by March 1

What is the impact of recent FASAB and GASB standards; GAO, GSA and OMB guidance; and federal, state and local laws?

[read more](#)

### It's a great time to apply for CGFM!

Through March 31, the CGFM application fee is only \$35 for members.

[learn more](#)



**SAVE** time, money & paper.

[renew online](#)



### Webinar: Become a CGFM

March 15 | 2–3 p.m. ET | **FREE**

Learn the value, benefits and process of earning your CGFM.

[learn more](#)

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



**The Mark of Excellence for Government  
Financial Professionals**

### **CGFM CERTIFICATION**

#### **The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM®)**

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification is awarded by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA). AGA is a national professional association of some 15,000 members who represent every level of government financial management. This professional designation is designed specifically to recognize the unique skills and special knowledge required of professionals who specialize in government financial management. In addition to meeting the program's education and experience requirements, those awarded the designation agree to abide by AGA's strict Code of Ethics and complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

- The application fee is discounted **50%** from now until March 31, 2017.
- AGA now offers a multi-user subscription option for online study guides.
- Scholarship money is available for AGA members and their family members pursuing studies in financial careers such as accounting, economics, finance, etc. Apply by April 14.

**For more information, please copy this link to your browser:**

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFMCertification/About-CGFM.aspx>

*Click-on: Candidates –CGFM Process,*

*Click-on: Membership –Awards and Recognitions*

<http://cgfmstore.omnibooksonline.com/>

**Did you know?** The Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the AGA maintains a copy of the study materials to prepare for the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) exam. These materials are available for check out to members of the AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter upon request.

**Study Guide 1:** Governmental Environment

**Study Guide 2:** Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting

**Study Guide 3:** Governmental Financial Management and Control

**Want to request a copy? Want more information? Contact Mary Laufenberg, CGFM, CPA, [fredmary6998@gmail.com](mailto:fredmary6998@gmail.com), 608-438-8338**

### **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](http://www.agacgfm.org)



### **SHARE YOUR NEWS**

Please submit an article to the Newsletter Editor at [radivojevich@danesherriff.com](mailto:radivojevich@danesherriff.com) Deadline for submission of articles is the 25th of the month.

## Calendar of Events 2016 – 2017

August 17, 2016 – Board Meeting, Parkway Family Restaurant

September , 2016 – Board Meeting

September 14, 2016 – Webinar: Avoiding Surprises and Assessing Risks: Building on Today's Internal Controls, Department of Tourism

October 4, 2016 – Board Meeting, Parkway Restaurant, 1221 Ann Street, Madison, WI

October 20, 2016 – Luncheon Meeting, Speaker David P. Schmiedicke, Finance Director, City of Madison, WI; Topic Budget and Borrowing for the City of Madison's Broad Banding, Rigby's Restaurant, 119 East Main Street, Madison, WI

November 1, 2016 – Board Meeting -- CANCELLED

December 6, 2016 – Board Meeting

December 7, 2016 – Webinar: Ethics

January 3, 2017 – Board Meeting – CANCELLED

January 26, 2017 – Luncheon Meeting, Annual Tax Update, Monona Garden

February 7, 2017 – Board Meeting

February 22, 2017 – Webinar: Fraud/Risk, 1–2:50 p.m., 2 CPE, WI Department of Health Services, room 751

**March 7, 2017 – Board Meeting – CANCELLED**

**March 23, 2017 – Luncheon Meeting, Speaker Vern Stenman, Madison Mallards – Renovation of Warner Park Stadium**

April 4, 2017 – Board Meeting

April 13, 2017 – Luncheon Meeting

May 2, 2017 – Board Meeting

May 7, 2017 – Community Service Event – MS Walk

May 10, 2017 – Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South

June 6, 2017 – Board Meeting

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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