



SOUTHERN
WISCONSIN
CHAPTER



Monthly Footnotes

FEBRUARY 2019

Welcome Members/Non-Members

Thursday, February 28th Lunch Meeting

TOPIC: City of Madison Water Utility
Rate Hike

SPEAKER: Jeff Stanek
Chief Financial Officer
City of Madison Water Utility

REGISTRATION: 11:30 a.m.

LUNCH: 11:45 a.m.

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

PLACE: Concourse Hotel, 1 West Dayton Street,
Madison (in the room behind
Starbuck's)

MENU: Meals do not include soda, coffee, or tea

- Salad Bar – variety of salads, toppings, breads, soups
- Cates Grass-Fed Burger – grass-fed beef with fries and homemade pickles

RESERVATIONS: Contact Sherri Voigt by 9:00 a.m.
Monday, February 25, 2019 with your name,
membership status, and meal choice (for carpooling
information) at (608) 576-6473 or by email at
sherri-aga@hotmail.com

Register on-line at www.aga-wis.org

****Space is limited to 24 people****

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NEW MEMBERS FIRST LUNCH 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.

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ABOUT THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Jeff Stanek has been the chief financial officer for the City of Madison Water Utility since January 2019. His primary responsibilities consist of the overall financial management for the utility including oversight of financial reporting, rate-case proceedings and compliance with accounting and regulatory standards. Prior to the Water Utility, Jeff was a senior manager with the accounting and advisory firm, Baker Tilly, for twelve years where he specialized in providing financial audit and consulting services for public electric, water and wastewater utilities throughout the United States. He is a certified public accountant (CPA) and attained his BA in accounting and finance from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire in December 2006. In his personal time he enjoys biking, hiking, skiing, golfing and various other outdoor activities.



Coming Soon — March is CGFM Month!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA

Our February lunch meeting is set for February 28 and features an overview of the recent water rate increases in the City of Madison. Coming up soon, there is a free members-only webinar through AGA National on March 14. This is a great chance to grab 1 CPE on a leadership topic. Register at: [https://www.agacgfm.org/Webinars/2018-2019-Webinars/Leadership-\(1\).aspx](https://www.agacgfm.org/Webinars/2018-2019-Webinars/Leadership-(1).aspx).

I would like to take a moment to welcome our newest chapter members, those who have joined this program year. A warm AGA welcome to Patricia McDermott, City of Madison, Ron Aumann, City of Marshfield, Alicia Miller, WI Dept of Financial Institutions, Sylvia Kmiec, UW Madison, Rodney Dole, UW System Administration, and Nickolaus Schuster, WI Public Service Commission.

We are in the final stages of getting the May 8 Annual Symposium schedule finalized. We plan to send out the final brochure by the end of February.
****save the date****

Next month is March...and that means it is CGFM Month!!! All Certified Government Financial Manager credential holders can attend the lunch meeting for free. We have a signed proclamation from the City of Madison and are working on the Governor's proclamation. The CGFM program is celebrating 25 years this year.

Sherri



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF CGFM EXCELLENCE
APPLY NOW FOR YOUR CERTIFICATION



Certifying excellence for 25 years

Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

CGFM is a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager.

Being a CGFM allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field.

Chapter News

AGA Board Meeting Minutes February 5, 2019, 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm Location: Parkway Family Restaurant

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 2/5/19 is \$19,690.

Present

Sherri Voigt, Mary Laufenberg, Roger Birkett, and Lillian Radivojevich.

Membership

As of 2019, 65 active members, 5 new members have joined AGA in 2019; actively recruiting board members.

CGFM

2019 celebrates 25 years of CGFM certification – CGFM is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, and internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local level.

Community Service

Collecting items for Salvation Army at luncheons. Requesting gloves, jackets, diapers, baby bottles, pull ups, baby wipes, and hotel sized hygiene products.

Website

Discussion regarding hosting plan and support platform for the Chapter website.

Chapter Recognition

March 31, 2019 is the deadline to report activity

Newsletter

Submit articles and photos to Lillian Radivojevich by the 25th of each month.

Education

Discussion and planning continues for 2019 Symposium – finalization of meal, topics and speakers.

National/Regional Updates

- Bylaw changes coming with new structure
- National Council of Chapters (NCC) member needed in January, mandatory position required to operate, 1st meeting scheduled in July
- SLM now LEAD – May 2-4, 2019



2018 – 2019 Chapter Board Members (left to right): David Mellem, Mary Laufenberg, Roger Birkett, Lillian Radivojevich, Sherri Voigt

Salvation Army Donations

The Salvation Army greatly needs the following items:

- Gloves
- Jackets
- Diapers
- Baby Bottles
- Pull Ups
- Baby Wipes
- Hotel-Sized Hygiene Products

Items will be collected at luncheon meetings.

The AGA Southern Chapter continues to support the Salvation Army Shelter and Community Center. Thank you AGA members and non-members for all of your wonderful support, it is greatly appreciated.

National News

Nominate a Leader in the Field

Nominations are now open for the annual PDT Awards of Distinction. This is your opportunity to honor an individual or chapter for outstanding service to the field. Recipients will be recognized at PDT 2019 in New Orleans. Applications are due by March 31, 2019.

[learn more](#)

AGA Gets Social

Have you "followed" us on Twitter and LinkedIn or "liked" us on Facebook yet? Follow along on our social media platforms to be in the know about AGA events, member benefits and view photos from our events.

["like" us](#)

25 REASONS to be a CGFM

Reason #3

Increase your knowledge
of government financial
management topics

25 YEARS
★CGFM.

AGA Membership Renewal Season

AGA's annual membership renewal season is upon us! Members are now able to log in and renew their AGA membership dues and/or their CGFM certification. The renewal deadline for both AGA membership and CGFM is March 31, 2019.

Renewing is easy! Simply:

1. Go to agacgfm.org/renew
2. Login using your ID # and password
3. Click "**Proceed to Checkout**"
4. Verify AGA membership dues and/or CGFM renewal amount(s)
5. Click "**Check Out**" and enter credit card payment
6. Click "**Submit Payment**"



Upcoming Events
Check out **AGA's calendar** for national and chapter events.

[learn more](#)



Chapter Spotlight
Central Kentucky chapter spotlighted the former Assistant State Auditor for Kentucky in their January newsletter.

[learn more](#)

Last IRC Before CGFM Exam Update

If you would prefer to take the CGFM exams prior to the exam update in September 2019, then we encourage you to attend our Intensive Review Course (IRC) on April 1–2 in Arlington, Va.! Attendees will receive free exam vouchers for the current exam—a savings of \$375!

[learn more](#)

AGA CEO Ann Ebberts Talks About AGA Membership!

Did you miss our first ever Facebook Live video? No worries! It is still available to watch on AGA's Facebook page. Listen as Ann answers questions on membership, AGA benefits, upcoming events and more!

watch
now

Congratulations, Lifetime Members!

Forty-one individuals have just reached Lifetime Member status and no longer have to pay AGA dues! This means that they have been dues paying members for 40 consecutive years. Each receives a congratulatory letter and Lifetime Member Certificate signed by the AGA's National President, John Lynskey. Be sure to check the list for those members who are in your chapter and recognize them!

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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 Mary Laufenberg, Education Chair, at maryendres6998@gmail.com)

Over the past couple of months, we were contacted with great 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 changes!



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Calendar of Events 2018 – 2019

October 2018 – Board Meeting

October 2018 – No Luncheon Meeting

November 6, 2018 – Board Meeting

November 1, 2018 – Luncheon Meeting, Speaker: Cory Fish, Director of Tax, Transportation and Legal Affairs, Topic: Collecting Sales Tax from Online Retailers

November 28, 2018 – Webinar, Topic: Ethics, Presenter: Kevin McCarthy Inspirational Speaker, Best-Selling Author, BlindSpots, LLC

December 2018 – No Board Meeting

December 5, 2018 – Webinar, Topic: Internal Control, Presenters: Mike Wetklow, CGFM, CPA, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Division Director, NSF and Mark A. Krieger, CPA, Director, Office of Finance, USPTO

January 8, 2019 – No Board Meeting

January 24, 2019 – Luncheon Meeting, Annual Tax Update, Bart Halderson, Senior Manager Tax, BDO, Babe's Restaurant and Grill

February 5, 2019 – Board Meeting, Parkway Family Restaurant

February 6, 2019 – Webinar, Topic: GASB Update, Location: UWSA Service Center, 660 West Washington Ave, Madison, Wisconsin, 53703

February 28, 2019 – Luncheon Meeting, Topic: City of Madison Water Utility Rate Hike, CIRC at Concourse Hotel, 1 West Dayton Street, Madison (in the room behind Starbuck's)

March 5, 2019 – Board Meeting, to be determined

March 28, 2019 – Luncheon Meeting, Topic: Ice Age Trail Joint Partnership—Funding and Operations; Speaker and location to be determined

April 2, 2019 – Board Meeting, to be determined

April 10, 2019 – Webinar, Topic: Ethics

May 5, 2019 – Community Service Event – MS Walk –location to be determined

May 7, 2019 – Board Meeting, to be determined

May 8, 2019 – Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South

June 2019 – Board Meeting, to be determined

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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CGFM Chair – To be announced

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