

# Monthly Footnotes

## MARCH 2022

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### Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)

CGFM is a professional certification awarded by AGA, who is the member organization for financial professionals in government.

#### Benefits of Becoming a CGFM:

- Increases knowledge of government financial management
- Increases confidence on the job
- Provides better understanding of 'big picture' of government
- Indicator of experience and knowledge
- Enhanced marketability throughout all levels of government

There's still time for the special application promo at <https://www.agacgfm.org/exampromo>. Ends 03/31/22. See more info on page 10.

# MARCH IS CGFM MONTH

TO RECOGNIZE THE CGFM PROGRAM AND ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AGA HAS DECLARED THE MONTH OF MARCH "CGFM MONTH".

CELEBRATING 28 YEARS OF CGFM EXCELLENCE



## Membership Renewal Time

It is that time of year again to renew your AGA membership! Please renew before March 31, 2022.

1. Log in to **My AGA** with your username and password. Forgot your password? You can reset it at [https:// www.agacgfm.org/MyAGA/SignIn/RecoverPassword.aspx](https://www.agacgfm.org/MyAGA/SignIn/RecoverPassword.aspx)
2. Click "Proceed to Checkout" and verify your AGA membership dues.
3. Click "Check Out" and enter credit card payment.
4. Click "Submit Payment."



## 2022 ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

### 44th ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

### In-Person for 2022 – Full Schedule Coming Soon

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Conference

**Objective:** The intended audience is financial managers, controllers, treasurers, auditors, IT personnel, and accountability professionals whose responsibilities involve governmental accountability and financial management. This conference will explore current problems encountered in the public sector, inform of public policies and emerging issues, and provide managerial techniques to affect positive change.

**Format:** Lecture, Question & Answer

**Level:** Update/Overview

**CPE Credits:** 6.5 hours

**Fee:** AGA Member \$50

Non-Member \$100

Retired AGA Member \$30

**Registration:** Union South moved up the deadlines for meal and chair counts—

**Registration ends on Tuesday, April 26**

On-line registration will be in place soon. If you want to register before that, you can email your information to [sherri-aga@hotmail.com](mailto:sherri-aga@hotmail.com)

**The final titles and agenda slots are still in process, but here are the scheduled speakers:**

Session Speaker	Session Topic/Title
David Schmiedicke, City of Madison Finance Director Eric Knepp, City of Madison Parks Superintendent	Replacing Aging Parks Infrastructure—Financing Considerations through an Equity Lens
Gregory Coleman, retired FBI Special Agent with over 25 years of financial crime and anti-money laundering	The Investigation of the Wolf of Wall Street
Jeffrey Heil, Deputy Jail Administrator & Project Team Leader-Jail Consolidation Project	Dane County Jail Project Budget
Dr. Carlton Jenkins, Ph.D., Superintendent Ross MacPherson, CFO Madison Metropolitan School District	School District Funding and Operating Budgets with Changing Enrollments
John Fields, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Edgewood College	Ethics

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA**

Happy CGFM month!!!! If you have ever considered the Certified Government Financial Manager certification, this is a great time to apply. There is a special running through March 31 that will give you one free exam voucher, a \$125 value. Visit <https://www.agacgfm.org/exampromo> for details and to start the process. We have received CGFM Month proclamations from the governor and City of Madison mayor. These are included on pages 5 & 6 of the newsletter.

The Symposium speakers are confirmed and we are just working out some last details on titles and agenda times so the full information can be posted/sent out. I hope to see many of you out there on Wednesday, May 11. Union South surprised us a little this year by moving up the dates for meal and chair counts by a week. Please note that registration cuts off Tuesday, April 26. You can register via email or on our website (soon) and be invoiced later.

We have set up a webinar on Wednesday, April 20. Kinney Poynter, CPA, NASACT Executive Director, will be speaking on "State and Local Government Emerging Issues". This will be worth 2 CPE.

AGA National has changed our logo for the organization and the CGFM certification. Also, our name has been shortened to "just" AGA. See all the details on page 7

We have started planning for the fall and have a fraud speaker lined up for a 2 CPE webinar on August 23. If you have any topics you would like to see offered as a webinar, please let us know. Education chair Mary Laufenberg is great at finding speakers and building on your ideas ([maryendres6998@gmail.com](mailto:maryendres6998@gmail.com)).

*Sherri*



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## **Official Southern Wisconsin Chapter AGA "March is CGFM Month"**

### **Proclamations:**

**State of Wisconsin-Governor Tony Evers and  
City of Madison-Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway**

For the past fifteen-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 is 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 2022.



# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, facilitated by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program certifies professionalism and competency in governmental accounting, financial reporting, auditing, and budgeting at the federal, state, and local level; and

**WHEREAS**, CGFM candidates are required to have an appropriate educational and employment history, pass a three-part examination requiring expertise in the governmental environment, governmental financial management and control, and governmental accounting, financial reporting, and budgeting, and maintain certification by completing comprehensive training sessions totaling 80 hours over a two-year period; and

**WHEREAS**, the AGA is a professional organization with more than 15,000 members in 100 chapters throughout the United States and around the world, and the state of Wisconsin recognizes the Southern Wisconsin Chapter and its approximately 90 active members who represent federal, state, municipal, and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers across our state; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter have responded to the organization's mission of advancing government accountability by continuing broad educational efforts, emphasizing high standards of conduct, honor, and character, and mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the AGA and the AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter in recognizing the certified government financial managers in our communities who work tirelessly to serve Wisconsinites across our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

## **CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



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 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
February 2022.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State



## 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

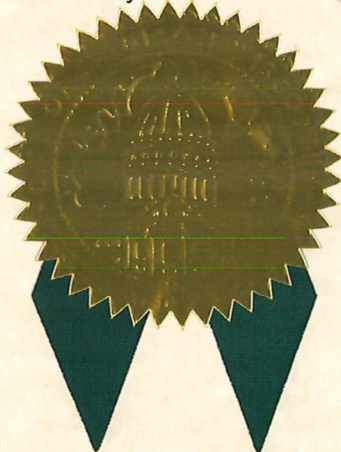
**WHEREAS**, AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in 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 Satya Rhodes-Conway, on behalf of the residents of Madison, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of **March 2022** as

### **CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH**

in the City of Madison.



**Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway**

Signed and sealed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021 at City Hall

## **Chapter Board Meeting Minutes Meeting Date 3/1/2022**

### Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 3/1/2022, \$18,225.65

### Membership

86 members

### Newsletter

March is CGFM Month, securing proclamations from Governor Evers and Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway to include in the March newsletter. National AGA is rebranding no longer Association of Government Accountants, striving to become more inclusive, the new brand is Advance, Grow, Accelerate. Include "Save the Date" reminder in the newsletter for the 2022 Symposium.

### Education

Discussion of speakers, topics, and menu for 2022 Symposium. Discussion of topics that would be suitable for future Chapter virtual training.

### Board Meetings

Scheduled future board meetings dates for November 2021 through June 2022.

## **Did You Know?**

### **AGAREbranding**

## **A Rebrand to Advance, Grow and Accelerate.**

AGA, the preeminent government accountability and transparency network, announces our rebranding initiative to better convey our mission of helping to shape the future of good government and empowering leaders to advance, grow and accelerate.

Where we focused almost exclusively on accounting and auditing during our earlier years, we have come to embrace and reflect an expanded purpose while promoting transparency and accountability in government.

## **Simplifying Our Name to Communicate Our Mission**

Our rebranding includes abbreviating our former name, Association of Government Accountants, to simply AGA. While the name change seems minor, the meaning of each letter is significant. "A for Advance," stands for advancing good government accountability and transparency. "G for Grow," represents helping professional growth. And lastly, "A for Accelerate," speaks to accelerating careers and driving excellence and transparency in government accountability.

## A New Symbol of Excellence & Transparency in Government Accountability

Our new name is expressed in our new logo. The design represents AGA's commitment to elevating the standard of excellence in government accountability and advancing our members' professional expertise and opportunities. The design is bold, bright, and better equipped to represent our brand moving forward.



## Helping You Remain on the Forefront as an AGA Member

As an AGA member, whether you're leading the way or looking to advance your career, AGA is committed to helping you remain at the forefront of emerging issues and innovation. Thank you for being a part of driving excellence and transparency in government accountability.

### AGA Membership

Advance. Grow. Accelerate.

AGA is the association for connecting and empowering professionals who support government, from financial management to IT, human resources, cybersecurity and more, to accelerate their careers.

We work together to advance good government initiatives and improve citizen trust in government.

We connect and empower professionals to help them:

- Advance sound financial practices, accountability, transparency and excellence in government
- Grow, learn, excel and engage through a network of likeminded professionals and leaders
- Accelerate professional careers through learning opportunities and the opportunity to earn a unique credential—the Certified Government Financial Manager, the only credential developed solely with the government financial professional in mind.

Through thought leadership, certification, and national and chapter educational events, AGA remains at the forefront of emerging issues and innovation — driving excellence and transparency in government accountability.

Whether you're leading the way or looking to advance your career, as an AGA member you can expand your expertise and help shape and drive the future of government accountability.

AGA is made up of more than 14,000 members, including senior executives, mid-level managers, entry-level employees, elected officials, professors, and students. Our members work in government financial management disciplines, including accounting, auditing, budgeting, financial reporting, human resources, performance reporting, grants management, contract management information systems, and more.

AGA membership is distributed among:

- State and Local Government Members – 44%.
- Federal Government Members – 24%.
- Private-Sector Members – 19%.
- Academics, Non-Profits, Students and Retirees – 13%.



## NATIONAL NEWS



### AGA Announces the Election of New National Governing Board Directors

AGA is pleased to announce the election of new officers to its National Governing Board (NGB). The NGB confirmed Gwendolyn (Gwen) Sykes as national president-elect; Michael Pearson, CGFM, CPA, as national treasurer-elect; and Tony Scardino, CGFM, as director (at-large). The three leaders will serve two-year terms beginning July 1



[Read the Press Release](#)



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### ★★ It's Time to Renew Your AGA Membership! ★★

Remain at the forefront of emerging issues and innovation with AGA, the association for professionals who support government accountability and transparency. If you have not yet renewed, please renew today!

[Renew](#)

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### CFO Council Book Talk

The recording of the February Grants Innovation Exchange — **Power to the Public: Book Talk on Making Government Work and Public Interest** is now available on CFO.gov

[Watch](#)

### Special CGFM Application Promotion

We're celebrating CGFM Month by giving new candidates a gift — apply for the CGFM program by March 31 and receive a FREE exam voucher (a savings of \$125!). Don't miss this super opportunity — take your first step to earning the most respected credential in federal, state and local government financial management.

[Learn More](#)

### Nominate Your Chapter's Volunteer of the Year

Each year AGA's National President presents the **Volunteer of the Year Award** to one member from each chapter, recognizing the recipient's service to the chapter. Nominate your chapter's 2021–2022 Volunteer of the Year and reward their extraordinary work!

Nominations are due by May 31.

[Nominate Now](#)



**Southern  
Wisconsin  
Chapter**

## **Calendar of Events 2021 – 2022**

September 7, 2020 Board Meeting – virtual

October 5, 2021 Board Meeting – virtual

November 3, 2021 AGA Webinar – Ethics, 1:00-2:50 pm CT

November 11, 2021 Board Meeting – virtual

December 7, 2021 Board Meeting – virtual

January 4, 2022 Board Meeting – virtual

February 1, 2022 Board Meeting

March 2022 Declared as CGFM Month

March 1, 2022 Board Meeting

April 5, 2022 Board Meeting

**April 20, 2022 Webinar, Emerging Issues in State and Local Government, Kinney Poynter, NASACT Executive Director, 2 CPE**

May 3, 2022 Board Meeting

**May 11, 2022 Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South**

June 7, 2021 Board Meeting

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

*\*\* Dates, topics, and locations subject to change as information that is more detailed becomes available. \*\**





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## Chapter Officers and Directors 2021 – 2022

**President** – Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA, UWSA, [sherri-aga@hotmail.com](mailto:sherri-aga@hotmail.com), 608-576-6473

**President Elect** – Vacant

**Immediate Past President** – Mary Laufenberg, [maryendres6998@gmail.com](mailto:maryendres6998@gmail.com), 608-438-9375

**Treasurer** – Roger Birkett, [jabirk100@yahoo.com](mailto:jabirk100@yahoo.com)

**Historian** – Vacant

**Membership Chair** – Vacant

**Newsletter Editor** – Lillian Radivojevich, [radivojevich@danesherriff.com](mailto:radivojevich@danesherriff.com), 608-284-4801

**Education Chair** – Mary Laufenberg, [maryendres6998@gmail.com](mailto:maryendres6998@gmail.com), 608-438-9375

**Awards Chair** – Vacant

**Accountability Outreach Chair** – Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA, UWSA, [sherri-aga@hotmail.com](mailto:sherri-aga@hotmail.com), 608-576-6473

**Webmaster** – Scott Thornton, [sbthornton@gmail.com](mailto:sbthornton@gmail.com)

**Community Service Chair** – To be announced

**CGFM Chair** – To be announced

**NCC Representative** – Andrew Stovich, CGFM, [astovich@isotropic.network](mailto:astovich@isotropic.network)

### Directors

- Roger Birkett, [jabirk100@yahoo.com](mailto:jabirk100@yahoo.com)
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