

March is CGFM Month



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MARCH 2023

Welcome Members & Non-Members Webinar

Thursday, April 13, 2023

1:00 – 3:00 pm CT (Virtual, via Zoom) | 2 CPE

TOPIC: Ethical Dilemmas-You Make the Calls

SPEAKER: Melinda J. DeCorte, CPA, CFE, CGFM, PMP, Partner at Cotton A Sikich Company

COST: Free for AGA Members (virtual)
\$10 for Non-Members (virtual)
New! Special addition for in-person attendance--Free to attend

Note: In person attendance will not allow for participation in the “ethical dilemmas” and other polls during the webinar; therefore, attendance will be monitored by AGA through sign-in logs for CPE credit. Questions may be submitted during the webinar through the room monitor.

- Hill Farms agency staff: Conference room space is being reserved at the Hill Farms building for in person attendance, Limit: 50
 - All agencies: Conference room space is being reserved at the DOA building for in person attendance, Limit: 75
- **conference room information will be sent after registrations are completed
**waiting lists will be created if the room limits are reached

Instructional Method: Hybrid-Group Internet Based (by Chapter, via Zoom) and In Person

Prerequisites: None

Advanced Preparation: None

Register on-line at www.aga-wis.org or e-mail (sherri-aga@hotmail.com) by 1 pm on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

ABOUT THIS MONTH'S WEBINAR SPEAKER/TOPIC



Speaker Bio: Melinda J. DeCorte, CPA, CFE, CGFM, PMP
Partner at Cotton, A Sikich Company

Melinda DeCorte has 25 years of accounting, auditing and government financial management experience. She directs, manages, and serves in a quality assurance capacity for financial statement audit engagements conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* (GAS) and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) auditing standards. She also has extensive advisory experience for multiple governmental agencies, primarily focusing on internal controls and risk assessments, financial statement preparation, financial system implementation, and evaluating agencies for audit readiness and compliance with internal control standards and generally accepted accounting principles.

In addition to client engagements, Melinda's corporate leadership roles include serving on the Sikich LLP Executive Board and overseeing the Sikich federal audit practice.

Ms. DeCorte is an active member of the AGA and she also served on the advisory council to the GAO in updating the Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government. She has authored several articles in the AGA Journal of Government Financial Management and the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) Armed Forces Comptroller. A former adjunct professor at the University of Virginia (introductory and intermediate accounting principles), Ms. DeCorte regularly speaks on ethics, audit, and internal control at professional development conferences and training seminars.

Title: Ethical Dilemmas—You Make the Calls

Description: If you said to a group of government accountability professionals, “raise your hand if you're ethical,” every hand would go up. Why, then, do we have ethical failures? One answer is that not everyone recognizes it when confronted with an ethical dilemma. Another answer is that not everyone can agree on the “right” course of action to take in every situation. This interactive webinar will explore several potential ethical dilemmas vis-à-vis AGA's Code of Ethics to determine how and why trained and experienced government accountability professionals sometimes run afoul of our ethics principles.

Learning Objectives: After completing this session, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the AGA's *Code of Ethics* and how it can help you remain ethical.
- Describe AGA's ethics inquiry process and ethics enforcement process and results of recent ethics inquiries and investigations.
- Evaluate hypothetical ethical dilemmas, whether they can result in a violation of AGA's *Code of Ethics*, and propose your views about each dilemma.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA

Happy March! I love March since it is official CGFM month! Featured below are the proclamations from Governor Evers and Madison Mayor, Satya Rhodes-Conway. I would like to give a "shout out" to board member Andrew Stovich, CGFM, CPA for contacting their offices to get the proclamations this year.

We will have the brochure and registration set up for the Symposium soon. This in-person session will be held at Union South on Wednesday, May 10. We are partnering with CLA and they have helped us pick out a list of topics so we can provide 7 CPE. The topic list is:

- Accountability in the Workplace
- GASB Updates and Impacts
- Pensions and the Current State of the Economy
- Effective Risk Assessment and Audit Planning
- Common Errors in Governmental Reporting
- Cybersecurity Risks and Controls

I hope to see many of you there!

The National AGA office is offering a free members only webinar on April 5, A State of Flux - Shake Up Within Our Profession! This session runs 1-2:15 central time and is 1.5 CPE. If you haven't registered yet, there is still time! They are also offering a free members only webinar on June 7, but the topic has not been announced yet. This session is also 1.5 CPE. I hope you are able to take advantage of this great membership benefit.

It is membership renewal season! It is also CGFM renewal time. I am sure you are aware and getting emails from the AGA National office. This year, they have added the option to select auto-renewal.

Sherri



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MARCH IS CGFM MONTH

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

CELEBRATING 29 YEARS OF CGFM EXCELLENCE

**Proclamation:
State of Wisconsin - Governor Tony Evers**

For the past sixteen, thanks to the initiative and dedication of AGA regional and chapter leaders, states and local governments have been declaring March as 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 2023.

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; facilitated by 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; 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 the 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 AGA and the AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter in recognizing the certified government financial managers throughout Wisconsin's communities who work tirelessly to serve Wisconsinites across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2023 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 17th day of February 2023.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

**Proclamation:
City of Madison - Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway**

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Advance Grow Accelerate (AGA) is a professional organization belonging to Advance Grow Accelerate, 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

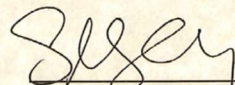
WHEREAS, AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional 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 2023** as

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH
in the City of Madison.





Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway

Signed and sealed this 23rd day of January, 2023 at City Hall



2023 ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

44th ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

In-Person for 2023 -- Brochure Coming Soon

Wednesday -- May 10, 2023

7:30 a.m. Registration; 8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Conference

University of Wisconsin - Union South
1308 West Dayton Street
Madison, WI 53715
(608) 890-3000

CPE CREDITS 7 HOURS

Advance, Grow, Accelerate (AGA)

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. The 43rd Annual Accounting and Financial Management Conference continues the Association of Government Accountant's commitment to a planned program of professional education and development for public sector financial managers.

Format: Lecture, Question & Answer
Level: Update/Overview
CPE Credits: 7 hours
Fee: AGA Member \$50
Non-Member \$10
Retired AGA Member \$30

Chapter Board Meeting Minutes Meeting Date 3/7/2023

Treasurer's Report

- Balance as of 03/07/23: \$18,789.68
- PO box renewal is due in July
- Voted: ok to pay for Zoom renewal

Membership

- Members: 84
- Renewal season is here. There is now the ability to set up a recurring payment.

Newsletter

Include topics:

- March is CGFM Month, proclamations secured from Governor Evers and City of Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway
- April webinar information
- Symposium information

Education

- Discussion of speakers, topics, and menu for 2023 Symposium. Discussion of topics that would be suitable for future Chapter virtual training.
- Reviewed possible dates for the Symposium for 2024; need to contact Union South for availability.

National

- NGB update: LEAD! 2023 is April 20-22 in Baltimore. This is chapter officer training and the opportunity to learn from other chapters.
- For the term starting in April, Sherri will serve as the National Council of Chapters (NCC) representative. We will seek out candidates to serve starting next April.

NATIONAL NEWS



AGA Elects New Officers for National Governing Board

AGA is pleased to announce the election of new National Governing Board (NGB) officers. The NGB confirmed Frank Petersen III, CGFM, as national president-elect; Michelle Yanok, CGFM, CPA, as national treasurer-elect; and Rachelle Cabading, CGFM, as director (at-large). The three leaders will serve two-year terms beginning July 1, 2023.

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Press
Release](#)



the value of CGFM certification throughout March. Join us in recognizing this important credential, those who earned it and encouraging others to become CGFM's!

March Is CGFM Month

Each year, AGA highlights

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March Membership Benefit

AGA extended the \$23 CGFM application promotion until March 31 in honor of CGFM Month. That's a \$57 savings! Don't miss this second chance to save money as you begin your CGFM journey!

[Apply
Today](#)



Young Professional PDT Training Scholarship
Applications open in March!

TikTok Banned from Government Devices

On February 27, the Office of Management and Budget started a 30-day timeline for agencies to remove TikTok and other apps from the Chinese company ByteDance from government-issued devices. Agencies also have 90 days to terminate contracts that require use of the app.

[Read
Guidance](#)

Join the PDT Host Committee

Onsite volunteers are needed for the PDT '23 host committee in Orlando on July 22–26. Host committee volunteers will receive complimentary PDT registration and meals; travel and hotel expenses will not be covered.

[Apply
Now](#)

It's Time to TOGO — Take One, Get One!

CGFM candidates who take an exam between March 1 and April 30 will receive a FREE exam — a savings of \$135!

[Learn
More](#)

15 Students Attended NLT '23

AGA awarded National Collegiate Leadership Scholarships to 15 students to attend its 2023 National Leadership Training (NLT) in Washington, D.C. on February 22–23. The scholarships covered registration, airfare and lodging.

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Calendar of Events 2022 – 2023

September 6, 2022 Board Meeting – Virtual

October 4, 2022 Board Meeting – Virtual

November 1, 2022 Board Meeting – Virtual

November 10, 2022 AGA Webinar – Cybersecurity and Supply Chain Risk Management

December 6, 2022 Board Meeting – virtual

December 8, 2022 AGA Technology & Transformation Summit (TTS)

December 2022 Webinar – to be determined

January 13, 2023 Board Meeting – virtual

January 25, 2023 – AGA National Free Members Only Webinar

February 7, 2023 Board Meeting

March 2023 Declared as CGFM Month

March 7, 2023 Board Meeting

March 15, 2023 – AGA National Free Members Only Webinar

April 4, 2023 Board Meeting

April 13, 2023 Webinar – Ethical Dilemmas-You Make the Calls

May 2, 2023 Board Meeting

May 10, 2023 Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South

June 6, 2023 Board Meeting

June 7, 2023 – AGA National Free Members Only Webinar

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 2022 – 2023

President – Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA, WI DOA, 608-576-6473

President Elect – Vacant

Immediate Past President – Mary Laufenberg

Treasurer – Roger Birkett

Historian – Vacant

Membership Chair – Vacant

Newsletter Editor – Lillian Radivojevich, 608-284-4801

Education Chair – Vacant

Awards Chair – Vacant

Accountability Outreach Chair – Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA, WI DOA, 608-576-6473

Webmaster – Scott Thornton

Community Service Chair – To be announced

CGFM Chair – To be announced

National Governing Board Member, AGA Chapter Area 5 – Andrew Stovich, CGFM,
CPA, Caspian Technologies

Directors

Lillian Radivojevich

Andrew Stovich, CGFM, CPA

Alicia Miller, WI Department of Employee Trust Funds

Abby Hundt, WI Department of Transportation

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