



Southern
Wisconsin
Chapter



Monthly Footnotes

MARCH 2025



Celebrating CGFM Month!

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Save the Date!

2025 ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM

47th ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Up to 6.5 CPE CREDITS Available

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Brochure and details coming soon!

Prerequisites: None

Advanced Preparation: None Required

Delivery Method: In Person

Program Level: Overview

Registration Fee:

AGA Member \$55

Non-Member \$110

Confirmed Speakers:

Billy Morehead, Ph.D., CPA, CGFM, CGMA,
Mississippi College

Fraud & Internal Control 2 CPE

Behavioral Ethics 2 CPE

Gwen Sykes, MPA, CGFM, SRC Inc, former AGA
National President

Steven Deller, UW-Madison professor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA

Spring is coming and it is once again time to celebrate Certified Government Financial Manager month! March has been declared CGFM month and we have received proclamations from Governor Tony Evers, Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, and Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson. Photos are shown on pages 4-6 and we will have the signed proclamations on display at the May Symposium.

As a reminder, the AGA National office has the following events which are free to members:

AGA Members only webinar	March 12	1.5 CPE
Performance Counts Summit	May 13	4.0 CPE
AGA Members only webinar	May 14	1.5 CPE

Go to www.agacgfm.org for details and to register.

Registration will be opening soon for the 47th Annual Spring Symposium at Union-South. We are just finalizing the details for one speaker before sending out information. Save the date: Tuesday, May 6

Sherri

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Need to Recruit Top Talent? Or Make Your Next Career Move?

AGA's Job Board is where you can post and/or find job opportunities within the government financial and resource management community.

Job Seekers

When your work supports government, you don't just make a living. You make a difference! Whether you are a recent graduate or a seasoned professional, this is where you can find your next career opportunity. AGA members can view and apply for positions.



Celebrating CGFM Month!

CGFM Overview

What is CGFM?

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.

Benefits of CGFM

CGFM is a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager, allowing you to expand your career opportunities and distinguish yourself from others in your field. Individuals who earn the CGFM report benefits such as increased knowledge of government financial topics, better understanding of the big picture of government, greater professional confidence and enhanced marketability.

How do you become a CGFM?

To earn the CGFM, you must fill out an online application and meet the following requirements:

Ethics — read and agree to abide by AGA's *Code of Ethics*

Education — have a bachelor's degree in any subject area from an accredited U.S. college or university

Examinations — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations

Experience — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

Proclamations:

State of Wisconsin - Governor Tony Evers
City of Madison - Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway
City of Milwaukee – Mayor Cavalier Johnson

For the past eighteen years, thanks to the initiative and dedication of AGA regional and chapter leaders, state and local governments have been declaring March as CGFM month. This declaration 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 2025.

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; 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 levels; and

WHEREAS; CGFM candidates are required to have an appropriate educational and employment history, pass a three-part examination requiring expertise in governmental financial management and control, the governmental environment, 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 chapters across the United States and around the world, and the state of Wisconsin recognizes the AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter and its 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 to serve Wisconsinites across the state;

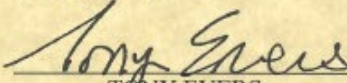
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2025 as

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 14th day
of February 2025.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

Mayoral Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the AGA is a professional organization belonging to AGA, which has more than 12,000 members in 84 chapters in the United States and around the world, and approximately 70 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 the 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, Satya Rhodes-Conway, Mayor of Madison, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim **March 2025** as

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MONTH

in the City of Madison.



Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway

Signed and sealed this 22nd day of January 2025 at City Hall

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MILWAUKEE



Proclamation



Whereas:

The City of Milwaukee proudly joins The Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the AGA in recognizing Certified Government Financial Managers Month during the month of March 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Certified Government Financial Managers is a professional certification belonging to the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), which has more than 12,000 members in 84 chapters in the United States and around the world, and approximately 70 active members in Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, Certified Government Financial Managers of the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the AGA have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as they continue its broad educational efforts with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor and character in its Code of Ethics; and,

WHEREAS, Certified Government Financial Managers require candidates to have an appropriate educational and employment history, pass a three-part examination needing expertise in governmental financial management and control, the governmental environment, governmental accounting, financial reporting and budgeting; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Milwaukee joins the AGA and the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the AGA in recognizing the importance of certified government financial managers; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CAVALIER JOHNSON, Mayor of the City of Milwaukee, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2025, to be

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGERS MONTH

throughout the City of Milwaukee.



CAVALIER JOHNSON
Mayor

AGA Annual Membership Renewal Season

Renew Today!

Renew your AGA membership to continue benefits in technical knowledge, career and skills development, shared experiences and successes, while building lasting connections. Members receive at least 14 hours of training each year on timely topics for FREE. This \$375 value easily covers the cost of membership. Through engagement in local chapters, members can also enjoy additional networking, leadership and educational experiences.

Continuous Learning!

- Participate in educational events – learn from and meet the experts.
- Save money with registration discounts on national and chapter training events.
- Sign up for four (4) complimentary members-only webinars.
- Attend the Transformation & Technology Summit for FREE!
- Leverage discounts on CGFM renewal and application fees.



Connect, Collaborate & Network!

- Expand your network – with 90+ chapters nationwide, you can even join AGA in multiple locations.
- Participate in our online mentoring program. Be a mentor and/or seek a mentor!
- Volunteer to serve on AGA committees and boards.
- Find a position or look for qualified candidates on AGA's Job Bank.
- Join the conversation on LinkedIn, Twitter & Facebook.

Stay Informed & Find Solutions!

- Access online tools, developed by government experts to prevent fraud, reduce improper payments, improve outcomes, mitigate risk, and enhance collaboration.
- Stay up to date through the quarterly *Journal of Government Financial Management*.
- Learn about and share best practices described in AGA research and executive reports.
- Get the latest innovations in government by tuning into AGA's Accountability Talks podcasts.



Renew Today

Advance. Grow. Accelerate.



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AGA NATIONAL OFFICE TOPICS: NEWS AND UPDATES

The PRAC: Leading the Fight Against Fraud

The Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) is at the forefront of safeguarding taxpayer dollars by detecting and preventing waste, fraud and abuse. Through advanced data analytics, PRAC supports Offices of Inspectors General in identifying red flags in agency awards, streamlining investigations and enhancing audit quality. Their analytics center strengthens risk assessments, complaint vetting and proactive audit planning, ultimately improving agency efficiency. To date, PRAC has supported 48 partners, conducted over 1,000 investigations, examined more than 23,000 subjects and uncovered \$2.4 billion in potential fraud loss.

[Learn More](#)

Celebrating 75 Years of Advancing Government Accountability

AGA is proud to mark its 75th anniversary with a year-long celebration honoring decades of impact in government accountability. Since 1950, AGA has empowered financial professionals to drive transparency, strengthen internal controls, prevent fraud and improve program performance. With nearly 80 chapters nationwide, we continue to educate, connect and support accountability professionals through certification, research and training. As we celebrate this milestone, we also look ahead — engaging students, young professionals and thought leaders to shape the future of public service. Join us in commemorating 75 years of excellence and innovation!

[Read Press Release](#)

AGA FMSB Submits Comments on GASB Project No. 32-2

The AGA Financial Management Standards Board (FMSB) appreciated the opportunity to provide comments to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) proposed Statement: GASB Project No. 32-2, Exposure Draft – Subsequent Events.

[Read Comments](#)

Now Available! Self-Paced CGFM Course 3

Our self-paced CGFM Course 3 has been updated and is now available in AGA's CGFM Online Training Portal. Upon purchasing, users will have online access to the course for four months. This valuable course is a great way to learn at your own speed and on your schedule.

[Buy Today](#)



Performance Counts 2025

A Virtual Event
May 13 • 4 CPEs

[register](#)

In-Person CGFM Training

In-person CGFM trainings are available! Course 2 will be held on March 24–26, and Course 3 will be held on May 6–7. This is a great opportunity to learn alongside fellow professionals as you're led through the material by an experienced CGFM instructor. Study guides are included. **Space is limited, so register soon!** Virtual courses will also be available during this time.

[Learn More](#)

- Job Title Change?
- Working From Home?
- New Certification?

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Calendar of Events 2024-2025

November 21, 2024 Board Meeting - Virtual

December 4, 2024 Board Meeting - Virtual

January 6, 2025 Board Meeting - Virtual

February 6, 2025 Board Meeting - Virtual

March 2025 Declared as CGFM Month

March 10, 2025 Board Meeting

March 12, 2025 AGA National Members Only Webinar

April 2025 Board Meeting - virtual

April 2025 Webinar – to be announced

May 2025 Board Meeting - virtual

May 6, 2025 Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South – in person

May 13, 2025 AGA National-Performance Counts Summit

May 14, 2025 AGA National Members Only Webinar

June 2025 Board Meeting – virtual

June 2025 Webinar – to be announced

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 2024-2025

President – Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA, WI DOA

President Elect – Vacant

Treasurer – Roger Birkett

Membership Chair – Abby Hundt, CPA

Newsletter Editor – Lillian Radivojevich

Education Chair – Vacant

Awards Chair – Vacant

Accountability Outreach Chair – Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA, WI DOA

Webmaster – Scott Thornton

Community Service Chair – To be announced

CGFM Chair – To be announced

Directors

Lillian Radivojevich

Andrew Stovich, CGFM, CPA

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