



# Monthly Footnotes

MARCH 2026



## Celebrating CGFM Month!

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)

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**Welcome Members & Non-Members**

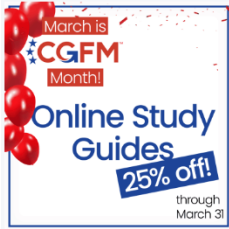
**Save the Date!**  
[www.aga-wis.org](http://www.aga-wis.org)

**2026 ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM**

**48th ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

**6.5 CPE CREDITS Available**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2026**  
Brochure and details coming soon!



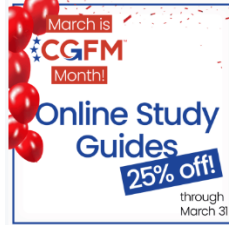
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA

**Happy CGFM Month!!!!** If you are thinking about this certification, there are some upcoming webinars about the path to certification and strategies for CGFM candidate success. Also, if you order the on-line CGFM study guides by March 31, it is 25% off!!!!

<https://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm-certification/>

<https://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm-certification/cgfm-maintenance/cgfm-month/>



It is membership and CGFM renewal time...Auto-renewals will process around March 17. Please consider all the value included in the membership fee as you are renewing. The value you get in free CPE from AGA National brings in more value than the \$100 renewal. They have updated/streamlined the My AGA area. Please take a moment to verify your email address! This is the primary way National Office and the chapter reach you. If you use your work email address, consider adding a secondary email address with your personal email. As a note for people who joined during the year—the fee at joining was a part year amount and this billing will put you on the annual cycle.

Our friends at the AGA Central Ohio Chapter reached out and asked about partnering on an event. They have set up a GASB 103 implementation session for Tuesday, April 7, 1:00 CT Please see the registration information on page 4. Free for AGA members!!!!

Don't miss out—FREE national events coming up soon

- **March 17-[Technology and Transformation Summit](#)**, virtual, 6 CPE; **last chance to register!**
- **May 5-[Performance Counts](#)**, virtual, 4 CPE

We are very close to completing the agenda for the Annual Symposium on May 13. I think you will find this to be an interesting day. We hope to have the website updated and information sent out by the middle of next week. For now, Save the Date! The cost will remain at \$55 for members and \$110 for non-members.

Did you know?

AGA has [on-demand CPE training courses](#) for low rates! These are available to members and non-members and there is a variety of topics

*Sherri*



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**AGA – Central Ohio Chapter Webinar:  
From Guidance to Action: Implementing GASB 103 with Confidence**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2026 | 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET/1:00-2:00 p.m. CT | 1.0 CPE**

**Cost:** \$20 for Non-members. **AGA Members may register free of charge** by using the promo code: COAGAMember. You must be a current AGA member to use the free promo code. All registrations using the promo code will be verified for a valid membership.

**Registration:** [Registration Link](#)

CPE Program Presentation:

**Program Knowledge Level:** Overview

**Instructional delivery methods:** Webinar

**Prerequisite:** None

**Advance Preparation:** None required

**Recommended CPE credit:** 1.0

**Field of Study:** Accounting (Governmental)

**Description:**

This course provides an in-depth review of GASB Statement No. 103, Financial Reporting Model Improvements, focusing on its key provisions. Participants will learn how the standard impacts financial reporting, explore best practices for adoption. Real-world examples and actionable steps will be shared to help finance leaders ensure compliance while improving efficiency and transparency.

**Learning objectives:**

1. Explain the primary objectives and requirements of GASB No. 103.
2. Identify significant changes introduced by GASB 103 and their implications for financial reporting.
3. Apply practical strategies to implement GASB 103 effectively within state and local government environments.
4. Evaluate potential challenges and develop solutions to streamline the transition process.
5. Assess how GASB 103 aligns with broader goals of accountability and transparency in public sector financial reporting.

**Major Subjects:**

- Management’s Discussion and Analysis
- Presentation of Proprietary Fund Statements
- Unusual or Infrequent Items
- Major Component Unit Information
- Budgetary Comparison Information

### **Presenter Bio**

**Scott Anderson, CPA, CGFM**  
**Partner, Cherry Bekaert**

A licensed Certified Public Accountant in North Carolina, Florida, and Virginia, Scott has served local governments since 2005. As Cherry Bekaert's public sector Technical Director, Scott advises clients and audit teams in all phases of auditing and financial reporting. He oversees engagement planning, performance of audit tests, report writing and overall audit quality. He has extensive experience with Uniform Grant Guidance and the audit requirements of governments in North Carolina, Florida, and Virginia.

Clients have sought Scott's knowledge and expertise on current technical developments in governmental accounting. He is a GASB alum, serving as a Practice Fellow for two years, returning to Cherry Bekaert with vast experience in governmental account and financial reporting standards.

Scott has also instructed at a number of external conferences and seminars, representing both the firm and the GASB, and webinars sponsored by Cherry Bekaert on various technical GASB topics. Scott's professional involvement has included committees and panels, including the AICPA State and Local Government Experts Panel and the Government Finance Officers Association Special Review Committee.

### **Cancellation and refunds:**

All cancellations must be received prior to the event and emailed to: Education.COAGA@gmail.com. A refund may not be issued if the cancellation notice is not received prior to the event.

### **Complaint resolution policy:**

The AGA-Central Ohio Chapter will make every effort to provide the best training courses possible. In the event participants are not completely satisfied with the training course and wish to file a complaint, please contact Kevin O'Connor at Education.COAGA@gmail.com. within 10 business days of the event.

For information on upcoming AGA events, or for additional information regarding the AGA-Central Ohio Chapter organization, please visit our website at:  
<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/CentralOhio/Home.aspx>



## 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

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

For the past nineteen years, thanks to the initiative and dedication of AGA regional and chapter leaders, states 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 2026.

# 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 2026 as

## **CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH**

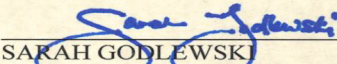
throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



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 6th day of  
February 2026.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State

# 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

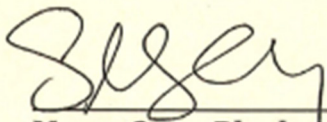
**WHEREAS,** the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of the AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history and to pass a three-part examination requiring expertise in the Governmental 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 2026** as

## **CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH**

in the City of Madison.



  
**Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway**

Signed and sealed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026 at City Hall

## PDT First Time Attendee Scholarship

AGA National has opened up the chance to apply for a scholarship available if you will be attending the PDT for the first time. This is for in-person attendance. The scholarship includes registration and hotel ONLY. Apply now!

The PDT will be held in Washington, DC. The dates are July 21-23, 2026

### Scholarship Includes

- Complimentary PDT 2026 registration
- Four (4) nights of hotel accommodations (check-in Monday, July 20 through check-out Friday, July 24, 2026)

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a first-time PDT attendee
- Must be an active chapter member

### [Apply Here!](#)

**Application Deadline:** March 31, 2026

**Notification:** Five (5) winners will be notified in April 2026

Please note the scholarship is not transferable to another person or another training event.

A promotional banner for the Professional Development Training (PDT) 2026. The banner has a dark blue background with a light blue and orange graphic on the right side. The text on the left reads: "Professional Development Training 2026", "AGA's premier annual training for government financial management professionals. PDT 2026.", and "July 21-23, 2026 in Washington, D.C. and Virtually". Below this text is a blue button with the text "Register Now". On the right side, the text "Keeping Accountability on Track" is written in white. At the bottom right, "PDT 2026" is written in large, bold, white and orange letters. The graphic on the right features a red line with white dots, resembling a path or a data line, set against a background of light blue lines and shapes.

For full information, go to: <https://pdt.agacgfm.org/>



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## Calendar of Events 2026 Program Year

February 12, 2026 Board Meeting - Virtual

March 2026 Declared as CGFM Month

March 6, 2026 Board Meeting –

April 7, 2026 Webinar – GASB 103

April 9, 2026 Board Meeting – to be announced

May 7, 2026 Board Meeting - to be announced

May 13, 2026 Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South – in person

June 2, 2026 Board Meeting - to be announced

June 2026 – 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 2026

**President** – Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA, WI DOA

**President Elect** – Vacant

**Treasurer** – Roger Birkett

**Membership Chair** – Abby Hundt

**Newsletter Editor** – Lillian Radivojevich

**Education Chair** – Vacant

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

**Webmaster** – Scott Thornton

**CGFM Chair** – To be announced

### **Directors**

Roger Birkett

Lillian Radivojevich

Andrew Stovich, CGFM, CPA

Alicia Miller, WI Department of Employee Trust Funds

Joanne Thomas, WI Department of Administration

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