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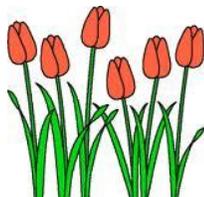
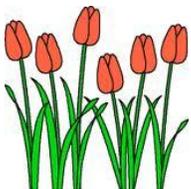
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Welcome Members and Nonmembers

April Luncheon Meeting

TOPIC: Safeguards Put in Place to Monitor Activities and Adhere to Federal Requirements and the Budget Process

SPEAKER: Rachel Zellmer, Department of Public Instruction, State of WI

DATE: Thursday, April 18, 2013

REGISTRATION: 11:30 a.m. LUNCH: 11:45 a.m.

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

PLACE: Vintage Brewing Company
674 South Whitney Way

MENU: meals include pub chips, fountain soda/tea/coffee

- ❖ **Cheeseburger** - cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion on a Parker House roll
- ❖ **Veggie Burger**: house-made black bean patty, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion on a Parker House roll
- ❖ **BBQ Pulled Pork Sloppy Joe**: tender pulled pork in zesty chipotle peach BBQ sauce & VBC coleslaw on a Parker House roll
- ❖ **Crispy Buffalo Chicken Wrap**: crispy chicken tossed in buffalo sauce with cheddar jack cheese, lettuce, tomato, and ranch dressing in a garlic herb wrap

RESERVATIONS: Contact Sherri Voigt by 11 a.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013 with your name, membership status, meal choice, and for carpooling information at (608) 266-2814/e-mail: sherriv@live.com



NEW MEMBERS FIRST LUNCHEON MEETING IS FREE

If you are a new member and you are attending your first luncheon, it's **FREE!** Please note that when calling in your reservation.



ABOUT THIS MONTH'S LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Rachel Zellmer has worked on the WI Department of Instruction's Special Education team for the past seven years overseeing the funding awarded to Wisconsin through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Her expertise is federal grant law, including the Education Department's General Administrative Regulations, Office of Management and Budget Circulars, and IDEA. In addition, she is dedicated to developing simplified risk-based monitoring systems that are collaborative among federal funding programs.

Chapter News

Community Service

The Chapter will continue holding a food drive at the lunch meetings and continue collecting paper grocery bags for the MOM food pantry in Middleton and personal items for the Salvation Army. See page 12 for information about the MS Walk in Madison on Sunday, May 5.



March was CGFM Month!

At the March lunch meeting, we gathered together all the CGFMs in attendance for a photo with the proclamations signed by Governor Walker and Mayor Soglin.

Pictured left to right:

Back row: Allen Vick, CGFM-Retired, Joanne Schultz, CGFM, Edward Tuecke, CGFM, David Mellem, CGFM, Julia Lengyel, CGFM candidate
Front row: Mary Laufenberg, CGFM, Sherri Voigt, CGFM*

**has passed all 3 parts of the exam and is completing the work experience requirement*

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Carrie Ferguson, CPA

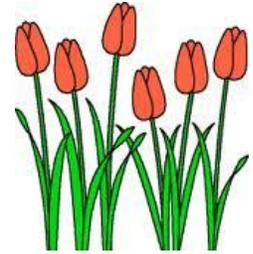
So the season has turned and it appears that the weather may finally be changing. Of course, this is Wisconsin, so we all know it can change back just as quickly.

I bring up change, because during our March luncheon meeting, David Cagigal, CIO of the State of Wisconsin, discussed the State's current enterprise resource planning process. He spoke of the changes the State is currently facing, and the difficulties it will encounter in meeting those changes. While the final cost of the ERP process was uncertain, it is expected to be significant; however, David felt this enterprise resource planning will be critical to ensure that the State's information systems remain secure and competitive. More information about this presentation is provided on page 5.

Thinking beyond our March luncheon meeting, spring is a time of changes. We are not always ready to make them and they may not always be easy. We have to try to remain optimistic and flexible. We also have to remember that changes don't always work right away. They take continued management, monitoring and adjustments. This is important, because we need to assess all along the way whether it appears a newly implemented process is working successfully, or if we need to refine our strategy – or even develop a new one altogether.

I'm sure there is a change to manage in everyone's life. Whether it's a small challenge, like cutting back on the amount of coffee you drink each morning, or whether it's something more significant, like a major life challenge, change is all around us. In fact, change is something of an underlying theme of our upcoming 36th Annual Spring Symposium on Tuesday, May 14th at the University of Wisconsin Union South. I hope many of you will be able to attend this 7 CPE event, since we have a great lineup of speakers.

We'll begin the day with Tom McHugh and Amy Banicki from the Wisconsin Department of



Workforce Development speaking about the Unemployment Insurance Fund. The economy's changes in recent years have definitely affected that part of the State's operations.

Next, we'll have Mary Peterman, CGFM, CPA, of Savantage Solutions (and AGA National President-Elect) presenting *Get in Control! Leveraging Your Internal Control Work*. While internal controls don't always lead a person to think of change, internal controls should be the backbone of an organization. As such, internal controls should be considered as part of any organizational changes, since operational changes may signal a need for control changes.

At the end of our morning, we'll have Matt Stohr from the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds discussing the operations of the Wisconsin Retirement System. I'm sure they'll be some members of our Symposium audience that will soon be contemplating the major life change of retirement, even as others will have only recently changed from being a college student to entering the workforce in a new career.

Beginning our afternoon, we'll have Douglas Raubal, a Special Agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, speaking about cyber-based threats. Obviously, the technology environment is one that is always changing – changing in ways that bring with them new and ever more serious risks.

Closing our day, we've asked Sarah Gibson of Accent Learning and Consulting, LLC, to speak on managing change. Since change is everywhere, hopefully we'll all pick up a few tips from her, so that we are able to implement and adjust to change in the most successful way possible.

Chapter Board Meeting Minutes March 12, 2013

- Present: David Mellem, Roger Birkett, Bea Beasley, Lily Radivojevich, Dolly O’Laughlin, Michele Tessner, Mary Laufenberg, Sherri Voigt
- Treasurer’s Report: Balance as of 3/12/13 was \$23,277.37
- Membership:
 - 92 members; 16 new this year; 1-2 leads in process
 - Dave mentioned the 20/20/20 program results
 - It is dues renewal time
- CGFM:
 - Proclamations ready to display at the meeting
 - Board approved the CGFM exam/application fee reimbursement for Julia Lengyel. She passed all 3 parts and is completing the work experience required for certification.
 - Bea will update the written policy so it can be posted on the website.
 - Michele discussed the webinar and we can highlight it at the lunch (available on National website for those interested in the exam)
 - Board approved reordering pencils
 - Part 2 of the review books will be available soon as an on-line subscription. The board needs to look at this option once we can see more about the licensing.
 - One new person is working on the exam and another is considering it. Michele is working with them.
- Community Service: Michele brought up the idea of “adopting a family” for the full program year. She will contact some agencies to partner with in doing this and bring more info to board.
- Accountability: Sherri is on the final class to complete her Public Performance

Management certificate program; once done, she will contact local governments with draft CCR data to get the program moving in our area.

- Chapter Recognition: points due 3/31; get all info to Dolly/Eric
- Newsletter: Get items to Lily by 3/25.
- Education:
 - April and October lunch meetings are set.
 - The Symposium is all set and the brochure will be posted soon.
- Other:
 - SLM meeting in Louisville discussed. Limited invitee list again this year. 2-3 will attend for Chapter.

PDC attendance/hotel scholarship policy discussed. Michele Tessner approved to attend with payment for registration/hotel/air/shuttle Bea will work on the policy for board.

2012-13 Officers and Directors



Pictured (left to right): front: Mary Laufenberg, Carrie Ferguson; middle: Roger Birkett, Bea Beasley, Lily Radivojevich, Sherri Voigt; back: David Mellem, Dolly O’Laughlin, Tom Scheidegger





March Lunch Recap David Cagigal, CIO, State of WI, The Highlights of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Rigby Pub

David Cagigal, CIO, State of Wisconsin, has a solid history with ERP systems. He used PeopleSoft at Amoco and went through that implementation process.

Over 120 systems are being displaced for the State of Wisconsin. There will be one instance of ERP in the state: only ONE. A Governance Board was set up to monitor the IT process. Ten major agency Deputy Secretary's belong to this Board and meet every Monday. [Agencies: DHS, DNR, DCF, CATCP, DOA, DOT, DOR, DOC, DWD, ETF] This Steering Team will be a big help in getting the system running this time around.

At a recent meeting, SciQuest was approved for the E-Cataloging features. It will be set up immediately and "bolted on" to the ERP when it is running.

Dawn McCauley has been hired as the project manager. She came from the UW, where she led the Human Capital Management (HCM) implementation. An RFP is in process to hire an implementer to lead the project.

The goal of an ERP system is shared services. The main benefit is business intelligence. The new e-procurement setup will allow people to see the total spending for the state.

This will involve a fit gap analysis: transferring work from old way to new. It will involve a lot of change management. The goal is to make those 120+ old systems go away. Mr. Cagigal noted the goal is to repurpose staff, NOT to terminate. There will be changes to work processes, flows, and position descriptions.

His plan is to avoid customization wherever possible. It might not cost much to make a minor change, but it adds up when



Carrie Ferguson, AGA Chapter President, with David Cagigal, CIO

maintenance has to be done with each system upgrade.

This will be a multi-year, multi-million dollar effort.

The timeline cannot be determined until an implementer is selected, in place, and has a chance to meet with all agencies. When the UW converted, they did a "big bang" effort where all systems were converted over a weekend and people came in on Monday to the new setup. Likewise, the total costs cannot be projected until the RFP is done.

Q&A

Q: Who will design the change management plan?

A: This will largely be done by each Department. It will be selling the message of doing it one way across all agencies for the good of the State and the good of taxpayers.

Q: How will agencies be charged?

A: There are no firm ideas yet on how to charge back or when charges will start.

**2013 ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SYMPOSIUM -- REGISTER TODAY!**

**THIRTY-SIXTH ACCOUNTING AND
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
CONFERENCE**

May 14, 2013

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

**The Association of
Government Accountants**
Advancing Government Accountability
Tuesday, **May 14, 2013**

7:30 a.m. Registration 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Conference

Objective: This conference is designed to enhance understanding of some of the problems encountered today in the public sector, inform of public policies and emerging issues, and provide managerial techniques to affect positive changes. The 36th 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 and answer

Level: Update/Overview

CPE Credits: 7 hours

Fee: AGA Member \$35

Non-Member \$70

Retired AGA Member \$25

Registration Deadline: April 30, 2013

Space is limited to 160 people.

Once we reach 160 registrations, a waiting list will be created

REGISTRATION FORM
AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter Symposium
Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Name _____

Employer _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

CPE Credits: 7.0 hours

Fee - Mark Appropriate Line:

AGA Member - \$35 _____

Non-Member - \$70 _____

Retired AGA Member - \$25 _____

_____ Fee Enclosed (make check payable to the Association of Government Accountants or AGA)

_____ Purchase order forthcoming.

Please contact us for the AGA Vendor ID number if it is needed to process payment or purchase order

Sorry, we are unable to accept credit card payments due to the high processing fees.

Registration should be received by **April 30, 2013**

Mail to: Association of Government Accountants
PO Box 1454
Madison, WI 53701-1454

Registration Contact: Sherri Voigt at 608-266-2814

Email: sherri2.voigt@dot.wi.gov

Results for our Extremely Successful AGA Membership Recruitment Scholarship Program

Seven New Members Recruited

AGA awarded \$155 to our chapter under the AGA Membership Recruitment Scholarship Program. We spent \$155 on members and an additional \$45 of chapter funds by recruiting seven new members under our 20-20-20 Chapter Recruitment Program. We concluded that the program was a success and will likely run it again next year.

The amounts spent for October thru December 28, 2012 period of operation of the 20-20-20 program are: total of \$140 for \$20 rebates to seven new members; total of \$40 for \$20 incentives to two members who recruited at least one new member (limited to one \$20 incentive payment for each recruiter); and one \$20 bonus payment awarded to one of the recruiters determined by an impartial random drawing, with six observers present at the January 8, 2013 board meeting, based on the number of new members each member recruited. Recap: \$140 rebates + \$40 incentives + \$20 bonus = \$200 spent.

Elizabeth Dionne, UW System
Margaret Lanigan, UW System
Steve Mentel, UW System
Julia Lengyel, WI DOT
Rachel Larsen, Walworth County
William Epp, WI DOA
Daniel Jonas, UW Madison

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!





National News



AGA National President Brown has more than 34 years of government financial management experience.

Meet Your Fellow Member: Algappan (Al) Subramanian



Currently, Al is the finance manager, the Wendy and Emery Reves Center for International Studies, College of William and Mary. "Some of my co-workers were interested in getting the CGFM certification and invited me to join. At that point, I was not sure what AGA was about. As I learned more about it, and the CGFM, I got really interested and became an early careers member." [Read more](#)

Nani Coloretti, Assistant Secretary for Management, Treasury, Featured at AGA's Upcoming Federal Performance Management Training Event
Jun. 18-19 | Arlington, VA | 10 CPEs

Nani was appointed as the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Assistant Secretary for Management by President Obama in 2012. She advises the Secretary of the Treasury on the development and execution of Treasury's budget and strategic plans and the internal management of the department and its bureaus. She is also a Member of the Government Accountability and Transparency Board. [Read more](#)

Gene Dodaro, CGFM, U.S. Comptroller General, Headlines AGA's PDC: Big Challenges. Bigger Thinking

Jul. 14-17 | Dallas | 24 CPEs | [Register now](#)

Gene L. Dodaro became the eighth Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) in 2010, when he was confirmed by the United States Senate. He helps oversee the development and issuance of hundreds of reports and testimonies each year to various committees and individual Members of Congress. [Read more](#)



CGFM Corner

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM®)



Interested in the CGFM Certification?

Sign up for [AGA's Intensive Review Course](#) and take the CGFM Examinations before the PDC. Don't miss this opportunity to earn your CGFM. The Intensive Review Course will take place from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, and Friday, July 12. The CGFM Examinations will be offered by appointment only on July 13-14. [Read more](#)

Webinar: CGFM Preparation Q&A – for AGA Members Only

April 23 | 2-4 p.m. EDT | No Fee to Attend | No CPE Credits

Have you made earning the CGFM designation a goal? AGA would like to support you, a valued member, by offering a complimentary members-only CGFM preparation webinar led by Mitch Laine. This is an opportunity for Q&A, to discuss topics from the three CGFM study guides with one of our knowledgeable and dynamic instructors, free of charge. [Read more](#)



Articles

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

Graduate Students: Compete in the Government Finance Case Challenge

Registration Deadline: April 5

AGA invites graduate students from around the nation to compete in the Government Finance Case Challenge. Student teams will collaboratively analyze data for a specified U.S. city government and develop a Citizen-Centric Report. Submissions will be judged and the top three teams will earn a scholarship to attend the finals in Dallas. [Read more](#)

Winners in Detroit, Useless Data and Rethinking Charitable Giving

Anyone who's tried to develop performance measurements knows that there are certain fields for which the process is much easier than others. Transportation measures, for example, are less difficult to come by than those pertaining to economic development. We're turning to you, B&G Readers, with a simple question: What are the governmental functions for which it's most difficult to develop and utilize measures? - Katherine Barrett and Richard Greene, *Governing*. [Read more](#)



Viewpoint: Top Predictions for Government in 2013

As local governments look for new ways to maintain or improve service levels in a time of constrained finances resources, the Smart City movement is emerging and growing in the U.S. as a force of innovation and investment. Broadly speaking, a Smart City is town, city, or county that uses IT and devices to improve the quality of life of its citizens and foster sustainable economic development - Ruthbea Yesner Clarke, *American City and County*. [Read more](#)

FEDERAL NEWS

Is Government IT Secure? FISMA Report Can't Tell

The latest report to Congress on the implementation of the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 runs 68 pages, but even after reading the entire report, don't be surprised if you can't tell if government IT systems are secure. "If you analyze the questions that are used to develop agency responses, you can quickly discern that many have absolutely nothing to do with true cyber security or speak to true risk profiles of the agencies that respond," says the chief information security officer of a cabinet department - Eric Chabrow, *GovInfo Security*. [Read more](#)

Shutdown Averted, Pay Freeze Extended as Congress Passes 2013 Funding Bill

The House and Senate this week approved a huge stopgap spending bill funding federal agencies through the end of the fiscal year and heading off a potential government shutdown later this month. The measure keeps in place the steep across-the-board budget cuts, known as sequestration, but provides Cabinet-level agencies some cushion. The measure also extends the federal pay freeze through Dec. 31. - Jack Moore, *Federal News Radio*. [Read more](#)

ODU Offering For-Credit Graduate Procurement Programs

The field of procurement, or purchasing and contracting for goods, services and construction, represents an area where organizations will be tested to find efficiencies in a difficult financial climate. Old Dominion University now offers one of the country's first for-credit, graduate-level procurement programs. The program is headed by Stephen Gordon, a faculty member in the Department of Urban Studies and Public Administration of ODU's College of Business and Public Administration (CBPA). [Read more](#)





Please join the AGA-Southern Wisconsin Team and walk with us on Sunday, May 5.

This year, the walk starts at Warner Park. To join the team or make a donation, contact Sherri Voigt at sherriv@live.com

Our Team AGA webpage will ready soon

ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are moving, or have already moved, please notify both your chapter and AGA National of your address change. You can update your address online at the national website in the members' only area:

www.agacqfm.org

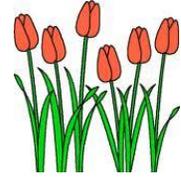
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SHARE YOUR NEWS

Do you have some interesting news that your fellow chapter members may be interested in? If so, you are welcome (and encouraged) to submit an article to the Newsletter Editor at radiojevich@danesherriff.com Deadline for submission of articles is the 25th of the month. Feel to send in topic suggestions or features to include.





Calendar of Events 2012-2013

August 28, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

September 20, 2012 – Lunch Meeting, Todd Berry, Fiscal and Economic Issues the 2012 Context, Restaurant--Rocky Rococo's Pizzeria, 1753 Thierer, Road (near East Towne)

October 2, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

October 18, 2012 Cost Allocation A-87 Training, Joe Stertz, Mequon, WI

October 25, 2012 – Lunch Meeting, E. Dionne, The Planning of Audits – Setting Priorities and How It's used in Audits, Restaurant--Vintage Brewing, 674 S Whitney Way

November 6, 2012 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

November 15, 2012 – Lunch Meeting, Linda M. Fournier, Public Affairs Officer, Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, Financial Impact of Fort McCoy on the State of Wisconsin, Restaurant--Dayton Street Café (inside the Concourse, 1 West Dayton Street)

December 18, 2012 – Ethics Training Audio/Live Discussion, WI Department of Human Services, 3 CPE

January 8, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

January 17, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, Annual Tax Update, Imperial Gardens

February 5, 2013 – Board Meeting Cancelled

February 21, 2013 – Lunch Meeting Cancelled

March 12, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

March 21, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, David Cagigal, CIO, State of WI, The Highlights of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Rigby Pub, 119 East Main Street

April 9, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

April 18, 2013 – Lunch Meeting, Rachel Zellmer, DPI, The Safeguards Put in Place to Monitor Activities, Adhere to the Federal Requirements, and the Budget Process, location to be determined

May 5, 2013 – MS Walk, Community Service Event

May 7, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

May 2013 – *Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South*

June 4, 2013 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

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

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