



SOUTHERN
WISCONSIN
CHAPTER



Monthly Footnotes

APRIL 2016

Welcome Members and Non-Members

TOPIC: Budget and Planning Process to Replace Lead Pipes, City of Madison

SPEAKERS: Joseph Grande & Robin Piper

DATE: Thursday, April 21, 2016

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

COST: \$6 for Members, \$12 for Non-Members
Free for CGFMs!

PLACE: Monona Garden Family Restaurant,
6501 Bridge Road, Monona, WI, 53713, in the
back meeting room (Located just off Broadway
near Monona Road & beltline)

MENU: All sandwiches come with french fries,
fruit or cottage cheese and soda/
coffee/tea.

Cheeseburger

Chicken Supreme Sandwich-Grilled Chicken
with swiss cheese on sourdough

Mediterranean Salad romaine & iceberg
lettuce, onion, tomato, cucumbers, black
olives, egg, feta cheese with grilled pita bread
and house dressing (with or without grilled
chicken)

Registration Available On-Line at
www.aga-wis.org

RESERVATIONS: Contact Sherri Voigt **by 1 p.m. on
Monday, April 18, 2016** with your name, membership
status, meal choice (and for carpooling information) at
(608) 576-6473 or sherriv@live.com.

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**MEMBERS – BRING YOUR SUPERVISOR TO ONE LUNCHEON MEETING
FREE EACH YEAR**

Did you know about this membership benefit? Please note this when making your reservation.

ABOUT THIS MOUNTH'S LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Joe Grande is the Water Quality Manager for the City of Madison Water Utility. In his position, he is responsible for regulatory compliance, source water protection, cross connection control, and long-range planning for water quality improvements. In addition to helping the utility successfully complete its landmark Lead Service Line Replacement Program, Joe has guided the utility in developing water quality treatment policies for chromium, manganese, radium, and currently unregulated contaminants. Joe earned masters degrees in Water Resources Management and Biological Systems Engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Robin Piper is the Chief Administrative Officer of the Madison Water Utility. In his position, he is responsible for managing the Customer Service Section, including the Meter Shop, and the Finance Section. He was the Project Manager for the recently completed Project H2O, the Advanced Metering Infrastructure program. His responsibilities include Capital and Operating budgets, finance issues relating to the sale of revenue bonds and applications to increase rates. He has worked for the utility for 30 years. He is a member of the American Water Works Association – Wisconsin Section and is active on the Information Technology and Security Committee.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Mary Laufenberg, CGFM, CPA

Hello everybody:

The weather is starting to heat up a little as well as our educational events. Don't miss the April AGA luncheon scheduled on April 21st; the topic will be on lead pipe replacement in Madison. Since the March webinar had to be cancelled, we will be honoring CGFM month at this luncheon also, bringing the proclamations signed by both the governor and the mayor at this time. **All CGFMs can attend the lunch for free!!!**

We have a great group of speakers scheduled for the May AGA Symposium scheduled on May 11; check our webinar for more details.

I hope to see you all at both of these upcoming events.

Mary

Mary Laufenberg
2016 President

Chapter News

Free Members-Only Webinar

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year. Members-only webinars are 1 hour, and offer 1 CPE. Group registration is not available.

Join AGA today to earn free CPE!

join AGA

Topic Be Announced

May 25, 2016 | 2–3 p.m. ET | 1 CPE

Information and registration coming soon...

SUNDAY MAY 1 – WALK MS

PLEASE COME JOIN US
Walk MS at Warner Park at 10 a.m.

To join the team or make a donation, visit our Team AGA webpage at:

http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/WIGWalkEvents?team_id=458437&pg=team&fr_id=27379

Contact Sherri Voigt at sherriv@live.com for any details

About MS

Millions of people are affected by MS and the challenges of living with its unpredictable symptoms.

Multiple sclerosis interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and it stops people from moving.

Every hour in the United States, someone is newly diagnosed with MS, a disease of the central nervous system.

Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS.



Walk to create a world free of MS.

Ending multiple sclerosis for good will take all of us. It's why Walk MS matters so much. And it's why you matter so much. Walk MS helps us team up with friends, loved ones and co-workers to change the world for everyone affected by MS. Together, we become a powerful force. And with every step we take, every dollar we raise...we're that much closer. **Together, we will end MS forever.**

**2016 ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SYMPOSIUM -- REGISTER TODAY!**

**39th ACCOUNTING AND
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
CONFERENCE**

May 11, 2016

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

**The Association of
Government Accountants
Advancing Government Accountability
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016**

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 38th Annual Accounting and Financial Management Conference continue 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 29, 2015

REGISTRATION FORM
AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter Symposium
May 11, 2016

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 29, 2016

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

Community Service

The Salvation Army is in need of the following items at their women's shelter:

T-shirts (all sizes)
Pajama bottoms (women sizes)
Sports bras
Underwear (all sizes)
Back Packs
Luggage
Strollers

The Salvation Army appreciates anything the Chapter could provide, thank you for your support and donations.

Items referenced above will be collected at the April lunch meeting.

Recruit New Members \$20 Incentive Program Still Available

On-line membership application and instructions available on the AGA national website at www.agacgfm.org under the Membership drop down menu near the top of the website homepage.

Chapter Board Meeting Notes April 5, 2016

Present: Mary Laufenberg, Roger, Birkett, Sherri Voigt, Shelly Bauknecht (for beginning)

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 3/31/16 was \$21,346.96

Membership: No updates

CGFM: 1 new CGFM this year. Since no March meeting held, we will honor CGFM month in April.

Community Service:

- We will hold a food drive at the April lunch meeting and collect paper bags for MOM. Also, collect items for Salvation Army
- Chapter to make cash donations to Walk MS, Salvation Army, and Second Harvest.

Chapter Recognition: Points were entered for most areas by March 31 deadline.

Newsletter: Ready to send once lunch menu set

Education:

- April 21 lunch is set
- March internal control webinar was cancelled by National. We can use credit to pick another internal control session in the fall.
- All Symposium handouts to be requested by 5/2 so folders can be stuffed on 5/8

Other:

- Home Town Buffet closed and we will be rotating board meeting locations this spring. We need to decide at least a month ahead so it gets published in the newsletter calendar of events.
- Board notes to be shared by e-mail for confirmation since quorum not present

National News

Featured PDT speaker: Curt Steinhorst, distraction expert

July 17–20 | Anaheim, Calif., or virtual | 24 CPEs

Learn how to focus on strategies that create productive environments and to reach the person who is constantly distracted. [Learn more](#) | [Register](#)

AGA celebrates life of Earl "Skip" Eno

He worked as a financial manager throughout his career, during which he helped establish many chapters and lead several people to leadership. [Read more](#)

Longtime member and former executive vice president Mortimer Dittenhofer dies at 102

The professor emeritus, Army colonel and author earned several awards including the Lifetime Achievement Award. [Learn more](#)

2016–2019 national officer slate confirmed

Congratulations and thank you to the members selected to lead AGA. The [new slate](#) is effective as of July 1.

"The Hidden Costs of Underfunded Pensions"

While visible effects include potential for reduced services and higher taxes, the less visible effects can be more damaging. [Read more](#) | [Take the Journal quiz worth 3 CPEs](#)

Homan: "A Time of Transition — Be Prepared and Proactive"

President John Homan advises members at all levels of government to prepare for upcoming changes in political leadership. [Read more](#)

Featured PDT speaker: Janet Lapp, change management expert

July 17–20 | Anaheim, Calif., or virtual | 24 CPEs

Learn how to adopt the mindset to change and adapt to whatever forces and challenges arise in a positive and productive way. [Learn more](#) | [Register](#)

New complimentary CAROI "playbook" released today

Discover practical approaches for implementing cooperative audit resolution. [Learn more](#) | [Read the report](#)

Perspective: "Audit Readiness for 2016 — Something for Everyone"

How do you get out the message that audit readiness is something for everyone? Effective measures incorporate three key aspects. [Learn more](#)

Don't let AGA's scholarship money go unused!

AGA members and family pursuing a degree in financial, IT or administration fields may qualify. Applications due April 15. [Learn more](#)

"Debt Sustainability of the World's Largest Economies"

China's economic growth once mitigated U.S. budget deficits, but increased borrowing and diversified foreign holdings complicate U.S. debt. [Read more](#) | [Take the Journal quiz worth 3 CPEs](#)

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CGFM Month

Thank you to all state and local governments that declared March as CGFM Month! [Learn more](#)

Maintaining CGFM Certification

Active CGFMs, are you up to date on requirements to maintain your CGFM, including annual renewal and CPE requirements? [Learn more](#)

ARE YOU MOVING?

Please notify both your chapter and AGA National of your address change. Update your address online at the national website in the members' only area: www.agacgfm.org



SHARE YOUR NEWS

Please submit an article to the Newsletter Editor at radiojevich@danesherriff.com Deadline for submission of articles is the 25th of the month.

If you ever come up with a topic or speaker you think the local AGA chapter should offer, let us know!!! We are always looking for ideas. (Contact Chapter President Mary Laufenberg at maryfred6998@gmail.com)



Over the past couple of months, we were contacted with some ideas. If we are able to locate a presenter, we will be offering some additional training over the winter. Keep watching our calendar of events for changes!



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Calendar of Events 2015 – 2016

July 7, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

August 11, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

September 17, 2015 – Lunch Meeting, John Pohlman, DNR, “The Sauk Prairie Restoration Area Master Plan“, Rigby Pub

October 6, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

October 21, 2015 – Fraud Prevention Audio Conference, WHEDA, 201 W. Washington

November 2, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

November 12, 2015 – Lunch Meeting,

November 18, 2015 – AGA National Free Webinar for Members

December 2, 2015 – Ethics in the Workplace Audio Conference, WHEDA, 201 W. Washington

December 8, 2015 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison--CANCELLED

January 5, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

January 13, 2016 – Audio Conference--Evidence Based Policy Making

January 28, 2016 – Lunch Meeting, Annual Tax Update

February 2, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison--CANCELLED

February 3, 2016 – AGA National Free Webinar for Members “Managing in a Multi-Generational Workplace”

February 25, 2016 – Lunch Meeting--CANCELLED

March 1, 2016 – Board Meeting, Hometown Buffet, Madison

March 23, 2016 – Audio Conference--Internal Controls--CANCELLED

April 5, 2016 – Board Meeting, location to be determined

April 21, 2016 – Lunch Meeting, Budget and Planning Process to Replace Lead Pipes, City of Madison

May 1, 2016 – Community Service Event – MS Walk

May 3, 2016 – Board Meeting, Parkway Family Restaurant, Madison

May 11, 2016 – Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South

May 25, 2016 – AGA National Free Webinar for Members

June 7, 2016 – Board Meeting, location to be determined, Madison

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

*** subject to change as more detailed topic information becomes available***



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