



Monthly Footnotes

MARCH 2018

Welcome Members/Non-Members

March is CGFM Month

To recognize the CGFM Program and its accomplishments, AGA has declared March "CGFM Month".

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Wednesday, March 28th Audio Conference

March 28 | 1–2:50 p.m. | 2 CPEs

TOPIC: Cybersecurity

SPEAKER: Caleb Jones, Assistant VP
Security Risk Program Manager,
Alion Science & Technology

REGISTRATION: 12:30 p.m. - Webinar 1:00 p.m.

COST: \$0 for Members, \$10 for Non-Members

PLACE: Wisconsin Housing and Economic
Development Authority
(WHEDA)/Department of Tourism
Building, 201 W Washington. Madison
WI, 53703

Register on-line at www.aga-wis.org
Or by e-mail (sherri-aga@hotmail.com) by 1 pm on
Monday, March 26, 2018. If you would like us to
invoice, note if you want to pay by check or credit
card (We can bill through PayPal for credit card use)

Note: The AGA Chapter signs up for a single-site group webinar license. We can only award CPE for on-site attendance.

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ABOUT THIS MONTH'S WEBINAR

Cybersecurity

March 28 | 1–2:50 p.m. CT | 2 CPEs | FOS: CS

For non-information technology personnel, cybersecurity can be a labyrinth of strange concepts, acronyms and techno-babble that is at best confusing and at worst terrifying. All of us rely on technical staff to secure our systems and data, and unless you are a trained IT professional, the details of cybersecurity will likely remain something of a mystery. However, a little familiarity with the fundamentals will go a long way. This session will provide a basic understanding of cybersecurity concepts and will empower the personnel who own the data and depend on the systems to better collaborate with their IT staff to ensure the integrity, availability and confidentiality of financial data.

Speaker: Caleb Jones, Asst VP, Security Risk Program Manager, Alion Science & Technology

Learning Objectives

Participants will learn:

- The principles of the confidentiality, integrity and availability (CIA) triad
 - We will review case studies highlighting actual incidents and relate them to the CIA triad
- The principles of risk-based security assessment including the elements of criticality, threat and vulnerability
 - We will review examples in order to clarify why this is important to the lay-person and will explain your role in this process
- What data owners and system users can do to help their IT staff better secure their systems
- We will review: 1) what questions you should be asking your IT staff, 2) what information you should be providing them and 3) how your business unit can work with the IT staff to affect a positive change in your cyber-preparedness

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA

Welcome to CGFM Month! Every March, our chapter requests and receives proclamations from the Governor and Madison Mayor declaring March is CGFM month. If you have ideas on another municipal government that we should reach out, please let us know; we would be happy to reach out to other areas in the state of Wisconsin. For more information on the Certified Government Financial Manager certification, please visit the AGA National website at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm>

We have a busy spring with quite a few CPE offerings. Please view the calendar of events at the end of the newsletter (or on our website at www.aga-wis.org). There is also a free members-only webinar on March 15 that National should have sent notices about.

This month is also an opportunity to highlight the career of one of the chapter's first CGFM members. David Mellem has retired with over 50 years of federal service. I encourage you to see the related articles in the March newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming training sessions!

Sherri

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February 22, 2018 Luncheon Meeting Recap

A Brief History of the Capitol; Restoration, Rehabilitation, & Preservation
at Rigby Pub and Grill, 119 East Main Street, Madison, WI 53703

Mr. Daniel Stephans spoke about the history of the capital with photos of the renovation process. The capital was constructed 1906-17 & renovated 1990-2001. The restoration included addition of air conditioning; this was the last state office building to get that.

In 1917, the building housed ALL state government while today there are >7,000 buildings.

He noted they touched every square inch, inside and out. Paint was removed and restored to original patterns. Exterior bronze, such as light fixtures, was largely left with the patina of age. Furniture was restored or replicated (inspired by original design) as appropriate. There are 48 kinds of stone in the capital.

Square footage was added in expanded basement areas with skylights to give light to the new office spaces. Tunnels were built under the floor to bury the electrical wiring and keep ceilings at a reasonable height.

Note: Even if you can't see them, 4 cameras can see you at any time in the capital and on the square.

The photos and lecture were geared around the 3 basic principles of restoration, rehabilitation, and preservation.

"Preservation is a way of keeping things the way they are."

"Restoration: Matter of putting things back the way they were."

Official Southern Wisconsin Chapter AGA “March is CGFM Month” Proclamations: State of Wisconsin--Governor Walker and City of Madison--Mayor Soglin



For the past twelve-years, thanks to the initiative and dedication of AGA regional and chapter leaders, state and local governments have been declaring March CGFM month. This project has been 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 2018.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization belonging to the Association of Government Accountants, 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 Paul R. Soglin, on behalf of the residents of Madison, Wisconsin do hereby proclaim the month of **March** 2018 as

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

in the City of Madison.



Paul R. Soglin

Paul R. Soglin

Signed and sealed this 10th day of January 2018
City Hall.

**AGA Board Meeting
Date/Time: March 6, 2018
5:15pm to 7:00 pm**

Location: Parkview Restaurant

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 3/5/18: \$18,700.46.

Present

Sherri Voigt, Mary Laufenberg, Roger Birkett, David Mellem, Lillian Radivojevich

Membership

73 active members; 2 new members joined in 2018.

CGFM

March is CGFM month; we have proclamations from Governor Walker and Mayor Soglin.

Community Service

Collecting items for Salvation Army at luncheons.
Discussed MS Walk Participation.

Accountability

No updates.

Chapter Recognition

March 31 deadline.

Newsletter

Get any articles or photos to Lily by the 25th of each month.

Education

2018 Symposium schedule complete and speakers confirmed. Brochure to be sent out with March newsletter.

Discussed folder stuffing dates for conference and work schedules for day of event.

Web conference dates confirmed:

- 3/28/2018 – Cybersecurity
- 4/11/2018 – Beyond the Code: Ethics in the Real World
- 6/13/2018 – Leadership



2018 Chapter Board Members (left to right):
David Mellem, Mary Laufenberg, Roger Birkett,
Lillian Radivojevich, Sherri Voigt

Salvation Army Donations

The Salvation Army greatly needs the following items:

- Bath Towels
- Diapers - All Sizes
- Battle Bottles
- Sanitary Items

Items will be collected at luncheon meetings.

The AGA Southern Chapter continues to support the Salvation Army Shelter and Community Center. Thank you AGA members and non-members for all of your wonderful support, it is greatly appreciated.

PRESIDENT TRUMP HONORS SOUTHERN WISCONSIN AGA CHAPTER MEMBER

President Donald Trump hand-signed a letter of congratulations to David Mellem, a Member of the Southern Wisconsin AGA Chapter and an AGA Lifetime Member, upon David's retirement on March 3, 2018. David retired after over 50 years of service to the Federal Government, first for the former Department of Health, Education and Welfare Audit Agency and later for the re-named and re-organized Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Office of Audit Services (OAS).

CONGRATULATIONS DAVE ON YOUR RETIREMENT!



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 3, 2018

Mr. David Mellem
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Mellem,

I send my personal congratulations on your retirement after 50 years of service with the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services. Your daily efforts have kept our Government functioning and helped us fulfill our duty to the American people.

During your impressive tenure, you have rightfully earned the respect of your colleagues for your diligence, institutional knowledge, and skill. As you open this next chapter in your life, I hope that you feel tremendous pride in your service to our Nation and that you continue to find ways to invest in your community and our country.

Melania and I join your family, friends, and colleagues in celebrating this terrific milestone. We send our best wishes for good health, happiness, and continued success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Donald Trump".

Member News/Spotlight

After more than 50 and a half years of service at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General and its predecessor audit organizations, Auditor Dave Mellem retired on March 3.

Dave participated in AGA since the beginning of his career. Dave volunteered and served in numerous AGA leadership roles including Regional Vice President (twice), Chapter President, Membership Chair, and Historian. AGA honored his achievements and leadership with National Regional Coordinator and Chapter awards.

In 2007, Dave received the lifetime membership award. He continues to support AGA and its many training and education opportunities for auditors. Dave's colleagues celebrated his distinguished career over lunch and shared memories of the year's gone by.

We all wish Dave a very happy retirement and thank him for his many years of service at HHS and for his involvement in AGA.

--submitted by Allen Burbey, CPA, US HHS-OIG-OAS Madison Office





Save the Date

**AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter
Annual Symposium
UW - Madison Union South
May 9, 2018**

Wednesday, April 11 Webinar

Ethics

Beyond the Code: Ethics in The Real World

April 11 | 1–2:50 p.m. CT | 2 CPEs | FOS: BETH

This innovative and interactive presentation taps the fields of neuroscience, psychology and even biology to understand the point where science, emotion and critical thinking interact. Instead of critiquing how our minds are supposed to work, we will delve inside the fascinating world of how our minds actually work when we face difficult dilemmas with competing goals. The audience will experience startling, interactive experiments that reveal how we miss the obvious and how our minds conjure up false perceptions out of thin air. We will review why outdated ethical models centered around rule-based codes have failed and what research indicates does improve individual and organizational ethical reasoning.

This session offers a powerful, live EEG demonstration (visual representation of brain activity) allowing attendees to witness the cognitive patterns associated with ethical reasoning.

Major subjects:

- Why model codes of ethics fail
- The science behind organizations' "ethical DNA"
- Understanding the psychology behind "tone at the top"
- The interaction between critical thinking and ethics
- Breaking myths about motivation related to decision-making
- Ethical decision-making under pressure
- Are ethics and morals "fixed" or can we learn to improve

Attendance is free to the first 30 people who register. Visit www.aga-wis.org or e-mail sherri-aga@hotmail.com to register. (A wait list will be created if more than 30 sign up.)

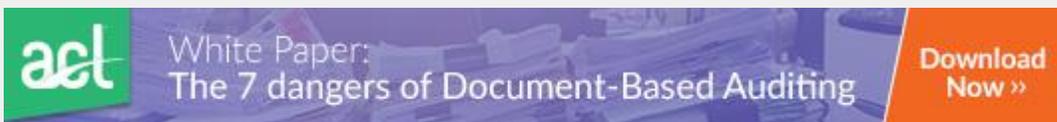
Note: The AGA Chapter signs up for a single-site group webinar license. We can only award CPE for on-site attendance under the agreement.

NATIONAL NEWS

Award season is underway!

Nominate an individual or chapter for AGA's Awards of Distinction by March 31. Winners will be recognized at PDT 2018 in Orlando.

[learn more](#)



acl White Paper: The 7 dangers of Document-Based Auditing [Download Now >>](#)

It's time to renew

Renew now and secure your AGA benefits — like registration to the 2018 CFO/CIO Summit on May 1 — a free event for members who work in government. Don't let your membership (and benefits) pass you by.

[renew now](#)

NOTABLE *and* quotable



“Our chapter leadership has learned that excellent customer service results in better participation during chapter events, increased ownership of assigned tasks, and more active members joining the CEC.”

Matthew R. Little, MBA, GB, CFS, NP
Accountant, Audit Readiness Military Services Division,
DFAS Columbus
President-Elect, AGA Greater Columbus Chapter

Last call for *Journal* articles on building the profession

Get published. Summer 2018 article submissions are due March 1.

[learn more](#)



Upcoming events
View AGA's calendar
for national and
chapter events.

[learn more](#)



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[test yourself](#)



Chapter spotlight
New York Chapter
65th anniversary on
Feb. 25
Congratulations!

Aim for CGFM success this spring!

Attend the CGFM Intensive Review Course and we'll cover the cost of your exams.

[register now](#)



AGA supports students

Are you or a family member pursuing a degree in a financial management discipline? Applications for our academic scholarships are due April 16.

[learn more](#)

GASB wants your input on revenue and expense recognition

Weigh in on two models for state and local governments: an exchange/non-exchange model and a performance obligation/no performance obligation model.

[learn more](#)



Federal financial leadership program

Develop the executive communication, strategic thinking and stakeholder engagement skills needed to play a critical role in leading agency operations. March 16 is the deadline to apply for the program, led by the Partnership for Public Service.

[learn more](#)

Did you know?

AGA has nearly 70 valuable courses — from accounting and auditing to performance measurement and communication techniques — that we can bring to your staff, at your place of business.

[view catalog](#)

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 radivojevich@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 Mary Laufenberg, Education Chair, at maryendres6998@gmail.com)

Over the past couple of months, we were contacted with great 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!

Calendar of Events 2017 – 2018

September 2016 – Board Meeting

September 20, 2016 – Luncheon Meeting Topic -- Madison Metro Budget, Location -- The Rigby Pub and Grill, 119 East Main Street, Madison, WI 53703

October 3, 2017 – Board Meeting

October 26, 2017 – Luncheon Meeting Topic -- Madison Police Department will discuss their budget and expenditures on police drones.

November 7, 2017 – Board Meeting

November 16, 2017 – Luncheon Meeting

December 2017 – No Board Meeting

January 9, 2018 – Board Meeting

January 25, 2018 – Luncheon Meeting Topic - Annual Tax Update, location Babe's Restaurant, 5614 Schroeder Road, Madison, Wisconsin, 53711

February 6, 2018 – Board Meeting

February 22, 2018 – Luncheon Meeting Topic – A Brief History of the Capitol and the Story of its Restoration/Rehabilitation/Preservation, location Rigby Pub and Grill, 119 East Main Street, Madison, WI 53703

March 6, 2018 – Board Meeting, Parkview Restaurant

March 28, 2018 – Luncheon Meeting Webinar, Cybersecurity, location Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA)/Department of Tourism Building, 201 W Washington, Madison WI 53703

April 3, 2018 – Board Meeting

April 11, 2018 – Webinar, Beyond the Code: Ethics in The Real World, DOA St Croix Room.

May 1, 2018 – Board Meeting

May 6, 2018 – Community Service Event – MS Walk

May 9, 2018 – Annual Spring Symposium, UW-Madison Union South

June 5, 2018 – Board Meeting, to be determined

June 13, 2018 – Webinar, Leadership, Dept of Health Services, 1 West Wilson

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

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



SOUTHERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

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