

# Monthly Footnotes

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## Luncheon Meeting

Welcome all Members and Non- Members

**TOPIC:** Charter Schools in Wisconsin

**SPEAKER:** Barry Golden, Educational Consultant, Department of Public Instruction

**DATE:** Thursday, November 15, 2007      **COST:** \$ 5 for Members  
\$10 for Non-Members

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

**PLACE:** Babe's American Grill, 5614 Schroeder Road (just off intersection of Hwy 12 and Whitney Way, across from Vitense Mini Golf)

**MENU CHOICES:** Meals include vegetable and garlic mashed potatoes (except pasta)  
Pesto Penne Pasta      Meatloaf      Baked Chicken

**RESERVATIONS:** Please call **Sherri Voigt** by 11 a.m. on Monday, November 12, 2007 with your name, menu selection and membership status, (608) 267-9818 or e-mail: [sherri.voigt@wisconsin.gov](mailto:sherri.voigt@wisconsin.gov). If you need help getting a ride to the lunch, please contact Sherri for car-pooling information.

### NEW MEMBERS FIRST LUNCHEON MEETING

If you are a new member and this will be the first luncheon you are attending, please note that when calling in your reservation; your first chapter luncheon meeting is FREE!

### BRING YOUR SUPERVISOR TO LUNCH ON AGA

One of the benefits of belonging to our Chapter is that you can bring you Supervisor to lunch once annually to show your appreciation for his/her support of your participation in AGA. Why not invite them for this months meeting?

**Remember!** Attend any 3 training sessions from September to February and earn a coupon for a free lunch during March, April, or May!

### ABOUT THE LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Barry Golden is an Education Consultant with the Department of Public Instruction working with Charter Schools. He previously worked with the Department on technology grants dealing with Science and Social Studies programs in Middle Schools. He also ran his own

consulting business working with schools on designing and installing computer networks and providing technical support. Prior to that, Barry worked in the Poynette, La Crosse and Milwaukee school districts as well as CESA 5 based in Portage. Barry has an Administrative Certification from UW-Madison, an MS in Education from UW-Milwaukee and a Bachelors Degree from UW-La Crosse. He was born and raised on a dairy farm in Wisconsin.

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

**Eric Busse**

Hi Everyone,

As I write this, I just wanted to share with everyone that there is only 53 days until Christmas. I would also like to share with you that our food drives the past couple luncheons have been very good. I don't have exacts on it yet, but from the smiles that Sheri had on her face, we did well.....so thank you to all that contributed either food or a monetary donation.

Our last month's speaker was Greg Engle from the Office of Justice Assistance on the Topic of Homeland Security. He informed us that his office went through a rigorous exercise to complete the state grant of which they scored a perfect 100. He also explained that their office was not just limited to possible military type attacks, but to work with local and county agencies on other issues that would disrupt the daily routine, such as: natural disasters like weather related, border patrol, fires and more. I would like to thank Greg for his very informative presentation and would hope we don't have to use his services, but glad they are there to assist us.

If you would like to nominate someone to serve on our chapter board, we welcome others to get involved. Anyone interested in taking a more active role in the chapter should look at the vacancies on the last page of the newsletter. Feel free to contact me or any of the board members for more information or attend a board meeting.

### **Congratulations to Mary Laufenberg, CGFM!**

Please join the chapter in welcoming our newest CGFM! Mary Laufenberg passed the final part of the CGFM exam on October 22nd. Mary is a Senior Accountant with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

### **Thank You - Southern Wisconsin AGA Chapter**

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to the AGA Southern Wisconsin Chapter that made available the 2-day training on October 16-17, 2007 covering Governmental Financial Management and Control that helped me in studying to obtain the CGFM designation.

Mary E. Laufenberg, CGFM, 608/266-1670

### **Community Service Update**

Thank you to everyone who brought non-perishable goods or cash/check donations to the September and October lunches. We collected four bags of grocery items and \$82. The chapter will make a matching donation to Second Harvest.

## 13 Universities Competing in AGA's First Government Finance Case Challenge

Thirteen universities from across the U.S. received a government financial management case on October 15 to solve within 2 weeks. The teams submitted their responses to AGA on October 29. A six-member panel will review the responses and select the top two teams on November 26. Finally, the top two teams will offer a response of up to 25 minutes at the 2008 National Leadership Conference, February 21-22, 2008. Unfortunately, no student teams from the 29 invited public and private Wisconsin colleges and universities entered the challenge this year. If you have contacts with your Wisconsin alma mater or any Wisconsin college or university, be sure to mention this case challenge to accounting or business faculty in case AGA continues the challenge next year. Maybe a student team from your school will win next year. [Learn more.](#)

### From The National Office



The National Office welcomes old friend **Bobby Derrick, CGFM**, AGA's 2004–2005 National President, to the staff as a field representative.

Bobby is based at his home in Indianapolis, but will be traveling frequently to help AGA chapters around the country and discuss AGA programs, including the CGFM credential, audio conferences, educational offerings and more.

“I want the chapters to know that they can start calling me and inviting me to their meetings and/or training events to speak, to meet with their employing agencies/firms, and to know that my purpose is to help them where needed,” Derrick said. “The bottom line is that I want to help our chapters increase their membership, establish new chapters and revitalize existing chapters.”

Derrick said, “The good news is that I will be available any time by coming out to the chapters and being ‘on the ground.’ I am looking forward to working with our National staff, regional structure and our volunteer leaders.”

Bobby can be reached at [bderrick@lightbound.com](mailto:bderrick@lightbound.com), [bderrick@agacgfm.org](mailto:bderrick@agacgfm.org) or 317.826.7850 (work) or 317.514.3332 (cell).

## First Federal Agencies Sign On to Produce Four-Page, Citizen-Focused Reports

The U.S. Coast Guard, the Denali Commission and the U.S. Department of Defense have all committed to producing ‘annual state of the government’ reports, as a result of AGA’s initiative to encourage governmental entities to produce concise, four-page documents that spell out the pertinent facts citizens need to get a full picture about their governments.

The reports, designed to be visually appealing, provide information that is easily understandable about the performance and financial condition of the government as well as demographics and future challenges—that answer the question, “Are we better off today than we were last year?”

These federal agencies join a [growing list of state and local governments](#) who are producing these reports and answering the call for fiscal accountability and transparency.

You are a citizen. Why not reach out to your local government, setup an appointment and convey the importance of this type of reporting to the citizens. Be sure to stress that producing a report doesn't take a super human effort! Most of the information is already available from other sources. Plus, AGA has available a **Content Guidelines Template** outlining what information should be included on each page as well as a **Design Guidelines Template** outlining the physical layout of the report.

We believe these reports provide greater transparency and accountability in government and better serve the public interest by getting the most essential information into the hands of the people who need it most—the citizens! [Check out the entire program, including completed reports.](#)



### Fall Into Recruitment and Win

It may be taking awhile for it to feel like autumn in some areas of the country, but it is officially fall. It's also time to fall into recruitment in AGA's **We Have a Dream** Member-Get-A-Member campaign.

Many members have been falling into recruitment by sponsoring new members into AGA. Seven AGA members have already earned FREE national dues for next year for sponsoring six or more new members since May 1, 2007. Nine other AGA members need one more recruit to reach that mark! Do you want to have your 2008–2009 AGA membership dues paid for you, too? It's easy! Recruit six or more new members by Dec. 31, 2007.

All you really need to do is recruit one member to benefit from the **We Have a Dream** campaign. Your first new recruit will not only earn you an AGA Sponsor pin—but will help strengthen your chapter and your Association as a whole—and that benefits everyone! Each AGA member is challenged to recruit at least one new member in this year's campaign. Our goal is to continue the positive net growth in membership that we experienced this past year.

Remember to reach out to those early career members—individuals just starting out in their careers, with fewer than three years of experience. Be sure to steer them to [AGA's Tomorrow's Professionals website](#)—chock full of useful information.

There are so many ways to win during the 2008–2009 **We Have a Dream** campaign. [Check out the campaign details](#) and start falling for recruitment today!



### Distance No Obstacle to Success for AGA's Guam Chapter

AGA's Guam Chapter has pulled off several feats that would make a CGFM superhero blush:

- Guam's Office of the Public Auditor offers a one-step pay increase to employees who pass the three CGFM Examinations. CGFMs also receiving hiring preference there.
- Top AGA leaders have visited the island to meet

with government officials and speak to the chapter, including at least three Past National Presidents.

- For the last three years, members have persuaded legislators to commit \$25,000 to the chapter to provide continuing education to government employees.
- Most recently, members did all the footwork involved in offering AGA's six-day series of Government Financial Management training courses, which provided 48 CPE hours to more than 30 government finance professionals in July.

For a small chapter located 6,000 miles from the West Coast of the United States, no obstacle is too great. [Read the entire article.](#)

### New AGA-Sponsored Courses

AGA's Education Department is committed to assisting government financial professionals with quality development and training programs. Therefore, we are pleased to announce several NEW additions to the AGA-sponsored course curriculum.

- Single Audits (A-133)—Bridging the Expectation Gap
- Internal Controls for Auditors—Assessing Risk and Controls in Government Audits
- Internal Controls for Manager and Staff—Running an Effective Government Organization
- Internal Controls in the Federal Government—Understand A-123
- Contract Auditing

In addition we offer the following courses:

- Federal Financial Management
- Fiscal Anatomy of a State or Local Government Program
- Ethical Decision-Making
- Fraud Detection and Prevention
- Transitional Leadership

[Read a brief description of these courses.](#)

The courses can be presented at your workplace. If your training needs are larger in scope or require a more customized approach, we can help assemble a tailored program that fits your organizational needs. Contact [Joe Jozefczyk](#) or [Julie Sanders](#) to learn more.

### Member News

**Jason Denmeade**, president of AGA's Cleveland Chapter, has been promoted to Systems Accountant, Navy Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's (DFAS) Cleveland Center.

## CGFM Corner



### CGFM Profile: Yuka Cabrera

**Yuka Cabrera, CGFM, CIA, CPA**, of Guam's Office of the Public Auditor, attended AGA's Government Financial Management training courses, which were brought to the island at the end of July. After six days of training, Cabrera sat for all three CGFM Examinations and passed. Here is what she had to say about her experience:

#### Q: Why were you were interested in becoming certified?

A: My interest in the CGFM was spurred by our office's involvement with our local AGA chapter. All OPA employees are members and more than half of the office heads or serves on the executive committee. I am already a CPA and a CIA and it seemed logical to pursue

the CGFM particularly because of its focus on government. The OPA encourages the staff to pursue national certifications and the CGFM is one of them along with the CPA, CIA and CFE. [Read the entire interview.](#)

## Articles

### **Ethics (Article submitted by Cindy Cox, RVP, North Central Region)**

In today's crazy world of scandals, I hear more and more people talking about the importance of ethics. We try to find good speakers who can entertain us on this subject. I have added an ethics question to my first round of interview questions that I use on college campuses. I ask the interviewees to describe a time when someone important in their lives has displayed ethical behavior and how it helped shape them. Of all the questions I ask in the first round, I can honestly say that this question is the most difficult for them to answer. I have even had interviewees "pass" on the question, which just amazes me. Based on recent interviews with poor responses to this question, I started thinking about AGA and wondered what AGA had to say about ethics.

Did you know that AGA has a code of ethics? I always assumed AGA did, but I can honestly say that I had never taken the time to read them. Assuming that you are no different than me, I have reprinted the main body of AGA's Code of Ethics for you in this article. You can read more by visiting AGA's website, [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org).

To get yourself up-to-speed on ethics, I encourage you to read the rest of this article, visit the website, and then think about what your answer would be to my question, "Describe a time in your life where someone important to you displayed ethical behavior". Then follow that question with, "Would someone use me as their example, and what would they say about my behavior?" Finally, remember, ethics is what you do when no one is watching.

### **Reprinted from AGA's Code of Ethics**

The Association of Government Accountants believes that its members first and foremost serve the public interest in accordance with the highest ethical principles. This Code of Ethics is both a standard of behavior to aspire to and a guide for making ethical decisions. The code contains specific language that sets the minimum expected levels of behavior. Violators are subject to disciplinary action. However, the code is not simply a set of rules. It also creates an expectation that the Association's members will do the right thing in any given situation.

### **Objectives**

The code recognizes that the objectives of the government financial management profession are to work at the highest standards of professionalism, to attain the highest levels of performance and generally to meet the public interest requirement set out above. These objectives require that four basic needs be met:

- **Credibility:** Society needs credibility in government information and information systems.
- **Professionalism:** The public, employers, clients and other interested parties need to easily identify professionals in the government financial management field.
- **Quality of Services:** The public needs the assurance that all services obtained from a government financial manager are carried out to the highest standards of performance.
- **Confidence:** Users of the services of government financial managers should be able to feel confident that there is a framework of professional ethics that governs the provision of those services.

### Principles

In order to achieve the objectives of our profession, government financial managers must observe certain fundamental principles, which are:

- **Integrity:** Be straightforward and honest in performing professional services.
- **Objectivity:** Be fair and do not allow prejudice or bias, conflict of interest or influence of others to override objectivity.
- **Professional Competence and Due Care:** Perform professional services with due care, competence, and diligence. Recognize the continuing duty to maintain professional knowledge and skill at a level required to ensure that an employer or client receives the advantage of competent professional service based on up-to-date developments in practice, legislation, and techniques.
- **Confidentiality:** Respect the confidentiality of information acquired during the course of performing professional services and do not disclose or use any such information without proper and specific authority or unless there is a legal or professional right or duty to disclose.
- **Professional Behavior:** Act in a manner consistent with the good reputation of the profession and refrain from any conduct that might bring discredit to the profession.
- **Technical Standards:** Carry out professional services in accordance with the relevant technical and professional standards. Recognize the duty to carry out with care and skill, the instructions of the employer or client insofar as they are compatible with the requirements of integrity, objectivity and, where applicable, independence.

### Personal Behavior

1. Actively promote and encourage the highest level of ethics within the government financial management community.
2. Conduct yourself with integrity, dignity, and respect for others.
3. Transmit or use confidential information obtained in your professional work only for the purpose intended and not for personal gain or other advantage or to the disadvantage of others.
4. Adhere to the standards of conduct of your employer and any professional associations or organizations of which you are a member.

## **Professional Competence and Performance**

5. Strive to perform the duties of your position and supervise the work of your subordinates with the highest degree of professional care.
6. Continually seek to increase your professional knowledge and skills to improve your service to employers, associates, and fellow members.
7. Render opinions, observations, or conclusions for official purposes only after appropriate consideration of the pertinent facts and after assuring yourself that you have the appropriate expertise and are free from real or perceived conflicts of interest.
8. Exercise diligence, objectivity, and honesty in your professional activities and be aware of your responsibility to disclose improprieties that come to your attention to the appropriate parties.
9. Be aware of and strive to apply work-related requirements and standards prescribed by authorized government agencies and employers.

## **Responsibilities to Others**

10. Consider the public interest to be paramount in carrying out your duties.
11. Avoid any activity that creates or gives the appearance of a conflict with your employer-related responsibilities.

### **Defense Comptroller: Financial Management Better Than Perceived**

Defense Comptroller Tina W. Jonas last Wednesday defended her department's progress in improving financial management, despite the fact the U.S. Department of Defense and military services have never been able to produce the kind of financial reporting statements required by law. "We know where our money is. We track our money. We send accounting reports to Congress and we tell them by appropriation and line item where the money went and what it went for," Jonas said at a breakfast in Washington sponsored by the Association of Government Accountants. The ability to produce annual consolidated financial statements, as required by the 1990 Chief Financial Officers Act, has been the Holy Grail for federal finance and accounting staff, and agencies have in some cases gone to extraordinary lengths to garner clean audit opinions from independent accounting firms. But the Homeland Security and Defense departments have yet to be able to produce the statements. —Katherine McIntire Peters, *Government Executive*. [Read the entire article and see photos from the event.](#)



### **HUD CFO Discusses AGA CEAR Program on Radio Show**

John Cox, chief financial officer of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), discussed HUD's progress in finance and accountability on the IBM Business of Government radio program on Oct. 13. He talked about how HUD received [AGA's prestigious Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting](#), or CEAR Award. Cox said in part, "I think it provided us some validation that in fact, we're trying to make improvements. Now, I will also be honest with you and tell you they gave

us several pages of suggested improvements for this year, which we are going through, and so our work is not complete by any stretch of the imagination. There's a lot more we can do to simplify it." [Read the transcript.](#)

### **Full Disclosure 1, Texas Law 0**

Although recent Texas law gives pension funds an out, the \$26 billion Employees Retirement System of Texas will follow a nationwide accounting rule and fully disclose the cost of the retirement benefits it has promised to state workers. Ann Fuelberg, executive director of the system, told trustees at their meeting Oct. 12 in Bastrop that the system will comply with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Rule 45, or GASB 45. Fuelberg mentioned the new Texas law that allows state governmental entities to shorthand their tally of retirement benefits, but said the system had decided to follow GASB 45. Texas is the only state to have rejected the rule. The anti-GASB law allows Texas governmental entities to bypass the rule if they want to and report only the money they currently spend on post-retirement benefits. GASB 45, by contrast, calls for a more detailed forecast of costs and asks governments to outline plans to pay those costs. —Robert Elder, *The Austin American-Statesman*. [Read more.](#)

### **Texas Opens Online 'Window' to its Finances**

An online "window" to Texas state government now allows viewers to climb in and rummage through the checkbook. Texas this month joined a handful of states and the federal government in posting detailed financial information on the Internet. Anyone with strong eyeballs and an investigative spirit now can search for pork or find out if their neighbor's business sells widgets to the state. The "Where The Money Goes" feature on the [comptroller's website](#) is the result of legislation by a group of thirty something, tech-savvy lawmakers. Rep. Mark Strama, D-Austin, a technology consultant who founded the first company to register voters online, wrote the bill that required the online database. He modeled it after federal legislation passed last year. Texas joins Kansas, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Hawaii, and Missouri in setting up searchable spending sites. "It's really helpful for voters to be as educated as they can about how their taxpayer dollars get allocated," Strama said. —Janet Elliott, *The Houston Chronicle*. [Read the entire article.](#)

### **Federal Accounting Corner**

#### **Imprest Fund and Cash Reconciliation: New Guidance**

Before FY2002, imprest funds were treated like an advance. They had to be supported by an obligation and were reported on the budgetary side by account 4802 Undelivered Orders - Obligations, Prepaid/Advance. On the FMS-2108 Year-end Closing Statement, creating an imprest fund reduced the cash at Treasury (columns 2 and 5) and available funding (column 11). Starting in FY2002, Treasury guidance required that the balance of the imprest fund be committed and not obligated. Further, when the funds are transferred from Treasury to the imprest fund, no advance should be recorded. — Simcha Kurisky, CGFM, CPA. [Read the entire column.](#)

### **Housing Downturn Takes Toll on Cities' Revenue**

Suddenly everyone wants more from Chicago's taxpayers. Mayor Richard M. Daley asked for a 15 percent jump in the property tax. Todd H. Stroger, the president of Cook County's board, called for increases in sales, gasoline, and parking taxes. And all that does not even begin to address ways of keeping the financially troubled bus and train systems running. While Chicago's case may be extreme, it is by no means unique.

Across the country, local governments are feeling a financial strain driven largely by the nation's real estate downturn. City finance officers predict slowing revenue even as they remain under pressure to keep spending, especially in areas like health care and pensions, according to an [annual survey by the National League of Cities](#). To handle budget deficits they now expect, many cities are increasing fees for services, and some are considering raising property taxes, said the report. "We know what's coming here," said one author, Christopher W. Hoene, director of policy and research for the National League of Cities. "If the housing market continues to flatten out or even decline, we're in for some tough times for cities." —Monica Davey, *The New York Times*. [Read the entire article.](#)

### **CFOs, IGs Share Best Practices for Financial Reports**

Agency chief financial officers and inspectors general have developed a set of best practices to share for coordinating the preparation and audit of annual federal financial statements. A key point is to start early. The CFO Council and the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency produced the guide to promote clear expectations defined early and often, continuous communication, and a shared commitment to improve agency financial management. An agency CFO prepares the financial statement according to federal accounting principles and also evaluates the use of internal controls to assure financial management under the Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-123. The IG audits the financial statement to give an opinion about its reliability based on the management of risk of its internal controls, states the [report](#), posted Oct. 1. "When implemented by CFO and IG management, the best practices presented in this document can facilitate a more efficient and effective audit," the two groups said, especially in planning, scheduling implementation, new standards and policy, and changes in the control environment. —Mary Mosquera, *Federal Computer News*. [Read the entire article.](#)

## **Employment Opportunities**



### **Los Angeles Unified School District**

Put your talents to work making a difference today for the kids who will make a different tomorrow. **LA Unified School District** is seeking a **Forensic Accountant** in our Office of Inspector General. We have a generous benefits package and environment for work/life balance. Visit us at [www.lausdjobs.org](http://www.lausdjobs.org) or (213) 353-4212.

## **SHARE YOUR NEWS**

Do you have some interesting news that your fellow chapter members may be interested in? If so, please submit an article to the Newsletter Editor at [radivl@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:radivl@dhfs.state.wi.us). Deadline for submission of articles is the 25th of the month.

## **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: [www.agacqfm.org/membership/form\\_address.htm](http://www.agacqfm.org/membership/form_address.htm).



## Southern Wisconsin Chapter Calendar of Events for 2007-2008

August 14, 2007 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

September 11, 2007 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

September 19, 2007 – E-mail Etiquette, Cindy and Ron Cox (Dayton Street Café)

October 16-17, 2007 – Government Financial Management and Controls Training Course, Inn on the Park

October 25, 2007 – Wisconsin's Homeland Security Grant Program, Greg Engle, OJA (Coliseum Bar)

**November 13, 2007 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison**

**November 15, 2007 – Charter Schools in Wisconsin, Barry Golden, DPI (Babe's)**

No December Luncheon Meeting

January 22, 2008 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

January 24, 2008 – Annual Tax Update (Imperial Garden)

February 19, 2008 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

February 21, 2008 – luncheon topic and location to-be determined

March 11, 2008 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

March 11, 2008 – Federal Common Rule/Indirect Cost Training (Tripp Commons, UW-Memorial Union)

March 20, 2008 – luncheon topic and location to-be determined

April 8, 2008 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

April 24, 2008 – luncheon topic and location to-be determined

May 6, 2008 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

May 13, 2008 - *Annual Spring Symposium*, Tripp Commons, UW-Madison Memorial Union (note date change from last month's newsletter)

May 22, 2008 – luncheon topic and location to-be determined

June 10, 2008 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

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

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