

# Monthly Footnotes

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## **Luncheon Meeting** **Welcome Members and Non-Members**

**TOPIC:** The Legislative Audit Bureau - Auditing and Accountability

**SPEAKER:** Janice Mueller, State Auditor, Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau

**DATE:** Thursday - May 22, 2008

**LUNCH:** 11:45 A.M.                      **REGISTRATION:** 11:30 A.M.

**COST:** \$5 for Members, \$10 for Non-Members

**PLACE:** Dayton Street Café (in The Concourse, 1 West Dayton)

**MENU:** All meals include coffee, tea, or fountain soda.

- ◆ **Salad Bar** – Features more than 20 salad selections, homemade soups, freshly baked bread, and assorted desserts
- ◆ **BLT** – Smoked bacon, vine-ripened tomato, red romaine lettuce, pesto, on ciabatta bread, with fries
- ◆ **Classic Grilled Burger** – Hamburger topped with aged cheddar cheese, with fries

**RESERVATIONS:** Please call **Sherri Voigt** by **11 a.m. on Monday, May 19, 2008** with your name 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 your Supervisor to lunch once annually to show your appreciation for his/her support of your participation in AGA. Why not invite them to this month's meeting?

### **ABOUT THIS MONTH'S LUNCHEON SPEAKER**

As Wisconsin's State Auditor, Janice Mueller has directed the work of the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau for the past decade. In this presentation, she will: briefly describe the role of the Legislative Audit Bureau; highlight examples of the ways in which the

Bureau's recommendations have enhanced government operations; and foreshadow key challenges that lie ahead for the government auditing and program evaluation professions. Janice Mueller was appointed State Auditor by the leaders of the Wisconsin Legislature in March 1998, the first woman to serve in that capacity. In her role as State Auditor, Jan leads and directs the operations of the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau, which conducts both financial audits and program evaluations of state agencies and programs.

Under her leadership, the Bureau has released over 300 program and financial audits covering a wide array of state programs and agencies since 1998. The Bureau is nationally recognized as a leader in the field of financial auditing and program evaluation. The Government Performance Project's *Grading the States 2008* said,

"Wisconsin's Legislative Audit Bureau remains among the most important and credible audit shops in the country. Not only has the office proved itself willing to go after the hot-button news items of the day, it has managed to direct the legislature's attention to crucial management deficiencies."

In both 2006 and 2003, the Bureau received unqualified opinions on its financial auditing work from the National State Auditors Association. In addition, the Bureau received the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society's 2002 *Award for Excellence in Evaluation* in recognition of its adherence to the highest performance standards across a body of evaluative work.

In addition to her service as an ex-officio member of the Audit Committee of the State of Wisconsin Investment Board, Jan also is a member of the National State Auditors Association, the Association of Government Accountants, and the Advisory Board of the Accounting and Information Systems Department of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's School of Business. In recognition of her achievements and her commitment to public service, Jan was named a 2004 recipient of the *Wisconsin's First Woman* award by Wisconsin Women in Government.

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

**Eric Busse**

Now that the snow is over (I hope), will someone please shut off the faucet in the clouds. I guess we shouldn't complain, last year we had about the same amount of rain, it just happened at night, but the days were nice. Maybe May will be better than April.

This is the last month of our program year. We had a Community Service event on Sunday May 4 for the MS Walk, which is a very worthy cause. May 13 is our annual symposium. Registration forms were emailed out to all members and are also available on the chapter website. May 22 will be our last luncheon of the year and will be at the Concourse. Janice Mueller, State Auditor from Legislative Audit Bureau will be the speaker. When you sign up, if you are going to use a free lunch coupon, let Sherri know at that time, I know she will appreciate it.

Our luncheon speaker last month was Steve Censky of the State of Wisconsin, Controllers Office. He gave us a history of the state financial ups and downs over the past 20 plus years. It was very interesting to see how and why things have developed the way they did.

Please mark your calendar to attend the monthly luncheons. Not only can you receive CPE credit for attending, you can make new contacts, see old ones, and even take part in the discussions. Remember, if you are new member and you are attending your first luncheon, just let us know and that lunch is on us.

We still have a couple of vacancies if you would like to nominate someone (and it could be yourself) 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 any of the board members for more information or attend a board meeting.

## Congratulations to Team-AGA on the MS Walk

Sunday, May 4 dawned as a lovely, sunny spring day. There was a bit of a chill in the breeze off the lake, but it couldn't have been better for the MS-Walk.

We had 6 people participate in the MS Walk-2008: Dorothy LaMar, Mary Laufenberg, Kelly Williams, Mary Williams, Joe Stertz, and Sherri Voigt. This was a good-sized group for the first year of AGA involvement. As a team, we raised \$395.00. This gives us a good benchmark for next year. Thank you to everyone who pledged on-line or by cash/check!



## From The National Office

### From the National President, Richard L. Fair, CGFM, CPA

The government accountability community has lost a great leader, **William R. Snodgrass**, Comptroller Emeritus, and State of Tennessee.



After serving in the military from 1943–1946, Mr. Snodgrass began his long career in state service in 1947 as a research analyst, and later as a consultant on municipal accounting and finance at the University of Tennessee. In 1953, newly elected Gov. Frank G. Clement appointed Snodgrass as the state budget director. In January 1955, Snodgrass was first elected as Comptroller of the Treasury. He served for 22 consecutive

two-year terms until his semi-retirement in January 1999—a career that spanned the terms of seven different governors and 23 General Assemblies.



Throughout his service, Mr. Snodgrass was at the forefront of the governmental accountability movement at the local, state, and national levels. He served on the executive committee of the National Legislative Conference from 1970–1974 and served as its staff chairman in 1973–1974. He went on to serve on the first executive committee of the newly formed National Conference of State Legislators in 1974–1975.

Snodgrass was on the executive committee of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers from 1975–1980 and served as its president in 1978–1979. Additionally, he served on the executive committee of the Municipal Finance Officers Association (now known as the Government Finance Officers Association) in 1980–1983. Mr. Snodgrass was an AGA member, and among the numerous honors he received was the Association's Distinguished Leadership Award in 1988. Several years ago, AGA named its Distinguished State Government Leadership Award for Snodgrass. He was a strong supporter of AGA's Nashville Chapter, one of the Association's most dynamic chapters, which was founded by members of his staff.

It is obvious that Mr. Snodgrass had a long and distinguished career promoting government accountability and his impact can still be felt today. What I will remember most about him was his quiet demeanor and great respect for others in his profession. I have never met anyone who more personifies the qualities of a true "Southern gentleman". We in the AGA community mourn his loss.

Please join me in expressing our condolences to his wife Faye (shown with Mr. Snodgrass above at AGA's tribute during the 2007 PDC in Nashville) and the entire Snodgrass family.

Thank you.

### **Rick**

Over the last week, members of Mr. Snodgrass's former staff in Tennessee as well as others from around the country have written to AGA to express their thoughts on his passing and his legacy. [View the tribute.](#)

[Read AGA's interview with Mr. Snodgrass from the Winter 2000 \*Journal of Government Financial Management\*.](#)

[Read Mr. Snodgrass's obituary in \*The Tennessean\*.](#)

### **This Week on the AGA Blog**

Bookmark the AGA Blog at <http://aga.typepad.com/aga/>. This week's guests are:

**Monday: Eric Berman**, deputy controller, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and AGA GASAC Representative on "Demystifying Derivatives?"

**Tuesday: Jeff Steinhoff**, retired managing director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO, and AGA Past National President on "It's Never Too Late for Certification--Learning is a Lifelong Journey"

## Wednesday: AGA

**Thursday: Lisa Parker, CPA, GASB**, on "The Citizen-Centric Reporting Efforts in Saco, Maine"

**Friday: Mike Kristek, CGFM**, retired, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Energy, on "Are the IGs and Other Federal Auditors Doing Enough to Improve Government Accountability?"

Questions about how to post a comment or how to subscribe to the feed that sends blog entries straight to your e-mail address. [Find out more here](#). Want to spend a day as our guest on the blog? Contact [Marie Force](#), communications director.

## Complimentary Research Report Available from AGA

AGA facilitates discussions at all levels of government on new approaches to improving accountability and transparency, and coordinates a wide range of leading-edge research projects that promote those goals. This past year, AGA published an unprecedented eight research studies, bringing the total to 14.

The latest report—[\*21st Century Federal Financial Managers: A New Mix of Skills and Educational Levels\*](#)—is now available. The study identifies the skills federal financial managers need to do the work of the government in the 21st Century and makes recommendations for action to improve the capacity and capability of the work force.

Key findings include:

- A recognition that the financial management work force lacks basic financial management competencies, and
- Acknowledgment of the need for more people with analytical, decision support, and oral and written communication skills

Contact [Susan Fritzlen](#) for paper copies of this report.

## NAPA/AGA Plan Panel to Advise Next Administration

The National Academy of Public Administration and AGA cordially invite you to participate with an expert panel of senior government executives and industry experts to develop a targeted list of priorities in government financial management for the next administration. The session is slated for 2 – 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, at The National Academy of Public Administration, 900 Seventh St., N.W., Suite 600, Washington, D.C.

National Academy Fellow and AGA President-Elect **Samuel T. Mok, CGFM, CIA**, will serve as moderator for an energetic discussion among the distinguished panelists and an expert response panel:

**Steve O. App, CGFM**, Deputy to the Chairman and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)

**Michael J. Hettinger**, Director of Practice Planning and Marketing, Grant Thornton LLP; Former Staff Director, Government Reform Subcommittee on Management, Finance and Accountability

**Wendy Payne, CGFM**, Executive Director, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB)

**Relmond P. Van Daniker, DBA, CPA**, Executive Director, AGA

**Daniel I. Werfel**, Acting Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Space is limited. For more information, contact [Eveanna Barry](#).

### **The Real Reason Employees Leave, and How to Keep The Best**

Why do people leave teams and organizations? The No. 1 reason people leave jobs is because they fail to connect with their bosses as leaders and as people. People are rarely honest about why they leave a company. Too many associates that depart follow Jimmy Conway's advice (played by Robert DeNiro) in the 1990 hit movie "Goodfellas," who told Henry Hill (played by Ray Liotta), "Never rat on your friends and keep your mouth shut." There is no upside incentive for the employee to be open and honest. The primary reason people leave companies is because of the relationship and lack of emotional connection with their boss. However, it is almost never talked about in the exit interview. Why? Who wants to burn a bridge with a boss they may need for a future job reference? --Jim Welch, *AccountingWEB*. [Read more.](#)

### **AGA's PDC Brings the Heat: Hot Topics, Informative Education Sessions, Networking and a Scorching Good Time!**

In addition to an outstanding educational program, the PDC is packed with unparalleled opportunities to network, exchange ideas and meet new friends. Take advantage of the many social events and enjoy the music, food, and attractions that Atlanta has to offer. Whether you come alone or with a group, you will have many opportunities to network in informal settings. In addition to connecting with friends at breakfasts, luncheons and refreshment breaks, be sure to attend these fun, festive events. [Find out more!](#)

### **Register Now and Save! Early Registration Deadline: June 27**

Registration could not be easier. You can register online or print the registration form to register by fax or mail. Advance registration discounts apply to all forms received before June 27.

Build on the dream... show your commitment a more accountable future—register today!

- [Register Online and Save!](#)
- [Download Registration Form](#)
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## **CGFM Corner**



### **CGFM Helps PwC's Federal Practice Better Serve its Government Clients**

"Stale, old and dated," was how **Carter Pate** described his knowledge of federal financial management when he was asked to reinvigorate the U.S. federal practice for PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, but that was before he teamed up with AGA to earn his CGFM. Pate, a managing partner in Dallas, moved to Washington, D.C. in July 2004 after more than 20 years on the commercial side. Although he is a nationally known business restructuring expert, author, former CEO and chairman of several public companies and

founding partner of his own national consulting firm, Pate still worried he was rusty on the specifics of governmental accounting. Pate asked around, looking for the best course of study to improve his skills. A number of government finance professionals suggested earning the CGFM credential. "It was exactly what I was looking for," Pate said. [Click here to read the entire article.](#)

### **New PCB Member: Financial Managers Are Integral Part of Decision-making Team**

**Capt. Larry White, CGFM, CPA, CMA, CFM**, believes government finance professionals play a key role in managing their agencies that goes well beyond preparing required financial reports. It is not enough to produce reliable and timely accounting information. Government financial managers must do a better job of explaining how program managers can connect accounting data, broader economic and nonfinancial data to make better operational decisions. White, the newest member of AGA's Professional Certification Board (PCB), says AGA's CGFM credential contributes to this goal by helping financial managers see the big picture. The three CGFM Examinations focus not only on the importance of clean financial statements, but a wide range of business issues covering all three levels of government. [Click here to read the entire article.](#)

### **Take the CGFM Examinations Before the PDC**

AGA is once again offering a great opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM before the 57th Annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC) in Atlanta. We are offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on **Thursday, July 24**, and **Friday, July 25, 2008**, and an opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations on July 26-27, 2008. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: The CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.



More information and a registration form for this event are available on the [AGA website](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Crystal Vanison](#) at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 316.

## **Articles**

### **FMSB Weighs in on HUD Proposal**

AGA's Financial Management Standards Board (FMSB) sent a comment letter April 7 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on its proposed rule to establish an Independent Public Accountant Roster. The FMSB had some concerns about the proposal. [Read the comment letter.](#)

### **States Tackle Foreclosure in Absence of Federal Help**

This month alone, Philadelphia's sheriff delayed foreclosure auctions of 759 homes at the city council's urging. Maryland extended the time it takes to complete a foreclosure. State leaders in Ohio recruited more than 1,000 lawyers to aid distressed borrowers. Frustrated by the slow pace of federal action on behalf of struggling homeowners, some states and cities have struck out on their own to stem an alarming rise in foreclosures that has depressed home prices in most parts of the country and eroded local governments' revenues as property taxes and utility bills go unpaid. Nine states have committed more than \$450 million to "loan funds" aimed at refinancing the mortgages of at-risk borrowers, according to a study by the Pew Charitable Trusts. A handful have brokered deals with major lenders who have

pledged to ease terms for some troubled loans. A few states have lengthened the time it takes to complete a foreclosure. "What the states are saying is: 'We can't wait any longer for the federal government. We have to get ahead of this,' "said Tobi Walker, a senior officer at the Pew Charitable Trusts."The states are experiencing this pain more directly than the federal government is." —Dina ElBoghdady and Renae Merle, *The Washington Post*. [Read more.](#)

### **Agencies Directed to Tighten Rules on Purchase Card Use**

Employees purchasing small-ticket items with their government-issued credit cards must get those purchases either approved in advance or reviewed after the fact under a policy change announced Tuesday by the Office of Management and Budget. The new policy is one of several [outlined by OMB Director Jim Nussle](#) in response to a recent audit from the Government Accountability Office that found agencies aren't doing enough to ensure employees are using the cards properly. The GAO report documented dozens of instances in which employees used the cards for inappropriate purchases, including Internet dating services, mortgage payments and a personally inscribed iPod. "This is a very serious issue that breaches the trust of the taxpayers as well as diminishes the significant benefits that are achieved through the federal charge card program," Nussle said in a memo to agency and department heads. By June 30, agencies must report to OMB that they have taken specific steps to increase their controls over purchase card transactions. —Tim Kauffman, *Federal Times*. [Read more.](#)

### **Federal Accounting Corner**

#### **Anticipating Recoveries**

Recoveries of obligations, which can result from canceling old-year orders or closing an order when processing a payment for an invoice that is for less than the original obligation, are treated as new funding authority by OMB. On the Statement of Budgetary Resources (SBR), they are reported on line 2, and generally must be apportioned before used. Collections of refunds against prior-year payments should also be apportioned, but are reported on line 3D1a of the SBR. —Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM, CPA. [Read more.](#)

### **OMB to Agencies: Don't Bother Submitting 2010 Budget Requests**

The Bush administration will leave much for the next president, but its legacy will not include a fiscal 2010 budget, according to a recent memorandum Office of Management and Budget Director Jim Nussle sent to agency heads. Instead of readying a full federal budget, Nussle said OMB "will prepare a budget database that includes a current services baseline", or an estimate based on current spending that does not include proposed increases and new policy proposals. In what some budget analysts called a surprising departure from past practices during the transition from one administration to another, Nussle also said agencies this year need not submit budget requests and supporting documents in September as they normally do. Instead, agencies should estimate their baseline spending and submit budget requests only after a new administration or transition team arrives. —Dan Friedman, *CongressDaily*. [Read more.](#)

### **FASAB Seeks Input on New Exposure Draft**

The Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) is seeking comments on a Concepts Statement Exposure Draft titled, *Distinguishing Basic Information, Required Supplementary Information, and Other Accompanying Information*. The Exposure Draft proposes providing conceptual guidance for determining how information in financial reports

should be categorized. Comments are requested by **June 26.** [Read the Exposure Draft.](#) — FASAB.

## Employment Opportunities

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analysis of problems assigned; and present written/oral reports to management staff.

**Special Notes:**

Due to the nature of the position, all applicants who may be appointed will be required to allow the Department of Health and Family Services to conduct a security check to determine whether the circumstances of any conviction may be related to the job being filled.

**Job Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

Knowledge of microcomputer usage and applications. The ability to perform accounting work and provide technical advise in complex or highly specialized phases of accounting; interpret State statutes, Federal regulations, administrative rules, and Department policies; and analyze, interpret and communicate financial data and results to non-financial managers.

**How To Apply:**

**To Apply Online:**

For this process, a Wisc.Jobs Account will be required or a new account will need to be created. After logging in and viewing the announcement, click "Apply Now". When asked, please provide your personal information, attach a resume, and then complete the exam.

**To Apply Offline:**

Please send an Application for State Employment (<http://oser.state.wi.us/application.asp>), a resume, AND a paper limited to two pages detailing you knowledge or experience related to:1) **Analyzing, interpreting, and communicating/reporting financial data and results (please provide presentation and analysis tools used, size and scope of audience, and types of work teams).**2) **Budget and expenditure analysis for fiscal implications and reporting.**

Your responses to these questions are considered a civil service examination and will be used to determine your eligibility for this vacancy.

Please send completed application/examination materials to Nancy Parkinson, DHFS; Bureau of Personnel and Employment Relations; Room 555; One West Wilson Street, P.O. Box 7850, Madison, WI 53707-7850; FAX (608)267-2147 or e-mail to [parkink@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:parkink@dhfs.state.wi.us). Application/examination materials must be received **by 4:30 pm, May 9, 2008**. Materials will be evaluated and qualified candidates will be invited to participate in the next step of the selection process.

**Beware of Garbage Trucks**  
**by David J. Pollay**  
**submitted by Dolly O'Laughlin**

To Make  
You Think

How often do you let other people's nonsense change your mood? Do you let a bad driver, rude waiter, curt boss, or an insensitive employee ruin your day? Unless you're the Terminator, for an instant you're probably set back on your heels. However, the mark of a successful person is how quickly he/she can get back her focus on what's important.

Sixteen years ago, I learned this lesson. I learned it in the back of a New York City taxicab. Here's what happened. I hopped in a taxi, and we took off for Grand Central Station. We were driving in the right lane when, all of a sudden, a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his breaks, skidded, and missed the other car's back end by just inches! The driver of the other car, the guy who almost caused a big accident, whipped his head around and he started yelling bad words at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. I mean, he was very friendly. So, I said, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!"

And this is when my taxi driver told me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck". Many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it. And if you let them, they'll dump it on you. When someone wants to dump on you, don't take it personally. You just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. You'll be happy you did. So this was it: The "Law of the Garbage Truck". I started thinking, how often do I let garbage trucks run right over me? And how often do I take their garbage and spread it to other people: At work, at home, on the streets? It was that day I said, "I'm not going to do it any more". I began to see garbage trucks. Like in the movie "The Sixth Sense", the little boy said, "I see Dead People." Well, now "I see Garbage Trucks." I see the load they're carrying. I see them coming to drop it off. And like my taxi driver, I don't make it a personal thing; I just smile, wave, wish them well, and I move on.

One of my favorite football players of all time, Walter Payton, did this every day on the football field. He would jump up as quickly as he hit the ground after being tackled. He never dwelled on a hit. Payton was ready to make the next play his best.

Good leaders know they have to be ready for their next meeting.

Good parents know that they have to welcome their children home from school with hugs and kisses.

Teachers and parents know that they have to be fully present, and at their best for the people they care about.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

What about you? What would happen in your life, starting today, if you let more garbage

trucks pass you by?

Here's my bet. You'll be happier.

Believe that everything happens for a reason.

If you get a chance, TAKE IT!

If it changes your life, LET IT!

Nobody said it would be easy...They just promised it would be worth it!

Kindness is the language everyone understands. Even the blind can see it and the deaf can hear it. - Mother Theresa

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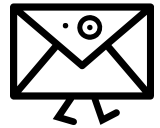
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## SHARE YOUR NEWS

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.agacgfm.org/membership/form\\_address.htm](http://www.agacgfm.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 or Board Meeting

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

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

February 12, 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 27, 2008 – Wisconsin Senior Care, Pamela Appleby (Rocky Rococo's)

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

April 24, 2008 – Steve Censky, State Controller (Coliseum Bar)

**May 4, 2008 – MS Walk (Team AGA)**

May 6, 2008 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison **\*\*CANCELLED\*\***

**May 13, 2008 - Annual Spring Symposium, Tripp Commons, UW-Madison Memorial Union**

**May 22, 2008 – Janice Mueller, State Auditor (Concourse)**

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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