

Monthly Footnotes

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

TOPIC: The Elections of 2008: More Money Than Ever Before and Why is it Ruining Politics?

SPEAKER: Jay Heck, Executive Director of Common Cause in Wisconsin

DATE: Thursday, September 25, 2008

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

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

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

MENU: All meals include soda, coffee, or tea

- * **Salad Bar** - variety of salads, toppings, soups, and desserts
- * **Herb Marinated Chicken Breast Sandwich** – applewood smoked bacon, romaine lettuce, fresh mozzarella, vine-ripened tomato on ciabatta bread, served with fries
- * **Traditional Burger** – Fountain Prairie Farms dry-aged burger, served with fries

RESERVATIONS: Please call **Sherri Voigt** by **10 A.M. on Monday, September 22, 2008** with your name and membership status, (608) 267-9818 or e-mail: 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

Jay Heck has been the Executive Director of Common Cause in Wisconsin since 1996. Common Cause In Wisconsin has 4,000 members in the state and is an affiliate of national Common Cause. Mr. Heck took over Common Cause In Wisconsin after having served for three years as the Vice President for Public and Governmental Affairs and Chief Lobbyist for the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges & Universities. Mr. Heck moved to Wisconsin in 1988 from Washington D.C. to serve as a top assistant to the Wisconsin State Senate Majority Leader, Joseph Strohl. From 1989 through 1992, Mr. Heck was the Director of Communications for the Senate Majority Democratic Caucus and Treasurer of the State Senate Democratic Committee. From 1982 through 1987, Mr. Heck was the Legislative Director and the Campaign Manager and Campaign Manager for U.S. Representative Peter H. Kostmayer, Democrat of Pennsylvania. In 1980, Mr. Heck served on the national campaign staff of Independent U.S. Presidential candidate, U.S. Representative John B. Anderson, Republican, and then Independent of Illinois. He was the senior field director for ballot access and was the campaign director for the state of Ohio in the Fall of 1980. Mr. Heck, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, is a 1979 graduate with honors from Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio. He has two children and resides in Madison, Wisconsin.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Sherri Voigt, CGFM, CPA

During a DNR Leadership Academy session, a speaker asked us "What will your legacy be?" I found this to be quite thought-provoking. As I reflect back on my last term as chapter president, I don't know that I left a mark. (Then again, I stepped up to serve more because we needed someone than a belief I had something to offer...I feared the chapter might close down if no one volunteered. And I am too passionate about the profession to let that happen.) Aside from the member and non-member customer surveys, I pretty much followed status quo. In many ways, that's fine: we have a great chapter and provide a solid training calendar. However, missed opportunities can limit growth.

For this year, I will seek out opportunities to 'make my mark' on improving chapter operations. A year term is not a long time...I'll look for baby steps. First, this winter I will bring back the member satisfaction survey. As a chapter, it is hard to meet customer needs if we don't know what those are. Second, I will assist Lily Radivojevich, chapter newsletter editor, in making changes to the monthly newsletter. She has some great ideas on format changes to make it more readable. As changes are implemented, I would encourage you to send any comments or suggestions to her (or any board member.)

Who says there's no free lunch?

Members who attend 3 Training Sessions September to February

Earn a Free Lunch

Coupon Valid at the March, April, or May Lunch

Take a Child Outside Week
September 24—September 30, 2008

“Take A Child Outside Week” is an international program designed to help break down obstacles that keep children from discovering the natural world. By arming parents, teachers and other caregivers with resources on outdoor activities, our goal is to help children across the country develop a better understanding and appreciation of the environment in which they live, and a burgeoning enthusiasm for its exploration.”

Going outside:

- connects children to the natural world
- helps kids focus in school
- reduces chances of obesity

On this site you can:

- pledge to take a child outside and record your outdoor experiences
- get ideas for outdoor activities
- find participating organizations in your area

This program has been initiated by the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and held in cooperation with partner organizations across the U.S. and Canada.” (information taken from Take a Child Outside Week website) <http://www.takeachildoutside.org/>

Harvesting Innovative Ideas for Program Evaluation
NLPES Fall Training Conference

September 24-27, 2008 in Madison, Wisconsin

Hosted by the Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau skills development, issue-oriented sessions, and round-table discussions in an award-winning city

The annual NLPES Fall Training Conference offers professional development opportunities for program evaluators of all skill levels. Presentations by national and local experts will be combined with presentations by legislative program evaluators from member states. Roundtable discussions with colleagues from other states offer additional opportunities to sharpen skills, as do the several scheduled networking activities. This year, conference attendees will be “Harvesting Innovative Ideas for Program Evaluation” alongside attendees at the NCSL Fiscal Analysts Seminar, which will be held simultaneously in downtown Madison, Wisconsin.

Visit <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/nlpes/training/fallconf/fall08.htm> for more information, a copy of the agenda, and registration details.



IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in our country. Attend this upcoming session and learn how to protect yourself from identity theft and fraud.

Date: Thursday, October 23, 2008

Time: 11:30-1:00

Speaker: Susan Schilz – Senior
Regulatory Specialist, DATCP

October AGA Luncheon!

NATIONAL NEWS

AGA Web Blog: Monitoring Controls: Whose Job is it? By: Steve Biskie. [Read more.](#)

McCain Pledges to Attack Bureaucracy, Tom Shoop, *Government Executive*. [Read more.](#)

Replacement Won't Take Reins from Resigned Detroit Mayor for Two Weeks
—Christine MacDonald, Leonard N. Fleming and David Josar, *The Detroit News*. [Read more.](#)

Financial Management Standards Board (FMSB) Issues Comment Letters
AGA's FMSB has sent comments to the FASAB on the exposure draft of the proposed Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Concepts (SFFAC), *Distinguishing Basic Information, Required Supplementary Information, and Other Accompanying Information*. [Read the letter.](#) The FMSB has also sent comments to the GASB on its exposure draft of a Proposed Statement entitled, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. [Read the letter.](#)

Call for National Awards Nominations

Who do you know that deserves special recognition for contributions to our field? Please help us acknowledge financial professionals at the federal, state and local level and private sector who are leading the way. (You might even consider nominating yourself.) Note that nominees do not have to be AGA members.

The federal leadership awards include the Distinguished Federal Leadership Award, the Elmer Staats Award and the Andy Barr Award. The state and local leadership awards are the Excellence in Government Leadership Award, the William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award, the Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award, and the Private Sector Financial Excellence Award.

[These awards](#) will be presented at AGA's Seventh Annual National Leadership Conference, set for Feb. 19–20, 2009 in Washington, D.C. Submit your nominations today. Contact Michiyo Wheeler at mwheeler@agacqfm.org or 703.684.6931, ext. 321, with questions.

AGA's Blog Gets 'Site of the Week' from FinanceRegs.com

Editor Carol Katarsky writes: "A new blog offers accounting pros a glimpse into the world of auditors, government accountants and more. [The AGA Weblog](#), run by the Association for Government Accountants, will be a place for federal, state and local finance managers to talk about issues, problems and solutions that currently face both companies and states. The main goal may be to educate government workers, but it can give you an insider's perspective on what the audit and enforcement folks are doing and thinking about."

Oracle Federal Forum Set for Oct. 29

Federal government agencies are transforming to meet the increasing public demands, legislative mandates, and economic and political pressures. Agencies need to be more

efficient and accountable while providing services and information to constituents more quickly and in a cost-effective manner. Legacy information systems and ever more complex programs make it challenging to meet government's goals. Oracle and its partners invite you to the Oracle Federal Forum, set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C., where we will discuss these critical challenges. Featured speaker is presidential historian **Michael Beschloss**. As the world's largest provider of enterprise software solutions, Oracle is in a unique position to help government solve their critical issues. As a long-standing partner with the federal government, Oracle has helped over 1,500 government organizations deliver on their core missions. [Register today.](#)

CGFM Corner



Where Do I Start?

If you have already earned a college degree (bachelor's or higher) with 24 credit hours of courses in financial management or related topics (see Education Requirement below), apply for the CGFM Program now!

To apply:

1. Read the AGA's [Code of Ethics](#)
2. Fill out and submit the [CGFM Application Form](#), including a nonrefundable application fee of \$85.
3. Fax (703.562.0361) or mail to AGA (2208 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301) the required degree documentation (see Education requirement below). Note: this documentation must be submitted within six months of submitting the application form.

What about the CGFM Work Verification Form?

This form does not have to be submitted at the time of application, but is required before the CGFM can be awarded. If you already have the required experience, we suggest that you submit this form at the time of application. Please see [Required Professional Experience](#) for more information.

What happens after you apply? Once your CGFM application and degree documentation are received and processed, the Office of Professional Certification will mail you an eligibility letter with instructions on how to purchase your examinations. [Overview of CGFM Process](#) describes your pathway to earning the CGFM certification.

Education Requirement

To take any of the Certified Government Financial Manager examinations, you must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and completion of at least 24 semester credit hours (or 36 quarter credit hours) of study composed of courses in one or more of the following areas:

- Accounting
- Auditing
- Budgeting
- Economics
- Electronic Data Processing
- Finance
- Information Resources Management
- Public Administration
- Other Financial Management and Related Topics

REQUIRED DEGREE DOCUMENTATION: a copy of your transcript from an accredited

college or university. The transcript must show that a degree (bachelor's or higher) was awarded and must list at least 24 semester credit hours (36 quarter semester hours) of study composed of courses in financial management or related topics. Official transcripts are not required, but your name and the name of the college or university must appear on all transcripts. Please note: CPA card or license is not acceptable as proof of degree. Please send the transcript to the Office of Professional Certification via fax 703.562.0361, or mail (AGA, 2208 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301).

Interested in the CGFM, but don't have a required degree or the 24 credit hours? The Professional Certification Board may consider waivers on an individual case basis. Contact the Office of Professional Certification at 800.AGA.7211 (703.684.6931), ext. 306 or agacgfm@agacgfm.org.



Become Certified!

Apply now to become a Certified Government Financial Manager

From September 1 until November 30, 2008 we'll give a rebate of \$20 for CGFM applications received with the assistance of AGA chapters.

In order to receive a \$20 rebate,

1. The complete CGFM application ([CGFM Application form](#), \$85 application fee and copy of your transcripts) must be received by AGA Office of Professional Certification during the period of September 1 through November 30, 2008.
2. The CGFM application form must have the promotional phrase: "CGFM chapter promotion - [name of your chapter]" written at the bottom of the form. If the application is submitted online, the applicant must put this phrase in the last question: "How did you learn about the CGFM Program?"

Important notes:

- The applicant must put the words "CGFM chapter promotion" AND the name of your chapter on the application form in order to receive the rebate.
- It is preferable that the applications are submitted by the applicants themselves and not by the chapter. The applicant does not have to be a chapter member in order to receive the rebate.

If you have any questions, contact Eric Busse, CGFM Chair. eric.busse@dpi.wi.gov

AGA Partners with Norwich University to Promote CGFM

A new partnership with Norwich University gives AGA members the opportunity to earn 12 graduate credits and prepare for the CGFM designation at the same time.

AGA's three government financial management courses that are the basis for preparing for the CGFM Examinations are being expanded by the Northfield, VT-based University for its online Master of Public Administration program.

"We are excited about incorporating the CGFM course materials into our curriculum. It fits our mission to work with professionals, and will be an important step forward in adding value to our program", said Donald F. Hartman Jr., J.D., and LL.M., director of the MPA program. He added, "Our curriculum opens the door for AGA members to learn more about management and leadership via the online classroom, which is asynchronous, interactive and capable of bringing a world of online resources to the student. It offers a balanced and

proven learning experience that includes case studies, research proposals, written assignments and online discussions.”

The university’s first 11-week seminar will begin Dec. 1, 2008. It will present MPA students an optional concentration in government fiscal management. For people interested only in earning the CGFM, it provides graduate credits that can be used later through in Norwich’s MPA Program should a student wish to do so later. Six seminars, of six credits each, are needed to earn the Norwich MPA, which can be completed in 18 to 24 months. In effect, successful completion of the new concentration provides 12 graduate credits for future use.

AGA’s Intensive Review Course, and the CGFM Examinations themselves, will be administered at Norwich University as part of the required one-week residency conference prior to graduation.

“The advantage for MPA students is that they have the opportunity to earn a recognized professional credential in addition to a degree,” Hartman said. “It means they have special skills and knowledge. It is also valuable for public service professionals seeking to use financial management principles to improve internal efficiencies as well as to enhance the fiscal health of their organization.”

The idea of a government finance concentration came about during a discussion among the Board of Fellows for the University’s School of Graduate Studies. One of the members is Pete Aliferis, CGFM, AGA’s deputy executive director of Operations and Professional Certification. Aliferis, who is a 1968 graduate of Norwich University, said that in his experience, MPA’s exit their academic programs without enough knowledge of government financial management. The CGFM courses were seen as a good fit.

The two-year-old MPA program’s faculty includes former police chiefs, executive directors of public human services and nonprofit organizations and others with vast public administration experience along with knowledge of online learning. All students’ questions are answered in 24 hours or less, and the students work in online “classrooms” of 15 students or less.

“Some of our people may be looking for an opportunity to enhance their professional leadership skills, some want a promotion, some want to teach following retirement from public service,” Hartman said. “A master’s degree opens those doors.” Add the CGFM credential, and opportunities expand even further. By: Christina M. Camara

Articles

Financial Crisis Is Absent From Agendas of Parties, Candidates

The U.S. is facing the worst financial crisis since the Depression. You would never know that from the Democrats' platform in Denver or its Republican counterpart, or from listening to Barack Obama or John McCain. While both candidates have bemoaned the ravages of the subprime crisis, they have yet to spell out steps for tackling it, such as using taxpayer money to shore up banks and housing. "They fail to come to grips with the biggest danger that is going to hit the next president in his first few months in office: the crisis in the capital markets," said David Smick, a Washington-based consultant to hedge funds and author of *The World is Curved: Hidden Dangers to the Global Economy*. The Democrats' platform, adopted at their Denver convention last week, labels the crisis a "debacle" and promises to

jump-start the economy with a \$50 billion stimulus package. It says nothing about helping banks or bailing out the mortgage-finance firms Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The draft of the Republicans' plank, to be adopted next week at their convention in St. Paul, MN, supports "timely and carefully targeted aid to those hurt by the housing crisis" and opposes bailouts of private financial institutions. It doesn't mention Fannie and Freddie. —Rich Miller, *Bloomberg*. [Read more.](#)

Data Breaches Have Surpassed Level for All of 2007, Report Finds

More data breaches have been reported so far this year than in all of 2007, according to a report released yesterday by a nonprofit group that works to prevent fraud. Identity Theft Resource Center of San Diego found that 449 U.S. businesses, government agencies and universities have reported a loss or theft of consumer data this year. Last year, the center tallied 446 breaches involving 127 million consumer records. About 90 million of those records were attributed to a single retail chain, TJX, which operates T.J. Maxx stores. Officials said they do not know whether there have been more breaches this year or if there is better reporting of the incidents. So far this year, at least 22 million consumer records have been the target of data breaches, according to the report. But resource center founder Linda Foley cautioned that the true number of records affected is likely far higher, noting that in 41 percent of the cases the number of consumer records affected was not disclosed. — Brian Krebs, *The Washington Post*. [Read more.](#)

Brutal Budget Season For N. Va.; Fairfax Faces Gap Of \$430 Million

Falling property values, rising fuel costs and stagnant sales tax receipts are pushing Fairfax County and other local governments to their worst budget crunch in nearly two decades, just as the new fiscal season gets under way. In Fairfax, Virginia's largest jobs center and one of the nation's wealthiest counties, officials are bracing for a projected \$430 million shortfall in county and school spending. Even as they promise to maintain the quality classrooms, parks, police protection and highways that residents have come to expect, officials said they will have to make deeper cuts and consider bigger tax increases than they have done in years. "These are going to be very difficult decisions," said Deputy County Executive Edward L. Long Jr., who presented county and school leaders with a warning late last month that the region's economy was continuing to sour. "People are not going to be happy." — Amy Gardner, *The Washington Post*. [Read more.](#)

This Week on AGA's Blog

Visit the AGA Blog at <http://aga.typepad.com/aga/>.

Report Faults Medicare Audits; Agency Missed Many Payment Errors, HHS Review Finds

The rate of improper payments, including fraud, in Medicare's purchases of wheelchairs and other home medical equipment is significantly higher than the government has estimated, according to a federal audit released Aug. 25. The report by Inspector General Daniel R. Levinson at the Department of Health and Human Services found an "error rate" of almost 29 percent in a sample of claims paid in 2006 under Medicare's multibillion-dollar durable medical equipment program. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services had estimated a rate of 7.5 percent, or about \$700 million in improper payments. Investigators reviewed a sample of 363 claims to determine whether the Medicare contractor that routinely checks such claims had found all of the improper payments. Such payments

include not only fraudulent claims, but also those without sufficient documentation and those for goods deemed not medically necessary. The new review found 20 payment errors that the contractor identified and 73 that it had not. —Christopher Lee, *The Washington Post*. [Read more.](#)

Better Performers at Defense Net Bigger Payouts

The U.S. Department of Defense's pay-for-performance system is living up to its promise of tying bigger raises and bonuses to better performance on the job. Most employees who received a performance rating of 3 last year on a 1-to-5 scale—called “valued performers”—received combined performance-based raises and bonuses of between 2 percent and 5 percent in January. Most Level 4 employees, those who “exceeded expectations,” received between 5 percent and 8 percent. And most Level 5 “role models” received payments worth between 8 percent and 9 percent. That, combined with the 1.5 percent base salary increase and average 1 percent locality pay raise that all but Level 1 “unacceptable” National Security Personnel System (NSPS) employees received, means that all but 165 employees at Levels 3 through 5 received total pay increases that were equal to or greater than the average 3.5 percent pay raise that General Schedule employees received. “It’s working in a couple of ways,” said NSPS Executive Director Brad Bunn. “It’s making meaningful distinctions in performance, and we’re rewarding exceptional performance in an exceptional manner.” —Stephen Losey, *The Federal Times*. [Read more.](#)

Times are Tough all Over: Survey Shows Employers, Workers Face Problems

While many workers are having a tough time finding suitable employment in today's uncertain economy, companies also face challenges finding highly skilled people. According to the fourth annual Employment Dynamics and Growth Expectations (EDGE) Report by Robert Half International and CareerBuilder.com, employees rated the level of challenge in finding a job at 3.56 on a one-to-five sliding scale; similarly, employers rated the level of challenge in finding qualified candidates at 3.47. “A dual hiring environment seems to be taking shape,” said Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half International. “Job seekers in some fields are competing aggressively for open positions, giving employers the edge in those segments of the hiring market. At the same time, however, companies continue to face a shortage of highly skilled professionals in fields such as technology and accounting. These in-demand workers may not be willing to leave secure positions unless firms extend very attractive job offers.” —*AccountingWEB*. [Read more.](#)

GASB Seeks Comment on Two Exposure Drafts

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued two Exposure Drafts Aug. 28 that propose to transfer accounting and financial reporting guidance currently contained in the AICPA auditing literature into the GASB’s accounting and financial reporting literature. The proposals intend to make it easier for preparers of financial statements to identify and apply guidance on related party transactions, going concern considerations, subsequent events, and the GAAP hierarchy for state and local governments. The guidance would be moved without substantive changes. The Exposure Drafts can be downloaded at no charge from the [GASB website](#). Written comments should be provided by Oct. 30, 2008.

FASAB Releases Exposure Draft on Fiscal Sustainability Reporting

The Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) plans to release an exposure

draft later today called, *Reporting Comprehensive Long-Term Fiscal Projections for the U.S. Government*. One of FASAB's federal financial reporting objectives—the stewardship objective—includes enabling readers to determine whether future budgetary resources will likely be sufficient to sustain public services and to meet obligations as they come due. FASAB Chairman Tom Allen noted, “the question of the long-term fiscal sustainability of U.S. government services may be among the most important questions of our time. The board believes that fully meeting the stewardship objective requires non-traditional approaches to complement and enrich the information from the federal government's balance sheets and operating statements. The proposed reporting will include information about projected trends in the federal budget deficit or surplus and the federal debt and how these amounts relate to the national economy.”

Comments on the [exposure draft](#) are requested by **Jan. 5, 2009** and a public hearing will be held on **Feb. 25, 2009**. Paper copies are available by calling 202.512.7350.

Since the objective of the proposed reporting is not only to provide information that is useful and necessary in assessing fiscal sustainability but also to effectively communicate the information in way that is meaningful and understandable to readers, FASAB is particularly interested in receiving comments from the public.

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 radvl@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.



Southern Wisconsin Chapter Calendar of Events for 2008-2009

August 4, 2008 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

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

September 25, 2008 – “The Elections of 2008: More Money Than Ever Before and Why is it Ruining Politics?” Jay Heck, Common Cause in Wisconsin, (Concourse)

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

October 23, 2008 – Identity Theft Prevention, Susan Schilz, DATCP; location to be determined

November 3, 2008 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

November 13, 2008 – luncheon topic and location to be determined

December 1, 2008 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

January 5, 2009 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

January 22, 2009 – Annual Tax Update (Imperial Garden)

February 2, 2009 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

February 26, 2009 – luncheon topic and location to be determined

March 2, 2009 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

March 26, 2009 – luncheon topic and location to be determined

April 6, 2009 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

April 23, 2009 – luncheon topic and location to be determined

May 4, 2009 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

May 12, 2009 - *Annual Spring Symposium – topics to be determined, UW-Madison Memorial Union*

May 21, 2009 – luncheon topic and location to be determined

June 1, 2009 – Board Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Madison

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

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