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Please contact Bob Shapiro if you have a job available or if you are looking for an employment opportunity.

Dear Akron IMA,

Have a great summer!

Please forward newsletter items to: <u>IMA Newsletter.</u>

Thanks!

Kelly Heil

President's Message

Hello fellow Akron Chapter IMA members and welcome to the 2018-19 Chapter year. Your board of directors met on June 9 and we are excited about the coming year and the speakers and programs that we will be lining up over the summer. I want to thank each and every one of you for your support! I also want to thank Linda



Garrison and the board of directors from last year which made Akron the number 2 chapter in the world for the second year in a row! Have a great summer and I hope to see all of you at a future dinner meeting or board meeting.

Follow us on Twitter for announcements and information <u>@AkronChapterIMA</u>.

Joe Richards, CMA, CPA President Akron Chapter IMA 2018/2019

Final Results of the 2017-18 IMA Competition

Akron chapter IMA won the Remington Rand Trophy (2nd place Stevenson Division banner) for the second year in a row. Our chapter also won the Bronze Medal for Public Relations Competition and the Bronze Medal for Newsletter Competition during the 2017-18 IMA Year. Chapter member Sue Mullen will receive our awards during the association's prestigious event, the 2018 Annual Conference & Exposition, on June 19 in Indianapolis IN. Akron chapter's #2 Finish (6,193 competition points) in

the WORLD showed the chapter finishing only 99 points behind #1 chapter Hartford CN. Akron chapter was led again this year by President Linda Garrison.

In the 74 large-chapter Stevenson Division, we finished #1 in Ohio (ahead of Cleveland - 13th, Dayton - 17th, Cincinnati North - 18th, and Columbus - 65th). For comparison, in the 77 smaller-chapter Warner Division, Toledo was 7th, Canton was 8th, Lima was 17th, and Cleveland East was 21st. This outstanding #2 Finish is a rare event in the chapter's 80-year history (the chapter finished #2 only three other times - 2016/17, 1977/78, and 1948/49 - and #1 only once - 1960/61). The chapter's 300 members all contributed to Akron chapter's victory; our membership includes 62 CMAs and 2 CSCAs (Certified in Strategy and Competitive Analysis). Kudos to Linda Garrison for leading her great Board to this sterling achievement.

Welcome New Members

Date Joined	Name	Source
5-2-18	Alicia Rapini	Student
5-4-18	Adam Leigh	Student
5-4-18	Wesley Mercer	Student
5-6-18	Alexandra Hoso	Student
5-10-18	Noel Juguilon	
5-23-18	Nasigrie Mahama	

Tour of Akron Waterways Renewed! Program (Sewer Projects)

The Akron Waterways Renewed! Program is taking reservations for the 2018 AWR Construction Sites Trolly Tour season. The FREE tour meets on Fridays from 1-3 PM at the Mustill Store, 57 W. North Street in Akron, where you will watch a video about the significance and history of the canal, as well as the ongoing Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel Work. After the video, you will board a trolley bus which will take you to a variety of storage basins and green infrastructure sites. You will also get to take pictures of "Rosie", Akron's tunnel boring machine, and underground catch basins. There is not much walking. Seven chapter members and one spouse have signed up for the tours on June 1 or June 29. If anyone else is interested on any Friday, please contact AWR tour director Heather Bolestridge at hbolestridge@gstephensinc.com or 330-375-2501.













Congrats to YSU OSCPA Outstanding Educator

Chapter member Karin Petruska, CPA, PhD. has been named the winner of OSCPA's Outstanding Educator Award for 2018. The award was presented on April 27 at the American Accounting Association of Ohio midyear meeting. Dr. Petruska teaches accounting, fraud examination, and financial accounting regulation in a Master of Accounting program. The award was in recognition of her innovative approach to teaching, as she is known for developing projects students find to be engaging and meaningful. She is also an accomplished researcher, having published in the Journal of Accountancy, the Journal of Public Policy, and the Journal of International Accounting Research, among others.

Job Opportunities

Accounting Specialist - Job responsibilities include:

Accounts Receivable:

- Compiles data and inputs into daily reports
- Post insurance and patient payments (both manual and electronic/835) and reconcile account
- Generate and mail patient statements

Accounts Payable:

- Review invoices for accuracy, obtaining appropriate approvals when necessary
- Collaborate with vendors and other staff to resolve invoicing issues
- · Enter invoices in accounting system for payment
- · Perform check run duties bi-monthly

Month End Reporting Support:

- Generate and distribute reports to support the month end close process
- Generate and record journal entries
- · Reconcile GL accounts
- Support Controller in preparing financial statements

Misc. Support

- · Assist in ordering office supplies
- Special projects as requested by Controller and President
- Candidate must detail oriented and able to complete work independently, timely and accurately. Intermediate to advanced Excel skills preferred.

Accounting Intern

The intern will be working directly with the Controller on projects related to financial statement preparation and analysis, AR reporting, and misc. project work. Candidates must have a basic understanding of Accounting, intermediate to advanced Excel skills, previous accounting experience not required, but preferred. Looking for someone able to learn quickly with attention to detail and good work ethic.

If interested, please email Bob Shapiro at akron@imachapter.org.

Perfect Attendance

Through the May technical session meeting, 4 members have "Perfect Attendance" (7 meetings to date): Ken Bechtol, Jim Campbell, Sherri McGuiness, and Don Mullen.

The following 6 chapter members have missed 1 meeting: Bill Dreyer (March), Linda Garrison (September), Wayne Hawkins (October), Roy Howarter (September), Doreen Kuster (October), and Linda Simko (February).

The following 5 chapter members have missed two meetings: Shirley Calvin (September and May), Bob Davis (September and May), Kelly Heil (January and February), Christine Niswender (February and April), and Andrea Schnee (January and February).

Up to two missed meetings can be made up by obtaining and listening to tapes of the missed meetings (or by viewing the speaker's handouts if no recording is available), or by attending another chapter's meeting before the end of May. Some chapter members have already obtained the makeup materials from Roy Howarter.

Board of Directors Slate for 2018-2019

Attention Akron chapter IMA members: we are now looking for a few additional Board members for the next fiscal year (Board position marked "OPEN" below). Note that if you serve on the Board for five years, you will qualify for reduced dues as an ELM (Emeritus Life Member) when you retire. Serving as a chapter Board member is a volunteer position that doesn't involve a huge time commitment. If interested in volunteering, please contact Linda Garrison at akron@imachapter.org. The following Board positions are still open:

- Chair Audit Committee OPEN
- Director, Advertising OPEN
- Director, Corporate & Academic Development OPEN
- Director, Special Activities OPEN

Program Book Update

IMA has instituted a new Privacy Policy protocol to protect members and non-members' privacy (**effective May 1, 2018**) that will affect the roster section of the Annual Program Book. In last year's Program Book, we published chapter member's

name, employer (or "student", ELA, consultant, or job title), an email address, and a phone number. Under the new protocol, we can no longer publish personal contact information. Members are encouraged to utilize the <u>Akron Chapter Website</u> Directory or Discussion Board to engage with each other. If you have any questions, please send an email to the Akron Chapter Board at akron@imachapter.org.

CMA Mentoring Program

The Akron chapter IMA is proud to offer its members a mentoring program to assist CMA candidates with strategies to pass the CMA exam. The Akron IMA CMA Mentoring Program will encourage networking and provide career development opportunities designed to help CMA candidates (mentees) and other members (mentors) in our chapter to form valuable mentoring relationships. The success of this program will rely on volunteers to serve as mentors. Mentoring can take place online, by phone, or in person at Akron chapter events or other locations.

The CMA Designation The CMA (Certified Management Accountant) is the advanced professional certification specifically designated to measure the accounting and financial management skills that drive business performance. Achieving the CMA credential demonstrates your mastery of financial planning, analysis, control, and decision support, as well as professional ethics.

The CMA credential is:

Focused - On the critical skills you use in business

Respected - Leading employers seek to hire and promote CMAs

Valued - CMAs on average, earn higher compensation than noncertified

Convenient - CMA exams are offered electronically in hundreds of locations worldwide.

The CMA Mentoring Program - The accreditation process leading to the CMA designation can be a rigorous experience requiring great energy and effort. The CMA candidate will have questions regarding exam content, study materials, test taking strategies, and much more. Without somebody to guide and mentor them, the candidate may become discouraged and abandon the certification program. However, through the Akron IMA CMA Mentoring Program, candidates will be able to seek and obtain the support and guidance of fellow chapter members who have earned their CMA designation.

Mentees and mentors will be matched based on the needs of the mentee and the availability of the mentors. The ideal mentor for this CMA focused program would be an individual who has obtained the CMA certification and / or who has recently passed one or both parts of the newer two part CMA exam structure. All individuals who are currently enrolled in the CMA program and studying for the CMA exam are encouraged to enroll as a mentee. In addition, individuals who are undecided about obtaining the CMA certification and would like additional information or guidance are encouraged to enroll.

If you would like more information, please contact: Jeff Falter akron@imachapter.org

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Akron chapter website: akron.imanet.org IMA National website: www.imanet.org

Login: enter user name (your IMA account number)

Enter password (last name, unless you changed your password)

Ohio Council website: www.ohio.imanet.org

Online Program Book: www.yodergraphics.com/ima/2017_ima_roster.pdf

Password is ima2017

Access online recording of chapter meetings:

Contact Roy Howarter at akron@imachapter.org

Get the password from Roy

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