



CFMA VoS Chapter News

June 2019

2019 CFMA National Conference - The Valley of the Sun Chapter Racked up the Awards...Definitely Deserving!

June 1-5, Las Vegas, Nevada

We are proud to announce that the Valley of the Sun Chapter have been named the "CFMA Chapter of the Year" for those chapters with over 125 members. Jennifer Hopper accepted the award for our chapter at the opening session at the National Convention. The chapter award comes as a result of our individual dedication and joint efforts with CFMA at both the local and national levels. Thank you to everyone for helping make this award possible.

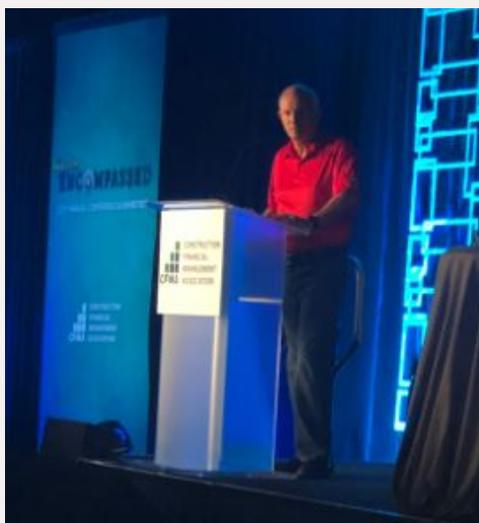
Congratulations also to:

- Marj Weber for being awarded the ICCIFP Vision and Leadership Award. Marj's dedication to our industry is evident and this award is well deserved!
- David James for being honored with the Danny B. Parrish Award. A well deserved recognition of a selfless leader!
- Dave Miller for being awarded the Best Tweeter Award. Pushing 35 tweets and retweets. Impressive!

Valley of the Sun - Chapter of the Year Award



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Dave Miller, CCIFP - Best Tweeter Award



May Luncheon Program Re-cap!

May 16, 2019

Blockchain or Blockhead - What's in Your Wallet?

If you could not join us for the CFMA May lunch, you missed a thought-provoking discussion about a mind-blowing technology. Led by Jay Carpenter, founder of Desert Blockchain, we were asked to envision a system whereby millions of people with widely disparate views of the world - in some cases sworn enemies and even criminals - could agree to trust each other on certain "facts" that could not be altered or manipulated by any one of us. Sounds like Fake News, right? But Jay called it "Blockchain."

Jay described Blockchain as a decentralized form of record-keeping, and he had us demonstrate this by having us create our own mini CFMA Blockchain. He started by distributing multiple copies of a local magazine to CFMA attendees. Jay asked us to tear 2 random pages from each magazine and take the 2 page numbers and add them together. These sums were then recorded on his bulletin board, one at a time, in a "Chain." In this exercise, the sums of the page numbers of the magazine represented the "Facts." We, the CFMA members, represented the above-mentioned sworn enemies and criminals - the members of the Blockchain. The bulletin board Jay used to record the Facts represented the computer network on the Internet of Things.

The idea is that everyone in our CFMA Blockchain had a copy of the same numbers recorded on the Bulletin Board. If any one of us tried to change the order of the numbers or change a number or two, the rest of us could compare our copies and detect the error. It would be hard for one person to manipulate the data, because they would have to try to locate and change every one of the existing copies. In the real world, this is almost impossible. There are simply too many copies of the same identical Blockchain. In this way, Blockchain is an extremely reliable method of recording and distributing information that cannot be edited.

The possibilities for Blockchain are truly endless. Today, it is difficult to imagine how CFMA members will be using it to record transactional and financial data in the future. I think we may be standing around the water cooler telling stories about the "old days" when we used to have to sign paper documents and then pay a fee to file them with various regulatory agencies all over town, where human error often resulted in horrible consequences for us all. Blockchain has the potential to cut out the middle man and save on the fees. Something for us all to look forward to.



D.C or Bust....

David James, CPA/CCIFP

The Construction Industry Alliance for Suicide Prevention recently held a trustee meeting and strategic planning session in our nation's capital. This was the second annual strategic planning meeting for the Alliance, bringing together industry and behavioral health professionals.

Michelle Walker, Vice President for SSC Underground, chairs the Alliance and facilitated the event. As strong supporters of the Alliance, the national office of ABC hosted the meetings at their DC offices. This was a great opportunity for Alliance members to brainstorm ideas and develop future plans that will help the Alliance grow its impact on our industry. Michelle did need to take a short "leave of absence" from the meeting as she had an appointment with the Alexander Acosta, Secretary of Labor! The Secretary, who supports our efforts, introduced her to the Acting Director of OSHA and the Director of Workers Compensation. The short meeting was very positive, and the Office of Workers Compensation is creating materials for physicians on the dangers of opioid use and its intersection with suicide.

The meeting of the Alliance members, and the opportunity to approach national regulators in DC was beyond the expectations that could be hoped for. As an attendee of the strategic planning session, and as recently appointed Chairperson of the CFMA Suicide Prevention Committee, I was blown away by the dedication of the folks in attendance, and the leadership provided the group by Michelle.

As you may, or may not know, the Alliance is 'separating' from CFMA as it is a registered 501(c) 3; thus, the committee formation within the CFMA structure to continue the CFMA focus for our members; allowing the Alliance to broaden its industry scope.



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