Hello Everyone and Happy New Year!

I cannot believe it is January 2017 already! The fall just flew by, and before you know it we will all have auditors sitting in our offices reviewing 2016, tax accountants preparing tax returns and extensions, and for those who do payroll in house, navigating through the W2 rules, the ACA compliance reports, and all our federal, state and local W3’s. However, unbelievably it is not too late to think about and improve your 2016 balance sheet! Come out on February 1st for our very timely seminar:

**Advanced Accounting and Financial Statement Issues for Contractors: Year End Audit or Review – It’s Not Too Late!**

Our presenter will be Tony Stagliano, CPA, CCIFP, CBIZ MHM LLC. Then stay for dinner and drinks and relax a little as we enter (for most of us) the busiest time of year! Remember, bring a potential general member for free, and show someone what a great asset CFMA truly is!! **CLICK HERE to Register**!

Then on March 1st, we are planning a round table type discussion on CyberSecurity in 2017! To what do we need to be aware? How do we best protect ourselves? How can we train our employees to be careful? We still have room on the panel, so contact either Nia Coombs or myself if you are interested!

The Mid-Atlantic Conference will be in Gettysburg, PA on September 24th and 25th. Come out on the 23rd and attend Gettysburg’s bi-annual antique sale in the square, enjoy the fall weather, and buy some apples from the Round Barn (they make great applesauce!). We are just in the planning stages now, and welcome any thoughts, ideas, and participation on committees!

March is Renewal Month for all members. Please be sure to renew online by March 31st. You should have received your renewal in email by now – or you may log into your account at [www.cfma.org](http://www.cfma.org) and view/pay your invoice.

We have a great spring planned and I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our seminars!

*Kimberly A. Hullfish, CCIFP*
New Year, New You! Get Your CCIFP Designation at YOUR Convenience!

You set a goal for 2017: I want to sit for the CCIFP Exam this year. You look at the schedule: It is too early to take the exam at National in June with my focus on year end right now. I could take it at the Mid-Atlantic Conference in September and spend my summer studying. Or I could fly to another region when they offer the exam. Nevermind, I’ll get it in 2018.

WAIT! Don’t put it off! Did you know you can now take the exam on demand, at your convenience?

From www.iccifp.org:

The ICCIFP is proud to announce we have moved to on-demand computer-based testing! Becoming a CCIFP is now easier than ever.

Your opportunity to achieve the only ANSI-accredited credential focused on construction financial management now a 3-step process:
1. Submit your completed application to ICCIFP and pay the applicable fees.
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3. Visit Pearson, select a test center, and schedule your exam (approximately 48-72 hours after e-mail notification).

Applications submitted online are normally approved within 2 business days. This means, in most cases, you’ll have the opportunity to schedule your exam about a week after submitting your application. Apply today and schedule your exam up to 90 days in the future

Now you can plan your course of study on your terms, pick your date and location, and have more privacy that you are even taking the exam.

Important Question: Do you still want the chapter to offer the review course? What time of year? During the week or on Saturday? Contact Kimberly Hullfish @ khullfish@cabbonizio.com.

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Membership Corner


Did you know?
Sharing the knowledge and networking CFMA brings to you is a great reward in itself!

**Members can bring A Contractor new to CFMA for free! **
Contact membership and help spread the knowledge that is SJ CFMA!

***** Contact Mike Viens, Chair of Membership @ mviens@kmco.com Or Joe Artale, Co-Chair @ jartale@cabbonizio.com *****
Our Programming Year is going strong
Thank you to Nia Coombs and her committee for putting together a great year!

February and March were presented in this month’s President’s Message—save those dates, February 1st and March 1st and learn about Advanced Accounting—Preparing for your Audit, as well as CyberSecurity—What to watch in 2017.

On April 5th, Louis Lessig will bring us HR Minefields! He is currently putting a panel together and you won’t want to miss this!

Save the Date: May 3rd (Managing Insurance Costs) and June 7th (Sales Tax Issues)! More detail to follow!!

Note: We are considering changing our June 7th Seminar as it coincides this year with the National Conference—watch for details!

As we begin to set our fall schedule, let us know: 1st Wednesday of the month still the best date? Topics you want to see? Want to participate on a panel or present a topic?
Contact Nia Coombs with any ideas or to volunteer!
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Book Club Corner—What are you reading?
Kimberly A. Hullfish

I just started reading “Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls Are Not for Sale” by Rachel Lloyd. As the title implies, it is a book on human trafficking, and a reminder that yes, this does happen in America. While Ms. Lloyd was victim in her teens, she took her pain and founded GEMS—Girls Educational and Mentoring Services. Human Trafficking is a real problem all over the world, and this book tells the story of Ms. Lloyd as well as other girls GEMS has helped. Definitely worth a read!

I also started a new Journal entitled the 5 Minute Journal—and yes, there is an app for that! The journal was a present from our keynote speaker at Mid-Atlantic, and is a reminder that we all have 5 minutes to affirm the positives in our lives, answer a short question about goals, or just be happy that you completed a task without interruption.

The Journal begins with an explanation of the questions, some examples, and hints to simplify. I have tried many journals, but give up due to time. This is one I can do every day.

www.intelligentchange.com/products/the-five-minute-journal

Save the Dates:
National Conference: Phoenix, AZ, June 3—7, 2017
CCIFP Exams—On Demand, Electronically! Visit www.iccifp.org for information!
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The 18th Annual CFMA Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference
September 24 and 25, 2017
Wyndham Hotel and Conference
Gettysburg, PA

We are just in the planning stages, but we already know this year will be just as fun as last! Great education, great networking, and the 2nd Annual Hall of Flame Awards!