

THE BOTTOM LINE

February 2026

Upcoming IMA Global Webinars

Wednesday, Feb 4

The 2026 Tax Horizon: Emerging Trends Every Business Should Watch

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday, Feb 11

Fundamentals of AI

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday, Feb 25

AI Use Cases in Forecasting, FP&A, and Audit

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

"Life is not about having everything. It's about finding meaning in everything." - Joel Randymar

Welcome to our new members

Andres Lamprea

Lindsay Kjar - student

Cynthia Ann Baile



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President's Message

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! As we welcome 2026, I am filled with gratitude for our vibrant community of members. The start of a new year is a time for reflection, renewal, and setting fresh goals—both personally and professionally.

In our ever-evolving industry, the New Year presents exciting opportunities to embrace innovation, deepen our expertise, and continue our commitment to ethical leadership. Whether you are navigating new regulations, exploring emerging technologies, or advancing your career, IMA Hartford stands ready to support you every step of the way.



This year, our chapter will focus on fostering connections, providing cutting-edge educational resources, celebrating the achievements of our members and supporting our broader community where we can. I encourage you to engage with our upcoming events and share your insights with fellow members. There's no better time than the present!

We have our next [volunteer event](#) on Saturday, February 7th at the Midwest FoodBank in Manchester. Help us help the community. If you haven't volunteered in a while, what are you waiting for?

Mark your calendars for the following events:

- **Feb 7 – [Community Volunteer Event](#)** help out at the Midwest FoodBank, Manchester
- **Feb 17 – [The ABC's of Project Management & Scope](#)** Camp Courant, Farmington
- **Mar 17 – Networking Event – Fun, Food, and Fellowship, J. Timothy's Tavern, Plainville**
- **Jun 14-17 – [IMA Annual Conference](#)**, Tampa, FL
- **Sep 20-22 – IMA NorthEast Regional Council, [18th Annual Conference](#), Southbridge MA**

Together, let's make 2026 a year of growth, collaboration, and excellence in accounting and finance. Thank you for your dedication to our profession and to the IMA Hartford Chapter. Wishing you a prosperous and successful New Year!

Warm regards,

Dante Roccasecca

Hartford Chapter President, 2021-2026

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Networking Event - Midwest Food Bank

February 7, 2026

IMA Hartford: Third Annual Day of Service & Support



Feb 7th 2026 | 9:00AM - 11:00AM EST
Midwest FoodBank | Manchester, CT

Register at <https://HARTFORD.imanet.org>



This is our 3rd annual opportunity to GIVE BACK to our local community while simultaneously building your Network, strengthening relationships & having some fun w/ the Institute of Management Accountants - Hartford Chapter.

Volunteer activities will consist of taking bulk food donations & repackaging them for individual use. Potential tasks may include: Tearing down boxes, sorting salad dressing, putting together boxes of assorted food items, & repackaging individual boxes. Bring along your Family and Friends to add to the fun and let them also have that good 'give back' feeling. All are welcome, not only IMA Hartford Chapter members. Don't miss out! **Register now** by filling out the food bank's form as soon as possible using the ['claim your spot' link](#).

HARTFORD CHAPTER MEETING DETAILS

“The ABC's of Project Management-Project Scope”

by Darwyn Azzinaro, PMP, MBA, Sr. V.P & Enterprise PMO Leader, Liberty Bank

Feb 17, 2026 5:30 PM to 8:30PM (1.5 CPE)

Summary: Join us to explore:

- The fundamentals of project scope and its direct impact on financial performance.
- Common pitfalls like scope creep and how they drive budget overruns and delays.
- Practical strategies finance professionals can use to integrate financial considerations into project scope management.
- Real-world examples of how aligning scope and finance prevents risk and maximizes ROI.



This session will bridge the gap between technical project management concepts and the financial realities you face every day, ensuring you're equipped with actionable insights to improve project outcomes and maintain financial integrity. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your understanding of project scope and take your financial expertise to the next level!

Speaker: **Darwyn Azzinaro** brings over 25 years of strategic leadership in project, program, and portfolio management to his role as Senior Vice President and Enterprise PMO Leader at Liberty Bank, reporting to the CFO. Under his guidance, the EPMO has delivered enterprise-wide project impact analysis, identified performance trends, and improved investment tracking to strengthen competitive advantage and agility in a rapidly evolving market.



Previously, Darwyn scaled his impact as Program Director at Cheetah Digital, where he successfully revived a large Citibank program—turning its status from red to green—by overseeing teams onshore and offshore and restoring client confidence. Before that, he co-founded a project, program, and portfolio management consulting firm that was acquired by a major regional accounting firm in 2013, and later served as Vice President of Project & Portfolio Management at i2e Consulting, where he drove SaaS and organizational PMO effectiveness.

As an active volunteer leader, Darwyn has served the Southern New England Chapter of PMI in numerous board roles—including President, CFO, and VP of Conferences—and currently serves as President, supporting over 1,700 members through education, networking, and professional development.

Where: Live Event - Registration required in advance. Please click [here](#) to register for the Event.

Tues, Feb 17 Meeting Agenda and Details

Networking 5:30pm | Dinner 6:15pm | Technical Session 7:15pm

Reservations requested by Feb 12

RSVP on our [website](#) (Select the Generate an invoice option when you register on website, Payment will be collected at the door)

Location: Camp Courant, 96 Batterson Park Road, Farmington, CT 06032

Buffet: Pizza and Salad

Cost: IMA and NABA Members \$25 (non member professionals \$30), Full-time Student (Members and non-members) Free, Technical Session Only (all members/non-members) \$5, **Cancellation Policy:** Full Amount charged if a reservation including the meal is not cancelled within 24 hours of the event

Directions to Camp Courant

From the EAST I-84 West to Exit 38 for US-6 West towards Bristol. Take Exit 38. Turn left at end of ramp and merge onto US-6 E Colt Hwy. At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto Two Mile Rd. Turn right onto Batterson Park Rd. Turn right onto Wolf Pit Rd. Parking available in front of building and on basketball court.



From the WEST I-84 East to Exit 37, Fieneman Rd toward US-6E. Continue straight onto Batterson Park Rd. Turn left onto Wolf Pit Rd. Parking available in front of building and on basketball court.

From I-91 SOUTH At Hartford, take Exit 32A for I-84 West toward Waterbury. Then follow From the EAST.

From I-91 NORTH Take Exit 22N (Rte. 9 toward New Britain). Take exit 37 off CT-9 for CT-72 toward Bristol. Take exit 3 for I-84 E toward Farmington/Hartford. Then follow From the WEST.

Member Spotlight - Michael Krahn CMA, CSCA, CPA, PMP, PMI-ACP, CPMAI

Michael Krahn is a finance and analytics leader with deep experience in healthcare finance, enterprise ERP transformation, and applied analytics.

As the Director of Campus Outreach for the IMA Hartford Chapter, he represented the chapter while participating in multiple campus outreach events in 2025 along with chapter volunteer members, supporting student engagement and career development.

Michael previously presented Python in Excel to the chapter in 2024 and will present How to Successfully Implement AI in Any Organization at the chapter's April 21, 2026, monthly meeting. In addition, Michael is hosting a five-part webinar series from February through April 2026 in support of the IMA Global AI for Finance micro-credential and will present AI-Powered Cash Flow Forecasting at the 2026 IMA-NERC Annual Conference.



Member Spotlight - Charles Bellanfante, CPA, CMA, CSCA, CHFP

Charles Bellanfante is the founder of Quadrant Advisory CPA, where his work reflects a deep dedication to the accounting profession and its evolving role in strategic decision-making. With a strong commitment to professional standards, ethical practice, and continuous improvement, Charles approaches accounting as more than compliance - it is a tool for clarity, leadership, and long-term value creation.

Through his work, Charles partners closely with healthcare professionals and small business owners to translate complex financial data into actionable insights that support sustainable growth. His dedication to the profession is evident in his emphasis on disciplined financial management, meaningful reporting, and the development of systems that empower leaders to make informed decisions.

Charles loves to spend time with his family outside of busy seasons. He is an avid sports fan of the UConn Huskies Basketball and the New England Patriots. He also loves to read, travel, and attend music events.



As a member of the Institute of Management Accountants, Charles values the organization's focus on management accounting, strategic thinking, and professional excellence. He remains committed to advancing the profession by aligning financial expertise with real-world business strategy and by upholding the highest standards of integrity and service.

Become an IMA Mentor! 1 Hour a Month Can Change a Student's Path

IMA has joined **SetFire Foundation's Sparks Mentorship Program**, connecting US students with professionals who can guide, inspire, and open doors. The Sparks Mentorship Program is a program for college sophomores, juniors and seniors to help guide them through their education and prepare them for their next chapter.

There's a growing need for mentors, and We're inviting IMA members to share just one hour a month with an accounting or finance student, offering the kind of real -world advice that only experience can teach. All mentoring is done "virtually" so this opportunity is open to all Campus Influencers and IMA members. Together, we can help more students find their footing in the profession we love.

- Become a mentor: www.setfirefoundation.org/mentor
- Student sign-up: www.setfirefoundation.org/student

IMA Annual Conference 2026
Jun 14– 17, 2026

Finance Transformation: From Strategy to Action in Florida. IMA26 equips accounting and finance professionals with the tools, insights, and connections to turn uncertainty into opportunity and propel your organization forward. Over three dynamic days, you'll collaborate with peers on today's most pressing challenges through hands-on learning, interactive case studies, and specialized tracks. Registration now [Open!](#)



ima26 Accounting & Finance Conference
featuring
 THE CFO ALLIANCE®
experience
June 14 - 17, 2026 ♦ Tampa, FL

Institute of Management Accountants Hartford Chapter 2025 – 2026 Program Calendar

[N] Social/Networking - [O] Onsite - [V] Virtual

August 26, 2025 @ Yard Goats Game
@ Dunkin Donuts Park – Hartford [N]

September 14-16, 2025, Annual Fall Conference [O]
Groton – Please RSVP w/ NERC

October 21, 2025 @ Aerospace Techniques, Inc.
Middletown – Plant Tour [O]

November 18, 2025 @ Elizabeth's, Rocky Hill [O]
Anna Mumford – Cybersecurity Consultant, CONNSTEP
“Accounting for Risk: Building
Cybersecurity Resilience & Compliance”

December 16, 2025 @ Indian Hills CC, Newington [O]
Mark Zampino – Founder, Zampino Communications
“Connecting the Dots: True Networking”

January 20, 2026 – Webinar [V]
Brian Trueman, CBI – Managing Director-Tax, KPMG
“One Big Beautiful Bill: Unpacking
the Latest Congressional Tax Reform”

February 7, 2026 (SAT) @ Midwest FoodBank,
Manchester – Volunteer Event [N]

February 17, 2026 @ Camp Courant, Farmington [O]
Darwyn Azzinaro – Senior VP, Liberty Bank
“The ABC’s of Project Management-Project Scope”

March 17, 2026 @ J. Timothy's Tavern,
Plainville – Networking Event [N]

April 21, 2026 @ Wood-n-Tap, Southington [O]
Michael Krahm, CMA, CSCA, CPA
CEO, Remarc Consulting
“How to Successfully Implement
AI Projects at Any Organization”

May 19, 2026 @ Elizabeth's, Rocky Hill [O]
Kelly McDaniel – President, DeLisaGroup
“Working Through Others to Achieve Results”

Have a question? Use the contact information below:

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Website: hartford.imanet.org
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Facebook: Institute of Management Accountants – Hartford Chapter
LinkedIn: Institute of Management Accountants – Hartford Chapter

Proud Chapter of the IMA NorthEast Regional Council (NERC)
<https://nerc.imanet.org>



Save the Date for upcoming Events!

March 17, 2026 @ J. Timothy's Tavern, Plainville

“Networking Event”



Photos from last chapter meeting





Student, Faculty and Certifications Corner

Student Resources

Student Chapters

[Student Chapters | IMA \(imanet.org\)](https://www.imanet.org)

[IMA Student Membership | IMA \(imanet.org\)](https://www.imanet.org)

There are a lot of programs/certifications that IMA Global offers free to students. Search for that and take advantage where you can. It can be a great addition to your resume and to your Online Linked In profile

Here's where you can start if you want to enroll as a mentee and find a mentor.

[Engage in Mentoring - Institute of Management Accountants](https://www.imanet.org)

- Become a mentor: www.setfirefoundation.org/mentor
- Student sign-up: www.setfirefoundation.org/student

CMA and FMAA scholarship info

<https://www.imanet.org/ima-certifications/cma-certification/students/scholarship>

[IMA Student Case Competition](https://www.imanet.org)

The IMA Student Case Competition challenges your team to think analytically and strategically to solve a global business case.

Gleim Discounts on CMA Study Materials

Hartford Chapter members receive a 20-30% discount on all Gleim CMA study materials. Gleim is the most widely used CMA review program, having trained more CMA candidates than any other course on the market. Contact Vanessa Neely at vanessa.neely@gleim.com, or call 1-800-874-5346 ext 422, to take advantage of this offer or for more details.

You can also contact our Chapter CMA Director, Kristina Cotoia at Kristina.Cotoia@sbdinc.com who will be able to guide you along the path to earning the CMA designation.

CMA - Boost Your Earnings Potential!

Why Become a Certified Management Accountant

The CMA credential is the worldwide gold standard in certification for accounting and finance professionals within the business world. Earning your CMA demonstrates the fact that you have mastered critical accounting and financial management skills. The CMA is not tied to any formal laws or regulations of any company, but instead shows that you understand the connections between finance/accounting and operations as well as how to make your business function effectively. The median base salary and total compensation for those holding the CMA is significantly higher compared to those who don't hold the certification. Overall, the difference in median total compensation between CMAs and non-CMAs is \$29,000. This means that a CMA earns 58% higher median total compensation compared to a non-CMA.* Visit IMA [Website](#) for more information to get started.

To Become a CMA

- Pay IMA Membership Fee
- Obtain bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or an equivalent degree as determined by an independent evaluation agency
- Pay CMA Entrance Fee
- Complete Part 1 (Financial Planning, Performance, and Analytics) of the CMA Exam
- Complete Part 2 (Strategic Financial Management) of the CMA Exam
- Fulfill two continuous years of professional experience

To Sit for the CMA

- You do NOT need to have a bachelor's degree to sit for the CMA exam, you can sit for it before graduation.
- Your degree does NOT need to be in Accounting or Finance.
- You have a three year span to sit for and pass the two parts of the CMA exam.
- Exams are offered in January and February, May and June, and September and October.

Maintaining CMA Credential

- Complete 30 hours of CPE credit annually (including 2 hours of ethics)
- Pay IMA Membership Fee
- Pay CMA Maintenance Fee

About the CMA Exam

The Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation provides corporate management and individual members with an objective measure of knowledge and competence in the field of management accounting. It is an invaluable credential for professional advancement and for broadening professional skills and perspectives.

The CMA consists of two parts:

- Part I: Financial Planning, Performance, and Analytics
- Part II: Strategic Financial Management

Both, Part 1 and Part 2, will be 4 hours in length (3 hours for 100 multiple-choice questions and 1 hour for 2 essay questions). There are multiple resources provided through Gleim to help you through the process.

* IMA Global Salary Survey (Published 2021)

CSCA - Accelerate Your Career!

The CSCA® (Certified in Strategy and Competitive Analysis) is a specialty credential designed specifically for CMAs*, which complements and expands upon the strategic planning and analysis skills developed through the CMA® (Certified Management Accountant) certification. This credential will help you master the concepts and techniques that are required to become a key player in driving the strategic planning process at your organization. The CSCA exam will cover and test three content areas: 1. Strategic Analysis, 2. Creating Competitive Advantage, and 3. Strategy Implementation and Performance Evaluation. The CSCA is for Certified Management Accountants who: Hold positions ranging from staff accountant to CFO and Aspire to expand their strategic planning knowledge for current or future roles.

- ◊ **CSCA Program Entry and Exam Registration: \$600**
- ◊ **CSCA Program Entry, Exam Registration and IMA Strategy and Competitive Analysis Learning Series®: \$1,295**
- ◊ **IMA Strategy and Competitive Analysis Learning Series®: \$695**

Invest in your professional growth and get started on your CSCA journey! By passing the exam, you will earn 30 CPE credits, which can be used towards your annual CPE requirement. Not ready for the exam? Take the IMA Strategy and Competitive Analysis Learning Series® first and sit for the exam at your convenience. You can earn up to 21 NASBA CPE credits while you study. Visit [IMA Website](#) for more information to get started.

FMAA - Early Career Professionals

IMA is proud to offer the [FMAA \(Financial and Managerial Accounting Associate\)](#), a foundational certification aimed at providing early-career professionals in accounting and finance with fundamental knowledge and competencies. In response to a shortage of professionals in the field, the FMAA aims to break down traditional barriers of entry into the profession. The FMAA covers five content domains, including general accounting, financial management, and professional ethics.

You can register to take the two hour exam of 80 multiple choice questions at Prometric testing centers near you.

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