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**15th Annual  
Fall Conference**

September 17-19, 2023  
The Wyndham Newport  
Newport Rhode Island

19 Hours Continuing Professional Education Credits

The IMA NorthEast Regional Council invites  
you to join us for another great event!!  
*Newport (Middletown) Rhode Island September 17 - 19, 2023*

## ***Why Should You Attend?***

This conference offers **19** CPE credits with **13** educational sessions covering key management accounting areas.

Hear from inspiring industry leaders on Project Management, Cash & Inventory Fraud, FASB Updates, IRS Employment Classification, Remote Workforce, Cybersecurity, Ethics, ADA Compliance, Risk Management, Internal Fraud, Diversity, Corporate Turnarounds, Energy, and more!

### ***By attending the conference you will:***

- ⇒ Enhance your technical skills
- ⇒ Learn the latest *Best Practices*
- ⇒ Gain insight from other management accountants
- ⇒ Further your professional development
- ⇒ Have fun!

The conference begins on Sunday afternoon with registration & check-in starting at **1:00 pm** and Conference Welcome & Announcements at **2:30 pm**. There are 3 sessions on Sunday afternoon with the first one beginning at **2:45 pm** and the last one ending at **6:50 pm**. The Council Meeting will follow the last session and begin promptly at **7:00 pm**, and includes a buffet dinner. The conference will close on Tuesday afternoon at **2:30 pm** with Conference Farewell and a drawing for a free registration to the IMA NorthEast Regional Council Fall 2024 Conference. Please see the **Conference at a Glance** section for the complete schedule of topics, speakers and times.

Please visit our website for conference updates and registration

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## **Conference Registration Fees:**

*Includes all sessions and meals except as noted*

**Register by 07/31/23      \$295**

**On/After 08/01/23      \$335**

**Student Rate      \$150**

*Note: students must register under the Student Only link to receive the rate*

Conference Registration is online and payment is through PayPal.

Register at: [nerc.imanet.org](http://nerc.imanet.org)

The conference will be held at the Wyndham Newport Hotel in Middletown Rhode Island. Please see the **Lodging and Information** page for hotel information.

*We will be following recommended CDC and state guidelines at the time of the conference.*

The IMA NorthEast Regional Council is proud to be celebrating 50+ years of service to its membership in the New England area and upstate New York in the Tech Valley region. We are committed to the success of our membership and our profession.

*Founded over 100 years ago, IMA® (Institute of Management Accountants) is the worldwide association of accounting and finance professionals in business. **Our Vision** To be the leading resource for developing, certifying, connecting, and supporting the world's best accountants and financial professionals in business.*

# CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

## Sunday - September 17, 2023

- ♦ 1:00-2:30 PM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN
- ♦ 2:30-2:45 PM ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ♦ 2:45-4:00 PM *"Project Management Essentials at NASA"*  
**David Mitchell** 1.5 CPE
- ♦ 4:00-4:10 PM BREAK
- ♦ 4:10-5:25 PM *"Energy Markets Outlook—2023 & Beyond"*  
**Paul Nazzaro** 1.5 CPE
- ♦ 5:25-5:35 PM BREAK
- ♦ 5:35-6:50 PM *"Diversity in Organizations: Promises or Peril? Both!"*  
**Dr. Sean Rogers, PhD** 1.5 CPE
- ♦ 7:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING with light dinner

## Monday - September 18, 2023

- ♦ 7:00-7:45 AM BREAKFAST  
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN
- ♦ 7:45-8:00 AM ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ♦ 8:00-9:15 AM *"Cash & Inventory Fraud-A Journey of Deceit"*  
**Ronald LaPlante CMA CFM** 1.5 CPE
- ♦ 9:15-9:30 AM BREAK
- ♦ 9:30-10:20 AM *"SEC Sells: Using Appropriate Protection to Secure your Financial Assets"*  
**Russell Beauchemin** 1.0 CPE
- ♦ 10:20-10:35 AM BREAK
- ♦ 10:35-11:50 AM *"FASB Updates"*  
**Marcus Harwood, CPA MSPA** 1.5 CPE
- ♦ 11:50-1:00 PM LUNCH
- ♦ 1:00-2:15 PM *"ADA Compliance: What That Truly Means for You"*  
**Stacy Hart** 1.5 CPE  
**Elisabeth Hubbard**
- ♦ 2:15-2:30 PM BREAK

## Monday - September 18, 2023

- ♦ 2:30-3:45 PM *"What Exposures is YOUR Business Facing? A Dive into Risk Management & Cyber Exposure"*  
**Sean Cottrell, CIC** 1.5 CPE  
**Sean McCarthy, CIC CRM LUTCF**  
**Stefan Petrella**
- ♦ 3:45-4:00 PM BREAK
- ♦ 4:00-4:50 PM *"Managing a Remote Workforce"*  
**Joyce Lancellotti** 1.0 CPE
- ♦ 4:50-5:00 PM BREAK
- ♦ 5:00-7:00 PM *Sponsor Showcase & Networking Event*

## Tuesday - September 19, 2023

- ♦ 7:15-7:45 AM BREAKFAST  
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN
- ♦ 7:45-8:00 AM ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ♦ 8:00-9:15 AM *"Avoiding Corporate Turnarounds - and the People Who Fix Them"*  
**Jeff Sands** 1.5 CPE
- ♦ 9:15-10:30 AM *"Worker Classification: Employee vs Independent Contractor"*  
**Odette Turenne** 1.5 CPE
- ♦ 10:30-10:45 AM BREAK
- ♦ 10:45-12:00 PM *"The Threat from Within: Counter Internal Fraud Risks to Safeguard our Organization"*  
**Robert Loh, CFE CFCS CCE CIRA** 1.5 CPE
- ♦ 12:00-2:00 PM LUNCH - CPE session  
*"Ethics and IMA: Can We Count on You?" A Case Study in Business Ethics*  
**Thomas Van Dzura, CMA CFM** 2.0 CPE
- ♦ 2:00-2:30 PM CLOSING (Drawing for free conference!)



**Russell Beauchemin**

**"SEC Sells: Using Appropriate Protection to Secure Your Financial Assets"**

Russell is a graduate of RIC with a B.A. in English, minor in Chem, M.A. in Media Studies, and currently pursuing his PhD in Education at Lesley University. With his diverse academic background coupled with over 20 years of working in the field of technology and close to a decade of experience with teaching and instruction, he brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to everyone he meets and to every project he works on. His research interests include: Emerging technologies, Post-humanism, Virtual and augmented realities, and Tele-presence robots. In his spare time, Russell likes to travel, photograph space, read, volunteer, explore new territories in teaching and learning, and continue to push his own limits. Russell is Assistant Professor of Cybersecurity and Networking at Roger Williams University and teaches courses such as Security Techniques, Computer Hardware and Software, Certified Ethical Hacking, and Cloud Security.



**Sean Cottrell, CIC**

**"What Exposures is YOUR Business Facing?  
A Dive into Risk Management & Cyber Exposure"**

Sean Cottrell is a Senior Vice President and Human Services/Healthcare Practice Group leader for Starkweather & Shepley Insurance Brokerage Inc. (S&S). Sean's responsibility to the firm includes being a member of the sales management team, mentor to multiple practice groups and different Starkweather offices. He is also a member of Starkweather's Board of Directors, assisting with day-to-day operations of the firm. Sean uses his commercial insurance expertise to assist his clients nationally, with their insurance program and risk management needs. He joined the firm in 2006 and is a graduate of The University of Rhode Island. Sean can be contacted at [sean.cottrell@starshep.com](mailto:sean.cottrell@starshep.com).



**Stacy Hart**

**"ADA Compliance: What That Truly Means for You"**

Stacy Hart, an ADA Trainer, Information and Outreach Specialist for IHCD's New England ADA Center sees her work here as a continuation of making our communities more accessible and inclusive of everyone. Stacy notes that everyone deserves access to the same safety net and has protections from disability-related discrimination under the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act and Section 508. This includes people who are addicted to alcohol and people in recovery from the use of drugs. She provides training on the ADA including but not limited to employment and municipal obligations, emergency management, Section 504, state building code, and topical issues such as COVID-19, healthcare access, and people in recovery.

Stacy also works on the IHCD consulting project. In one of her most recent projects working with the DOL to improve access to unemployment benefits for all diverse communities, Stacy was able to share that BIPOC communities, immigrants, the working poor, and people with disabilities were not receiving benefits that they were entitled to and recommend potential solutions.

Previously at Boston Center for Independent Living, Stacy worked with youth and adults with disabilities from diverse backgrounds to achieve their education and independent living goals. She specialized in explaining the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), helping parents through the Individual Education Plan (IEP) process, and assisted with transition services for high school students.

Originally from Kansas (Kansas State motto, "To the stars through difficulty"), Stacy moved to Boston and received a master's degree in organizational and corporate communications from Emerson College. The purpose of communication is not to speak but to listen. In her free time, Stacy enjoys spending time with her husband, Chris; two children, Stephen and Ruth; and Australian Shepherd, Carly and as such is passionate about inclusive parental rights processes, health care, public education, transportation, playgrounds and trails.

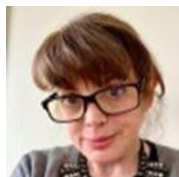


**Marcus Harwood, CPA, MSPA**

**"FASB Update"**

Marcus Harwood is a Principal in the National Assurance Technical Group at CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) where his responsibilities include engagement quality, audit methodology, analysis and implementation of new accounting standards, and internal and external professional development and learning. He has extensive experience serving a wide range of industries and serving clients as an engagement leader. Marcus also has technical experience in financial statement audits, due diligence procedures and Sarbanes-Oxley compliance. He has a BA in international politics and economics from Middlebury College and a MS in professional accounting from University of Hartford.

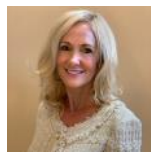




**Elisabeth Hubbard**

**"ADA Compliance: What That Truly Means for You"**

Elisabeth Hubbard is the newest member of the team at the Governor's Commission on Disabilities, starting the position of Assistant ADA Coordinator for Employment and Services in October, 2022. Previously, Elisabeth was a staff attorney for eighteen years at the Rhode Island Protection and Advocacy agency Disability Rights Rhode Island (DRRI) where she represented clients on a variety of disability-related legal issues. In addition to the broad legal practice, she was also the lead attorney of the Assistive Technology Program and the Beneficiaries of Social Security Program, creating publications and trainings for consumers on these topics. At the Rhode Island GCD, Elisabeth acts as the Assistant ADA Coordinator for Employment and Services investigating ADA complaints, providing technical assistance, and providing trainings to the community. She also works on legislative advocacy and serves on several state councils. In her spare time Elisabeth is usually knitting sweaters for her dachshund or volunteering at the local library.



**Joyce Lancellotti**

**"Managing a Remote Workforce"**

Joyce Lancellotti is a Vice President and Practice Director for Robert Half's finance and accounting division in Providence, Rhode Island. Joyce has been with Robert Half for over twelve years. In her role, Joyce manages a team of Robert Half staffing professionals as well as continuously cultivating and maintaining her book of business servicing clients and candidates. Driven, enthusiastic, and collaborative, Joyce possesses a strong desire for the team in Providence to achieve its goals. Prior to her role at Robert Half, Joyce was an Associate Director of Finance for Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston where she managed and operated the accounting department for the school. Joyce obtained her Bachelor of Science in Accounting and her Master of Business Administration degree from Providence College. Joyce is a native Rhode Islander and loves the ocean state.



**Ronald LaPlante, CMA, CFM**

**"Cash and Inventory Fraud - A Journey of Deceit"**

Ronald LaPlante, CMA, CFM (and earned six others - CPA CIA CFE CrFA CFSA EA) has been in accounting auditing and tax roles for forty years. Currently he is Controller for Five Star Golf Cars & Utility Vehicles LLC.. He has done four stints in public accounting. His roles in private industry ranged from bank reconciler at age nine to CFO consultant for a multi-billion dollar non-profit.. He owned his own business for ten years preparing candidates to pass the CMA exam for four IMA chapters in California and the Valley of the Sun Chapter as well as assisting others to pass the CPA and CIA exams. He is a past president of the New Hampshire and the Long Beach, CA IMA Chapters. Ron has completed ten marathons and sings in a local church choir. He earned his Master of Science degree in Accounting from New Hampshire College, now Southern New Hampshire University.



**Robert Loh, CFE, CFCS, CCE, CIRA**

**"The Threat From Within: Counter Internal Fraud Risks to Safeguard Your Organization"**

Robert Loh is a Senior Director with Huron Consulting Group. Rob has nearly 20 years of experience providing forensic accounting, litigation, and restructuring consulting services. He assists clients facing complex and highly sensitive matters, including allegations of financial crimes such as securities and financial statement fraud, the misappropriation of funds, bribery and corruption, Ponzi schemes, and tracing funds in associated money laundering investigations. For nearly two decades, Rob has helped guide clients in industries such as healthcare, pharmaceuticals, financial services, retail, real estate, and government agencies through complex fraud and financial crime investigations and litigation analyses. He has served as an expert or consulting witness in a range of litigation matters, including shareholder disputes, breach of contract claims, wage and hour disputes, ability to pay, and the analysis of economic damages. His engagements typically involve working closely with attorneys and clients to evaluate allegations of fraud or financial crimes, quantify economic damages, and craft effective presentations of findings to the end user. He also works with other parties (e.g., management teams, lenders, outside investors) to strengthen internal control environments to reduce the risk of losses associated with fraud or other impermissible activities. Prior to joining Huron, Rob served as senior manager in the dispute consulting practice at Stout Risius Ross. Previously, he held the role of senior manager in the corporate recovery services practice of CBIZ MHM, a national accounting firm. Rob earned his Bachelor of Science in public accounting from Fordham University. He is certified as a fraud examiner, a financial crime specialist, a cryptocurrency expert, and an insolvency and restructuring adviser. Rob is a co-chair of the Association of Certified Financial Crime Specialists' New York chapter and vice president of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners' Connecticut chapter. He is also a member of the Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Advisors. Rob has contributed articles to the American Bankruptcy Institute and other industry publications and is a frequent speaker on financial crime and other financial matters – to the benefit of both his colleagues and clients.



**Sean F. McCarthy, CIC, CRM, LUTC**

**"What Exposures is YOUR Business Facing?  
A Dive into Risk Management & Cyber Exposure"**

Sean F. McCarthy is a Senior Vice President with Starkweather and Shepley Insurance who has worked in the Commercial Insurance industry since 2001. He is a Certified Risk Manager who specializes at evaluating the risks and exposures faced by small and medium-sized businesses and working with those clients to craft long-term solutions through Insurance and Risk Management. He specializes at working with clients in the Energy space but also has extensive experience with clients involved in the Construction, Manufacturing, and Retail fields. He has run the Energy Practice Group for Starkweather since 2014 and works out of Westwood, MA. Sean graduated from Tufts University in 1992 and lives in Norwell, MA.



**David Mitchell**

**"Project Management Essential at NASA"**

David Mitchell was named NASA's chief program management officer in January 2022. In this role, he is responsible for strengthening the agency's oversight, management, and implementation of program management policies, processes, and best practices. He began his career in 1984 with the U.S. Navy testing rocket motor systems and air-crew escape systems and joined NASA in 1987, working on transportation systems for instruments and spacecraft, including the Cosmic Background Explorer, which resulted in Nobel prize-winning science.

Mitchell previously served as acting director of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, from Jan. 1, 2023, to April 6, 2023. In this position, he focused on ensuring a seamless transition as the agency works to not only fill the center director position permanently, but also the position of associate administrator of NASA's Science Mission Directorate, the work of which is closely intertwined with Goddard's work. Prior to these roles, Mitchell served as the director of the Engineering and Technology Directorate at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.

In 1990, Mitchell worked on launch vehicle systems, including the Delta II, Scout, and Pegasus launch vehicles, and the successful launches of the Mars Global Surveyor and Mars Pathfinder missions. In 1997, he moved to the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) program as chair of the GOES-N series Source Evaluation Board and stayed with the program until 2005 as project manager, when he went on detail assignments to NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida and Headquarters in Washington. In 2006, he worked as a NASA Congressional Fellow focusing on space and science issues.

Mitchell became deputy associate director of Goddard's Earth Science Projects Division in late 2006 and concurrently served as the project manager for the Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) proposal effort. Upon MAVEN's selection in 2008 for development, he served as project manager through the mission's Mars orbit Insertion in 2014.

From 2015 to January 2021, Mitchell was the director of Goddard's Flight Projects Directorate, the portfolio of which included more than 80 missions, from small satellites to flagship missions such as the James Webb Space Telescope. At the same time, he served as the formulation project manager for the Comet Astrobiology Exploration Sample Return (CAESAR) mission, from 2014 to 2019.

Since 2015, he has served as the senior champion for Goddard's African American Advisory Committee, for which he was awarded NASA's Equal Employment Opportunity Medal in 2020. He also was awarded NASA's Outstanding Leadership Medal twice for his work on the GOES and MAVEN projects and received the Presidential Rank Award in 2015.

Mitchell graduated with a bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1984 and a master's in Engineering Administration from George Washington University in 1989. He completed the Council for Excellence in Government program in 2002, is a 2004 graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government Senior Executive Fellows program and graduated from NASA's Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program in 2006.



**Paul Nazzaro**

**"Energy Markets Outlook—2023 and Beyond"**

Over the past twenty-eight years, Advanced Fuel Solutions (AFS) president Paul Nazzaro has spearheaded and developed the fastest growing fuel quality solutions organization that focuses on optimizing the buying and selling for liquid fuels. He has established strategic relationships with the world's leading additive developers, created and managed more than twenty premium fuel brands and treated more than five billion gallons of fuel. He has helped secure biodiesel's place as one of the fastest-growing alternative fuels in the nation. He has written and presented extensively on all facets of biodiesel production, handling, blending, marketing, operability, and policy. As supply chain liaison for the Clean Fuels Alliance America, he was a key figure in the conceptualization of Bioheat® fuel. Now a standard heating oil blend stock, Paul's vanguard leadership proved critical in the formidable task of gaining acceptance of biodiesel by the heating oil industry.

Established in 1994, AFS has forged successful strategic relationships with business partners at every level of the liquid fuels supply chain. Recognized as an industry "disruptor", AFS has positioned itself to lead carbon-based markets to Net Zero through the implementation of low-carbon fuels such as biodiesel, renewable diesel, and sustainable aviation fuel, all of which they monitor to ensure operational excellence downstream.

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**Stefan Petrella**

**"What Exposures is YOUR Business Facing?  
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Stefan Petrella is the Senior Vice President and Director of Business Development and handles business development strategies for Starkweather & Shepley Insurance and its affiliates, with a specialty in the company's various practice groups. He is also the Entertainment & Theatre Practice Group Leader. He holds a key role for Starkweather in Marketing, Advertising, Communication, Public Relations, Digital & Brand Development and is the Director of the marketing department, managing communication efforts in 14 offices across 5 states. Stefan was awarded the Transformer & Rebel Awards through Marketo, as well as Fastest Growing & Innovative Company by Providence Business News. He also is a contributing member to Forbes Business Development Council. He serves on the Executive Committee of Progreso Latino, as well as a board member of Ballet Rhode Island. He graduated from Seton Hall in 2008 and currently lives in Rhode Island.



**Dr. Sean Rogers, PhD, SPHR, SHRM-SCP**

**"Diversity in Organizations: Promise or Peril? Both!"**

Dr. Sean Edmund Rogers, PhD, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, is Dean and Alfred J. Verrecchia-Hasbro Inc. Leadership Chair in Business at the University of Rhode Island College of Business. He previously served as URI's Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President of Community, Equity, and Diversity. Prior to URI, he held faculty and leadership appointments at Cornell University, University of New Mexico, and New Mexico State University, and earlier in his career worked in corporate finance, industrial engineering, and marketing.

Sean is a nationally recognized scholar in the areas of workforce diversity, employment discrimination, human resources, and labor relations, and has published more than 20 academic articles and two books on these and other topics. He serves on the Executive Board of the National Labor and Employment Relations Association and is a Society for Human Resources Management Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP) and certified Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR). Sean earned a PhD in industrial relations and HR from Rutgers University and master's degrees from Wake Forest School of Law, University of Illinois, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.



**Jeff Sands**

**"Avoiding Corporate Turnarounds - and the People Who Fix Them"**

Jeff Sands is a corporate turnaround specialist who has devoted his career to saving businesses, jobs, and the communities they support. He was first rudely introduced to the concept of corporate turnarounds in his own business, which he eventually lost in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Since then, Jeff has focused solely on saving other businesses and has developed a reputation as the best guy to call in the worst situations.

Jeff is a Certified Turnaround Practitioner (CTP) who was awarded a coveted TMA Turnaround of the Year Award in each of 2017, 2018, and 2019. In 2020 M&A Advisor named him the Turnaround Consultant of the Year. He is the author of Corporate Turnaround Artistry (Wiley 2020) which is required reading within several university MBA level courses and private equity firms.

Jeff consults select clients and pursues distressed industrial acquisitions on a global basis.



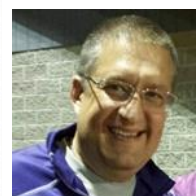
**Odette Turenne**

**"Worker Classification: Employee vs. Independent Contractor"**

Odette Turenne is a Senior Stakeholder Liaison with the Stakeholder Liaison office of the Internal Revenue Service Communications & Liaison Division. She began her career with the Internal Revenue Service 36 years ago as a Revenue Agent in the Examination Division of the Small Business/Self-Employed Operating Division of IRS.

Currently, as a Senior Stakeholder Liaison, Odette represents the IRS at education and outreach events and works with tax professionals, payroll providers, industry and trade associations, small business owners, and other federal, state, and local government agencies. She speaks at organization meetings, conferences, seminars, forums, and workshops on tax related topics relevant to the tax professional and small business audience.

Odette is a graduate of Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.



**Thomas F. Van Dzura, CMA, CFM**

**"Ethics and IMA: Can We Count on You?"**

Tom Van Dzura currently serves as the Director of Finance & Administration for the Portland Peninsula & Island Parishes, a cluster of five parishes within the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, Maine. This followed a year-long role with another local nonprofit, Preble Street, after relocating to Maine from Essex, Vermont in the fall of 2021.

Prior to the above, Tom had been a full-time Instructor in the Department of Business Administration and Accounting at St. Michael's College (Colchester, VT), focusing on courses such as Managerial Accounting, Nonprofit Accounting, Cost Management, Managerial Ethics, and Personal Financial Planning. Before joining the St. Michael's College faculty full-time during the 2015-2016 academic year, Tom served as the CFO for the Society of St. Edmund, the founding, nonprofit, Roman Catholic Religious Order of St. Michael's College for 15 years.

He is a 1989 graduate of St. Michael's College (BS in Accounting) and completed his graduate studies there as well in the college's MSA (Master of Science in Administration) program in 2003. In 2016, Tom earned a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Business Administration from Walden University. Tom holds the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) and Certified in Financial Management (CFM) designations sponsored by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), of which he is a member.

Tom and his wife Brenda (also an '89 St. Mike's graduate) currently live in Yarmouth, Maine. They have three sons and a granddaughter.



# LODGING AND INFORMATION

## LODGING

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### Make your reservation early!

To reserve a room at conference rates online visit [Reservation Link](#) (right click to open link) or you may call the **Wyndham Hotel** directly at (401) 236-2020. Please be sure to specify our group name **IMA NorthEast Regional Council Conference (NERC)** when making a reservation.

Room Rates: \$189 for a Single or Double

All rates are per night plus local and state taxes. The Facility Fee of \$15+ tax has been waived for our group. It will appear on your reservation and will be credited back when you check in.

Conference rates are in effect while rooms are available or until the cut-off date of **August 17, 2023**.

Reservations must be cancelled **7 days prior to arrival by 3:00pm to avoid a 1 night plus applicable tax charge**. Please check with the Wyndham Newport Hotel.

## Information

The Wyndham Newport Hotel located in Middletown RI is approximately 25 miles (30-45 minutes) off of I-95. It is 29.4 miles from T.F. Green Airport in Warwick RI and about 2 hours from Logan International Airport in Boston.

Come early to explore Newport! The city is known for its colonial architecture and landmarks, as well as a series of lavish Gilded Age mansions filled with invaluable antiques along Bellevue Avenue. Many of the Mansions have tours running daily. Take a stroll along the famed Cliff Walk. There are over 15 wineries & breweries to visit, beautiful beaches and paths for walking and biking, lots of shopping and more! These are just some of the sights awaiting you in Newport RI.

***We look forward to seeing you in September!***

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## Council Meeting Sunday Evening

The NorthEast Regional Council will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday September 17 from 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM. A buffet dinner will be provided. All IMA members and conference participants are encouraged to attend. The Agenda includes: a financial report from the Treasurer, an IMA Global report, and upcoming events. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the IMA and the Council.

## Sponsor Showcase & Networking Event Monday Evening

*September 18, 2023 5:00 PM-7:00 PM*

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to network with Conference Sponsors and your peers! Enjoy some delicious hors d'oeuvres and a beverage or two while you chat with our sponsors and network with friends, both old and new! There will be several drawings for special door prizes too! Bring your business cards!

If you are still hungry after the Showcase, dinner is on your own. We will have suggestions of restaurants in the local area. The hotel also has a restaurant and bar onsite.

*Please visit our website to register*

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