IMA NorthEast Fall Conference

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18th Annual Fall Conference

September 20-22, 2026
Wellsworth Hotel
Southbridge MA

18.5 Hours Continuing Professional Education Credits

The IMA NorthEast Regional Council and the IMA Boston Chapter invite you to join us for another great event!!

Southbridge Massachusetts

September 20 - 22, 2026

Why You Should Attend

Hear from inspiring industry leaders on AI for Cash Forecasting, Leadership Agility, SBA Funding, Risk Management in Non-Profit, Banking Industry Reset, TRUE Networking, M&A Due Diligence, Change Management, IMA Competency Framework, FASB/GASB/IASB Updates, AI for Financial Leaders, and Ethical Decisions.

By attending this conference you will:

⇒ Enhance your technical skills

⇒ Learn the latest *Best Practices*

⇒ Gain insight from other management accountants

⇒ Further your professional development

⇒ Have fun!

We begin on Sunday afternoon at ***1:00 pm*** with conference check-in and a light lunch followed by Conference Welcome & Announcements at ***2:30 pm***. There are 3 sessions on Sunday from ***2:45 pm to 7:00 pm***. Dinner will be on your own. On Monday we have a full day of sessions immediately followed by our ***Networking Event*** at ***5:30 pm***. There are 3 sessions on Tuesday and we close at ***1:30 pm*** with our Conference Farewell, a box lunch, and drawings for door prizes including a free registration to the IMA NorthEast Regional Council Fall 2027 Conference.

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 07/31/26	$380
On/After 08/01/25	$425

Conference Registration is online with payment via PayPal.

Register at: nerc.imanet.org

Our conference will be held at the Wellsworth Hotel in Southbridge Massachusetts. Please see the *Lodging and Information* page for hotel information.

The *IMA NorthEast Regional Council* is proud to be observing 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.

The *Boston Chapter* is one of the first chapters of the IMA. It was officially formed in 1920 and received its official charter as chapter 001. The group was first organized as the "National Association of Cost Accountants" October 1919. Six people from the Boston area were among the 36 who attended the first ever meeting of individuals devoted to the science of cost accounting. By the end of two days, a new organization was formed with several individuals from the Boston area serving on its first Board of Directors.

Conference At a Glance

Sunday - September 20, 2026

- 1:00–2:30 PM Conference Check-In
- 1:00–2:30 PM Light Lunch
- 2:30–2:45 PM Announcements
- 2:45-4:00 PM *"Predictive Liquidity: Using AI & Machine Learning to Improve Cash Flow"*
  Michael Krahn CMA, CSCA, CPA, PMP 1.5 CPE
- 4:00-4:10 PM BREAK
- 4:10-5:25 PM *"From Chaos to Clarity: Managing Uncertainty in Complex Project Environments"*
  Dr. Jacques Alexis PhD 1.5 CPE
- 5:25-5:35 PM BREAK
- 5:35-6:50 PM "Mergers and Acquisitions: Best Practices"
  Brian Conefrey CMA, CSCA 1.5 CPE
- 7:00 PM ***DINNER ON YOUR OWN***

Monday - September 21, 2026

- 7:00-7:45 AM BREAKFAST
  Conference Check-in
- 7:45–8:00 AM Announcements
- 8:00-9:15 AM *"When the Old Ways No Longer Work: Building Team and Leadership Agility in Times of Change"*
  Joan Pierre 1.5 CPE
- 9:15-9:30 AM BREAK
- 9:30-10:45 AM *"Funding Your Future with the Small Business Administration"*
  Kristi Haxhiaj 1.5 CPE
- 10:45-10:55 AM BREAK
- 10:55-12:10 AM *"Expanded IMA Competency Framework"*
  Travis Willard CPTO 1.5 CPE
- 12:10-1:10 PM LUNCH

Monday - September 21, 2026

- 1:10-2:25 PM *"Practical and Impactful Non-Profit Metrics for Risk Management"*
  Rinku Bhattacharya CMA 1.5 CPE
- 2:25-2:40 PM BREAK
- 2:40-3:55 PM *"Get in the Know Before the Numbers Show: FASB, GASB, and IFRS Key Updates"*
  Melissa Ferrucci CPA 1.5 CPE
  Jason Newman CPA
- 3:55-4:05 PM BREAK
- 4:05-5:20 PM *"Connecting the Dots: TRUE Networking"*
  Mark Zampino 1.5 CPE
- 5:20–5:30 PM End of Day Announcements
- 5:30-7:00 PM ***NETWORKING EVENT***

Tuesday - September 22, 2026

- 7:00-7:45 AM BREAKFAST
  Conference Check-in
- 7:45–8:00 AM Announcements
- 8:00-9:15 AM *"The Great Banking Reset: How Risk, Regulation, and Technology are Rewriting Finance in 2026"*
  Dr. Ned Gandevani PhD, MBA 1.5 CPE
- 9:15-9:25 AM BREAK
- 9:25-10:40 AM *"AI for Financial Leaders: Building Intelligent, Safe, and Effective Finance Operations"*
  Heather Dawood 1.5 CPE
- 10:40-10:50 AM BREAK
- 10:50-12:30 PM *ETHICS SESSION*

"Beyond Debits and Credits: The Psychology Driving Ethical Decisions"
Mike Ruff CMA, CPA, CGMA 2.0 CPE

- 12:30-1:30 PM BOX LUNCH
  CLOSING (*Drawing for free conference!)*

Jacques Alexis, PhD

"From Chaos to Clarity: Managing Uncertainty in Complex Project Environments"

Project-based organizations operate under persistent uncertainty that affects investment decisions, performance outcomes, and organizational value. This session presents practical frameworks and analytical tools that help professionals quantify uncertainty, evaluate risk trade-offs, and strengthen decision quality in project-based environments. Participants will leave with actionable approaches they can apply immediately to improve forecasting, governance, and strategic alignment.

Dr. Jacques Alexis is a Teaching Professor at Northeastern University, where he has been a core faculty member in the graduate project management program for more than a decade. He brings over 20 years of industry experience across power generation, manufacturing, finance, and consulting, offering conference audiences a practical perspective grounded in real organizational challenges.

His work focuses on helping professionals strengthen decision making under uncertainty through data-driven methods, stakeholder alignment, and applied analytics. Dr. Alexis is known for integrating technology and computer-based simulations into executive and graduate education, helping learners connect financial performance, risk exposure, and project outcomes in complex environments.

He received Northeastern's Excellence in Teaching Award in recognition of his commitment to creating engaging and inclusive learning experiences. Beyond the classroom, he chairs the Evidence-Based Management Practice Roundtable at the Project Management Institute Mass Bay Chapter and currently serves as President of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Boston Chapter.

Dr. Alexis believes in lifelong learning and is a member of several professional associations, including the British Academy of Management and the Center for Evidence-Based Management. His academic background includes degrees from Hautes Études Commerciales (HEC), the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Maryland. He is the author of multiple books and book chapters on project management, innovation, and sustainable project and portfolio strategy.

Rinku Bhattacharya, CMA

"Practical and Impactful Non-Profit Metrics for Risk Management"

This presentation covers the essential components of risk management within a non-profit organization, covering practical topics like funding diversity, cash management, and audit performance, punctuated as needed with mini case studies.

Rinku Bhattacharya is a CMA with more than 28 years of financial and administrative experience, she has two decades of experience serving in C-level financial and operational roles in complex non-profit organizations, overseeing several aspects of risk management and the financial function. Rinku is passionate about creating scalable infrastructures within the non-profit sector, and has done this successfully in several complex nonprofit organizations.

Currently, Rinku serves as the Chief Financial and Operating Officer for the Boys and Girls Club of New Rochelle and as an adjunct professor at Manhattanville University.

Rinku serves on IMA's Global Board of Directors and is the incoming Chair of IMA's Westchester Gateway Chapter, Chair's IMA non-profit shared interest group, and also serves on the Board of Directors for Coleridge Initiative, Cluster, Inc. and the First Lego League of Hudson Valley

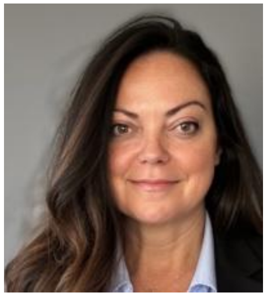
She has a Doctoral degree in Accounting (DPS) from Pace University, an MBA in Finance from the University of Bridgeport and an MS in Nonprofit Management from New School University.

Brian Conefrey, CMA, CSCA

"Mergers and Acquisitions: Best Practices"

This presentation outlines key best practices for successful mergers and acquisitions. It highlights strategies for due diligence, valuation, and integration planning. Attendees will learn how to minimize risk and maximize long-term value in M&A transactions

Brian Conefrey, CMA, CSCA is currently the Director of Shared Services at ASSA ABLOY, a Swedish Group whose offerings include products and services related to locks, doors, gates, and entrance automation. He joined the company in April, 2026. Previously, Brian completed over 25 years of varied experience in the food distribution industry. Brian has extensive project management experience leading numerous ERP system conversions and distributor acquisitions. Brian holds an MBA from Nichols College and a Bachelor's Degree from Worcester State University. He is a US Army veteran. Brian served three terms as a member of the IMA Exam Review Committee and is a current member of the IMA Board of Regents.



Heather Dawood

"AI For Financial Leaders: Building Intelligent, Safe, and Efficient Finance Operations "

Today's finance leaders must determine where AI adds value, where risks exist, and how governance must evolve. Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming how organizations analyze data, forecast performance, and manage risk. Finance leaders are uniquely positioned to lead this transformation because Finance already governs the enterprise's most trusted data and decision frameworks. We will explore how Finance leaders can responsibly harness AI to transform financial insight, strengthen governance, and build more intelligent finance operations.

With 20+ years of experience in banking and payments, Heather specializes in developing and implementing strategic financial solutions that optimize business performance, streamline operations, and enhance security. Her expertise spans across treasury management, payments systems, fraud protection, and data analytics, with a deep focus on improving payment workflows, safeguarding financial operations, and driving revenue cycle efficiency.

Melissa Ferrucci, CPA

"Get in the Know Before the Numbers Show: FASB, GASB and IFRS Key Updates"

This presentation will provide a high-level overview of recent and emerging updates from FASB, GASB, and the IASB (IFRS), with a focus on how these changes may affect financial reporting, governance, and decision□making across organizations. While not all updates require immediate action, early awareness and planning are critical. The discussion will cover both the technical requirements and the strategic implications of these standards.

Melissa L. Ferrucci, CPA, is the Office Managing Partner for CohnReznick's Hartford and Stamford, CT offices and serves as leader in the real estate practice for CohnReznick's Connecticut offices. Serving clients in commercial real estate and affordable housing, she provides auditing services and guidance on critical industry issues to a range of stakeholders. She also works closely with various governments and quasi-governmental agencies. Melissa also serves as a national instructor with CohnReznick's Learning & Development team and is a Board Member on the CohnReznick Foundation's Board of Directors.

Melissa holds a Master of Science, Accounting and Taxation from University of Hartford and Bachelor of Science, Accounting from Central Connecticut State University.

She is a member of: American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants; CREW CT – The Real Estate Exchange – Past President, Board of Directors; Real Estate Finance Association, Hartford Chapter – Board of Directors; Construction Institute – Board of Directors; and Government Finance Officers Association.

Dr. Ned Gandevani, PhD, MBA

"The Great Banking Reset: How Risk, Regulation, and Technology Are Rewriting Finance in 2026"

The banking industry stands at an inflection point in 2026. Resilient capital positions and regulatory reforms have bolstered stability following recent stress events, yet banks face mounting pressure from macroeconomic uncertainty, technological disruption, cybersecurity threats, and regulatory change. Nonbank competitors and digital asset innovations such as stablecoins are further challenging traditional intermediation. Dr. Gandevani examines the key trends shaping the banking environment, discusses risks and strategic considerations, and evaluates what institutions should monitor to protect earning power and banking relationships.

Dr. Ned Gandevani is a leading authority in finance, risk management, and alternative investments, known for his unique ability to bridge academic theory with institutional practice. He is the CEO and Chief Investment Officer of NMG Income and Growth Funds, overseeing two diversified private market funds: the NMG Income Fund, focused on delivering consistent quarterly income through private credit strategies, and the NMG Growth Fund, targeting high-return opportunities in growth and income-generating sectors.

Dr. Gandevani is the author of several influential books, including the widely acclaimed Alternative Investment Handbook: A Comprehensive Guide to Analysis and Valuation Methods (2025), which offers a clear and comprehensive framework for navigating the complex world of private markets. His economic bestseller Escaping the Deficit Trap: Reclaiming America's Future Through Growth, Innovation, and Smart Policy (2025) presents a bold roadmap for restoring U.S. fiscal health through investment in people, productivity, and technology.

His latest release, The Smart Investor's Guide to Commercial Real Estate: How to Analyze, Value, and Invest in Commercial Real Estate with Confidence (2026), provides investors with a rigorous yet accessible methodology for evaluating and profiting from commercial real estate opportunities. The book equips both new and seasoned investors with practical tools for valuation, due diligence, cash-flow modeling, and strategic portfolio construction in the ever-evolving CRE landscape.

With more than 26 years of experience in trading, portfolio design, and hedge fund management, Dr. Gandevani brings deep practical expertise to institutional investing. He is the creator of the Trading Personality Profile (TPP), a pioneering framework that helps investment professionals align their cognitive styles with strategy selection to improve performance outcomes.

As an educator, he has taught finance and economics for over 18 years at Harvard University and other top institutions. His courses in corporate finance, portfolio theory, and risk modeling have shaped generations of financial professionals.

Dr. Gandevani is also a prolific author and public speaker, with five books and over 45 articles on investment strategy, behavioral finance, and macroeconomic forecasting. For the latest updates, commentary, upcoming events, and access to his books, articles, and economic perspectives, visit Dr. Gandevani's official website: https://nedgandevani.nmgfunds.com. It serves as a central platform for his thought leadership at the intersection of finance, economics, innovation, and investment strategy.

Kristi Haxhiaj

"Funding Your Future with the Small Business Administration"

Stop guessing about SBA loans. Start understanding them. Join us for a power-packed session designed for entrepreneurs of any stage who are serious about securing smart capital. We will break down how SBA loans really work and what lenders look for. Learn how to fund your business with confidence!

Kristi Haxhiaj joined the Small Business Administration (SBA) in October 2024. Before her role at the SBA, she worked in retail banking, where she progressed from a teller at Santander, fresh out of high school, to a banker at Citizens Bank, and eventually became a branch manager at Berkshire Bank. Kristi was born in Albania and moved to the United States when she was five years old. She is set to begin her studies in Fall 2026, majoring in Finance and Accounting.

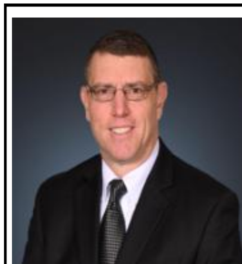
At the SBA, Kristi is responsible for training and outreach to over 140 SBA-approved lenders in Massachusetts. She collaborates with resource partners and communities and serves as the Massachusetts District's International Trade Officer. Kristi specializes in small-dollar lending and underwriting for small businesses in the Commonwealth through the Small Business Administration. In addition to her daily responsibilities, she is passionate about supporting the American dream through entrepreneurship.

Michael Krahn, CMA, CSCA, CPA, PMP

"Predictive Liquidity: Using AI and Machine Learning to Improve Cash Flow Forecasting"

Traditional cash flow forecasting often relies on static assumptions and spreadsheet-based judgment, leading to volatility and limited visibility. This session demonstrates how finance professionals can use AI and machine learning to model receivable and payable behavior, improve forecast reliability, and strengthen liquidity oversight. Attendees will leave with a practical framework for evaluating and enhancing their organization's forecasting approach.

Michael Krahn, CMA, CSCA, CPA, PMP, is a finance executive, AI practitioner, and Project Management Professional specializing in data-driven decision support within accounting and finance environments. He has led major ERP implementations at nonprofit healthcare systems, including Yale New Haven Health and Montefiore Health System, where he was responsible for all financial aspects of large-scale system deployments. Michael combines deep accounting expertise with artificial intelligence and advanced analytics to design and implement practical forecasting, audit analytics, and financial risk management solutions. His work emphasizes governance, transparency, and disciplined execution, ensuring AI enhances professional judgment and strengthens internal control. He regularly speaks at IMA and PMI events on the responsible application of AI and structured project leadership within finance and accounting environments. He also serves as Director of Campus Outreach for the IMA Hartford Chapter.



Jason D. Newman, CPA

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Jason D. Newman, CPA, is a partner with CohnReznick with more than 30 years of public accounting experience in areas including auditing and strategic business planning. Jason serves as the Assurance Practice Leader and Professional Practice Leader for New England and works as a direct liaison to our National Office for audit matters. Jason has actively developed continuing education and professional development resources and speaks on various topics. In addition to Jason's responsibilities as Assurance Practice Leader and Professional Practice Leader, he services a number of industries and our service line within our Employee Benefit Plan Audit Practice.

Jason has a broad audit background including clients in Professional Services, Financial Services, Manufacturing and Distribution, Consumer and Industrial Products, and Technology industries. Jason has also served a variety of public and private entities, including private equity partnerships, broker dealers in securities, SEC registrants, investment advisors, real estate entities, third party administrators, and insurance operations. Jason has gained additional expertise in providing technical accounting support to the Firm's litigation support practice and in providing business advisory services for a variety of closely held businesses.

Jason holds a Bachelor of Science, Accounting from Central Connecticut State University.

Accounting Community involvement includes Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants - Past Advisory Council and Board Member - Employee Benefit Plan Special Interest Group Current Member and Past Chair; MakerSpaceCT Past Board Member; Connecticut Public Pension Forum, Past Board Member; Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut (JFACT), Past Board Member; Board Member and Immediate Past President MGC, Inc.

Professional Affiliations include American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Joan Pierre

"When the Old Ways No Longer Work: Building Team and Leadership Agility in Times of Change"

When the old ways no longer work, leaders need new ways to help their teams respond. Through an engaging change agility exercise and guided discussion, this session will help finance leaders better understand how people experience change, why resistance happens, and what leaders can do to build adaptability in times of constant change.

Joan Pierre is the Managing Principal of Boston Change Management Partners and a trusted advisor to leaders navigating complex change. With more than 20 years of business experience, including 15 years focused on organizational change and transformation, she helps organizations turn strategy into action in ways that drive adoption, strengthen engagement, and deliver results.

Joan has partnered with Fortune 100+ leaders across a range of industries to support large-scale transformation, culture change, workforce transitions, and major technology implementations, including SAP, Workday, and Ariba. Her approach combines practical business insight with deep expertise in helping leaders and teams move through change with greater clarity and confidence.

Before her work at Boston Change, Joan held leadership roles at Procter & Gamble, Merck, Colgate-Palmolive, Sanofi, and American Express, and has worked internationally in Japan and Kenya. She holds a B.A. with Honors from the University of Chicago and an M.A. from Columbia University in Organizational Psychology.

Mike Ruff, CMA, CPA, CGMA

"Beyond Debits and Credits: The Psychology Driving Ethical Decisions"

Academics and practitioners increasingly view behavioral influences like psychology to better understand positive and negative ethical judgments and decision making in accounting. Today we further examine some of those influences, including how conscious and unconscious behaviors influence our day to day decision making, and how we can become more aware of behaviors that sometimes result in good people making bad decisions.

Mike is an Associate Professor of Accounting (Teaching) at Northeastern University's D'Amore-McKim School of Business in Boston, MA. A long time IMA member, his previous professional experience includes over 25 years of healthcare financial management and advisory service with organizations including Ernst and Young, Hospital Corporation of America, Lifespan Brown University Health, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, and Boston Medical Center.

Mike's research interests include behavioral accounting ethics and accounting education. He currently serves as Vice President of Education for the American Accounting Association's Public Interest, Ethics, and Sustainability section, and has co-authored articles in leading professional and academic publications including the Journal of Accountancy and Issues in Accounting Education. He holds a BS degree in science from Penn State University, an MBA in finance from Boston University, and a PhD in accounting from Bentley University, and maintains active CMA (Greater Boston Chapter), CPA (Massachusetts), and CGMA (AICPA and CIMA) certifications.

Travis Willard, CPTO

"Expanded IMA Competency Framework"

This session introduces the concept of the updated competency framework and demonstrates how chapters can utilize it to enhance programming, mentoring, and learning experiences. Key areas of focus include: 1) outlining the structure and purpose of the updated competency framework, 2) explaining how the expansion aligns with key trends in finance, analytics, and leadership, 3) applying selected skill statements to chapter activities such as programming, mentoring, and speaker selection, and 4) evaluating how to leverage the framework for professional development and chapter engagement.

Travis Willard is Chief Product and Technology Officer at IMA®, where he leads the organization's global product, technology, and innovation strategy. In this enterprise-wide role, Travis oversees the modernization of IMA's digital infrastructure, spearheads platform transformation efforts, and drives the development of credentialing and learning solutions aligned with the future of work. He is responsible for unifying member experiences across touchpoints, launching new business models, and evolving IMA's competency frameworks to reflect emerging technologies and global workforce needs.

Travis joined IMA as Senior VP of Product and Innovation, where he led the successful launch of IMA's B2B platform and laid the foundation for the organization's broader digital transformation. Today, he plays a critical leadership role in repositioning IMA for long-term growth, member-centric value delivery, and global relevance in the accounting and finance profession.

Prior to IMA, Travis served as Chief Product Officer at Southern New Hampshire University, where he led cross-functional teams in product development, user experience, and academic innovation, helping scale one of the largest online institutions in the U.S. He previously held executive roles including Vice President of Product and Strategy at PowerSchool, where he helped launch the Unified Classroom platform, and President and COO of itslearning, a Norwegian LMS provider, where he led U.S. market expansion.

His earlier experience includes serving as Head of Platforms at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in Dublin, Ireland, and as Deputy Superintendent and Chief Technology Officer for the Georgia Department of Education. His career, which began in engineering, reflects a consistent focus on driving innovation at the intersection of education, technology, and strategy.

Mark Zampino

"Connecting the Dots: TRUE Networking"

TRUE networking doesn't occur by speed-swapping business cards at crowded "business after hours" events or by "friending" everyone and anyone who finds you on social media. TRUE Networking comprises three basic elements the individual must keep top-of-mind 24/7/365. Learn what these three elements are, and how to use them to enhance your life and your path to personal and professional success.

Mark Zampino owns Zampino Communication, a consulting and training practice based in Connecticut. He served as the public affairs director of the Connecticut Society of CPAs for nearly four decades, then joined the School of Business at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) as Professional Enrichment Platform director, a brand-new post from which he retired in 2025.

Mark also taught as an adjunct professor of communication at the University of Hartford (UHART) for 20 years, served as president of the Public Relations Society of America's (PRSA) Connecticut Valley Chapter (CVC), and held an elected seat on Cromwell's Zoning Board of Appeals for 10 years.

Several institutions have honored Mark for his contributions. He is only the third Honorary Member of the Connecticut Society of CPAs (CTCPA) elected in 120 years, and is also an Honorary Member of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

Highlights of other awards bestowed upon Mark include the Exceptional Staff Service Award, the Outstanding Career Service Award, and Dean's Outstanding Leadership Team Member Award from the SCSU School of Business; the CTCPA Annual Service Award; the UHART Sustained Excellence in Teaching Award (part-time faculty), and the PRSA CVC Distinguished Chapter Service Award.

Mark is a graduate, summa cum laude, of the University of Hartford. Mark also plays keyboards and guitar with The Accounting Crows, a classic rock band. He and his wife Donna have two grown sons, Geoffrey and Daniel, and three grandsons.

NOTES

Lodging and Information

Wellsworth Hotel
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Southbridge MA 01550

Tel: (508) 765-8000

wellsworthhotel.com

Make your reservation early!

To reserve a room at conference rates, you must call the hotel directly at (508) 765-8000 and request the room block for the NorthEast Regional Council of the Institute of Management Accountants (NERC-IMA). You will not get the rate if you book online or use any (800) toll-free service.

Room Rates: $139 for a Single or Double

All rates are per night and do not include state and local taxes.

Conference rates are in effect while rooms are available or until the cut-off date of **August 20, 2026.**

Hotel reservations must be cancelled ***48 hours prior to arrival to avoid a charge of 1 night's room and applicable tax***. Please check with the Wellsworth Hotel.

Wellsworth Hotel is easily located off of I-90, Mass Pike in Southbridge MA. It is a 45 to 75 minute ride from Boston or Hartford and TF Green Airport in Warwick RI is just 60 minutes away.

Come early to explore Southbridge and the surrounding areas!

There are many attractions nearby including Optical Heritage Museum, Southbridge Heritage Trail hiking area, Old Sturbridge Village, Tree House Brewing Company, Thompson Motor Speedway, Brimfield Winery, Brimfield Antiques Center, golfing, and more!

These are some of the sights awaiting you in Southbridge and the surrounding area!!

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Eat and Meet

Networking Event

Monday Evening

September 21, 2026 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Join us for refreshments, light snacks, and great conversation as we bring together the brightest minds in accounting and finance to share ideas, make connections, and build lasting professional relationships.

This event is an excellent opportunity to expand your network and gain insights beyond the conference sessions.

There will be drawings for special door prizes too!

Dinner is on your own. Shades Lounge, located in the hotel, offers a complete dinner menu with a full bar. Weather permitting, there is outdoor dining by the firepit in The Courtyard, with several outdoor games such as cornhole. We will also have some suggestions of restaurants in the local area.

Please visit our website to register

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