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Dear Akron IMA,

Have a great summer!

Please forward newsletter items to: [IMA Newsletter](#).

Thanks!

Kelly Heil

July 2019

Follow us on Twitter!

Did you know... you can follow the chapter on Twitter [@AkronChapterIMA](#)? Follow us and keep up to date on news and events for your chapter!

Quick Links

[Akron Chapter Website](#)

[IMA Global Website](#)

[Ohio Council Website](#)

Employment News

Please contact [Bob Shapiro](#) if you have a job available or if you are looking for an employment opportunity.

President's Message

Hello Akron Chapter members. I hope this message finds you well. Here it is already July and many exciting things are in the works for our chapter this year. I am looking for different ways that we can connect as a chapter and hope to find some venues where we can meet socially as well as earn CPE where possible. If anyone has a suggestion, please email to my attention at akron@imachapter.org. I hope to receive some interesting ideas and will be working on my own as well. Keep cool for the rest of the summer and make sure you keep the 3rd Wednesday of most months open for our regular meetings (and watch for special social meetings to be announced).

Joe Richards
IMA President
2019-20



Welcome New Members

Date Joined	Name	Occupation
5/08/2019	Suzan Elaine Corder	
5/07/2019	Lei Gao	
5/11/2019	Dorothy Moser	
5/01/2019	Muhammad Umer Jafar	

Perfect Attendance for 2018-2019

Through the May technical session meeting, 8 members have “Perfect Attendance”: Ken Bechtol, Linda Garrison, Wayne Hawkins, Don Mullen, Joe Richards, Bob Shapiro, Roy Howarter, Linda Simko, Shirley Calvin, Kelly Heil, Doreen Kuster, Sherri McGuinness, Kerstin Peters, Billy Dreyer, and Christine Niswender.

Up to two missed meetings can be made up by obtaining (via akron@imachapter.org) and listening to tapes of the missed meetings (or by viewing the speaker’s handouts if no recording is available), or by attending another chapter’s meeting before the end of May.

Program Book Link

Check out the web-based program book for the 2018-2019 year! It is available on the chapter website (akron.imanet.org) using the About Chapter -> Program Book navigation. Or, use this link:
<https://akron.imanet.org/aboutchapter/aboutchapter-program-book>

Bylaws Review

Please note that the Board of Directors has made some changes to the by-laws of our chapter. We will need to take a vote (majority decision) at the September 18th meeting as to whether or not to adopt these as the official by-laws of the chapter or whether we need to make some changes. Please take a few minutes to review the bylaws on our chapter website:

<https://akron.imanet.org/aboutchapter/chapter-bylaws>

Monthly Chuckles

Thanks to Ken for this month’s jokes:

- What’s the difference between an accountant and a lawyer? The accountant knows he’s boring.
 - What do you call a group financial controller who’s lost his job? Bob.
 - How can you tell when the chief accountant is getting soft? When he actually listens to marketing before saying no.
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Open Board of Directors Positions for 2019-2020

Attention Akron chapter IMA members: we are now looking for additional Board members for the next fiscal year. Note that if you serve on the Board for five years, you will qualify for reduced dues as an ELM (Emeritus Life Member) when you retire. Serving as a chapter Board member is a volunteer position that doesn't involve a huge time commitment. If interested in volunteering, please contact Joe Richards at akron@imachapter.org.

CMA Mentoring Program

The IMA Akron Chapter is proud to offer its members a mentoring program to assist CMA candidates with strategies to pass the CMA exam. The IMA Akron CMA Mentoring Program will encourage networking and provide career development opportunities designed to help CMA candidates (mentees) and other members (mentors) in our chapter to form valuable mentoring relationships. The success of this program will rely on volunteers to serve as mentors. Mentoring can take place online, by phone, or in person at Akron chapter events or other locations.

Mentees and mentors will be matched based on the needs of the mentee and the availability of the mentors. The ideal mentor for this CMA focused program would be an individual who has obtained the CMA certification and / or who has recently passed one or both parts of the newer two part CMA exam structure. All individuals who are currently enrolled in the CMA program and studying for the CMA exam are encouraged to enroll as a mentee. In addition, individuals who are undecided about obtaining the CMA certification and would like additional information or guidance are encouraged to enroll.

The CMA Designation - The CMA (Certified Management Accountant) is the advanced professional certification specifically designated to measure the accounting and financial management skills that drive business performance. Achieving the CMA credential demonstrates your mastery of financial planning, analysis, control, and decision support, as well as professional ethics.

If you would like more information, please contact: Jeff Falter at akron@imachapter.org

Internet References

Dinner Reservations, Newsletter articles, Employment service, IMA insurance: akron@imachapter.org

Akron chapter website: akron.imanet.org

IMA Global website: www.imanet.org

Login: enter user name (your IMA account number)

Enter password (last name, unless you changed your password)

Ohio Council website: www.ohio.imanet.org

Access online recording of chapter meetings:

Contact the chapter board members at akron@imachapter.org