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Employment News

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

Dear Akron IMA,

Please join your fellow IMA Members for [CMA/CFM/CSCA](#) Night on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the HILTON GARDEN INN, 1307 E. MARKET ST., AKRON, OH 44305. **RSVP deadline is Friday, January 10th.**

Check in starts at 5:15 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. sharp. Cost for Members is \$25.00. Non-members pay \$30.00. Pre-Technical Session begins at 6:10 p.m. Technical Session begins at 7:10 p.m. Cost is \$0.00 if you are not having dinner. 2 CPE credits this month. Student members always pay \$10 for dinner.

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

Thanks!
Kelly Heil

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!

President's Message

Happy New Year Akron Chapter! I hope everyone had a great holiday season and is ready for the challenges and opportunities that a new year brings. The chapter board has been busy and we are making plans to offer another professional development seminar this year. I hope many of you took the opportunity to get a lunch time tax update given by our very own Russ Tietz. I also hope to see as many of you as possible at our January 15 dinner meeting.

Joe Richards
IMA President
2019-20



Welcome New Members!

Date Joined	Name	Position
12/1/2019	Mrs. Katie May Engstrom	
12/16/2019	Amber Myers	

2019-2020 Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings for 2019/2020 will be the following:

- Wednesday, January 15, 2020 – CMA/CSCA/CFM Night
- Tuesday, February 18, 2020 – Students' Night (Location TBA)
- Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – Guest Night
- Tuesday, April 21, 2020 – Social Networking Night (no pre-tech session)
- Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – Past Presidents' Night

January Dinner Meeting

Hilton Garden Inn

January 15, 2020

CMA/CFM/CSCA Night

Agenda:

Registration opens at 5:15pm

Buffet Dinner at 5:45pm

Pre-tech Session begins at 6:10pm

Technical Session begins at 7:10pm

Pre-Tech Session – Retirement Income and Distribution Planning

Christopher W. Brown ChFC® CLU

Wealth Management Advisor, Northwestern Mutual

Chris Brown is a Wealth Management Advisor with Northwestern Mutual, his mission is to help his clients attain financial security for their families and businesses. Because you cannot predict the future, Chris will help you prepare for the best- and worst-case scenarios and create a long-term relationship based on quality service and integrity.

Chris graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Financial Planning and Services. Chris is dedicated to continuing his education in the financial planning industry to be a valuable resource to his clients. He earned the Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) designation which focuses on the comprehensive financial planning process as an organized way to collect and analyze information on a client's total financial situation. He also earned the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation which has long been recognized as the fundamental and foremost educational credential for life insurance professionals.



Chris resides in Jackson Township with his wife, Liz, and two daughters, Amelia and Savannah. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, reading, attending sporting events, and boating with his family. Chris is also active in the community takes pride in supporting the following organizations:

- Akron Children's Hospital – Emerging Leaders Board; Secretary
- Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation
- Walsh Jesuit POWWOW



Brian Aikens CFP® CLTC
Wealth Management Advisor, Northwestern Mutual

Brian Aikens is a Wealth Management Advisor with Northwestern Mutual, his mission is to use his energy, brilliance, and engagement to help awaken, motivate, and prosper influencers, leaders, and executives to enrich their legacy and live in the moment. Brian started his career with Northwestern Mutual in 2010 and established himself as a leader in both his firm and the industry early in his career. Brian is the founder of Aikens Financial and oversees the Northwestern Mutual Akron office.

Brian graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance and marketing. Brian believes in continuing his education to keep the professional edge that makes him a valuable resource to his clients. He earned the Certified Financial Planner designation, which is one of the most recognized financial planning certifications in the world.

Brian lives in Cuyahoga Falls and enjoys being active in the community takes pride in providing sponsorship and support to the following area organizations:

- Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation
- Stow-Munroe Falls Athletic Booster Club
- Akron Children's Hospital
- Ohio University- College of Business

Technical Session – ERP Implementation Methodology

Mohammad Zobair Ali

Director, Microsoft Dynamics NAV Practice at Velosio

Mohammad Ali helps small to mid-size companies implement business software (ERP) most efficiently and effectively within their budget and allocated time. He is skilled in Business Process, Enterprise Software, Software Development, and Software Implementation. Born in Bangladesh, he moved to Kent, Ohio in 1990 for his graduate study in Physics. He also obtained a MS degree in Computer Science from Kent State University. He started his technology carrier as a programmer for Apple-Bangladesh before coming to Kent. After graduating from KSU he worked with a local SW development company and developed several MS windows based software until 2003. He joined the technology consulting division of Apple Growth Partners, a local Accounting firm serving north east Ohio, to implement Microsoft Dynamics NAV for small to mid-size companies. He became a Principal and a Partner of this consulting firm in 2005 and eventually his technology division was acquired by Socius (now Velosio) in 2011. Velosio is Microsoft's largest partner in USA with 300+ employees implementing all Dynamics products nationwide. Mohammad is a big fan of the Cavs, likes music, outdoor sports, and also likes to travel and eat. He also played many sports (soccer, cricket, basketball, badminton) back in Bangladesh. He became Kent State University's badminton champion in 1992 when he was a graduate student there. He is a proud father of two sons, the eldest attending college at Case Western Reserve University and the youngest attending 10th grade at Jackson High School.



Employment Opportunity

Opportunity: Accounting Manager/Bookkeeper with strong HR Generalist & payroll processing experience.

Qualified candidates may contact:

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Email: tkayatin@alacriant.com
Website: www.alacriant.com

Program Book Link

The program book is in the works for the 2019-2020 year. Stay tuned!

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