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Dear Akron IMA,

Have a great summer! Just an update – the 2019-2020 competition year has been suspended. There will be no awards or rankings for the chapters for the 2019-2020 year.

We have multiple free and reduced-price learning offerings in the newsletter this month. Make sure you check out the Gleim offer and the IMA options for CPE.

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!

Quick Links

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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.

President's Message

Hi everyone!

The last few months has been surreal in this time of pandemic. I miss seeing everyone! Hopefully we will get back to normal soon – whatever that new normal looks like. I know there is a lot of uncertainty about meeting in person and what that means for our chapter – but know that IMA Global and the local Akron IMA Board are working to make this coming year productive and rewarding for members. The upcoming year may just look different from prior years.



There is one good thing that came out of the social distancing restrictions – our board meetings are now, for the foreseeable future, online via Zoom. That means any chapter member can join the board and not worry about having to travel to a distant location for board meetings. Even when we resume in-person board meetings, the online board meeting option will still exist. See the “Opportunity to get (virtually) involved on the Akron IMA Board” article later in this newsletter for additional information – and do think about joining the board.

In the meantime, I hope you have a nice summer and enjoy the warm weather and sunshine.

Please know that your Akron chapter board is working on planning for the upcoming year. Stay tuned for more information.

Wendy Tietz
2020-2021 Akron IMA Chapter President

Welcome New Members!

Date Joined	Name	Occupation
5/22/2020	Vilma Xiong	Student
5/12/2020	Nicole Race	Student
5/26/2020	Dr. Timothy Hinkel	

Opportunity to get (virtually) involved on the Akron IMA Board

We are looking for a few members to join the Akron IMA board this year. There are various positions available. This coming year, we anticipate having many (or all) of the board meetings online via Zoom. Even if we resume having in-person board meetings at some point this year, there will be an online attendance option. So if you have not joined the board in the past due to having to travel to in-person board meetings, that is no longer an issue – you can participate from anywhere in Ohio – or really anywhere you have an internet connection.

So wherever you are located – in Ohio or any other state – you can participate in the board. Please contact Wendy Tietz at akron@imachapter.org for additional information.

Upcoming Board Meeting

Hi everyone!

The first meeting of the board for the 2020 – 2021 Akron Chapter IMA year will be Wednesday, June 24, 2020, from 6 to 8 pm EST via Zoom. The meeting link is below. We are planning to have two planning meetings this summer; the tentative date of the second planning meeting is July 15 (6 pm) and information will be sent once the date is finalized.

Hope to see everyone there. Attending board meetings even if you are not a board member is a good way to see what being on the board is like – we can always use more volunteers!

Wendy
Akron Chapter IMA president, 2020-2021

Topic: Akron Chapter IMA 2020-2021 Planning Meeting, Part 1
Time: Jun 24, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please register for the meeting at this [link](#). Please use your full name when registering and when logging into the meeting. Once you register, you will receive the link to attend and other information.

Free CPE webinars from IMA

Every month, IMA offers webinars that are eligible for NASBA CPE credits at no cost to members. Here is a list of upcoming webinars:

- “Reperspectivizing”: Adjusting to Our New Normal: June 24, 2020 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM
- Planning Amid Rapidly Changing Business Conditions: July 01, 2020 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM
- Embracing Diversity and Inclusion: July 07, 2020 01:00 PM - 02:30 PM
- Future of Finance: Maintaining Trust and Confidence in Audited Financial Statements: July 08, 2020 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Remote Work and Cybersecurity: July 13, 2020 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM
- Building Business Resilience Through Real-Time Data: July 29, 2020 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM

See this [link](#) to register for the webinars.

New Diversity and Inclusion Toolkit from IMA

IMA's Diversity and Inclusion Committee has compiled the leading best practices to help individuals and businesses incorporate inclusivity and diversity into their organizations. This easy-to-use toolkit explains how. The D & I Toolkit is a 9-page guide full of information about how to educate and guide organizations through D&I implementation. See this [link](#) for more information.

Free cybersecurity course through IMA for 0.5 CPE hour

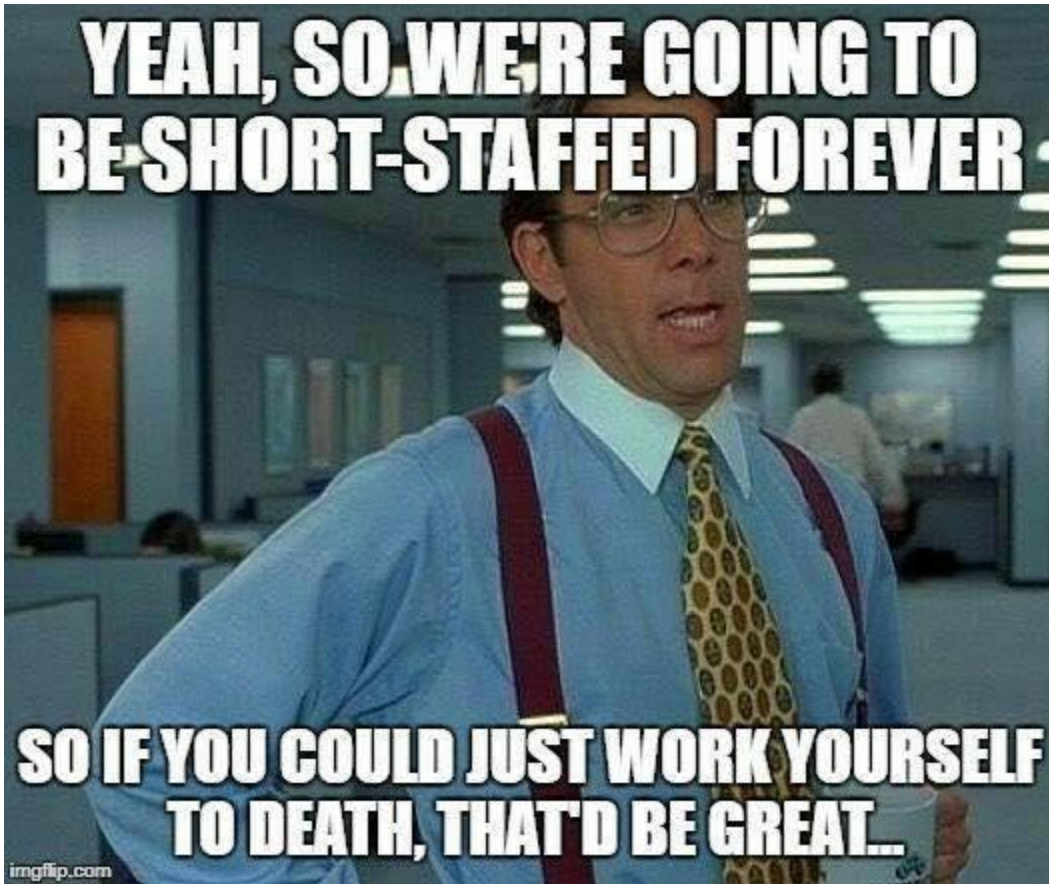
Explore the fundamentals of cybersecurity, key terms associated with cyberattackers, types of attacks, forms of malware, and common defensive maneuvers. Earn 0.5 NASBA CPE credits with this free member benefit. See this [link](#) for more information. This course is normally \$29 for nonmembers; you get it free as an IMA member for a limited time.

Gleim CPE Sale

From June 19-July 10 IMA Chapter members are eligible for a remarkable 35% off the Premium Review System.

Orders can also be placed online at [Gleim.com/IMAChapter](https://gleim.com/IMAChapter) or by using your chapters custom ordering link (gleim.com/IMAAkron). Please note that the 35% discount will be displayed at check out and not on the initial welcome screen. Remember, this special offer is not available to the general public so please make sure your chapter members know they are getting the best deal we offer!

Place your order directly online by going to gleim.com/IMAAkron or contact Alexandra Graham at 800.874.5346 ext 428 or imachapters@gleim.com to learn about the other significant discounts you are eligible for as an IMA Chapter member.



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

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