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

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.

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

Hi everyone!

Greetings, Akron chapter IMA members!

The board has been working hard to adapt to these uncertain times. All chapter events have been converted to an online format through at least January 2021, which is not necessarily all bad. This situation is forcing us to do things in new ways – and some of those new best practices will likely stay with us, even when we are on the other side of this pandemic.

We are having a chapter social event on Tuesday, August 18, at 6:30 pm on Zoom – our first ever virtual Akron chapter IMA bingo game! It should be a lot of fun – more information is contained in this newsletter. Did I mention prizes???

Most of the 2020 – 2021 chapter schedule has been created, so mark the dates on your calendar. We have a lot of really great topics and speakers coming up this year and all online events are free to IMA members.

Wendy Tietz, 2020-2021 Akron IMA Chapter president



Welcome New Members!

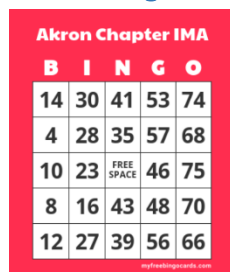
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6/30/2020	Kaleigh Maynard

Perfect attendance calculation for 2020 - 2021

While the Akron chapter IMA meetings are in an online format, we will be having at least two CPE webinars (online) a month – one at noon and one in the evening at 6:30 pm. To earn perfect attendance for the 2020 – 2021 year, you will need to attend at least one of the webinars in any given month (or the in-person meeting if/when we return to that format.) You do not need to attend both webinars in a month to earn perfect attendance.

Remember - register for all events through the Akron IMA portal at this [link](#). Once you register, you will receive an email with event information and links about 24 hours before the event.

BINGO Night!



Akron Chapter IMA Virtual Bingo Night – Tuesday, August 18!

Join us for the first ever Akron Chapter IMA **Virtual Bingo Night** on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, from 6:30 – 8 pm! We will be using a Zoom meeting for the game and will be using virtual bingo cards from MyFreeBingoCards.com. The event is free to IMA members. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

On the virtual bingo night, you will be provided a link that will give you access to your bingo card(s). You will mark the numbers that are called by clicking on the appropriate square.

For those of you with limited screen space, it is possible to print your bingo card(s) - see this [link](#). You will not be able to print anything until you get the link for your card(s), so if you are planning on printing your cards, please join the virtual bingo night Zoom session about 15 minutes early so that you can get the printing done before the games start.

You will be able to win with a filled-in horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line – and we will be using the Free Space. You will be able to re-use your card(s) for multiple games.

The Akron chapter board played a mini-game at its last board meeting and it worked well – and was a lot of fun. I hope to see everyone at this event!

See the Akron chapter IMA portal to register for this event. [Registration Link](#)

Meeting schedule for 2020 - 2021

The board created a meeting schedule for the 2020 – 2021 year. We are planning for 100% online through at least January 2021. The board will be re-evaluating the online/in-person situation this fall for the February – May 2021 meetings, so those dates are tentative.

Here is the schedule of the Akron chapter IMA events that are currently planned (more may be added):

Date	Time (EST)	Theme or topic	Format and tentative CPE hrs
Tuesday, August 18, 2020	6:30 - 8 pm	Virtual Bingo	Online meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2020	12 - 1 pm	Sustainable Development Goals for Business	Webinar – 1 hr CPE
Wednesday, September 23, 2020	6:30 - 8 pm	Tech Trends for Accountants	Webinar – 1.5 hr CPE
Tuesday, October 13, 2020	12 - 1 pm	Accounting Standards Update	Webinar – 1 hr CPE
Tuesday, October 13, 2020	6:30 - 8 pm	Kahoot! Accounting Trivia	Online meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2020	6:30 - 8 pm	Cultivating a Bias-Free Workplace	Webinar – 1.5 hr CPE
Thursday, November 12, 2020	12 - 1 pm	Technology Anxiety	Webinar – 1 hr CPE
Wednesday, November 18, 2020	6:30 - 8 pm	Successful Change Negotiation	Webinar – 1.5 hr CPE
Thursday, December 10, 2020	11 am - 1 pm	2 hours IMA Ethics	Webinar – 2.0 hr Ethics CPE
Wednesday, December 16, 2020	6:30 - 8 pm	Embracing Change	Webinar
Thursday, January 7, 2021	12 - 1 pm	Tax update 1 (personal)	Webinar – 1 hr CPE
Wednesday, January 20, 2021	6:30 - 8 pm	Tax update 2 (corporate)	Webinar – 1.5 hr CPE
Wednesday, February 17, 2021	TBD		TBD
Wednesday, March 17, 2021	TBD		TBD
Wednesday, April 21, 2021	TBD		TBD
Wednesday, May 12, 2021	TBD		TBD

We have a few more online events in the planning stage for fall and will announce those events when the details have been finalized.

All online events are free to IMA members and \$10 for non-IMA members. Register through the Akron IMA portal at this [link](#). Once you register, you will receive an email with event information and links about 24 hours before the event.

What is the difference between a webinar and an online meeting?

In the meeting schedule for 2020 – 2021, some events are listed as **webinars**, while others are listed as **online meetings**. So what is the difference?

If we have a **webinar**, that means you will be able to see the speaker (if the speaker chooses to have their video on), hear the speaker, and see the speaker's shared screen. There will be a Q & A box where you can ask questions of the speaker and a chat room where you can interact with the moderators and/or speakers. Audience members in a webinar cannot use their microphone or webcam.

If an event is listed as an **online meeting**, every participant will be able to show their webcam and use their microphone – so you can see everyone and everyone can talk. This type of meeting can have a “Brady Bunch” grid with up to 49 participants shown on each screen grid. Everyone has access to the chat room as well. When we have an online meeting, everyone is muted upon entering the Zoom session. You can unmute through the menu – or you can hold down your spacebar while talking.

Job posting

Accounts Payable/Cash Application Supervisor at Securitas Electronic Security

Posting Link:

https://cta.cadienttalent.com/index.jsp?POSTING_ID=93988742017&locale=en_US&SRCSEQ=postingSearchResults&SEQ=jobDetails&applicationName=SESReqExt

Location: 3800 Tabs Dr., Uniontown, OH (across the street from Green High School)

Interested parties can apply online at Securitas.com - click on “Careers” to see a list of open positions. Any questions can be directed to [Robin Marshall](#).

New board members

Three members have joined the Akron chapter IMA board: Pete Dorff, Karin Petruska, and Sue Arnold. Thank you to each of these new board members!

If you are interested in joining the Akron chapter IMA board, please reach out to any current board member. You can get involved with a small time commitment – or a big time commitment – it is up to you! We welcome any help!

All board meetings are online via Zoom. We generally have one 60-minute meeting a month. The board meeting schedule is in this newsletter. Do consider joining the board – we would love to have you join us!

Changes to IMA chapter competition and financial compensation coming

IMA Global is making changes to the chapter competition rules. It is also changing the financial compensation model for chapters. Stay tuned for information in future newsletters – the details have not yet been released by IMA Global. Everything we have heard so far seems to be good and we are excited to see the final guidelines and structure.

Award night is moving to Spring 2021

Traditionally, we have recognized Akron chapter IMA award recipients in October each year (i.e., Perfect Attendance, Member of the Year, etc.) Hoping that we will be able to recognize award recipients in person, the board will be moving Awards Night to a meeting in the spring of 2021. More information will be announced when available.

Board meeting schedule for 2020 - 2021

The board meeting dates for the 2020 – 2021 year have been finalized. All Akron chapter IMA board meetings for the 2020 – 2021 year will be online.

Here is the schedule of the Akron chapter IMA board meetings:

Date	Time (EST)
Wednesday, August 19, 2020	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Wednesday, September 9, 2020	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Wednesday, October 14, 2020	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Tuesday, November 10, 2020	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Wednesday, December 9, 2020	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Wednesday, January 13, 2021	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Wednesday, February 10, 2021	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Wednesday, March 10, 2021	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Wednesday, April 14, 2021	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Wednesday, May 5, 2021	6:30 - 7:30 pm

All Akron chapter IMA members are welcome at the board meetings. Register for the board meetings through the Akron IMA portal at this [link](#). Once you register, you will receive an email with event information and links about 24 hours before the event.

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.

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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