

The Summit Report

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Highlights

Save the date!

Mr. Excel, aka Bill Jelen, is returning on 10/27! Stay tuned for more details.

Employment News

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

Greetings!

Have a great summer!

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

Thanks!

Kelly Heil

President's Message

Fellow IMA Members,

We have just conducted our annual planning meeting and have almost a full slate of speakers for this new year. You won't want to miss any of the dinner meetings in the 2017-18 program year.

We also have a speaker to fulfill the ethics requirement for CMAs.



As you know, I have accepted the position of President, Akron Chapter for a second year. We accomplished a lot last year, making first place in the USA and second place in the entire WORLD for the Stevenson Division. This year, there are many new opportunities for more competition points, surrounding the CMA certification. We also have the new CSCA (Certified in Strategy & Competitive Analysis) certification. You must already be a CMA to pursue this certification. The IMA is preparing management accountants to stand out from the crowd every day! You will hear a lot more about this as the year progresses. If you are studying for the CMA, this year we will have programs and activities surrounding this. Sign up for a mentor today. Contact me (linda_garrison@goodyear.com).

We still have tickets for the Akron Rubber Ducks game on August 12. If you are interested in affordable \$8 tickets, please contact Andrea Schnee at andrea@state8.com. Also, be sure to tell her ASAP if

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you'd like to be entered in a drawing for a chance to throw out the first pitch at the game! Thanks to Andrea for arranging this fun networking event! We always get a "shout out" on the big screen.

This is a good time of year to get more involved in the chapter. See the article below for open Board positions.

As always, follow us on Twitter for announcements and information [@AkronChapterIMA](#).

Enjoy your summer!

Linda Garrison, President
Akron Chapter IMA
2017/2018

Welcome New Members!

Date Joined	Name	Employer	Sponsor
5-24-17	Brandon Fedor		

Final Results of 2016-2017 IMA Competition

Akron chapter IMA reached new heights in the 2016-2017 competition in the larger-chapter Stevenson Division: we finished second IN THE WORLD (behind only energy-rich Qatar chapter), winning the Remington Rand Trophy and the Bronze Medal for Public Relations competition. Among Ohio Stevenson Division chapters, we finished #1, ahead of Dayton - 7th, Cincinnati North - 19th, Cleveland - 22nd, and Columbus - 51st. We scored major points in Education (2,587), CMA Certification (933), Membership (933), and Chapter Service (1,465). This outstanding #2 Finish is a rare event in the chapter's 80-year history (the chapter finished #2 only two other times - 1977-78 and 1948-49 - and #1 only once - 1960-61). The Rand Trophy and other awards will be presented to chapter representatives at the Annual Conference & Exposition in Denver on June 18-21. Akron chapter has 280 members (including non-competition eligible students and retirees) and also includes 60 CMAs.

For comparison, in the smaller-chapter Warner Division competition among Ohio chapters, Canton was 6th, Lima was 13th, Cleveland East was 15th, and Toledo was 54th. IMA awards banners to the top 15 chapters in each division. There were 72 chapters in Stevenson Division and 75 chapters in Warner Division. Kudos to Linda Garrison for leading her great Board to this sterling achievement.

Save the date for Mr. Excel

Mr. Excel, aka Bill Jelen, is coming to the Kent State Hotel & Conference Center on Friday, October 27, 2017, to talk about Power Tips for Excel AND Data Analytics using Excel. More details will be forthcoming but save the date for this full-day program!

Akron Rubber Ducks Game

We have again arranged for discount tickets to an Akron Rubber Ducks minor league baseball game - **with fireworks!!**

The date is August 12th, a Saturday, at 7:05pm.

There will be Fireworks set to Bob Seger music and we will be in section 19, where we have been in the past, with a great view of the game and fireworks and not too much sun!

All of this for the Bargain price of just \$8 per ticket.



We have arranged for one of our members to THROW OUT THE FIRST PITCH AT THE GAME!!!!!!

If you are interested in tickets and also being the IMA member or guest to throw out the first pitch, please indicate your interest to Andrea Schnee at a.schnee@sbcglobal.net

The winner of the first pitch will be chosen at random from those indicating an interest.

Perfect Attendance

Through the May technical session meeting, 8 members have "Perfect Attendance" (8 meetings): Ken Bechtol, Jim Campbell, Wayne Hawkins, Sherri McGuinness, Christine Niswender, Joe Richards, Mike Savage, and Linda Simko. The following 6 chapter members have missed 1 meeting: Shirley Calvin (March), Linda Garrison (May), Roy Howarter (November), Doreen Kuster (March), Andrea Schnee (October), and Bob Shapiro (March). The following 5 chapter members have missed two meetings: Joan Chamberlain (November and January), Bob Davis (November and March), Bill Dreyer (October and March, but made up March meeting by attending another chapter's meeting), Steve Law (March and May), and Wendy Tietz (January and February). Up to two missed meetings can be made up by obtaining 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. Some chapter members have already obtained the makeup materials from Roy Howarter. Members have until July 1 to make up their missed meetings to achieve Perfect Attendance.

Board of Directors Slate for 2017-2018

Attention Akron chapter IMA members: We are now looking for a few additional Board members (marked "OPEN" below) to serve the Akron chapter for the next IMA fiscal year. If interested, please contact Linda Garrison at Linda_Garrison@goodyear.com.

Serving as a chapter Board member is a volunteer position that doesn't involve a huge time commitment. This is a great opportunity to become more involved with the Akron chapter and build or enhance your leadership skills.

The Akron chapter relies heavily on our Board of Directors for planning and executing our activities throughout the IMA year. Without a dedicated and engaged Board, the Akron chapter would not be an award-winning chapter!

The following Board positions are still open:

Director, Technical and Board Meeting Facilitation & Attendance - **OPEN**

Director, Corporate & Academic Development - **OPEN**

Director, Public Relations - **OPEN**

Director, Young Professionals Committee - **OPEN**

Director, Retired Professionals - **OPEN**

CMA Mentoring Program

The Akron chapter IMA is proud to offer its members a mentoring program to assist CMA candidates with strategies to pass the CMA exam. The Akron IMA 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.

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.

The CMA credential is:

Focused - On the critical skills you use in business

Respected - Leading employers seek to hire and promote CMAs

Valued - CMAs on average, earn higher compensation than noncertified professionals

Convenient - CMA exams are offered electronically in hundreds of locations worldwide.

The CMA Mentoring Program - The accreditation process leading to the CMA designation can be a rigorous experience requiring great energy and effort. The CMA candidate will have questions regarding exam content, study materials, test taking strategies, and much more. Without somebody to guide and mentor them, the candidate may become discouraged and abandon the certification program. However, through the Akron IMA CMA Mentoring Program, candidates will be able to seek and obtain the support and guidance of fellow chapter members who have earned their CMA designation.

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.

If you would like more information, please contact: Jeff Falter jfalter@roadrunner.com

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Akron chapter website: www.akron.imanet.org

IMA National 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

Online Program Book: www.yodergraphics.com/ima/2016_ima_roster.pdf

Password is ima2016

Access online recording of chapter meetings:

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