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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,

We have quite a few upcoming events. Hope everyone is able to join us. See you soon!

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

Greetings to everyone!

We have quite a varied slate of speakers scheduled for the upcoming months – all events are online and are provided at no cost. Please invite friends or colleagues to our webinars; guests are always welcome at no cost.

Please plan to attend the Trivia Challenge and Awards Night meeting on Wednesday, January 27, from 6:30 – 8 pm. We will be recognizing perfect attendance winners and other award recipients during this event. In addition, there will be a trivia challenge with prizes for the first, second, and third place winners of each round. Trivia will be general trivia (not related to accounting necessarily.) We will also have the January members meeting during the evening.

Don't miss the tax update webinars in early January presented by chapter member Russ Tietz. He will be sharing changes and tips for personal and business taxes during the two webinars. There is an article later in this newsletter with more details.

All chapter events for January – May 2020 are online due to the continuing pandemic. I am truly thankful that the technology exists for us to stay connected and learning. Even though it would be nice to get together in person, we are able to continue with chapter activities. Eventually when we have in-person events again, I know I will be most appreciative of something I used to take for granted.



Happy holidays to all of you. Even though this holiday season may not be as we have traditionally experienced, it is still a time to be thankful and be grateful for what we do have – and know that we will emerge from this pandemic hopefully sometime in the new year. As always, stay safe and take care.

Wendy Tietz, 2020-2021 Akron IMA Chapter president

Welcome New Members!

Date Joined	Name
11/08/2020	Emily Phillips
11/12/2020	Trisha M Lester
11/18/2020	John T Powell
11/26/2020	Nathan Valentine
11/30/2020	Kevin Gardner

Two tax update webinars in January 2021 hosted by Akron Chapter

The Akron chapter is hosting two tax update webinars in January 2021, both presented by Akron chapter member, Russ Tietz, MBA, CPA. Russ is an accounting and tax professor at Mount Union University.

He will be sharing updates on **2020 personal taxes** on **Wednesday, January 7, from 12 to 1 pm** Eastern. On **Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 – 8 pm** Eastern, Russ will be providing an update on **business taxes** for 2020.

There is no cost to members or to non-members for either event.

See the Akron chapter IMA portal to register for either of these tax update webinars. [IMA Akron Events Page](#)

Trivia Challenge and Awards Night on Wednesday, January 27, 6:30 – 8 pm

From **6:30 – 8 pm on Wednesday, January 27**, the Akron chapter is having a Trivia Challenge. It is also the annual Awards Night, where chapter members will be recognized for perfect attendance and other awards. The chapter meeting will take place during this event as well.

Come and show off your trivia knowledge. There will be prizes for the first, second, and third place winners of each trivia round!

This event does not qualify for CPE. There is no cost to members or to non-members for the event.

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

A new episode of IMA's Count Me In podcast is available

IMA Global just published a new episode of Count Me In®: Bonus Episode: Kavya Ramesh - CMAs Making a Difference. Kavya Ramesh, CMA, is the co-founder and chief operating officer of Technogro Analytics, LLP, a company that provides technology consulting services to the hospitality industry. In this episode, Kavya discusses what the CMA has done for her career, how she plans on using the credential to advance in her career, and shares some of her other career accomplishments. Listen at this [link](#).

Meeting schedule for 2020 - 2021

Here is the schedule of the Akron chapter IMA events that are currently planned for the remainder of the 2020 – 2021 IMA year. More events may be added. All events listed here are online webinars or online meetings.

Date	Time (EST)	Theme or topic	Format and tentative CPE hrs
Thursday, January 7, 2021	12 - 1 pm	Personal tax update	Webinar – 1 hr CPE
Wednesday, January 20, 2021	6:30 - 8 pm	Business tax update	Webinar – 1.5 hr CPE
Wednesday, January 27, 2021	6:30 - 8 pm	Trivia Challenge and Awards Night (chapter meeting)	Online meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2021	6 - 8 pm	Slippery Slope of Greed - Ethics Webinar*	2.0 hr CPE (Ethics CPE!)
Friday, March 12, 2021	12 - 1 pm	CPA vs. CMA: What's the difference?	0 CPE
Wednesday, March 17, 2021	6:30 - 8 pm	Emerging Accounting Technologies, featuring Blockchain: Futures, Fads and Fallacies*	Webinar – 1.5 hr CPE
Friday, April 16, 2021	8 - 9 am	Federal Reserve of Cleveland: Basics of how the Federal Reserve of Cleveland works	Webinar – 1 hr CPE
Wednesday, April 21, 2021	7 - 8:30 pm	Mikaela Hunt, Breaking out of career comfort zones*	Webinar – 1.5 hr CPE
Wednesday, May 12, 2021	6:30 - 8 pm	Sales and use tax primer (CBiz)*	Webinar – 1.5 hr CPE

**Chapter meeting to follow webinar (separate sign-up link on Akron Chapter portal.)*

All online events are free this year. 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.

Akron chapter member featured in IMA's Count Me In podcast

Akron IMA Chapter member and president Wendy Tietz was recently a guest on IMA's Count Me In podcast where she discussed the HyFlex teaching model. HyFlex is the model where students have a choice of attending a class by attending face to face, by attending online via a live broadcast, or by listening to a recording of the class session. Wendy is an accounting professor at Kent State and she has used the HyFlex model for teaching for several years. Listen at <https://podcast.imanet.org/101>

Job Postings

Please see Indeed for a job posting for an entry level full time Accounts Payable Coordinator position at Securitas Electronic Security, located in Uniontown. They also have an Indeed job posting for two full time experienced Accounts Payable Analysts. These positions are more project based analytical roles within the department.

Securitas Electronic Security (SES) is an award-winning essential employer which is experiencing tremendous growth, and due to our success, we have open Accounts Payable positions. These positions will be located in our Uniontown, OH Headquarters. Securitas' three fundamental values are: **Integrity, Vigilance and Helpfulness**. They serve as guidance for all of our employees in building trust with customers, colleagues and the surrounding community. SES offers a full suite of benefits and a casual work environment. Apply today!

Board meeting schedule for 2020 - 2021

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, 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.

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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:

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