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KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

# IMA Kansas City Chapter

February 2024

## The IMAKC board members election is scheduled for April!

We invite you to help IMAKC flourish during the July 2024 – June 2025 fiscal year by volunteering for a position on the board:

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Please email President Ralph Rogers at [IMAKCchapter@gmail.com](mailto:IMAKCchapter@gmail.com) by March 1<sup>st</sup> to alert us to which position(s) you find of interest.



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## IMAKC by the numbers...

- 1926 The year IMAKC was founded
- 221 Members as of January 30, 2024
- 95 Members are CMAs
- 34 New members since January 1, 2023

### Help us welcome...

Asma Albibi	Daniel Lockwood
Jessica Barker	Sean Moore
Philip Berkholtz	Aidan Patton
Michelle Corbin	Banafsheh Gholinejhad Pirbazari
Jessica Craven	Wendy Preston
Alex Dow	Matt Raple
Leslie Glandon	Savannah Ross
Debbie Gant	Dyan Smith
Bryan Grieme	Candess Southall
Victoria Hendren	Sydney Stanton
Kristopher Henkhaus	Ron Temple
Matthew Holle	Megan Townsend
Bryan Holloway	Ganesh Venkatraman
Jordahn Hullaby	Jodi Vollmers
John Karhoff	Dustin Williams
Eric Kirk	Joann Wood
Jace Lang	Tyler Zimmerman

**New members:** Please email [IMAKCchapter@gmail.com](mailto:IMAKCchapter@gmail.com) to receive invitations, events updates, and last minute announcements and/or join the IMA Heartland Council LinkedIn group by clicking [here](#).

## 1 Reason

*To be the leading resource for developing, certifying, connecting, and supporting the world's best accountants and financial professionals in business.*

# CPE Opportunities

## February

*IMA St. Joseph Pony Express cordially invites IMAKC members to the in-person ethics CPE events scheduled at Missouri Western State University, 4525 Downs Drive, Popplewell, 3rd Floor, Room 304, Saint Joseph, MO, 64507.*

**21<sup>st</sup>**

**4 p.m. The Language of Ethics for Accounting (1.0 CPE credit)**

**Dr. James M. Okapal, Missouri Western State University**

This presentation will introduce the audience to terminology used in writings on professional ethics. Using this terminology, the participants will evaluate a case of ethics in accounting as well as analyze the IMA Statement of Ethical Professional Practice using the terminology.

<https://stjpec.imanet.org/events>



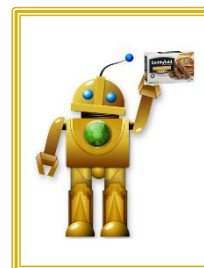
**26<sup>th</sup>**

**6 p.m. KC Sausage/Smithfield Plant Tour - Robotics and Animation**

**Mr. Ralph L. Rogers, IMAKC President**

Join Controller Ralph Rogers for a tour of the robotic and animated processes employed by KC Sausage/Smithfield. Food will be available. Please RSVP at

<https://kansascity.imanet.org/kansascitychapter/events>



**28<sup>th</sup>**

**4 p.m. Ethical Case Studies in Accounting (1.0 CPE credit)**

**Dr. James M. Okapal, Missouri Western State University**

This presentation will introduce the audience to a method for reflecting on ethical problems encountered in a professional setting. The method involves identifying moral problems, relevant stakeholders and their interests, moral values associated with those interests, and possible morally acceptable resolutions to those problems.

<https://stjpec.imanet.org/events>

## March

**1<sup>st</sup>**

**7:30 a.m. – 4:25 p.m. 23rd Annual Accounting Educators' Seminar (up to 7.0 CPE credits)**

**Eight speakers from six institutions of higher education**

The Annual Accounting Educators' Seminar connects around 100 accounting educators across the country. The speakers include professionals from the IMA, MOCPA, and educators from multiple schools including Missouri State University. Registration includes lunch.

<https://www.missouristate.edu/SOA/2024-Annual-Accounting-Educators-Seminar.htm>

## April

**25<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. IMA Women's Leadership Summit**

**Unlock Your Leadership Potential**

Register now for the highly anticipated IMA Women's Leadership Summit, scheduled for April 25, 2024, at the University of San Diego. IMA members will benefit from exclusive pricing. Early registration is encouraged to guarantee your participation in this empowering event.

<https://web.cvent.com/event/eac0f1cc-107c-46a7-8a8c-cf775494f978/summary>

## October

**24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The IMAKC Annual CPE Conference**

We are pleased to partner with CBIZ on the Kansas City Plaza to offer up to 16 CPE credits on a variety of topics of interest to accounting and finance professionals. Save the date!

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## IMA Fiscal Year 2023 in Review

During fiscal year 2023, IMA stepped up innovation and empowered our member community.

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## Career Opportunities

IMAKC sponsors an online Job Board  
for the benefit of our members.

<https://kansascity.imanet.org/aboutchapter/jobboard>

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### Professor of Practice of Accounting

The AACSB-accredited Craig School of Business in the College of Business and Professional Studies at Missouri Western State University invites applications for a non tenure-track Professor of Practice of Accounting for an August 2024 appointment.

Duties for candidates for Professor of Practice positions include performance of activities corresponding with the teaching and service expectations for the department and college. We seek colleagues with disciplinary

expertise and professional experience in accounting, an aptitude for exceptional teaching, and the potential for productive collaboration with the region, community, and our external partners.

Successful candidates will:

- Demonstrate disciplinary and professional expertise in accounting.
- Exhibit a desire to collaborate and build relationships with colleagues, the region, the community, and industry partners.
- Demonstrate a willingness to serve on department committees, attend department meetings, and work collaboratively with faculty, staff, and students from a wide range of disciplines, cultures, and academic backgrounds.
- Exhibit a desire to serve diverse undergraduate and adult learners through exceptional and innovative teaching and advising.
- Perform other faculty duties as prescribed by AACSB accreditation standards.

- Required Qualifications

- Masters of Accountancy or Masters of Business Administration with Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Masters of Business Administration with 5 years related industry experience or Ph.D. or AACSB-accepted Terminal degree in Accounting or closely related field (ABD considered)
- Must be authorized to work in the United States

- Preferred Qualifications

- Professional designation as a CPA or similar.
- Teaching or industry experience in areas related to Accounting Techniques, Intermediate Accounting, Cost Accounting, Income Tax, Auditing and Business Taxation.
- Interest in curricular design and innovation in the delivery of business and accounting curriculum at the graduate and undergraduate level.
- Success working with students and/or industry colleagues as an advisor, mentor, or internship supervisor.
- Experience teaching undergraduate or adult learners.

**For further details, visit <https://mwsu.peopleadmin.com/postings/2776>.**

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## Senior Financial Analyst

Under the direction of the Avila University Chief Financial Officer, the Senior Financial Analyst is responsible for the supervision of the university's payroll processing and direct oversight of the Retail Store and Mailroom. The Senior Financial Analyst also supports the CFO in financial and programmatic analysis, budgeting, forecasting, grant tracking, contract management, insurance files and claims, audits and other services as assigned.

### Responsibilities

- Supervises payroll processing for staff, faculty and student personnel utilizing Paychex Enterprise system.
- Assures appropriate processing compliance, recordkeeping, and related responsibilities.
- Leads the design, implementation of and effective use of related processes and systems.
- Provides administrative leadership, fiscal oversight, sales tax reporting and support of the Mailroom and Retail store.



- Monitors, analyzes variances and reports on expenditures and receipts. Provides recommendations for cost-savings measures and revenue growth opportunities.
- Assist in budget preparation and monitoring, including the upload of data into the Student Information System for use in analyzing and evaluating financial results.
- Assist with evaluating the financial impact of different business scenarios and provide insights for decision-making.
- Conduct analyses to respond to ad-hoc queries and strategic requests to support the priorities and decision-making of the University's leadership
- Run monthly financial reports, and disseminate timely updates on budget to actuals to department level administrative leads; serve as transactional backup during times of transition for departments who perform their own financial functions.
- Collect and organize data from various sources, such as databases, financial reports, and market trends.
- Analyze financial information to identify trends, patterns, and anomalies.
- Conduct research on various topics to support decision-making and project planning. Summarize findings and present information in a clear and concise manner.
- Collaborate with cross-functional teams, including finance, accounting, academics and business operations, to gather relevant data and insights.
- Develop action plans for addressing performance gaps.
- Support and coordinate various projects as assigned by CFO.
- Ensure compliance with relevant regulations, policies, procedures and reporting standards.
- Stay informed about changes in financial regulations and update processes accordingly.
- Maintain files and fulfill requests for University's W-9, Proof of Insurance, Insurance claims and copies of Contracts and Agreements.
- Stay informed about relevant regulations and make recommendations for compliance.
- Contributes to the preparation of required reporting, maintains reports, records, forms, and other documents to ensure compliance with audits, applicable laws, policies, and procedures.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

#### Qualifications:

- Bachelor's or Master's degree in Finance, Accounting, Economics, Statistics, or a related field.
- Project Management certification (or interest in obtaining) is a plus
- Strong problem-solving skills.
- Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Excel and other relevant analysis tools including Power BI.
- Knowledge of database management and querying languages (e.g., SQL).
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Ability to use sound judgment in responding to issues and concerns.
- Solid communication and interpersonal skills to communicate effectively and diplomatically with all levels of staff verbally and in writing.
- Solid organizational skills and ability to multi-task with demanding timeframes.
- Ability to present complex financial data in a clear and understandable manner.
- High level of attention to detail and accuracy in financial reporting.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment.
- Multilingual skills highly preferred.

**For further details, visit <https://avila.bamboohr.com/careers/147>.**

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***If you are interested in becoming a Board Member, please do not hesitate to reach out to [IMAKCchapter@gmail.com](mailto:IMAKCchapter@gmail.com). We are always excited to share details and expand our team!***