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President's Message

East Bay Chapter Members and Friends,

Happy Holidays!

Many thanks to all the members and the contributions they make to the organization throughout the year. And a great big *"Thank You!"* to our chapter Board of Directors. They are working hard this year to bring us value for our membership in the form of events like the FMN (Financial Management Network), Student Business Tours, and Guest Speaker Webinars on engaging topics like Cybercrime and Data Driven Marketing. Their insight, dedication, and commitment to the organization will help guide us on the road to the future.

Lastly, don't forget that one of the ways we as an organization can say "Thanks!" is to offer scholarships to our members for various educational events. [One such event is the Reno Education Seminar and Training \(REST\)](#).

REST is a two-and-a-half-day program which allows participants to select topics that directly influence their day-to-day professional lives. All while earning up to 22 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits. REST 2020 will be held February 27 – 29 in Reno, Nevada at the Peppermill Casino and Resort. And, our very own Golden West Council is awarding two \$ 450 scholarships to attend this event. The scholarship application form is on both the Golden West Council and REST 2020 websites. Hurry though....the application deadline is fast approaching (**December 15th!**) Read more about the event in this month's newsletter.

Here's to a safe, happy holiday season and prosperous new year!

Mike Gorski, President
IMA East Bay – Northern California chapter
2019-2020

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Latest Information

Did You Know!

Modern Accounting is a product of centuries of thought, custom, habit, action and convention. Two concepts have formed the current state of the accountancy profession.

Firstly, the development of the double-entry book-keeping system in the fourteenth and fifteenth century and secondly, accountancy professionalization which was created in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The modern profession of the chartered accountant originated in Scotland in the nineteenth century. During this time, accountants often belonged to the same associations as solicitors, and the latter solicitors sometimes offered accounting services to their clients.

Early modern accounting had similarities to today's forensic accounting: "Like forensic accountants today, accountants then incorporated the duties of expert financial witnesses into their general services rendered. An 1824 circular announcing the accounting practice of one James McClelland of Glasgow promises he will make "statements for laying before arbiters, courts or council."

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The Association of
Accountants and
Financial Professionals
in Business

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IMA's Vision

Be the *resource* for developing, certifying, connecting, and supporting the world's best accountants and financial professionals within businesses

IMA's Mission

Provide a *forum* for research, practice development, education, knowledge sharing, and the *advocacy* of the highest ethical and best business practices in management accounting and finance

IMA's Strategic Goals

- Win additional market share with "*CMA First*", an aggressive pipeline building effort and expansion of the CMA® in the U.S. and globally
- *Drive member retention* and loyalty in all regions by delivering tangible value through relevant programs, products, and services
- *Raise awareness in the Student/Academic market* to expand the membership pipeline and reach the young CMA certified professionals of tomorrow
- *Master Technology* that directly impacts IMA members and our value proposition

East Bay - Northern California

Latest Information (cont.)

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About EB-NC

The Chapter was chartered July 1, 1966 as Alameda County – South Chapter (#207) with a charter membership of 82. In 1990, the Chapter went through a reorganization, moving its meeting locations and changed its name to Amador Valley. The new name reflected the new geographical location (South Contra Costa County and South Alameda County) of chapter members and meetings.

On July 1, 2014, the Amador Valley Chapter and the Oakland - East Bay Chapter merged. The Merged Chapter retained the Oakland - East Bay Chapter Number for historical significance. The Merged Chapter is named the East Bay - Northern California Chapter as there was an historical East Bay Chapter in IMA history and our members are located in Western and Southern Contra Costa County and Alameda County.

In July 1854 The Institute of Accountants in Glasgow petitioned Queen Victoria for a Royal Charter. The Petition, signed by 49 Glasgow accountants, argued that the profession of accountancy had long existed in Scotland as a distinct profession of great respectability, and that although the number of practitioners had been originally few, the number had been rapidly increasing. The petition also pointed out that accountancy required a varied group of skills; as well as mathematical skills for calculation, the accountant had to have an acquaintance with the general principles of the legal system as they were frequently employed by the courts to give evidence on financial matters. The Edinburgh Society of accountants adopted the name "Chartered Accountant" for members.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_accounting#Modern_professional_accounting

Members Now Get Two Free Ethics CPE

IMA® (Institute of Management Accountants) has always been at the forefront of encouraging ethical professional practices of its members. From the establishment of the first written guidelines for ethical practices for accountants to innovative professional development courses, ethics has stood as a foundational element of IMA over the past 100 years. Last week, IMA took this commitment another step further, by inaugurating a new member benefit that gives members access to two free IMA ethics CPE credits per membership year. In the first week alone, the response from members has been overwhelmingly positive, with more than 700 members already taking advantage of this new benefit.

Under the new program, each member will receive a yearly "token" (found in the "My Tokens" section of the member's myIMA profile). This token can be used to purchase any one IMA Ethics Series product. Each year, a new token will be automatically issued to each member upon membership renewal. Specific instructions for accessing and redeeming tokens can be found [here](#).

For more information on IMA's ethics resources, including a confidential Ethics Helpline, please visit the [Education Center](#) on the IMA website.

Additional Member Program Announcements

"IMA Excel 365: Tips in Ten" is a new IMA nano course subscription series that introduces Microsoft's new Excel tools. The course is presented by the popular Bill Jelen (Mr. Excel) and is available as a free member benefit. Visit [IMA's website](#) to learn more.

IMA is accepting entries for the **2020 Carl Menconi Ethics Case Writing Competition** now through January 26, 2020. Full submission details are available on [IMA's website](#).

Informational Articles to Assist Your Career!



Robert Half (Accountemps) has provided the following articles on "Want to Be a Data Scientist? Here's What You Need to Know".

Data scientist. It's one of those technology jobs that sounds super-technical, a bit mysterious and, well, hard to get.

Surprise. The hurdles to becoming a data scientist, particularly at the entry level, may not be as insurmountable as you think.

Data science is a rapidly growing field, and skilled and experienced data scientists available for hire are scarce. That means competition is intense across all major business sectors — from technology and manufacturing to financial services and healthcare — not to mention all the organizations in academia, government and the nonprofit sector. It seems everyone is eager to recruit this type of quantitative talent to support their data-driven research and other initiatives. [Link](#)

Your Newsletter - Your Articles!

If you come across an article or would like to submit an article that is of added value to one's career, please forward to the Webmaster at eastbaync@imachapter.org

East Bay - Northern California

Still Looking for Members to Serve on the Chapter Board of Directors

The East Bay - Northern California Chapter of the IMA is still seeking qualified members to serve on EB-NC's Board of Directors, with terms beginning on July 1, 2019. These esteemed volunteers have the crucial responsibility of overseeing the strategic direction of the local organization and its policies and procedures; monitoring the Chapter's financial health and committee activities; and supporting IMA's and EB-NC's mission, vision, and values.

By serving on the Chapter Board, you can become an active participant in setting IMA's and the local Chapter's agenda, advance and impact the management accounting profession, and represent IMA by working with external organizations and industry stakeholders.

You can also nominate another member you feel would be a qualified candidate for the Chapter's Board.

The Chapter has many Leadership Positions available from a large role to a smaller role.

Time Commitment: Approximately 7-10 hours a month. The current Board of Directors and IMA's professional Community Relations team will help you succeed in your efforts by providing training, support, and guidance.

Benefits of Serving: Build leadership skills that you will need to advance in your career and be part of empowering the profession and helping others achieve their professional goals.

Requirement to serve: Be an IMA member in good standing, have high ethical standards, and able to work collaboratively with others.

We hope you will consider this exciting opportunity to serve IMA and broaden your leadership!

Open Positions:

Vice President of Administration
 Director of Competition
 Director: Member Relations
Secretary
Vice President Communication
 Webmaster
 Director: Newsletter
Director: Ethics Program
Director: Excel Program
Director: Technical Meetings

If you have an interest and willingness to serve and help deliver IMA's mission in your community, we encourage you to contact:

Mike Gorski, EB-NC President at eastbaync@imachapter.org, or

Robert Hulin at ima.eastbay.nc@gmail.com.



East Bay - Northern California

Chapter Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>CPE</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
2019				
03 Dec	Better You, Better Leader	1.5	10:00 AM	Leadership Academy
04 Dec	The Future of Finance and Accounting Systems	1.0	10:00 AM	Inside Talk
05 Dec	The CMA Exam: Navigating Multiple Choice Questions	1.0	07:00 AM	Inside Talk
09 Dec	Applying Data Ethics Principles of AI Across the Organization	1.5	10:00 AM	Inside Talk
12 Dec	AI and the Future of Financial Management	1.0	10:00 AM	Inside Talk
14 Dec	Financial Management Network	4.0	9:00 AM	ConXTech, Pleasanton, CA
18 Dec	The Forgotten Project – Accounting for Commissions	1.0	10:00 AM	Inside Talk
21 Dec	EB-NC IMA Board Meeting	0	5:30 PM	Zoom
2020				
07 Jan	Mentoring the IMA Way	1.5	10:00 AM	Leadership Academy
02 Feb	Work Motivation (Revamp)	1.5	10:00 AM	Leadership Academy
27 Feb	GWC Quarterly Meeting	0	5:15 PM	Reno, NV
27-29 Feb	REST 2020	22		Reno, NV
03 Mar	Leading in the Digital Age	1.5	10:00 AM	Leadership Academy
07 Apr	Talent Management	1.5	10:00 AM	Leadership Academy
05 May	The Impact of Social Media on Leadership (Revamp IP)	1.5	10:00 AM	Leadership Academy
02 Jun	Storytelling (New IP)	1.5	10:00 AM	Leadership Academy
15-19 Jun	IMA's Annual Conference & Expo	30+		Atlanta, GA
12-14 Nov	IMA's Student Conference			Pittsburg, PA

East Bay—Northern California Board Meeting

The East Bay Northern California usually holds a virtual Board Meeting on the Third (3rd) Thursday of the Month. As the Chapter Board values all members input regarding activities the Chapter is in, all Chapter Members are invited to these virtual meetings. During each meeting we discuss how the Chapter can support our members in accomplishing their goals and strategies

December 19, 2019: 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/374705213>

Meeting ID: 374 705 213

One tap mobile

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+14086380968,,374705213# US (San Jose)

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 374 705 213

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/accawgDCOY>

East Bay - Northern California Education

Certification



IMA's Certification for
Accountants and
Financial Professionals
in Business

The CMA (Certified Management Accountant) is the advanced professional certification specifically designed to measure the accounting and financial management skills that drive business performance. To find out more from IMA click [here](#).



Certified in Strategy
and Competitive
Analysis

The CSCA™ (Certified in Strategy and Competitive Analysis) is a specialty credential designed specifically for CMAs*, which complements and expands upon the strategic planning and analysis skills developed through the CMA® (Certified Management Accountants) certification. To find out more from IMA click [here](#)



CMA (Certified Management Accountant) Certification Exam to Be Updated With an Increased Focus on Technology in January 2020

ICMA® (The Institute of Certified Management Accountants), the certification division of [IMA](#)® (The Institute of Management Accountants), announced that it is making changes to its CMA® (Certified Management Accountant) exam. The updates to the exam are being made to ensure the CMA remains relevant in the ever-evolving environment of the management accounting profession. The changes will be effective January 1, 2020.

The new CMA exam will be changed in both parts but remain a two-part exam. Each part will be a four-hour test with 100 multiple-choice questions and two essays. IMCA is saying that what will change is some of the content:

- Part 1 of the exam will contain a new section called Technology and Analytics. This section, which will comprise 15% of Part 1, will test new topics like information systems, data governance, technology-enabled finance transformation, and data analytics. To accommodate this new material, content from other sections will be reduced. Part 1 of the exam will also have a new title: "Financial Planning, Performance, and Analytics."
- Part 2 of the exam will also be revised and include greater emphasis on ethics and strategic decision making. It will have a new title as well: "Strategic Financial Management."

The Strategic Finance Magazine has an article "[KEEPING THE CMA RELEVANT](#)" which provides background on why the CMA Exam is changing.

These are the topics deleted from test

- * Internal auditing
- * Off balance sheet financing
- * Tax implications of transfer pricing
- * Real options

[\(More Information\)](#)



East Bay - Northern California Education

Certification (Cont.)

CMA Scholarship

Stand out as you graduate

With the CMA Scholarship, you can complete the CMA® (Certified Management Accountant) program at no cost. Take the exam while still in school and dazzle future employers with your management accounting skills

What's included?

Entrance fee to the CMA program
Exam support package with retired exam questions and a glossary of terms
Registration fees covering both parts of the exam (additional fees will apply for retakes)
Wiley CMAexcel Online Test Bank access for both exam parts for up to two years
Up to three years of IMA membership while pursuing the certification

[Download the Nomination Form](#)

For more information, click [here](#)!

How does OBTAINING A CMA CREDENTIAL benefit you ?

- Why pursue the CMA?
- What are the benefits of getting it?
- How should one prepare for the examination?
- What is the outline of the test and what do sample questions look like?

The find out the answers to these questions and more, please look for our future announcement on attending the GoToMeeting Presentation . If interested please contact [William Sievers](#).

Gleim Study Materials

The East Bay Northern California IMA Chapter has partnered with Gleim to ensure your success on the CMA exam!

Almost 40 years ago, Gleim set the standard for CMA exam review. Today, as an industry leader and IMA Strategic Partner, Gleim continues to dedicate itself to preparing candidates to pass quickly and confidently. The 2019 Gleim CMA Review includes thousands of the most realistic CMA exam questions, the most comprehensive coverage, dedicated and reliable support, and more. IMA chapter members can save up to 25% on Premium CMA Review System.

To place order directly members can go online by going to gleim.com/IMAEBNC or contact [Alexandra Graham](#) at 800.874.5346 ext. 428 or imachapters@gleim.com to learn about the significant discounts you are eligible for as an IMA Chapter member

- Premium Review System (SET): \$1,249.00 retail and \$936.75 with the 25% IMA Chapter Discount
- Premium Review System (PART): \$750.00 retail and \$562.5 with the 25% IMA Chapter Discount
- Traditional Review System (SET): \$1,049.00 retail and \$891.65 with the 15% IMA Chapter Discount
- Traditional Review System (PART): \$625.00 retail and \$531.25 with the 15% IMA Chapter Discount
- CPE is 15% off of 20 hours or more

Wiley Study Materials

IMA offers an extensive toolkit to help you ace the CMA exam.

Our official partner, third-party publisher Wiley, produces our best-selling CMA exam review program.

Wiley CMAexcel – Your Key to Passing the CMA Exam

Originally published directly by IMA, Wiley CMAexcel is IMA's official CMA test prep suite.

- 100% Coverage of ICMA Learning Outcome Statements
- Multiple Choice Questions & Essays that Mimic the Actual Exam
- Free Course Updates until You Pass the Exam
- IMA Members Receive an Exclusive 25% Discount (Available in Member Area)

[Learn More](#)

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East Bay - Northern California Education

Financial Management Network

Decembr 14, 2019: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Continuing Professional Education: 4.0 Hour CPE



One of the most valuable products offered by the Institute of Management Accountants. The FMN (Financial Management Network) is a live DVD training program introducing and explaining up-to-the-minute accounting and finance issues. By viewing the DVD and participating in the group discussion you will earn four hours of CPE credit.

Overall, the program allows you to keep current with the changes and impacts in many facets of the Accounting and Finance industry.

Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: ConXtech, Inc. Headquarters
6701 Koll Center Pkwy, Suite 150
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Cost: \$40.00 members / Non-members

Full breakfast and lunch included in cost

Registration: [Tricia Scalzo](#)

Sponsored By:



Ethics



Ethics Courses

The Chapter is looking forward to engaging members in the future with additional Ethics Case Studies that IMA offers:

IMA Case Studies:

- Blinded by Pressure (Chapter has purchased this course)
- The Slippery Slope of Greed
- Misplaced Trust / Devastating Fraud
- The House Out of Control

Individual Ethics Courses:

- Blinded by Pressure
- The Slippery Slope of Greed
- Whistleblowers Wanted
- When Silence Is Not Golden
- Earnings Management and a Case of Ethics
- Corporate Ethics: From Policy to Practice
- Misplaced Trust / Devastating Fraud
- Web of Deception
- A Pathway to Excellence
- A Prescription for Prevention
- Embracing Ethics
- House Out of Control

Individual IMA Members may order these courses online from the IMA Course Catalog [here](#).

If any member is interested in attending (or even presenting) one the above Facilitator Led Case Studies courses, please contact [Mike Gorski](#).

East Bay - Northern California Community Relations / Student Relations

Student Relations



EAST BAY Rising in the East



The East Bay-Northern California Chapter has been active making contact with the local colleges in our area. The purpose of this alignment is to support the schools' finance and accounting education with actual industry practices, situations, and environment.

IMA DAY

The Chapter has been looking at implementing an out-reach concept to the local Universities and Colleges. We are in need of members that are enthusiastic about the Industry and its relationships with students and that would like to assist in flushing out how the Chapter can implement this effort. If you are an Academic, you can really help in providing a win-win direction.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Chapter presents annual Scholarships to: California State University—East Bay (Business Department), Chabot College, Las Positas College, and Ohlone College.

The Chapter presents to the Scholarship Foundations of Chabot College, Las Positas College, and Ohlone College a \$500.00 and 1 Year IMA membership to a deserving student. The Colleges provide information to the Chapter upon identification of the recipients.

The Chapter also presents to the California State University—East Bay (Business Department) a Scholarship Award to a deserving student with a \$1,000.00 and 2 year IMA membership.

STUDENT SPEAKER TEAM

For those of you who would like to help young students learn more about accounting and finance, we have a solution! We're putting together a small team of four or five professionals from the chapter who can visit community colleges as a team. This team will interact with the students in a very informal non-threatening atmosphere to answer all the questions new young students have about the profession of accounting and finance, but do not have the opportunity to ask!

Here's your chance to participate in any of the above endeavors. Contact Ken Shepard 408-607-7866 or eastbaync@imachapter.org.

Take Charge of Your Future

Student membership in IMA gives you a competitive edge as you prepare for life after graduation. As a vibrant association of more than 100,000 professionals, students, and academics around the world, our mission is to support members at every stage of their career journeys.

IMA offers a variety of [programs and resources](#) for students:

Differentiate Yourself

Take the CMA® (Certified Management Accountant) exam while you're still in school.

Be Recognized for Academic Excellence

Participate in academic scholarships and competitions offering significant cash awards.

Gain Valuable Leadership Experience

Join or start an IMA student chapter on your campus.

Launch Your Professional Network

Connect with IMA's 100,000+ members around the globe

EB-NC Student Scholarship Criteria

The intent of the Student Scholarship is to provide a monetary value to a deserving student within the University / College to further their education. Also included with the monetary the Chapter will sponsor either a 1(one) or 2(two) year membership depending on the Student Scholarship. The criteria for these scholarships are:

- Current College Student
- Enrolled full-time (12 Units)
- Accounting Major
- 3.00 GPA
- Completed 24 Units
- Demonstrated Leadership, school activity involvement, and community service, and
- An essay is required.

East Bay - Northern California Membership

MYIMA Profile

Please keep your contact information up to date so that you can continue to receive communications from the East Bay—Northern California Chapter or IMA.

If you would like update your information or change your membership into the East Bay—Northern California Chapter or to another chapter, contact IMA Customer Service at 800-638-4427 or go online to your profile at <http://www.imaonlinestore.com/PersonifyEbusiness/Default.aspx?TabId=61> (user ID and password are required).

Member Recognition

New Members November 2019

Ms. Caroline Yeo	Regular	11/06/2019
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New Members (Transfers In)

Members - Received CMA / CSCA

Mr. Perry P. Choi, CMA, CSCA	CSCA	11/12/2019
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Member Anniversaries

Members Celebrating 50 Years in IMA Year 2019-20

Mr. Harlan E Kann	04/01/1970
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Members Celebrating 25 Years in IMA Year 2019-20

Mr. Robert F. Hulin Jr	08/22/1994
Ms. Tracy T. Ling	10/07/1994
Mr Sudhanshu R. Parikh, CMA	12/28/1994
Mr. James D. Peterson, CMA	12/28/1994
Mr George W. McElroy, CMA	02/08/1995
Mr. William R. Sawyer, CMA, CFA	03/16/1995

December 2019 Anniversaries

Mr. Alfred A. Langosch	12/01/1952
Mr. Harold F. Edwards	12/01/1952
Mr. Mark D. Hutchison	12/01/1965
Dr. Gregory B. Merrill, CPA	12/01/1989
Mr Sudhanshu R. Parikh, CMA	12/28/1994
Mr. James D. Peterson, CMA	12/28/1994
Mr. Tim L. Gregory, CMA	12/12/1995
Mr. William J. Sievers, CMA	12/13/2000
Ms. Sheela Chandrasekhara, CMA	12/15/2008
Ms. Swetha Krishnan, CMA	12/16/2014
Mr. James Welsh	12/30/2014
Mr. Jonathan D Chin	12/03/2016
Mr. Tanimu Dasin Jr.	12/05/2016
Miss Ying Zhao, CMA	12/04/2017
Mr. Mahim Bhattarai	12/13/2017
Ms. Karen Shattuck	12/09/2018
Ms. Kelly Marie Denton	12/28/2018

Golden West Council

About the GWC

The Golden West Council is one of twenty-four USA Regional Councils within the Institute of Management Accountants. Its purpose is to provide a pool of resources to assist the local IMA Chapter in attaining the objectives of the national and local organizations. Our Council brings together Eleven Chapters in Northern California, Northern Nevada, and Hawaii to participate in activities that may be too large for a Chapter alone to sponsor.

The council activities include participation in and sponsorship of Leadership Training Sessions, Chapter Management Seminars (CMS) for officers and directors, Regional Educational Seminar and Training (REST), hospitality suites at the Annual International Conference, social events, and formation of new chapters.

The Council teams with chapter leaders and members to share successful chapter strategies and experiences that will assist chapter leaders in moving their chapters ahead with a positive direction. Regional Directors are assigned to chapters to provide advice, counsel, and assistance of their respective Chapter.

Board Meetings

All IMA Members in good standing may attend the Board Meetings and the Leadership Training Seminar. In addition, if IMA Members have associates or potential members who are interested in the Meeting, please invite them.

Board Members and Chapter Presidents please submit a Position and Chapter reports of your activities and any Future plans to the Council President and the Webmaster by one (1) week prior to meeting

Feb 27, 2020 - Quarterly Meeting

05:15 PM - 07:30 PM

LOCATION: Peppermill Reno, 2707 S Virginia St, Reno, NV 89502

Please contact [Nicole Sheets](#) of your meeting attendance.

May 16, 2020 - Annual Meeting and Leadership Training Seminar

08:30 AM - 04:00 PM

LOCATION: Biltmore Hotel and Suites, Santa Clara California

2151 Laurelwood Rd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

[Map](#)

Cost: \$40.00 per person for Continental Breakfast and Lunch

Please contact [Nicole Sheets](#) of your meeting attendance.

Reno Educational Seminar and Training

February 27-29, 2020

Continuing Professional Education: 22.0 Hours CPE

The Golden West Council and the Pacific Northwest Council of IMA, representing 28 chapters in eight states, is pleased to present the premier educational event in the Western U.S. - REST 2020. This two and a half day program ear of offering high quality, leading edge programs geared to accounting and finance professionals.

Prior year attendees have been impressed with the quality of topics and speakers, combined with a low cost destination served by airlines, and offering low cost transportation.

Examples of topics for Rest 2020 are:

- GAAP Updates & Other Pronouncements 2020,
- Time's Up for Change: Are You Keeping Up With The World Of Employment Law?,
- Audigators! Using Auditing & Investigative Techniques for Synergy,
- Build a Complete Management Reporting System in Excel in 3 Hours,
- And more!

This type of seminar is an excellent opportunity for both business and personal networking that is not normally available through other CPE delivery mediums.

Location: Peppermill Reno

2707 S Virginia St, Reno, NV 89502

Registration: REST-IMA website: <http://rest-ima.org/>

"This website most compatible on Google Chrome, IE 8+, Mozilla Firefox and Safari"

REST Scholarships

Any chapter member may apply for this scholarship. Chapter Members should complete the [REST Scholarship Application](#) and email the application to:

Scholarship Committee
Golden West Council of the Institute of Management Accountants
C/O: Patricia J. Mayer, CMA, CPA
Golden West Council Past President,
pattmayer@earthlink.net

ABOUT IMA

Management accountants are vital to the financial health of organizations. They make critical decisions, safeguard a company's integrity, and plan for business sustainability. They might be CFOs and controllers, budget analysts and treasurers, or one of many other game changers on internal teams. Most of all, as the majority of the accounting and financial workforce, they help drive an organization's strategy and value amid an unpredictable market.

Management accountants belong at IMA.

IMA® (Institute of Management Accountants) is the worldwide association of accountants and financial professionals in business. Founded in 1919, we are one of the largest and most respected associations focused exclusively on advancing the management accounting profession. We are committed to empowering our 85,000+ members—and those throughout the rest of the profession—to strengthen on-the-job skills, better manage companies, and accelerate careers. We invite our members to discover the myriad possibilities within the profession and build an actionable future in management accounting.

IMA Continues “Count Me In” Podcast

IMA® (Institute of Management Accountants), the association of accountants and financial professionals in business, continues its “Count Me In” podcast series.

The series features the latest perspectives on accounting and finance from industry experts. Topics include emerging technologies, business innovation, and the future of the profession. The podcast, produced by IMA's Education and Career Services, aims to deliver actionable information to accounting, finance, and business professionals.

“With the rapid changes we are seeing in the management accounting profession, we wanted to create a platform where professionals can more readily receive information and act on it,” said Debbie Warner, CAE, CPLP, Vice President, Education and Career Services at IMA. “Our podcast is the perfect medium to deliver expertise to individuals as they are easily accessible and digestible in our 24/7 news culture.”

IMA's November's episodes of “Count Me In” ([Podcast Link](#)) featuring various experts discussing timely topics including:

- Ep. 30: Fatima Mamod - Business Savvy Accountant
- Ep. 29: Laura Landmark - Business Performance Management
- BONUS | Doreen Remmen - Today's CFO
- Ep. 28: George Azih - Lease Accounting Standards
- Ep. 27: Fatema El-Wakeel - Agile Project Management
- Ep. 26: Indra Moeljadi - The Evolving Role of the Business Partner
- Ep. 25: Khaled Chowdhury - Finance Culture Transformation

New episodes will be added on an ongoing basis with guests spanning multiple industries and disciplines.

“Count Me In” is available for listening and subscribing on iTunes, Spotify, RSS, Google Play, and on the IMA website. For more information, please visit IMA's “Count Me In” page at <https://podcast.imanet.org/>.

IMA needs you to spread the word: CMA's official ad campaign

This past September IMA officially launched our 4th CMA campaign year and successfully created 4 new CMA commercials! That's at least 4 times as many ways for you to have fun sharing your CMA story, practical CMA advice, and our relevant, humorous, and inspiring new CMA ads. YOU can help someone in need of advancing their career! See the campaign [here](#).

We are asking that you share, like, and post about the CMA. When you share information on your social accounts like LinkedIn, post and answer questions on Reddit and Quora, or like the commercial on YouTube, you lend credibility to the CMA. The success of this campaign and the CMA program depends on extending IMA's reach and voice, and we rely on volunteers like you in making that happen.

Please see below how and where you find us if you don't already follow IMA online

Facebook: @IMAnetORG

Twitter: @IMA_News

Instagram: @IMAGlobal

LinkedIn: Search for IMA Institute of Management Accountants

YouTube: Institute of Management Accountants

Institute of Management Accountants

Webinars

IMA's webinar program enhances your career by bringing you the latest thought leadership and developments in the profession. IMA conducts more than 50 webinars every year at no cost to our members. Each qualifies for 1 to 1.5 hours of NASBA-approved CPE credits.

Webinars are open to IMA Members Only.

December 03, 2019

Better You, Better Leader

Leadership Academy

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM PT

December 04, 2019

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AFWA

The Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance represents professional women in accounting and finance and provides them an opportunity for networking and continuing professional education (CPE) with peers at the local, regional and national level. Networking, continuing education and leadership opportunities are essential building blocks for professional women and AFWA East Bay provides ongoing opportunities for members to participate and develop powerful business skills. With meetings conveniently located in San Ramon and Walnut Creek, online resources and webinars, AFWA offers a place for exchanging ideas, learning new skills and making great career and personal connections.

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Diablo Valley Chapter of the IMA

The Diablo Valley Chapter (#0356) of the Institute of Management Accountants was chartered in 1980. The chapter is part of the Golden West Regional Council and the Warner Division which contains chapters that have less than 125 competition members. We exist to serve local accounting and finance professionals with continuing education programs and networking opportunities. If you are a college student, young professional or seasoned professional, we have services that will help you in your career.

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