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Member Spotlight

John West – BXS Insurance



1. Before working at your current company, what was the most unusual or interesting job you have ever had?

"My first job was as an Internal Auditor for a Multinational Insurance Broker. We traveled in groups of 3-4 and our offices were located in the major metropolitan areas of the country. So, for 3 years, I traveled to New York, Boston, LA, Miami, San Francisco, Seattle, San Juan - you name it. It was a blast."

2. Has there been a someone (e.g. a mentor) who has influenced you in your career?

"When I first moved to Springfield, I managed an office and reported to a man named Al McDowell in Little Rock. A former Marine and wrestler at Nebraska, he was tough. However, every time he knocked you down a notch or two, he always picked up, dusted off your backside and you went away feeling like you could take on the world. Just a great guy."

3. What might your colleagues be surprised to know about you?

"I've sailed boats and flown airplanes. I had hoped to add "drive trains" to that for my headstone, but a client of mine in the Railroad Industry sold his company before I could get out to Cumberland, Maryland to give it a shot (where they test out locomotives)."

4. If you were not in your current position, what would you be doing instead?

"A master brewer at a craft brewery. It's truly my desire when I retire - just go be a lacky in a brewery, help haul grains, clean up and mix recipes for a few days a week to make a little foldin' money."

5. If you could witness any historical event, what would you want to see?

"It would be a long one but traveling with Lewis & Clark. I love a road trip and can only imagine what this country looked like before we settled it and changed it forever (think Bison)."

6. What advice would you give to someone considering the profession?

"Don't take someone a problem without a potential solution. Surprises in my world are rarely good, so be prepared to take on adversity."

GOzIMA's Upcoming Webinar

Speakers: Patrick Moore & Amy Underwood – BXS Insurance

When: Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Where: WebEx Meeting – [Register Here](#)

Topic: COVID-19 Impact on the Insurance Industry



Please join us for this informational meeting with two great speakers well versed in the insurance industry!

Message from the President

Fellow Members, over the last few years at IMA conferences, in Strategic Finance magazines, and other communication outlets, the IMA has been stressing the need to bring virtual accounting to life. As an organization, we have invested considerable effort in helping you prepare your processes by making you think about what could be done more efficiently or what programs would help you do your job better. This past year has made for a chance to put those ideas into practice. I'm sure in the beginning there were probably some aches and pains with the quick change that needed to take place as many of you began working from home for the first time. I hope over the course of 2020 you have been able to find those processes that help you accomplish your goals and allow you time and energy to reach for more goals. As we wind down 2020 and head into the new year, we look forward to when we can meet again in person, but will continue to provide you opportunities to learn and grow personally and professionally through CPE webinars in the meantime. I hope the holiday season brings joy to you and your family. If there is ever anything the Greater Ozarks IMA chapter can do for you, please reach out to us. – Beth Schulte



The Tulsa Chapter is hosting the following webinars:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020

- 9:00 AM, HR: FORTUNE TELLERS OR REPORTERS? BY: RHONDA SIEX WITH CS3 TECHNOLOGIES (1 CPE CREDIT) → [LINK TO REGISTER](#)
- 11:00 AM, BRANDING FOR BUSINESSES BY: DANIEL BLAHO (1 CPE CREDIT) → [LINK TO REGISTER](#)
- 2:00 PM, CYBER SECURITY UPDATE BY: ERIC KEHMEIER (1 CPE CREDIT) → [LINK TO REGISTER](#)

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