



## NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the fall edition of the IMA MAC newsletter. The leaves are beginning to change color, political ads are filling the airwaves and pumpkin spice everything is ready for gobbling. Our chapters have finished their chapter summer planning and local meetings have begun.



Everything changes but change.

We have started to put all of our chapter meetings together on a Council calendar. Eric Griffin has begun this calendar but needs information from the chapters. If you could please send Eric your calendar of events listing date, location, topic and a link for registering, it would be greatly appreciated. If members are traveling, get busy on their chapters meeting night or find another chapter's topic interesting, we will have a one-stop place to look for nearby meetings.

Just a note. A few were involved in a test broadcast to see if it would work to better communicate if you can't make a meeting in person. Please stay tuned for more info coming.

I hope to see many of you at our quarterly meeting in Beloit on Saturday, October 29. It is always best if you can attend in person. Hopefully the snow will stay up at the North Pole for a little while so we have some good roads to drive.

John Wieland  
Past President of Mid-America Council

#### OCTOBER 2016

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##### Special points of interest:

##### Next Council Meeting:

When: Saturday, October 29, 2016  
9:00am – 12:00pm

Where: The Beloit Club  
2327 S Riverside Dr.  
Beloit WI 53511



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Council Bylaws Committee		
Nominating Committee		
Committee on Academic Relations (IMA Global)		
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## IMA MID-AMERICA COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date & Time	WebEx Information	Location
Saturday, October 29, 2016 9:00am – 12:00pm	<a href="#">WebEx Meeting Details</a> Audio Connection: 1-866-469-3239 Meeting Number: 710 051 064 Meeting Password: council2016	The Beloit Club 2327 S. Riverside Dr. Beloit, WI 53511 ( <a href="#">map</a> )

1. 9:00am – 9:05am	Welcome & Introductions	John	5 minutes
2. 9:05am – 9:10am	President's Report	John	5 minutes
3. 9:10am – 9:15am	Secretary's Report Approve Minutes from July Meeting	Martha	5 minutes
4. 9:15am – 9:40am	Treasurer's Report Financial Bills	Stephen	25 minutes
5. 9:40am – 9:55am	President-elect's Report 2017 LTS – NIU April 21, 2017 Speakers??? Council Award of Excellence	Rick	15 minutes
6. 9:55am – 10:15am	Regional VP & Regional Directors Global Director - IMA Board Update SCMS Mid-year, October 2016 Regional Chapter Reports	Dave/ Sheryl	20 minutes
7. 10:15am – 10:25am	BREAK		10 minutes
8. 10:25am – 10:35am	VP-Communications Newsletter Due Date Council Website Event Schedule	Eric & Dana	10 minutes
9. 10:35am – 11:05am	VP-Education Student Conference/Student Grants Student Chapter Outreach Education Conference – NIU April 20, 2017 Speakers????	Bruce/ Dave	30 minutes
10. 11:05am – 11:10am	Bylaws Committee Report	Mary	5 minutes
11. 11:10am – 11:15am	Committee Reports Long Range Planning Academic Relations Member Relations	Harlan	5 minutes
12. 11:15am – 11:20am	Old Business	John	5 minutes
13. 11:20am – 11:35am	New Business	John	15 minutes
14. 11:35am – 11:40pm	Past Presidents		5 minutes
15. 11:40am	Meeting Adjournment Lunch plans		



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UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION

## IMA MID-AMERICA COUNCIL JULY MEETING DRIVING / OTHER INFO

The July Board meeting will be held at The Beloit Club, 2327 S Riverside Dr., Beloit WI 53511. Those wishing to stay for lunch can order off the club's luncheon menu and we'll eat in the same room as our meeting.

The Club needs a headcount for our continental breakfast, number of chairs needed, etc. so please let us know if you're going to attend no later than Friday October 21! Board members, even if you can't make it, or plan to call in, please RSVP to let us know that as well.

[Click here to RSVP!](#)

Construction is winding down for the season, so it's a lot easier to get to the Beloit Club than it was in July!

### **DIRECTIONS from MILWAUKEE**

Take I-43 from Milwaukee and follow it until it ends at I-90 on the outskirts of Beloit. The road becomes WI Hwy 81. From where I-90 becomes Hwy 81 travel approximately 2,000' to Cranston Road. There will be a Speedway gas station on your right. Turn right onto Cranston Road and follow it for approximately 3 miles to Riverside Drive, (US Hwy 51). Turn right (North) on Riverside Dr and go approximately 3/10 mile. The Beloit Club is located on your right off Riverside Drive.

### **DIRECTIONS from ROCKFORD, CHICAGO & POINTS SOUTH**

Take I-90 north towards Madison and get off at Exit 185, Hwy 81. Then follow the Directions from Milwaukee, above.

### **DIRECTIONS from MADISON & POINTS NORTH**

Take I-90 south through Janesville and follow it to Exit 185, Hwy 81. Then follow the Directions from Milwaukee, above.

### **PARKING**

Drive up the hill to the Clubhouse. Parking is available in the front and also in the rear of the building. We will be meeting in the private dining room on the main level as we did in July. There is an elevator towards the opposite end of the hallway if you come into the building from the rear.

Bruce Hamilton will have his cell phone with him (608.290.6570) in case you need to reach someone.



**IMA Mid-America Council Board Meeting  
The Beloit Club, Beloit, WI  
July 30, 2016**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>MAC POSITION</b>
Tom Hilliard	Rockford	Delegate
Dave Skora	Madison	Regional VP
Bruce Hamilton	Madison	Past President
Michele Reagan	Rockford	Past President/Regional Director
Sheryl Elliot	Fox River Valley	Past President
Brian Wetters	Fox River Valley	Delegate
John Wieland	Winnebagoland	Past President
Bill Ramsay	Winnebagoland	Past President
Rick Bellmore	Winnebagoland	President-Elect
Erin Ankebrant	Greater Milwaukee	Delegate
Martha Paalman	Winnebagoland	Secretary
On the phone		
Connie Lusietto	Central Illinois	Regional Director
Dana Riess	Chicago	Director-Newsletter
Pam Voorhees	Fox River Valley	Regional Director

Michele Reagan called the meeting to order at 9:12 am.

**PRESIDENT** – Michele Reagan & John Wieland (Interim)

John spoke about chapter grants. A conference call attended by John Wieland, Martha Paalman, Dave Skora, and Bruce Hamilton was held on July 26th. All requests were approved as submitted. John will be notifying the chapter presidents after this meeting.

**SECRETARY** – Martha Paalman

The minutes from the April 22, 2016 Mid-America Council board meeting were previously included in the newsletter and were also available at the meeting.

Motion to approve the April minutes was made by Sheryl and seconded by Bill. Motion passed.

Reminder to Regional Directors to submit reports via email to Dave and Martha before the meeting to aid in report notes.



**TREASURER** – Rick Bellmore (for Steven Craig)

Copies of the July Treasurer’s Report were sent prior to and distributed at the meeting. Three chapters still haven’t submitted for chapter grant reimbursement (Calumet, Fox River Valley, NW Suburban Chicago.) Final deadline is 8/31/16.

John motioned to approve the July Treasurer’s Report and Bruce seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Budget

The proposed 2016-17 budget was included in the treasurer’s report. Discussion on lines 17 & 18 – leave in the budget for future position holders whose companies may not cover their travel. Lines 3&4 vs lines 11& 14 - do not budget income for the conference, budget breakeven? Decision was to leave the budget as presented on those items.

John motioned to approve the 2016-17 Budget and Bill seconded the motion.

Discussion was had on membership growth – budget is zero, any income is a bonus. Motion passed.

*UPDATE: On August 2nd, Bruce emailed the board to discuss the change that had been approved at November 2015’s board meeting regarding the student grant funds and noted the budget that had been passed on July 30th was not consistent with that change. He proposed that we change Line 9, Student Activities, from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and increase the budgeted loss from \$(3,230) to \$(7,230). Discussion and vote was performed via email and the motion passed.*

**PRESIDENT-ELECT** – Rick Bellmore

Council Award of Excellence - Sheryl completed for last year and we received “honorable mention”. Dave commented that they’re revamping the program and it may go away in the future, but not for the coming year. We should consider including something about using new technology to improve meetings on our application for this year.

Spring Educational Conference – Bruce is concerned about the SEC as communications with the current VP Education have been spotty. A committee for the SEC was created, chaired by Sheryl, with members Erin, Todd, Rick, Brian. Sheryl suggested Rick Moreland from IRS Criminal Investigations. Mark Hogan from NIU. Someone from Global. Fiscal health of WI/IL. Any other speaker suggestions, send to Sheryl. NIU location has been secured for April 20, 21, 2017. Bruce has been investigating using barcodes to track attendance.

**REGIONAL VP** – David Skora

IMA membership is over 80,000. 50,000th CMA certification has been given. The global organization is doing well financially and has a lot of growth initiatives in US and overseas. New attention is being paid to the US with emerging competition with other organizations. Asia & Middle East are key areas of biggest growth. Reminder – we need two representatives named by November for global committee nominations. After discussion, we will submit Dave and Dana.





Regional Director Reports:

*Calumet:* Dave - met their new president at LTS. No one at the meeting for other updates.

*Central Illinois:* Michele - has not been in contact, no update at this time.

*Chicago:* Pam/Dana – Pam attended a meeting, chapter has new members on their board, still working on their program year together. Seem energetic, don't have a lot more data right now. Concerned that the meetings are not following meeting protocol in terms of quorum, voting/motions. Consider electronic voting if quorum isn't met. Pam to coach regarding meeting formats.

*Fox River Valley:* Brian – new, young board this year. Co-presidents. Met two times to plan, making good progress on programs. Next planning meeting is two weeks from now. Making a push on CMA – chapter incentive of \$200 to anyone who completes the test. Push to update website, new webmaster engaged. Lost two long term members this year to death – looking to create a funeral policy.

*Greater Milwaukee:* Erin – new president, enthusiastic, having planning meetings

*Heart of WI:* John – haven't contacted them, but Dave is still on their list. They're in planning and are doing fine.

*Illowa:* Bruce - Ray Tiedeman, Chapter President, reported that the Chapter is going to inactive status due to a lack of an individual willing to step up into the President's position. Chapter Treasurer Sara Carton forwarded a check representing the balance of the Illowa Chapter's funds to Rick Bellmore. Those funds should be incorporated into the MAC accounts. In addition, the Illowa Chapter was due a grant payment from the Council for a prior year event, and those funds have been segregated as reflected on the Council's June 30 Statement of Financial Position.

*Madison:* Bruce– year is almost completed. Third planning meeting is later this week. Moved from the normal December tax update to a joint effort with the WICPA with Mark Hogan on leasing and Dec/Jan tax update. December will now be a fund raiser/networking event.

*NW Suburban Chicago:* Pam – attended board meeting – planning 4 events, bi-monthly newsletters, minimalist approach. Quality over quantity. She will attend first meeting of the year.

*Packerland:* John – attended May meeting, summer board meetings are in progress, golf outing was in July, 15 people attended

*Rockford:* Todd – planning for next chapter year. Had meeting a few weeks ago, have speakers/topics targeted including backups. Have one of the global speakers for October. Local ice hockey team speaker on finances, Bill Straus Chicago fed, joint meeting with FEI in December. Treasurer position had a change. Working on new website.

*Winnebagoland:* Bruce - Craig Gloudemans, Chapter President, reported that they have held two planning sessions on May 24 and June 14. Craig supplied me with a planning schedule for the 2016-2017 year and it appears they have most of the meeting topics, venues and speakers already confirmed. I was unable to attend the May 24 session and was not notified of the June 14 session, so consequently I have not been able to attend a Chapter event so far. I have reached out to Craig to see if the Chapter has any additional planning sessions scheduled in advance of their September meeting. In the absence of any additional summer meetings my plan at this point is to attend their November 9 meeting.



**VP-COMMUNICATIONS and DIRECTOR OF NEWSLETTER** – Eric Griffin and Dana Riess

The next council meeting will be on October 29th, 2016 in Beloit. The newsletter deadline is September 30th.

John Wieland will serve as President for the October meeting.

Event Schedule – forward chapter meeting dates to Eric to consolidate into a master calendar for the council.

There is a Google Docs folder for the council - who has access to it? Get Eric and Dana access to it. Bruce/Dave to verify and communicate to them.

**VP-EDUCATION** – Michele Reagan/Sheryl Elliot (for Kas Henry)

*As previously discussed during the President Elect report, it was decided that as Kas had indicated she no longer had the time to coordinate the Spring Educational Conference and this made the board feel as though she could not fulfill the commitments of the position, Kas was asked to resign (which she has done, without comment) and Michele and Sheryl will fill this position for the remainder of this year.*

Student Conference/Student grants – Kathy Horton to administer? Award decisions will be done via conference call. Deadline for student grant will be 9/30/16. Committee to review applications will be Bruce, Erin, Michele, Kathy. Reminder that they don't have to be a member of a student chapter, just have to be a member of IMA.

Student chapter outreach – no report

2017 SEC see president elect section

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE** – Mary Strautmann (not present)

No report.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE** – Harlan Fuller (not present)

No report.

**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC RELATIONS** – Harlan Fuller (not present)

No report.

**VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE** – David Skora & Sheryl Elliot

Diversity and Inclusion was big topic last year and a statement on those topics is now on the IMA website. The intent is for your board to look like your membership. Upcoming initiatives include board member assessment, globally and locally.

**SCMS** – Sheryl Elliot

Mid-Year Conference is 10/23-25 in Jacksonville, FL. 21st committee meeting, 22nd board meeting. Walking/Pub liars/legends tour. Budweiser plant tour, St Augustine, speakers. If you would like to join – requires are that you are a past or current board member or global committee member.

Student conference is in Detroit this year 11/10 – 11/12. Excellent networking opportunity so encourage your chapter's students to go. Professional members can also attend. \$5,000 scholarship to student members is available. Encourage students to apply. Once again just have to be a student member, not necessarily a member of a student chapter.





**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Data breach at IMA? John W has gotten strange letters, he will contact Tara about it.

Sheryl moved to update signatures on the chapter checking account for the changes in board positions. Bill seconded, motion passed.

John will perform the required audit of the chapter's 2015/16 financials.

Ethics & Core Values sign off is due tomorrow – Eric doing electronically? Michele to follow up

Can the board meetings be a webex to follow along easier? Technology is a challenge.

**PAST PRESIDENTS**

Sheryl – nice location, saddened that we're missing some chapter representation. Good meeting.

Bill – good team work, good meeting, let's move forward

John – good meeting, great job as we keep meeting the challenges we face

Dave – good meeting, thanks for people volunteering and pitching in

Bruce – good meeting, thanks Michele, good that issues were resolved pretty easily

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – meeting adjourned at 11:47am

Motion to adjourn by Bill and seconded by John. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Paalman, Council Secretary