



**MID - AMERICA COUNCIL**  
 THE ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTANTS AND FINANCIAL  
 PROFESSIONALS IN BUSINESS

**NEWSLETTER**

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – JULY 2017**

The 2017-2018 chapter year has just begun. The Mid-America Council & local chapter boards have been meeting to prepare for this year’s program and lining up speakers and meeting locations. If your chapter’s board has questions or is struggling to put together a complete board and/or program for this year, the Mid-America Council would like to know. Please notify me by email [rab@sigmanlegal.com](mailto:rab@sigmanlegal.com) on your question(s) or situation. I’ll discuss this with the Council and see what assistance we may be able to offer. The Council Board is here to assist and help your chapter succeed. Growing a chapter requires reaching out and connecting with current and new potential members who live and work in your surrounding community. There is financial help available to each chapter by applying for a chapter grant at the Regional Council level and also, through IMA Global. Each grant application form has a deadline date which you must apply by, so don’t wait until the last minute to apply for these available grants.



With summer comes the new IMA year

Be sure to visit the web site of the Mid-America Council at [www.midamerica.imanet.org](http://www.midamerica.imanet.org) & IMA Global at [www.imanet.org](http://www.imanet.org). Information is continually updated on each of these web sites, so please check often to keep informed on what changes have taken place. The available resources you’ll find on these web sites will assist in helping you and your chapter members with your chapter planning and in improving your management accounting skills.

One of the goals of the Mid-America Council is to have a Regional Director assigned to each of the local chapters within the council. The Regional Director assists the local chapter by offering insights into areas that would benefit the growth and continuation of the chapter. The Regional Director also provides an update to the Council’s Board at each quarterly meeting on how the chapter is doing. Please check the Mid-America Council’s web site to find the name and contact information of each Regional Director and what chapter(s) they’re assigned to and assisting.

The council values your feedback and would appreciate if each local chapter’s board would send a chapter member (delegate) to attend and represent their chapter at each of the Council’s quarterly meetings. If you’re interested in representing your chapter or serving in a position on the Council’s Board, please contact me at [rab@sigmanlegal.com](mailto:rab@sigmanlegal.com). Best Wishes to a successful and prosperous 2017-2018 chapter year.

Rick Bellmore, Mid-America Council President, 2017-2018

**JULY 2017**

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**JOIN US**

**Special points of interest:**

Next Council Meeting

When: Saturday, July 29, 2017  
 9:00am – 12:00pm

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





## COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date & Time	WebEx Information	Location
Saturday, July 29, 2017 9:00am – 12:00pm	<a href="#">WebEx Meeting Details</a> Audio Connection: 1-866-469-3239 Meeting Number: 717 457 255 Meeting Password: midamerica	The Beloit Club 2327 S. Riverside Dr. Beloit, WI 53511 ( <a href="#">map</a> )

1. 9:00am – 9:05am	Welcome & Introductions	Rick	5 minutes
2. 9:05am – 9:10am	President's Report Chapter Grants	Rick	5 minutes
3. 9:10am – 9:15am	Secretary's Report Approve Minutes from April 2017 Mtg.	Martha	5 minutes
4. 9:15am – 9:40am	Treasurer's Report Financial Statements	Dana	25 minutes
5. 9:40am – 9:55am	President-Elect's Report 2018 LTS - NIU April 27, 2018 Speakers Lined Up & Apply for IMA Global \$2,000 Grant? Council Award of Excellence	Erin	15 minutes
6. 9:55am – 10:15am	Regional VP & Regional Directors IMA Board Update Regional Chapter Reports	Dave	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 & Bill	10 minutes
9. 10:35am–11:05am	VP-Education Student Conference / Student Grants Student Chapter Outreach 2018 Education Conference - NIU April 26, 2018 Speakers???	Sheryl & Kathy	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	Harlan	5 minutes
12. 11:15am–11:20am	Old Business	Rick	5 minutes
13. 11:20am–11:35am	New Business	Rick	15 minutes
14. 11:35am–11:40pm	Past Presidents		5 minutes
15. 11:40am	Meeting Adjournment Lunch to follow at the Beloit Club		



## DIRECTIONS

### Directions To Beloit (From Differing Start Points)

The July 2017 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 **RSVP No Later Than Saturday July 22** if you're going to attend!

#### 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.

#### UPON ARRIVAL

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 have done in the past. 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.



**2017-2018 MID-AMERICA COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<b>BOARD POSITION</b>	<b>NAME, CHAPTER</b>
President	<a href="#">Rick Bellmore</a> , WinnebagoLand
President Elect	<a href="#">Erin Ankebrant</a> , Greater Milwaukee
Secretary	<a href="#">Martha Paalman</a> , WinnebagoLand
Treasurer	<a href="#">Dana Riess</a> , Chicago
VP - Communications	<a href="#">Eric Griffin</a> , Madison
Director - Newsletter	<a href="#">William Ramsay</a> , WinnebagoLand
VP - Education	<a href="#">Sheryl Elliott</a> , Fox River Valley
Director – Student Relations	<a href="#">Kathy Horton</a> , Fox River Valley
Regional VP	<a href="#">Dave Skora</a> , Madison
Regional Director - Calumet	Open
Regional Director - Central Illinois	Open
Regional Director - Chicago	Open
Regional Director - Fox River Valley	Open
Regional Director - Greater Milwaukee	Open
Regional Director - Heart of WI	<a href="#">John Wieland</a> , WinnebagoLand
Regional Director - Illowa	Open
Regional Director - Madison	<a href="#">Connie Lusietto</a> , Central Illinois
Regional Director - NW Suburban Chicago	Open
Regional Director - Packerland	<a href="#">John Wieland</a> , WinnebagoLand
Regional Director - Rockford	<a href="#">Connie Lusietto</a> , Central Illinois
Regional Director - WinnebagoLand	<a href="#">Bruce Hamilton</a> , Madison
MAC Long-Range Planning Committee (Most Sr. Active Past President)	<a href="#">Harlan Fuller</a> , Central Illinois
Council Bylaws Committee	<a href="#">Mary Strautmman</a> , Greater Milwaukee
Nominating Committee	<a href="#">Bruce Hamilton</a> , Madison
Volunteer Leadership Committee (IMA Global)	<a href="#">Dave Skora</a> , Madison



**IMA Mid-America Council Board Meeting  
NIU Rockford Meeting & Conference Center, Rockford, IL  
April 21, 2017**

**ATTENDANCE**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>MAC POSITION</u>
Bruce Hamilton	Madison	Past President
Bill Ramsay	WinnebagoLand	Past President
Erin Ankebrant	Greater Milwaukee	Delegate
John Wieland	WinnebagoLand	Past President
Eric Griffin	Madison	VP – Communications
Connie Lusietto	Central Illinois	Regional Director
Todd Hillibrand	Rockford	Delegate
Brian Wetters	Fox River Valley	Delegate
Susan Snowden	Fox River Valley	Guest
Sheryl Elliott	Fox River Valley	Past President
John Fratamico Jr	Northwest Sub Chicago	Guest
Dana Riess	Chicago	Treasurer & Newsletter
Rick Bellmore	WinnebagoLand	President-Elect

Bruce called the meeting to order at 4:18PM.

**PRESIDENT** – Bruce Hamilton (Interim)

The Illowa chapter is dissolving and has requested information on nearby chapters for their membership. The closest chapter is Waterloo, over 100 miles away.

**SECRETARY** – Martha Paalman

The minutes from the January 21, 2017 Mid-America Council board meeting were previously included in the newsletter. Motion to approve the January minutes was made by Bill Ramsay and seconded by Erin Ankebrant. Motion passed.

**TREASURER** – Dana Riess

Copies of the April Treasurer’s Report were distributed by Dana at the meeting.

Erin Ankebrant motioned to approve the April Treasurer’s Report and Rick Bellmore seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT** – Rick Bellmore

**Nominating Committee:**

Council board slate was presented by Rick. Motion to approve the board as presented was made by Bill Ramsay, seconded by Eric Griffin. Motion passed.

**Council Award of Excellence:**

Rick was working on the application for this year, but it was decided that the council will not submit it due to lack of extraordinary new ideas. Dave S feels this may be the last year it is given.

Discussion was had on whether the council should push chapters to have representation at council meetings to be eligible for council grants. Discussion/decision was table.

**REGIONAL VP** – David Skora

**IMA Board of Directors Update:** No Report



MEETING MINUTES

Regional Director Reports: No Reports

*Calumet:* (Joel) – No Report

*Central Illinois:* (Michele) – No Report

*Chicago:* (Pam) – No Report

*Fox River Valley:* (Joel) - No Report

*Greater Milwaukee:* (OPEN) - No Report

*Heart of WI:* (John) – No Report

*Madison:* (Connie) – No Report

*NW Suburban Chicago:* (Pam) – No Report

*Packerland:* (John) – Last meeting had 14 in attendance. They are looking at ways to increase attendance and are considering meeting on Mondays.

*Rockford:* (Connie) – No Report

*Winnebagoland:* (Bruce) – No Report

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

The next council meeting will be on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Beloit. The newsletter deadline will be July 10th, 2017.

**VP-EDUCATION** – Sheryl Elliott/Bruce Hamilton

Preliminary recap of Conferences:

Tentative date for 2018 is April 26 & 28, 2018.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS** -

None

**NEW BUSINESS** -

Chicago chapter issues – they have no board for next year, their president resigned along with several other board members.

**PAST PRESIDENTS**

Bill – good program, attendance was down

John – ditto

Sheryl – good speakers, low turnout

Bruce – wish Sheryl well

MOTION TO ADJOURN – meeting adjourned at 5:05PM.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Ramsay and seconded by Rick Bellmore. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Paalman, Council Secretary  
(transcribed from notes taken by John Wieland)