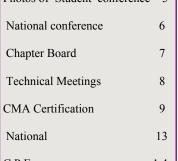


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February 14, 2017 IMA board meeting - noon

March 21, 2017 - WEBINAR State & Local Tax update - noon

April 18, 2017 Ethics - 6PM

April 27 & 28, 2017 Meonske Professional Development Conference at Kent State University.

Saturday, May 13, 2017 Leadership Training Workshop

2015-2016 Awards

Silver for Website

Outstanding level of Service

13th Place Competition

Board members Sandra Brenner and Carlos Chavez accept the chapter's awards in the Warner Division from IMA Chair





February 2017 meeting:

Tuesday, the 21st at 6PM



Federal Tax Update 2017

Presented by Angel Rice, Cohen & Co.

MEETING LOCATION

Hilton Garden Inn 700 Beta Drive Mayfield Heights, OH (I-271 Wilson Mills Exit)



















Tax Update

Cohen & Co

Angel Rice, CPA, MT, MAcc

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As a former college athlete, Angel understands the preparation it takes to know your team, know the game plan and execute it for the win. She uses this same approach when it comes to working with clients. Angel is always looking for that competitive advantage business owners can use to realize tax savings. Angel focuses on tax planning and compliance, as well as reporting and minimization strategies. While she advises businesses in the distribution and manufacturing industries, a significant portion of her time is spent within the real estate and construction industry. Angel also leads the firm's tax compliance related to health

- > Commercial Real Estate Development Association (NAIOP)
- > Spartan Club Case Western Reserve University (President)
- > Bethany Baptist Church
- > Ohio Society of CPAs

and welfare plans.

> American Institute of CPAs

Angel loves watching and playing all sports, but particularly the U.S. women's soccer team. If not for her star role as an accountant at Cohen & Company, Angel's dream job would be coaching women's softball. She also loves spending time with her dog in the park. Angel lives in Lakewood, Ohio.

Credentials & Education

- > Certified Public Accountant (Ohio)
- > Master's of Taxation,
- > The University of Akron
- > Master's of Accountancy, Case Western Reserve University
- > B.S., Case Western Reserve University

Areas of Focus

- > Private Company Services
- > Business & Individual Taxation
- > Retirement Plans
- > Accounting Methods
- > Real Estate & Construction
- > Wholesale & Distribution
- > Manufacturing





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Economic Update



Brian introduces student members of the CSU student chapter, Joey Sadowski



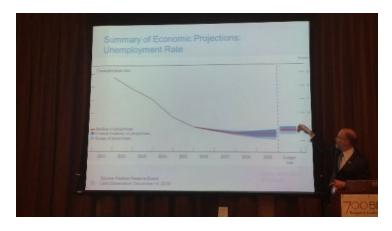
Robert Haubrich of the Federal Reserve Bank discusses projected output growth.



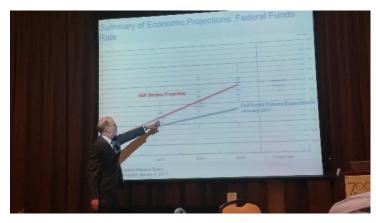
Labor Market Slack Measures over the last 10 years.



Inflation Expectations since 2011.



Employment Rate projected over the next few years



Federal Funds Rate projected over the next few years



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is having a great start to 2017 and that your yearend activities (accounting life) went well! I can say that I didn't start the year with resolutions however recently I have outlined some goals for my life. I hope that everyone



has goals and is taking steps to get there.

We had a very engaging technical meeting in January with Joe Haubrich from The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. He gave an update on the economy which was very informative. I also had a bet that we couldn't get through the presentation without someone saying Donald Trump... the first slide of the presentation was Donald Trump!

The January meeting was a joint meeting with the Cleveland chapter and we were pleased to have two students from Cleveland State in attendance; these two students attended the Student Leadership Conference in Detroit this past November and were brave enough to stand in front of a room of strangers (no longer strangers!) and discuss their time at the conference. Make sure to check out the newsletter and website with photos that Joey Sadowski and Zach Keider shared with us. Sharing their experience helped put a face and a story behind the work that the IMA does for students. Our chapter is very passionate about helping the future professionals in the accounting field.

Please join us February 21, 2017 for a Tax Update Technical meeting. Angel Rice from Cohen & Company will be giving us an update on all things tax. Look for the email blast and make sure you register!

Looking to join our board? We are always looking for passionate accounting professionals to help; please reach out and we can discuss opportunities. You can email me at Brian.Fehribach@imcdus.com.

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Deadline for submitting information for next newsletter is the Monday following the technical meeting. Send your submissions to Carol Kuczer at: ckuczer@ddr.com



Cleveland State University students who are active members of the Cleveland chapter IMA attend the Student Leadership Conference in Detroit, Michigan

Thanks to Joey Sadowski and Zach Keider for giving us a window on your trip.



Pictured left to right: Shane McGuckin, Alyse Souza, Shaoor Ahmed, Me(Joey Sadowski), Dan Kaminsky (CSU Professor), Adel Shoman, and Zach Keider. This was taken on our first night during the meet & greet where many firms and organizations were setup.



Outside of the GM Renaissance Center about halfway through our tour.



Our Conference Room located inside the GM Renaissance Hotel. This is where various presentations were held and where we ate lunch.



On stage during our last day in Detroit. This is was the 'main stage' inside the conference room.



Our CSU group is located to the far right of the picture. This was the large group of students and professionals prior to going on the GM Renaissance Center Tour. We also stayed in the Marriott, located inside of this building.





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We understand and abide by the IMA Statement of Ethical Professional Practice in our everyday actions. Our personal conduct ensures that the IMA name is always worthy of trust - our members around the globe deserve nothing less. We treat each other fairly, keep our promises, make decisions objectively, take responsibility for our actions, and admit our mistakes. We maintain confidentiality as appropriate.

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We believe innovation and a spirit of continuous improvement are engines that keep us relevant, vital, and growing. Our culture embraces creativity and seeks different perspectives. We behave like owners of a "business," managing risks and identifying new opportunities in serving members and advancing the profession.

Teaming to Achieve

We encourage and reward both individual and team achievements, proactively working across organizational boundaries to always "remember the member." Our spirit of team achievement extends to advancing our professional and to being responsible and caring partners within our various communities.



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2016 - 2017 **TECHNICAL MEETINGS**



Insiders Monthly Access

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, August 18, 2016	7:10 PM	Social event - Cleveland Indians vs. Chicago White Sox (no CPE)
Tuesday, September 20, 2016	6:30 PM	Plant tour at Cleveland Whiskey
Tuesday, October 20, 2016	6:00 PM	Student Night
Friday, November 18, 2016	8 AM - 5PM	Controllers' Workshop
December	water .	Happy Holidays
Tuesday, January 17, 2017	6:00 PM	Economic Update
Tuesday, February 21 , 2017	6:00 p.m.	Federal Tax Update
Tuesday, March 21, 2017	noon	State & Local Tax Update - Webinar
Tuesday, April 18, 2017	6:00 p.m.	Ethics
Tuesday, May 16, 2017	6:00 p.m.	Young Professionals / networking
Tuesday, Jun 20, 2017	6:00 p.m.	TBD
Thursday, April 27, 2017	8AM - 5PM	Annual Meonske Conference Pre-Conference Workshop
Friday, April 28, 2017	8AM - 5PM	Annual Meonske Conference

Cleveland East Chapter Anniversaries



Years Members

- 47 A. Maschke
- 40 Mario Mulig
- 25 James Yates
- 22 David Boutton
- 12 James Tilk
- Lisa Sutton





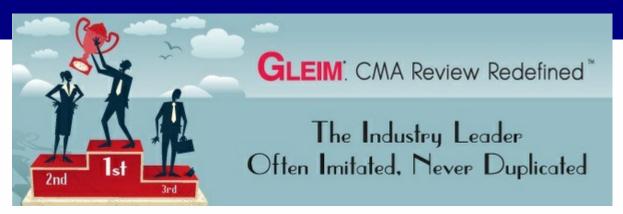
Young Professional: Ashley Hinkle

Student: Anthony Beltran









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