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Dear Chicago Members,

March is finally upon us, and that means its election month!

If you are interested in playing a role in the continued revitalization of the Chicago Chapter, now is the time get involved. Keep reading to get further details on how you can be nominated for 2012-2013 Board of Directors.

Also, please join us for our first 2012 event on Wednesday, March 14th. There is no cover for this event, so don't miss out on the free CPE credit. Mingle with fellow Chicago IMA members and interact with a panel of speakers on the topic of "Business Trends for Management Accountants." We look forward to making this event a success.

Hope to see you there!

Ciyonna Jackson
Chapter President

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Seeking Nominations for IMA Chicago Chapter Board

The Chicago Chapter of the IMA is seeking nominations for its 2012-2013 Board. All members of the Board are required to be active IMA members. The following board positions are open for the next fiscal year:

- VP - Admin & Finance, President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Director of Meetings
- Director of Special Activities
- Director Member Attendance
- Director Employment

- VP - Communication
- Director of Newsletter
- Webmaster
- Director Community Service
- Director Public Relations

- VP - Education
- Director Student Activities
- Director CMA Programs

- VP - Membership
- Director Member Retention & Participation
- Director Member Acquisition

For nominations (including self-nominations), please contact George Letten at george.letten@navistar.com or the Chicago chapter email imachicagocommunications@gmail.com.



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MARCH - IMA Chicago Chapter Event...

Date/Time	CPE	Location	Topic
3/14 5:30 PM Networking 6:30 PM Panel Discussion	1.0	Rittergut Wine Bar 10 S. Wacker Drive Chicago The Barrel Room Appetizer & Drinks will be served.	Business Trends for Management Accountants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What Technology Trends will affect Business Intelligence Systems in the Future? What Role Should Management Accountants play a firm's Business Intelligence, Performance Management, and Business Analytics strategy?
Speaker Panel			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paula Pouliot (Riemer), CPA, CITP, CMA, Sr. Manager Planning & Analysis, The Martin-Brower Company, LLC Patrick Townsend, District Manager, HostAnalytics TBD, Principal, EPM and Finance Transformation, The Hackett Group

OTHER MARCH EVENTS

Date/Time	CPE	Location	Topic	Speaker	Comments
3/7 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	1.0	Webinar	The Cloud, CPM, and the CFO	Inside Talk - Webinar Series	Free to IMA members
3/10 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	4.0	Naperville Municipal Building 400 S. Eagle St. Naperville, IL	Verbal/Nonverbal Communications: A Workshop on (Mis)perceptions of Self and Others	Chris Miller, College of DuPage	Hosted by the Fox River Valley (FRV) Chapter * RSVP by March 7 th to Sheryl.Elliott@vvfllc.com
3/20 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM	1.5	St. Andrews Golf & Country Club 2241 Route 59 West Chicago, IL 630-231-3100	Current Banking Environment	Peter Gillespie, FirstMerit Bank	Hosted by the Fox River Valley (FRV) Chapter * RSVP by March 14 th to Sheryl.Elliott@vvfllc.com
3/20 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	1.5	Webinar	Coping with Change	IMA Leadership Academy	Free to IMA members

* For FRV Event - Current prices are: IMA Members (any chapter) & Retirees \$40, Non-Members & Guests \$50, Unemployed Members (Regular & Associates) \$20, Students \$20



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Fox River Valley –Professional Development Session
Verbal/Nonverbal Communications: A Workshop on (Mis)perceptions of Self & Others
March 10, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand – Chris Miller (bio below). Registration and Continental Breakfast will begin at 8AM.

After receiving his Master of Arts in Communication from Northern Illinois University in 1999, Chris Miller immediately moved into his passion: teaching. His teaching career initially began at Kishwaukee College in 1999, but he has been an Assistant Professor of Speech Communication College of Dupage since 2002. Professor Miller first became interested in speech communication when he was an undergraduate student at Solano Community College in Suisun City, CA when his speech instructor asked him to join their speech and debate team. After that he was hooked. After a successful speech career in California (Gold Medal in Duo Interpretation and Silver Medal in Program of Oral Interpretation at the two-year national competition), Professor Miller was recruited by Northern Illinois University and moved himself and his girlfriend (now wife, they have been dating since 1992) to Illinois where he continued to compete on the NIU speech and debate team. He claims his greatest achievements are his State Informative Speaking award in 1997 only to be bested by the 3rd place overall at the four-year national championships in After Dinner Speaking. When his competitive career ended he realized he wanted to extensively explore communication from an academic angle. In graduate school Professor Miller studied Interpersonal Communication with an emphasis in Health Communication. Professor Miller’s focus was on the Emergency Medical Technician-Patient relationship and published the first work ever on this dyadic relationship. After graduate school Professor Miller knew his passion was teaching and consequently wanted to make his career at the two-year level. He wanted to go back and give to this population of students as his teachers did for him. Professor Miller has provided workshops for IMA in the past, but has also been a guest lecturer for Painter’s District #30, and developed a workshop entitled, “Speak it Write” with Professor Jason Snart, also of College of Dupage. Additionally, Professor Miller hosts a bi-weekly on-line comedy show entitled “That Beepin’ Show that is produced also through College of Dupage.

For more details or to register: sheryl.elliott@vflc.com

Fox River Valley – Monthly Technical Meeting
TOPIC: Current Banking Environment
March 20, 5:30 p.m (networking), 6:15 (dinner & speaker)

Pete Gillespie is the Regional President and CEO of the Chicago Region for FirstMerit Bank. Prior to joining FirstMerit on 2/19/10, Pete was Chicago Region President for First Bank. Before joining First Bank in March, 2008, he held various positions at Chase Bank and predecessors during a 25 year career.

Pete began his banking career at NBD in Michigan, transferring to Chicago in 1990. During his 20 years in Chicago he has been involved in all aspects of banking middle market companies. The focus has consistently been on developing deep and meaningful relationships, providing excellent customer service, and creatively addressing the needs of his clients. He has been active throughout his career with organizations that are focused on supporting the needs of family owned businesses.

Pete graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in accounting before starting his business career with Arthur Andersen & Co. He received his MBA from Michigan State University and began his career in banking. He was formerly Chairman and currently serves on the Business Advisor Council for the University of Illinois- Chicago.

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IMA's Inside Talk - Webinar Series The Cloud, CPM, and the CFO March 7, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

In today's economic environment, it is imperative for finance leaders to make the right decisions to sustain and grow the financial health of their companies. Metrics driven CPM enables finance executives to do just that – by providing accurate and timely information in such a way that enables decision makers to execute and plan based on the powerful data generated by a corporate performance management business model.

Learning Objectives: After this webinar, attendees will be able to:

1. Understand how to leverage Cloud and related technology to monitor and manage the metrics that empower better decision-making
2. Use leading indicators to anticipate changes in your company's environment
3. Learn the significance of metrics driven organizations

For more details or to register: http://www.imanet.org/programs_events/webinars/details/12-02-24/The_Cloud_CPM_and_the_CFO.aspx

IMA's Leadership Academy - Webinar Coping with Change March 20, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., CST

Change is all around us – sometimes causing stress. Change cannot be escaped, but you can learn to handle change. This course is designed to increase your comprehension of change and its impact on individual lives. In addition, this course focuses on the development of techniques to better cope with the ever-present change occurring around you.

Learning Objectives: Upon completing this webinar, you will be able to:

1. Define change
2. Describe the impact of change on individuals
3. Recognize why and when change is necessary
4. Identify common barriers to change
5. Identify techniques to cope with change

For more details or to register: http://www.imanet.org/programs_events/leadership_academy/details/12-02-22/Coping_with_Change.aspx

***** Proposed CPA Licensure**

New licensing requirements for Illinois CPAs are set to go into effect July 1, 2012

Throughout the past year, ICPAS has been working to educate their members about upcoming changes to CPA licensure. A report summarizes the new law which is set to go into effect July 1, 2012. The Illinois CPA Society Board of Directors wants to share the proposal which is outlined in the [Pathway document](#) and [FAQs](#).

For more information go to the Illinois CPA Society website: www.icpas.org



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PLANNING AHEAD, FUTURE DATES & LOCATIONS...

Save the Date!

The **Mid-America Council** will hold its annual Leadership Training Session **Friday, April 20, 2012** at the Northern Illinois Outreach Center in Rockford, IL

LTS 2012 is not just for incoming chapter officers & directors. It will offer 8 hours of CPE that anyone can use whether it be in their chapter, their career or their personal life.

A very impressive array of speakers will help you build and refine your skills in interpersonal communications, team building & succession planning. Breakout sessions will be offered for both new and returning chapter officers & directors, and the day will conclude with a presentation by Dr. William Miller, CPA, winner of the 2011 *Carl Menconi Ethics Case Competition*.

Your council is holding the cost of LTS at \$20, an absolute bargain for 8 hours of CPE!

So mark your calendars Now! and plan to attend LTS on Friday, April 20, 2012.

Any questions? Contact Bruce Hamilton MAC President-Elect, at hamiltoncpa@sbcglobal.net.

See you there!

Join Us at IMA's 93rd Annual Conference & Exposition in Las Vegas!

**REGISTER NOW for IMA's 93rd Annual Conference & Exposition in Las Vegas, Nevada
June 23-27, 2012**

Early Bird registration rates (a savings of up to \$200) are in effect now!!! Visit [IMA's Website](#) for complete conference and program information.

EXPERIENCE:

- Four days of educational sessions focused on relevant accounting topics.
- Opportunity to earn more than 30 NASBA CPE credits.
- Thought-provoking speakers and compelling general and concurrent sessions.
- Critical knowledge to help you drive business performance.
- Celebration of the 40th anniversary of the CMA® designation.

IMA has also negotiated attractive hotel room rates at the beautiful Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino.

For complete Conference program and registration details,

http://www.imaconference.org/?hq_e=el&hq_m=1175450&hq_l=5&hq_v=5a548a1122



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FUN CHICAGO FACTS!

Do you know what the symbolism is within the Chicago flag?

The Municipal Flag of Chicago consists of three White stripes separated by two stripes of Blue with four Red six-pointed stars on the center stripe of White.

Part 4 - The 4 Red stars on the Center White Stripe represent something (key event) as well as each of the points on the stars themselves:

- Third Red Star represents the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.
- The Points of the Third Red Star Signify History of the Area:
France 1693, Great Britain 1763, Virginia 1778, Northwest Territory 1798,
Indian Territory 1802, Illinois Statehood 1818

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

The following Chicago Chapter members celebrate an IMA anniversary (based on IMA's join date of record) in March. Congratulations to all!

Harold Shade - 67 Years	Steven Schnoebelen - 25 Years	Kevin Vaez - 8 Years
Bertil Landstrom - 63 Years	Robert Skeen - 25 Years	Paul Bellettini - 7 Years
Francis Kastenholz - 59 Years	Michael Roe - 23 Years	William DiMarco - 6 Years
R. Greisch - 57 Years	Judith Gallagher - 23 Years	Robert Groos - 6 Years
Carl Reichert - 57 Years	Bartly Zautcke - 22 Years	Margaret Howe - 5 Years
J Piekal - 56 Years	Martin Hahn - 21 Years	Gloria Carmichael - 5 Years
J. Ruane - 45 Years	John Kinnane - 21 Years	Rashida McKelvin - 4 Years
Herman Silver - 39 Years	Thomas Kielbasa - 21 Years	Ivan Gaidykevich - 4 Years
A. Schwertfeger - 38 Years	Anthony White - 21 Years	Danielle McNally - 4 Years
Wayne Bennett - 38 Years	Daniel Simet - 21 Years	Todd Barry - 3 Years
Kenneth Rapacz - 37 Years	Rajiv Ranjan - 20 Years	Cranston Cooper - 3 Years
Edward Garnier - 34 Years	Donald Raack - 18 Years	Brad Syfert - 2 Years
Edward Dwyer - 33 Years	Roby Kotcamp - 18 Years	Dan Zhu - 2 Years
Jeffrey Smith - 31 Years	Timothy Loeffler - 17 Years	Alexander Abraham - 2 Years
Mary Schueren - 31 Years	Heather Kos - 17 Years	Timothy Meeker - 1 Year
Susan Diamond - 30 Years	Anna Bass - 17 Years	Manojkumar Dimri - 1 Year
William Noci - 29 Years	Angelo Luciano - 16 Years	Ramya Velusamy - 1 Year
John Ryan - 29 Years	Ronald Ostrowski - 16 Years	Janis Ang - 1 Year
Joseph Italiano - 27 Years	Daniel Jones - 15 Years	Lori Welton - 1 Year
Nicholas D'Asta - 27 Years	Cooper Shreve - 9 Years	
Gary Gray - 26 Years	Elizabeth Gonzalez - 9 Years	



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