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Hello IMA Chicago Members:

We want to congratulate our recently elected 2012-2013 Board volunteers.

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There are still several open positions for those members that want to step up and make our chapter a great one! If you are interested, please send us an email at imacommunications@gmail.com.

FUN CHICAGO FACTS! – Part 5

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.

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

- The Fourth Red Star represents the Century of Progress Exposition of 1933
- The 6 Points of the Fourth Red Star Signify:

World's Third Largest City, City's Latin Motto, "I will" Motto, Great Central Market, Wonder City, Convention City



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APRIL EVENTS

Date/Time	CPE	Location	Topic	Speaker	Comments
4/18 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	1.0	Webinar	Addressing Risk and Uncertainty with the Forecasting Process	Inside Talk - Webinar Series	Free to IMA members
04/19 CMA Certification 5:00 PM Networking 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM	1.0 1.5	Gaslite Manor 2485 Church Rd. Aurora, IL 630-851-2300	CMA Certification FASB Issues	Tamara Phelan NIU John Hepp Grant Thornton LLP	Hosted by the Fox River Valley (FRV) Chapter * RSVP by April 12 th to Sheryl.Elliott@vffllc.com
04/20 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	7.0	NIU Outreach Center 8500 E. State Street Rockford, IL 61108	Mid-America Council Leadership Training Session	Various	See below
4/24 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	1.5	Webinar	Advanced Team Skills	IMA Leadership Academy	Free to IMA members
4/25 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	1.0	Webinar	Unlocking the Value of Dynamic Financial Planning	Inside Talk - Webinar Series	Free to IMA members

* For FRV Event - Current prices are: IMA Members (any chapter) & Retirees \$32, Non-Members & Guests \$40, Unemployed Members (Regular & Associates) \$16, Students \$10

*** 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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Mid-America Council Leadership Training Session April 20, 2012 – Northern Illinois Univ. Outreach Center, Rockford, IL 7 Hours CPE

The Mid-America Council will be hosting the annual Leadership Training Session on Friday, April 20th at the NIU Outreach Center in Rockford. The 8am-4pm day offers 7 hours of CPE at a very reasonable cost: \$20.

LTS 2012 is not just for incoming chapter officers & directors. It will offer 7 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 as well as a general session for non-chapter leaders, and the day will conclude with a presentation by Dr. William Miller, CPA, winner of the 2011 *Carl Menconi Ethics Case Competition*. In addition to the Ethics presentation, there will be sessions on “Communications & Personality Types”, “Team Building”, & “Succession Planning”.

- 8:00–8:30 Registration & continental breakfast
- 8:30 – 8:40 – Welcome and Logistics
- 8:40 – 9:55 – “Building an Effective Leadership Team, Part 1”
- 10:05 – 11:20 – “Building an Effective Leadership Team, Part 2”
- 11:25 – 12:15 – “Building an Effective Leadership Team, Part 3”
- 12:15 – 1:15 – Lunch
- 1:15 – 2:30 – General Session: Are You Smarter than a CMA?
- 2:45 – 4:00 – “Ethics”, presented by Dr. William B. Miller, CPA

BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

DR. LINDA McISSAC, PH. D. - Dr. McIssac is president of Xyte, Inc. Linda assists companies in developing customized solutions to mission critical problems by focusing on strategy, technology, people and systems.

JUDY WHALEN - Judy Whalen is president of Whalen & Associates, Inc. and the Center for Strategic Change, LLC, a consulting firm that specializes in strategy, market research, and communication services.

DEB HOUDEN, PH. D. - Deb Houden, Ph.D, is the Director of the Univ. of Wisconsin Family Business Center. Deb teaches numerous courses at the UW – Madison, including Interpersonal Communication, Communication and Conflict Resolution, and most currently Issues in Family Business Ownership in the School of Business.

DR. WILLIAM MILLER, PH. D., CPA - Dr. Miller is the Arthur Anderson Professor of Accounting at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire. Dr. Miller won the IMA's Carl Menconi Ethics Case Competition in 2011. He teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses in accounting at UWEC, and his doctoral dissertation dealt with integrating ethics into the accounting curriculum.

For more information, or to register: <http://www.midamerica.imanet.org/events.htm>



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IMA's Inside Talk -Webinar Series Addressing Risk and Uncertainty with the Forecasting Process April 18, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

In an increasingly volatile business climate, forecasting has never been more important, or more challenging. Many corporations have to confront the fact that their existing forecasting processes are not fit for purpose: unpleasant surprises are becoming more the norm than the exception.

For finance executives seeking new tools and disciplines to mend broken processes this webinar offers some valuable guidance, in the form of Six Principles of Forecast Mastery, which point the way to a better future. It will focus in particular on the use of range forecasting and scenario planning to manage risk in uncertain times.

This is one Webcast you will not want to miss if you aim to anticipate and shape business outcomes more effectively.

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

1. Distinguish risk from uncertainty
2. Apply range forecasting to assess risk
3. Create scenarios that address high degrees of uncertainty
4. Establish a more dynamic, reliable system to respond to risk and uncertainty
5. Automate and sustain a renewed forecasting process

For more details or to register: http://www.imanet.org/learning_center/webinars/details/12-03-22/Addressing_Risk_and_Uncertainty_with_the_Forecasting_Process.aspx

IMA's Leadership Academy - Webinar Advanced Team Skills April 24, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., CST

Most likely, you are a member of several teams—at work, in your community, in your school, or elsewhere. Do you want to be a better team member or lead a more productive team? This course focuses on the stages of team development, contributions to healthy team development, and team rules of conduct.

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

1. Analyze the four stages of team development with their characteristics.
2. List examples of team leader behaviors and member characteristics for each stage of team development.
3. Describe mistakes that teams frequently make and how to avoid them.
4. Develop a list of rules of conduct to use with teams.

For more details or to register: http://www.imanet.org/programs_events/leadership_academy/details/12-03-19/Advanced_Team_Skills.aspx



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PLANNING AHEAD, FUTURE DATES & LOCATIONS...

Registration Now Open! IMA's Annual Conference and Exposition Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, Las Vegas June 23-27, 2012

IMA's Annual Conference and Exposition provides the opportunity to network with other business colleagues to acquire industry knowledge and remain current with the latest professional standards and trends. Gain from the insightful perspective of the dynamic guest speakers, while earning valuable continuing education credits.

The industry also celebrates the 40th anniversary of the recognition of the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) certification as the gold standard for accountants and financial professionals.

EXPERIENCE:

- Four days of educational sessions focused on relevant accounting topics.
- Choose from over 40 educational sessions that allow you to earn 30+ NASBA-approved continuing education credits.
- Great networking

** 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>



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

**The following Chicago Chapter members celebrate
an IMA anniversary
(based on IMA's join date of record)
in April.**

Congratulations to all!

Harry Taniguchi - 17 Years
Susan A Case Sabir - 17 Years
Michael Wilson - 17 Years
Jordan Peev - 17 Years
Roberto Rivera - 13 Years
Richard Illing - 13 Years
InHwan Yang - 7 Years
Anthony Bender - 6 Years
Peter Lehr - 6 Years
David Rajack - 5 Years
Daniel Dodson - 3 Years
Robert Puza - 3 Years
Sierra Hinson - 3 Years
Robert Dustin - 1 Year
Keith Best - 1 Year
Muamer Milic - 1 Year
William Kosinski - 1 Year
Stephen Johnson - 1 Year



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