



JULY 2013

Dear IMA Chicago Chapter Members,

Welcome to the new IMA Year! As I have stated in previous communications, your IMA Chicago Board of Directors has been hard at work preparing a year full of exciting, meaningful, and industry related events for 2013-2014. Just as January brings the feeling of starting anew and learning from the past year, the IMA Chicago has been in the mindset of starting anew and growing from last year's experiences to increase our success. We do all of this with our members in mind, to promote your growth, both professionally and personally.

I would like to start this new year, this new chance, with a quote by Saint Francis of Assisi, "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." Just as Saint Francis of Assisi had in mind your Board of Directors has been focusing on what's necessary for our chapter to function, the possibilities to make it stronger and more dynamic, and how to make those possibilities a reality. With that said I am excited to announce the publishing of our 1st annual IMA Chicago Program. Please find details for this 2013-2014 IMA Year outlined below.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the information below or anyone of the other board members listed on the last page of the program.

Kind Regards,

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2013-2014 IMA CHICAGO PROGRAM OF EVENTS

The IMA Chicago Chapter has been working to plan monthly programs for the upcoming year that match the interests and needs of our members. Below you will find the 2013-2014 program for this year. Please stay tuned for further updates to these events.

Month	Event Topic	Description	Speaker/Presenter
Aug	Summer Social	Start the year off right with food, drinks, and networking. Join us for our official kick-off to the 2013-2014 IMA year.	
Sep	Improv for Business	Effective communication is key to any successful relationship. Join IMA Chicago for an eventful and unique workshop.	Anthony Whitaker The Den Theatre
Sep	Business Ethics	Ethics is a part of all areas of life spanning from our personal to professional lives. Learn how to make those hard decisions and practice ethical business decisions on and off the job.	Tim McCormick, CEO SOS Children's Village
Oct	Career Night	Are you looking for a new career or just trying to stay up-to-date on the most relevant resume and social networking strategies? Regardless of your motives, our career workshop has the ability to teach you the necessary dos and don'ts to give you a step ahead of your competition.	TBA
Nov	The Influencing Formula	For organizations to function and succeed in today's business environment, everyone needs to have the ability to influence regardless of their position or title. This is what we call the Influencing Formula, comprised of three key criteria. Learn the Influencing Formula and how to influence without authority.	Watermark Learning
Dec	Holiday Social	Join your fellow IMA Chicago members and board to celebrate the holiday season with networking, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres.	
Jan	Corporate & Personal Tax Update	Learn new and upcoming tax updates to prepare you for the upcoming tax season.	TBA
Feb	Annual Dinner & Board Election	Join the Chicago IMA for our annual dinner and Board of Director elections. Have your say in who governs the IMA Chicago while enjoying a night of food and networking.	
Mar	Tech. for Management Accounts	In an ever-increasing technological world it's imperative to stay up-to-date on tools available to leverage, making daily tasks as productive as possible.	TBA
Apr	Excel Tips and Tricks	Stop spending countless hours "Googling" Excel formulas and learn from the professionals. These tips and tricks will keep your Excel skills at their best.	TBA
May	Young Professionals Event	Calling all Young Professionals for IMA Chicago's first-ever event created for Young Professionals and their unique needs.	TBA

Click the "Event Topic" on each hyperlinked event to be taken to said event details including further event descriptions, date and time, location, cost, and CPE offered. As month's progress and event details are finalized more events will be hyperlinked to chicago.imanet.org allowing members to view and reserve spaces for events.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2012-2013 IMA YEAR

CONGRATULATIONS

IMA Chicago & Last Year's Board of Directors
For Placing 2nd in both the Newsletter & Website categories
As voted by IMA Global

IMA CHICAGO STATISTICS

IMA Chicago History & Today

IMA Chicago was the first chapter to be established by IMA Global in April 26th, 1920. As of June 12th, 2013. IMA Chicago boasts 556 members, a 35% increase in membership or 145 new members during 2012-2013.

Membership Profile

279	Professional memberships	19	Academic memberships
108	Student memberships	13	Retired memberships
74	Young Professional memberships	3	Emeritus Life memberships
59	ELA memberships	1	International membership

2013-2014 IMA CHICAGO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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