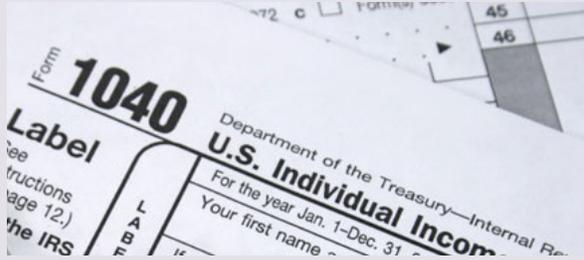


This Month:

Event:

## Hot Topics in Personal and Corporate Tax



**January 16th, 2014  
6:00PM - 8:00PM**

Speaker: Mr. Muhammad Gigani  
Senior Manger at Deloitte  
Location: Big Bricks Chicago

For more information see page 2 or [click here.](#)

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear IMA Chicago Chapter Members:

On behalf of the IMA Chicago, I would like to say Happy New Year! We trust all of our members had a relaxing and wonderful holiday full of memorable moments, reflections on this past year and thoughts of all 2014 will bring. A new year is about fresh beginnings and the chance for new and exciting opportunities. This 2014 year rings in our chance to start anew and seize the new opportunities ahead of us.

It is my hope for the new year that we are able to drive more members out to events and promote greater networking with our many Chicagoland professionals. While I know we are all extremely busy, especially during the next couple of months, I want to stress just how important it is to step away and gain a better perspective on what is happening with your fellow IMA members. There is always something new we can learn from individuals doing similar jobs to our own and a great way to do so is to attend your local chapter events.

In the month of January, the chapter is pleased to welcome Muhammad Gigani, Senior Manager with Deloitte. Mr. Gigani will be speaking on interesting and “hot” topics regarding personal and corporate tax. This event will take place January 16 at Big Bricks, which is conveniently located in the North Center area off the Irving Park Brown CTA stop. For further information regarding the January 16 event please visit our [website](#) or page 2 of this months newsletter.

Should any member have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me directly at the information below or any one of our Board of Directors whose information is located on the Board of Directors page.

Regards,

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## “Hot Topics” in Personal and Corporate Tax



The New Year is with us and as always it brings new opportunities and new challenges. Before the tax season absorbs us all, take time to meet with your fellow professionals to learn about “Hot Topics” in personal and corporate tax. The Chicago Chapter of the IMA is pleased to have Mr. Muhammad Gigani, Senior Manager at Deloitte present these topics during an evening of networking and professional education. Mr. Gigani works in the Business Tax Service Group for Deloitte. He will provide his perspective and be available for questions after the presentation. The meeting promises to bring a fresh view to 2014.

Join us January 16th at Big Bricks (<http://bigbrickschicago.com>) which is located in the North Center neighborhood. Pricing includes unlimited soft drinks and juices, two drink tickets for alcoholic beverages, and a wide selection of appetizers. Networking will take place prior to the event starting at 6:00PM, and the presentation will start at 6:30PM.

### Pricing:

Student Member \$15

IMA Member \$25

Non-IMA Member \$30

\*Should you wish to pay at the event location we will be able to process cash, credit, and checks. Those who pay prior to the event but fail to attend will not be refunded; we apologize for any inconvenience.

January 16, 2014  
6:00PM - 8:00PM

CPE: 1.5

Location:  
**Big Bricks**

3832 N. Lincoln Ave.,  
Chicago, IL 60613

<http://bigbrickschicago.com/>

For more information and to RSVP please click: [here](#).

As event details are finalized, hyperlinks will be added to the event titles. Click each event to be taken to details including further event descriptions, date and time, location, cost, and CPE offered.

# CHICAGO PROGRAM

## JANUARY | Corporate & Personal Tax Update

Learn new and upcoming tax updates to prepare you for the upcoming tax season.

## MARCH | Technology 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.

## MAY | Young Professionals Event

Calling all Young Professionals for IMA Chicago's first-ever event created for Young Professionals and their unique needs.

**NOTE:** This year IMA Chicago has enabled payment through our website and is currently offering discounts to those who pay early. Should you chose to pay at the time event no discount will be given. At the event location we will be able to process cash, credit, and checks.

## CERTIFIED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

### CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Certified Management Accountant (CMA) credential offers the vital knowledge and expertise needed to compete in today's business world. More than 30,000 professionals worldwide hold the CMA designation and can deliver the critical accounting and financial management skills demanded by top global employers.

Northwestern's CMA program provides comprehensive, instructor-led CMA exam preparation. The program's two courses — Financial Decision Making and Financial Planning, Performance and Control — mirror the CMA exam and provide students with the knowledge and tools needed to advance their accounting and financial management careers.

Classes begin in September — learn in the Chicago Loop and online.

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CONTINUING  
STUDIES

## UPCOMING CPE

### Successful Conflict Negotiation

Thursday, January 23, 2014

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (EST) (UTC -5)

CPE: 1.5

Presented by V. Marcine Johnson, CPA and Larry L. Loyd, CMA. Working in teams sometimes creates tension between employees that leads to conflict. Conflict, however, can have many benefits for the workplace if handled constructively. This course explores steps for managing conflict and discusses a model for successful conflict resolution and strategies to foster teamwork.

To view webinar [click here](#)

## Mid-America Council Leadership Training Seminar

April 24-25, 2014

NIU Rockford

Meeting & Conference Center  
8500 E. State St., Rockford, IL

<http://midamerica.imanet.org/events.htm>

# CFO Survey: Accounting, Business Systems Top List of Projects Companies Plan to Outsource to Financial Consultants in Next 12 Months

NOV 25, 2013

Chief financial officers (CFOs) were recently asked which projects they were likely to outsource to financial consultants and interim managers in the next 12 months. General accounting and finance projects, which include areas such as forecasts and budgets, financial reporting, and mergers and acquisitions, were cited most often, followed by business systems and performance upgrades.

Fifty-seven percent of CFOs who said they plan to bring in consultants expect them to be for finance and accounting projects. Forty-eight percent of CFOs plan to use project professionals for business systems and performance improvement. Taxation (42 percent) and risk, governance and compliance (40 percent) were also priorities.

The survey was developed by Robert Half Management Resources, the world's premier provider of senior-level finance, accounting and business systems professionals on a project and interim basis. It was conducted by an independent research firm and is based on interviews with more than 900 CFOs from a random sample of companies that work with financial consultants.

CFOs were asked, "Which of the following areas are businesses likely to bring in financial consultants or project professionals in the next 12 months?"

"CFOs are tapping consultants for projects such as finance optimization and process improvements, among others," said Paul McDonald, senior executive

director with Robert Half. "Interim managers are also being brought in for business systems and compliance initiatives as financial executives look to leverage data stored in their enterprise applications and keep pace with evolving regulations."

McDonald added, "Whether a company is looking to merge operations from a business acquisition or implement an enterprise resource planning system, financial consultants can fill the gap by managing a project from start to finish or serving in an interim capacity."

<b>Finance and accounting</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>Business systems and performance improvement (e.g., system implementation, conversion and integration)</b>	<b>48%</b>
Taxation	42%
Risk, governance and compliance	40%
Finance optimization (e.g. finance remediation)	36%

Source: Robert Half Management Resources. For original article [click here](#)

# CMA NEWS

The CMA (Certified Management Accountant) is the advanced professional certification specifically designed to measure the accounting and financial management skills that drive business performance. The CMA is tailor-made for finance professionals at all levels, for those that want to enhance their value to a current organization or expand career potential.

Earning the CMA will make you part of a network of over 20,000 credentialed peers worldwide. To participate in the CMA program, candidates must be members of the IMA.



Congratulations to our new CMA's

There were no new CMA's this month.

## WELCOME NEW IMA CHICAGO MEMBERS

There were no new Chicago members this month.



Your Chicago IMA has partnered with Gleim to ensure your success on the CMA exam! They will provide you the necessary study tools to prepare for this difficult exam.

Gleim has been the trusted name in preparing candidates for success with their extensive self-study course for the CMA exam for over 30 years. The Gleim Review System enables you to identify your weak areas so you know where to focus your efforts to pass each exam part the first time.

As a member of the chapter, you are eligible for significant discounts on any of Gleim's CMA materials, as well as Gleim CPE. To take advantage of the reduced prices, please contact our chapter representative, Melissa Leonard.

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