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July, August Dinner Meetings

****None Scheduled****

September Dinner Meeting

Date: September 20, 2007
Topic: TBA
Times: 6:00 pm Networking
6:30 pm Dinner
Cost: \$25 with reservations
\$30 late reservations, walk-ins
Location: Sacramento Hilton Hotel
2200 Harvard, Sacramento
(Capital City Freeway & Arden Way)

Menu
TBA

Refer to the Chapter's website during the summer for updates on the meeting topic and menu selection: www.sacramento.imanet.org

Sacramento Chapter Wins 14th Place Banner

I would like to be the first to congratulate the Sacramento Chapter on their success in the 2007 IMA Chapter Competition. The Chapter has won 14th Place in the Stevenson Division. As you know we will be recognizing this accomplishment at the 89th Annual Conference & Expo at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge in Phoenix, Arizona.

Stephen E. Shepard, Jr.
Global Community Relations Manager
Institute of Management Accountants

November 30 Registration Deadline All Previous Program CMA Candidates and All CFM Candidates

An important reminder from ICMA®: November 30, 2007, is the last day that candidates in the previous CMA® exam program (prior to July 2004) and the CFM® exam program can register to take the exam. Testing for the previous version of the CMA program and Part 2 CFM will discontinue on December 31, 2007.

In order to allow candidates enough time to schedule exam appointments, ICMA will no longer accept exam registrations after November 30, 2007. To receive the entire four-month authorization period, candidates must submit registration by August 30, 2007. All registrations received after August 30, 2007, will have an authorization end date of December 31, 2007. No new registrations for the previous CMA program or the CFM exam will be accepted after November 30, 2007.

ICMA strongly suggests that you register for any remaining exam parts as early as possible. ICMA cannot guarantee availability of exam scheduling at Prometric testing centers. No extensions beyond December 31, 2007, will be granted.

Please visit:
https://www.imanet.org/certification_taking_registration.asp
to register, or contact ICMA at cmacfm@imanet.org with any questions.

JOHN B. POLLARA Honored as New IMA Chair for 2007-2008

On July 2, 2007, IMA® announced the election of John B. Pollara, CMA®, as chair for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Through June 30, 2008, Mr. Pollara will serve as senior volunteer leader for the organization's worldwide network of nearly 65,000 accounting and finance professionals.

"John's dynamic leadership skills and his dedication to the management accounting profession will be valuable assets to our organization at this critical juncture in our history," said Paul A. Sharman, ACMA, IMA president and CEO. "His commitment to membership growth and his plans to help improve the visibility of the CMA and IMA brand come at a time when the value of the skills management accountants bring to the table are more important than ever. Further, his inspiring career history is an example of the kind of success that can be achieved when one serves as a strategic business partner, helping to drive business performance from inside an organization."

Mr. Pollara is presently providing transitional consulting support to the Whittier, Calif.-based Zieman Business Unit of Drew Industries, Inc. He began his career there in 1970 as a part-time accountant when it was Zieman Manufacturing Company, manufacturer of recreational and equipment-hauling equipment, and helped build the company ever since. While working part-time at Zieman, Mr. Pollara completed his college education, earning a B.S. degree in business administration with an accounting concentration from Cal Poly Pomona in 1973. Upon graduation, Mr. Pollara was quickly promoted by Zieman to management trainee and rose rapidly through the company's management ranks, eventually acquiring a significant ownership interest. He was named president of Zieman in 1991 and chairman of the board in 1996. In 2004, Mr. Pollara sold the company to Drew Industries, an NYSE-listed company, and has served in his current position ever since.

"I intend to do my best to ensure that IMA lives up to its vision of being the world's leading association for management accounting and finance professionals," Mr. Pollara said. "To do that, I plan to focus my efforts this year on membership growth, both in the U.S. and abroad, and on revitalizing our local chapters and councils. I sincerely appreciate this opportunity to give back to the organization that has given so much to me."

Since joining IMA more than 35 years ago, Mr. Pollara has served in various volunteer roles. He is past president of his local IMA chapter, San Gabriel Valley, Calif., as well as a former national committee chairman and national vice president. He has held the office of chair for the ICMA Board of Regents, IMA Annual Conference, IMA External Member Relations Committee, and IMA Board of Directors Planning and Development Committee. Mr. Pollara frequently speaks at IMA chapters, seminars, and trade groups. He presented at IMA's 2nd Annual Global Conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, this past May on the topic "From Backyard Business to Public Company: The Role of the Management Accountant."

Locally, Mr. Pollara has served as a member of numerous community organizations, including the Whittier City Personnel Board, the Whittier Host Lions Club, the Whittier College Board of Visitors, and the Cal Poly University School of Business Leadership Board. He has also served as a director of the National Bank of Whittier and the publicly traded McFarland Energy. In 1995 he was named to Cal Poly's Accounting Hall of Fame and in 1999 was named the Distinguished Alumnus of that institution's College of Business Administration. John and his wife, Jan, reside in Dana Point, Calif. They have two daughters, Marissa and Trisha, and one granddaughter, Paige.

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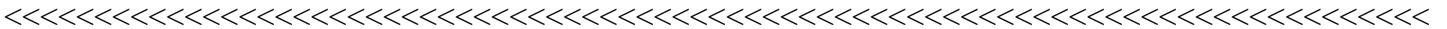
Newsletter and Website Contributions Deadlines

Deadline for submitting newsletter and website contributions need to be made by the 25th of each month. You can submit your contributions to Sharon Nichols and there are two ways to contact her. You can contact her by phone (916) 204-0848 or by email at chirpy@comcast.net.



!!CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to all members of the Sacramento Chapter for an outstanding year in 2006-07! Our chapter won a banner award for the second year in a row. The chapter finished in 14th place (out of 102 chapters) in the Stevenson Division. Pictured above is Linus Li, our Treasurer and VP of Administration and Finance, who accepted the award on behalf of the chapter at the IMA Annual Conference in Phoenix.



Call For Sessions: IMA’s 89th Annual Conference and Exposition

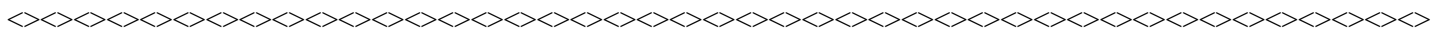
IMA members, academics, and practitioners are welcome to submit session ideas for IMA’s 89th Annual Conference and Exposition, to take place June 14-18, 2008 in Tampa, FL. IMA is accepting proposals for session presentations and educational programs now through August 31, 2007. Please visit this website https://www.imaconference.org/2008/session_proposal.cfm for more details.

“Accounting and finance professionals come from a variety of career paths and organizations. IMA’s Annual Conference and Exposition is the perfect opportunity to share knowledge and advance the profession,” said Jeff Thomson, IMA vice president, research and application development, and 2008 conference program chair.

IMA sessions are typically 90 minutes in length, including 75 minutes of presentation and 10 to 15 minutes of questions and answers. Sessions can include a combination of narrative, case studies, and problem solving, as relevant to the management accounting profession. IMA is also open to other session format suggestions to make best use of the presenter’s content and create an informative experience for conference participants.

At the renowned Tampa Convention Center, IMA’s 89th Annual Conference and Exposition will offer learning tracks consistent with IMA’s five research practices areas. These include: Business Performance Management, Finance Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC), Leadership Strategies and Ethics, Strategic Cost Management, and Technology Enablement. Each track includes topical sessions that provide practical knowledge for management accounting professionals.

IMA members and non-members can submit one or more program ideas with session descriptions by visiting: https://www.imaconference.org/2008/session_proposal.cfm. The deadline for submission is August 31, 2007. Proposals will be reviewed by the 2008 Program Team and submitters will receive a response by mid-October 2007.



Upcoming Events

	Date	Location
Golden West Council Meeting	Saturday, Aug 18 th	San Francisco
Chapter Planning/Board Meeting	TBA	TBA
Chapter Dinner Meeting	Thursday, Sept 20 th	Hilton, Sacramento
Chapter Student Night	Thursday, Oct 18 th	CSU Sacramento
Golden West Council Meeting	Saturday, Oct 27 th	Stockton



Employment Opportunities

The Sacramento Chapter of the IMA publishes free of charge employment opportunities in the accounting area to member and member companies, employment agencies excluded. We offer the same service to members who are looking for employment. Confidentiality is maintained when requested. Contact Sharon Nichols at (916) 204-0848 or by email at chirpy@comcast.net.



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INFORMATION UPDATE

This is a reminder to our members that you will need to notify the IMA National Office whenever there are changes in your contact information (mailing address, telephone numbers, email addresses).

To report a change in contact information, please contact the National Office at (800) 638-4427 or make the changes online through the following steps:

1. Access the IMA National Website: www.imanet.org
2. Enter your username (member ID number) and password in the "Members Only" section
3. Click on the "My Profile" link, which will call up your contact information as currently reported in the IMA's membership database
4. Enter any changes directly online

As a courtesy, the chapter would also appreciate hearing from you directly when your email address or other information has changed. (Please contact Sharon Nichols at chirpy@comcast.net to ensure that you continue to receive correspondence at the local level.)