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Silent Auction for Conference Registration

Again this year the WWC will have a silent auction of a registration for the Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV at the WWC meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is an old saying that says, "Time flies when you're having fun". Well, I can't believe this is my fourth and final letter to the Wild West Council. Each time I do one of these letters I can never figure out what to say until I sit down and start typing. So, here goes.

At the beginning of this year I spoke about challenges. The challenge of getting this council back on track was met. After the April council meeting in San Diego we will have accomplished our goals. Our three educational seminars out of four meetings will have ended our educational drought. At each of the council meetings, I have had a grand time with friends and colleagues from different parts of the council. Two of those seminars will have been joint ventures with local chapters, thus reintroducing the council to chapters and putting an end to chapter/council apathy.

Things evolve, so I'll be ending the year talking about change. The next challenge, one that Pem Smith will face with his year, is one of change. Please note that change is not a four letter word, literally or figuratively. Change is coming so it would be good to welcome it, study it and be ready to embrace it. Headquarters is trying to figure out how councils and chapters can help IMA grow overall. Cinch up that seatbelt and get ready for the ride!

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WILD WEST COUNCIL MEETING Saturday April 22, 2006 1:30pm

National University, Spectrum Center Room 117
9388 Lightwave Ave.
San Diego, CA 92123.

Please RSVP to Heather Khan by e-mail at
heatherkh@callawaygolf.com

Leadership Training Session Saturday April 22nd 8:30am - 12:00 pm National University, Spectrum Center Room 117

Rooms can be reserved at the suggested hotel:
Courtyard by Marriott San Diego Central
8651 Spectrum Center Blvd, San Diego, CA 92123
Tel: 858-573-0700

Friday April 21st from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Seminar co-sponsored by WWC and the San Diego Chapter
IMA Controller's Council

Maximizing Profits and Company Value - Best Practices

There will be a distinguished panel of presenters

Where: 8880 Rio San Diego Drive
San Diego, CA 92108

Cost: \$40.00 including lunch.

For more info see attached flyer.

RSVP to:

Keryn Leger at keryn_leger@calinst.com

Friday January 20, 2006 6:30 pm

Join us for drinks and dinner. Meet at the Hospitality Suite
(Billie & John will host) at the Courtyard by Marriott
located at 8651 Spectrum Center Blvd, San Diego, CA

Saturday April 22, 2006 after the WWC meeting

Meet at the Hospitality Suite at the Courtyard by Marriott
for drinks and dinner at the Strip Club.

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Our committee representatives will be able to keep us abreast in different areas that are changing. Each one of them is assigned to different tasks to assist with the change. Come and listen to what they have experienced and relate to us so we can take it back to our chapters.

Our council officers have put together another grand meeting. Heather Khan has found us a central hotel to have a hospitality suite. Please join Billie and me for some relaxing imbibing and conversation. Our educational team has put together a wonderful four-hour session with lunch. After the council meeting we will be having dinner at the Gaslamp Strip Club (Don't worry, you're not in Las Vegas and it is truly a restaurant). See, now that's change!

We hope to see you in San Diego in April and in Las Vegas in June for the IMA Conference and Exposition at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino.

IMAingly yours,

John

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT LETTER

The IMA Board of Directors met on February 25, 2006, in Jacksonville, FL. Our main emphasis was on changing the existing Board Policies to support the changing governance structure. A significant change is in the area of Committees. The Committee meetings in Dallas, TX, on March 18th will not be the usual Committee meetings in which we have participated for so many years. Instead, the attendees will be charged with creating a charter for each Committee. The Committees will function under a more concise direction, and many of the existing ones will either not continue to exist or will become Ad Hoc Committees. Be sure to attend our April 22nd Wild West Council meeting so you can hear the reports from our members who will be contributing to this process. One result from these changes is intended to be increased opportunities for volunteer participation.

This year's Leadership Training Sessions will kick off on Saturday, April 22nd, in the morning preceding our Wild West Council meeting. The LTS are led each year by the incoming Council President and Regional Vice President, who this year are Pem Smith and Billie Drake. We encourage everyone to attend and participate. I know I learn something every time I attend a session, so they are certainly time well spent.

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This Year's Schedule:

Leadership Training Sessions:

April 22nd - Saturday 8:30 - 12:00 at National University Spectrum Campus.

May 6th - Saturday - LTS in LA/Orange County - time and location TBA.

May 20th - Saturday - LTS in Phoenix - 10 - 2 at the Central Library (same as our January council meeting) Lunch provided.

June 17th - Saturday - LTS in Las Vegas - time and location TBA.

June 17-21, 2006

Annual Conf. in Las Vegas, NV at the Rio All Suites Hotel & Casino
3700 W. Flamingo
Las Vegas, NV 89103

If you are unable to attend the San Diego LTS, look in the Pony Express for the listing of the LTS schedule and plan to attend a different one. The last one will be held during the IMA Annual Conference in Las Vegas in June, and I know we ALL are planning to attend the upcoming conference.

We will be voting on next year's WWC Board of Directors at the April Council meeting, also. One change about which I am excited is that we are nominating as Regional Directors some very experienced IMA members. With the Chapters needing assistance and/or guidance, who better to help than people with years of experience at the Council and even National level! If you are one of our experienced members and think you've done everything and there is nothing more to do, think again.

There are Chapters who can use and will appreciate your knowledge, direction, and assistance. We still need a couple of Regional Directors for the upcoming year, so if you would like to re-activate your participation, please contact me.

I look forward to seeing YOU in San Diego in April!

Billie L. Drake
Wild West Council Regional Vice President

**INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS
WILD WEST COUNCIL
MINUTES for the MEETING in PHOENIX, AZ
JANUARY 21, 2006**

Call to order at 1:40 p.m. by the council president, John Campbell

Attendees listed at the end of the minutes.

Introductions

Motion to accept the minutes from the council meeting of October 29, 2005 was given by Pem Smith, seconded by Jamie Russell. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report – Bill Hiatt: Assessment for Orange County for last year and this year is still unpaid. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was given by Rex Sueter, seconded by Don Hartman. Motion Approved.

President Elect, Pem Smith: The leadership sessions training will be held in Las Angeles, Phoenix and Las Vegas between the dates of April 29 and May 20, 2006. The date and location of next year's council meetings is as follows:

Aug 2006	LA area
Oct 2006	Joint meeting with the Rocky Mountain Council, possibly in the Salt Lake City area.
Jan 2007	Phoenix area
April 2007	Las Vegas

The national convention for 2007 will be held in Phoenix, AZ on June 16-20.

V.P. of Administration, Rob Ferrell: We need to find out who got the Rogers Trophy in 2002. We are still trying to locate the Norberg Trophy. It is probably in the LA area.

Chapter Relations, Mitch Lenoil: Needs information for the next newsletter by the middle of February so it can go out the first part of March.

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WWC Meeting Minutes Continued

Meetings: No report.

Education: No report.

Webmaster: No report.

Students: No report.

Hospitality, Donna Wirth: For the June 2006 conference, the hospitality suite will be done in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Council and the Northeast Council. It will start Saturday evening, June 17, 2006.

National VP Report – Billie Drake: Ad Hoc Committees will be assigned as projects come about. The next national board meeting is in February.

Regional Directors Reports:

Lee: Valley of the Sun chapter is trying to get more participation from the universities. They have been doing joint meetings with other professional organizations. The Tucson chapter will be doing a career workshop in April. The Inland Empire has made great progress the last couple years. They are now ranked #8 in the Warner Division.

Mitch: Gave his report on Santa Barbara.

Rob: Salt Lake is ranked #10 in the Stevenson Division. South Bay is actively promoting the CMA/CFM certifications at the collegiate level.

Ronda: San Diego is having great success with joint meetings with other organizations. They are getting good support from the colleges/universities. They also had a joint meeting with Financial Executives International (FEI). In February, the controller for the San Diego Padres is scheduled to speak. They are having success with the controllers' council. San Diego North is ranked #10 in Stevenson.

Janet Radford reported that the Los Angeles chapter had a tax update with two other organizations.

Donna Wirth reported that they had success with the topic, Emotional Intelligence.

Frank S.: Sent a written report. Orange County is making plans for the second half of the year. Lydia Ng reported that San Gabriel is having a certified fraud examiner speak.

Committee Reports:

Member services – Pem Smith: At the meeting in November they are trying to encourage community services.

Education – Bob Gove and Carolyn Reis: They are still trying to determine what members want and need.

External/Member Relations – Billie Drake: Money was given to fund virtual communities, which supplements monthly education meetings. For the 2006 conference, the shirts and pins are now available. The code to volunteer is IMAVEGASVL. There are a total of 45 volunteers needed and our council members should sign up before February 18, 2006. After that date, any volunteer positions not filled will be opened to the general membership. The rate is \$645 and volunteers must give 16 hours of service in four hour increments. National is not sponsoring anything for families, including spouses, this year. Our council may do something on our own.

John Campbell mentioned that our council is behind in education. We would like to sponsor an education conference. We could possibly start out with a one-day seminar.

Rob collected \$128 on the raffle.

Ronda Alvarez motioned to adjourn and Sal Forzano seconded. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes are respectfully submitted,

Lyle Braithwaite

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Ronda Alvarez	Las Vegas	Diane Hewitt	AZ Valley of the Sun
Ruth Barnes	South Bay	Bill Hiatt	LA Metro
Lyle Braithwaite	Salt Lake	Mitch Lenoil	LA Metro
Sandy Burton	AZ Valley of the Sun	Lydia Ng	San Gabriel Valley
John Campbell	Las Vegas	Janet Radford	LA Metro
Billie Drake	Las Vegas	Carolyn Reis	South Bay
Rob Ferrell	San Gabriel Valley	Jamie Russell	Bakersfield
Sal Forzano	AZ Valley of the Sun	Pem Smith	San Diego
Bill Fraser	AZ Valley of the Sun	Ron Soldyn	AZ Valley of the Sun
Frank Garcia	San Gabriel Valley	Rex Soutar	LA Metro
Robert Gove	South Bay	Lee Willard	San Gabriel Valley
Don Hartman	Tucson	Donna Wirth	Las Vegas
Charles Hartnett	San Gabriel Valley		

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