

The Pony Express

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you ever have that feeling that you missed something really good? Well, if you weren't in Hermosa Beach in August you certainly should be having that feeling. Not only was it a beautiful day, but it was a wonderful educational seminar that you missed. Not to worry, we've got another great seminar planned.

In fact, we have a great lineup for you in October in Las Vegas. We will be having our meeting at the 2006 IMA Conference hotel at the Rio All Suites Hotel and Casino. On the 28th we have Michael McLean, CPA, CMA, CFE, CGFM, CITP doing a full 8-hour seminar. Please check out the flyer for this great opportunity. This will be a joint seminar between the Wild West Council and the Las Vegas Chapter. On Saturday, 29th at 1:00 pm, we will be having our joint council meeting with the Rocky Mountain Council, with special guest Carl Smith, Chair of IMA. After the joint council meeting, join us for a group dinner somewhere in Fabulous Las Vegas.

Remember, the council is here to provide and help chapters provide educational opportunities to chapter members. Always keep in mind that these opportunities are ways for chapters to expand your membership by introducing the IMA education programs to non-IMA accountants in your area. The San Gabriel Valley is hosting a technology series; please check it out.

If you have any ideas for an educational opportunity or a social event for the Phoenix or San Diego council meetings, please contact Tom Gulick or Heather Khan. If you can't

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WILD WEST COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday October 29, 2005 1:00pm

Joint meeting with the Rocky Mountain Council

Rio All Suites Hotel & Casino

3700 W. Flamingo

Las Vegas, NV 89103

With special guest Carl Smith, Chair of IMA.

Please RSVP to Heather Khan by e-mail at heatherkh@callawaygolf.com or telephone at 760.930.8326

Like the August meeting, no rooms have been reserved. Please make your own reservations

Friday October 28th from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
(Registration Begins at 7:30 AM)

Controller's Update

Sponsored by the Wild West Council and IMA Las Vegas Chapter

Discussion Leader: Michael McLean, CPA, CMA, CFE, CGFM, CITP

Earn 8 hours of CPE credit. 6 hours on Controller Updates and 2 hours on SOX 404.

Where: Nevada Corporate Headquarters
101 Convention Center Drive, Suite 700
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Cost: \$100.00

For more info see attached flyer.

RSVP by fax 702.873.9027 or email

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Saturday October 29, 2005 after the Joint Council Meeting

Join us for a group dinner somewhere in Fabulous Las Vegas

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get in touch with them, give me a call or e-mail. I'm always here to listen.

IMAingly yours,

John

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT LETTER

This year we have been presented five strategic imperatives from the IMA leadership. As we work through this year, in our Chapters and Council, we need to keep in mind how our activities and efforts are serving these goals. They are:

1. Create value for members
2. Elevate certification
3. Attract and retain members
4. Brand management
5. Governance.

Our guest at the October 29th joint Wild West Council/Rocky Mountain Council meeting will be IMA Chair Carl Smith. I encourage everyone to attend and take the opportunity to meet Carl and discuss how we all can work together to advance IMA's goals.

As Regional Vice President, I am a voting member of the IMA Board of Directors. In July, there was a Directors' training held in Toronto, Canada. We spent a couple of days building the teamwork necessary to become a high impact board. You may have noticed a number of changes that have occurred in the Board of Director structure over the past few years, and there are many more changes on the horizon. Our next Directors' meeting is on September 24th, 2005, in Minneapolis, MN. John Quintana, the Regional Vice President from Rocky Mountain Council, and I will present a report at the joint council meeting. This is one more good reason to join us in Las Vegas on October 29th.

We have a fine group of Regional Directors this year, and I encourage each of you to get to know the Council representative who has volunteered to work with your Chapter to help you have a rewarding year.

Billie L. Drake
Wild West Council Regional Vice President

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This Year's Schedule:

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| | SGV Chapter Computer Seminars: |
| October 8, 2005 | Beginning/Intermediate Excel 2003 |
| November 5, 2005 | Intermediate/Advanced Excel 2003 |
| December 10, 2005 | Beginning/Intermediate QuickBooks 2004 |
| January 21, 2006 | WWC meeting In Phoenix, place TBD |
| April 22, 2006 | WWC meeting In San Diego, place TBD (Tentatively) LTS to precede WWC Mtg |
| June 17-21, 2006 | Annual Conf. in Las Vegas, NV at the Rio All Suites Hotel & Casino 3700 W. Flamingo Las Vegas, NV 89103 |

Nominating Committees

As President of the Council it is my duty to appoint two nominating committees. The first nominating committee shall be charged with selecting and submitting for confirmation, a President-Elect of the Council for 2006 - 2007. It shall be comprised of the following members:

Carolyn Reis
Robert Gove
Gayle Manakas
Janet Radford
John Campbell

The second nominating committee shall be charged with selecting and submitting for confirmation Council Officers for 2006 - 2007 year. It shall be comprised of the following members:

Pem Smith
Rob Ferrell
Ronda Alvarez
Mitch Lenoil
Frank Scarcelli
Lee Willard
John Campbell

Both committees will be chaired by the current Regional Vice-President, Billie L. Drake.

**INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS
WILD WEST COUNCIL
MINUTES From MEETING in HERMOSA BEACH, CA
AUGUST 20, 2005**

Conducting: John Campbell
Call to order 1:10 p.m.

Attendees listed at the end of the minutes.

Introductions

Minutes from meeting held April 23, 2005 needed to be changed as follows: Page four of the Pony Express, where the minutes were presented, should show the two chapters who hadn't paid to be Tucson and Orange County. Page five should include Bill Hiatt as having been approved as the Treasurer for the 2005-06 fiscal year. With these corrections there was a motion to approve the minutes by Ronda Alvarez. Seconded by Frank Scarcelli. Approved.

Treasurer's report presented by Bill Hiatt: Orange County still has not paid for the last fiscal year. The Budget for the year 2005-06 was presented. Billie has changes to be made for the Hospitality Suite budget. She will get these changes to Bill. There are no fundraisers planned for this year. The chapter assessments were up significantly from the previous year due to some kind of a reporting error, apparently from the national database. This year's budget numbers will be adjusted to the report which more accurately reflects the membership by chapter. Need to setup expense for 2006 Las Vegas Conference Promotion in order to have an account out of which to pay expenses. An offsetting revenue account will be set up for the same amount. This will be budgeted at \$3,000. Everyone seemed to like the afternoon session better. It also saves on the cost of food. It was requested that the budget for the WWC Meeting be changed to zero revenues and a cost of \$150. With these changes it was motioned to approve the 2005-06 budget by Rob Ferrell. Pem Smith second. Approved.

President-elect, Pem Smith: No report.

VP Administration, Rob Ferrell: Rob presented a sample roster on CD for WWC President (John Campbell) to review. The database comes directly from national.

VP Chapter Relations, Mitch Lenoil: Needs the newsletter information by the September 7, 2005 deadline.

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Meetings: The next meeting will be held jointly with the Rocky Mountain Council in Las Vegas, NV on October 29, 2005, at the Rio Hotel and Casino, where the 2006 National Convention will be held. The meeting after that will be held January 21, 2006 in Phoenix, AZ.

Education: Planning a full day seminar on Friday, October 28, 2006. This morning there were 11 people who attended.

Webmaster, Marcia Bloom: Needs a roster in PDF format to put on the website. It was requested that we put a note in the Pony Express to refer to the website for the latest information. John requested to add a page for the next national conference.

Students: No report.

Hospitality: The \$2,000 budgeted for Boston came in under budget. Costs were kept down by having volunteers.

Raffle Master: We don't have one and no one volunteered at this time.

Regional Directors' Reports:

Ronda Alvarez reported that AZ Valley of the Sun won 11th place in the Stevenson Division.

Lee Willard didn't have a report, but Billie mentioned that San Diego won a banner at national in June 2005.

Frank Scarcelli reported that Orange County has four computer seminars lined up for the Fall.

LA Metro: Frank reported that there are three joint meetings planned with other professional organizations.

South Bay: Ruth Barnes reported that they have many board meetings by e-mail.

Regional Vice President's Report, Billie Drake: This position is no longer called National VP, but is now referred to as Regional VP. We should no longer refer to "National," but should now call it "Headquarters, Global or Montvale." This is because we are becoming an international organization. Branding is important. We are trying to change from IMA back to Institute of

Management Accountants. We are also focusing on the CMA and CFM certifications. Chapters need to have a president and secretary by January 31st of each year. The balance of the board must be announced by February 28th. Chapters must have a minimum of four members to have a board. There were three chapters who were not listed as having a viable chapter. This will affect their ability to get money from headquarters.

Committee Reports:

Member Services Committee, Pem Smith: A new IMA website is in beta test. There are tiers for headquarters, councils and chapters. Contact Pem for the link to the website. On November 19, 2005, there is a meeting for Chapter/Council presidents in Dallas, Texas. The reporting deadline has been moved up from the 26th to the 20th of each month. The current by-laws say that only the past president, the current president or the president-elect could pick up the banner. They are trying to change this so another person can be designated to pick it up in behalf of the chapter.

The nominating committee will be announced by September 7, 2005.

Billie gave a report on the 2006 national conference. Our main responsibilities include: publicity, golf, and other activities (tours, etc.). All trips are family friendly. We are now selling official 2006 Las Vegas Conference shirts and pins. Polo shirts are \$30, denim shirts are \$35 and the pins are \$5.

New Business:

Gleim offered a site license for all chapters for \$750. Pem is to follow up to see how council or chapters can recoup these costs. The council is supposed to offer CMA review courses offered by Montvale. A follow up report will be given in October's meeting.

Regional directors were asked to meet after the board meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting was given by Billie Drake. Ronda Alvarez second. Approved.

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Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes are respectfully submitted,
Lyle Braithwaite

Attendees:

| <u>Name:</u> | <u>Chapter:</u> | <u>Name:</u> | <u>Chapter:</u> |
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| Ronda Alvarez | Las Vegas | Charles Hartnett | San Gabriel Valley |
| Ruth Barnes | South Bay | Bill Hiatt | LA Metro |
| George Bloom | Orange County | Mitch Lenoil | LA Metro |
| Marcia Bloom | Orange County | Lydia Ng | San Gabriel Valley |
| Lyle Braithwaite | Salt Lake | Frank Scarcelli | LA Metro |
| John Campbell | Las Vegas | Pem Smith | San Diego |
| Billie Drake | Las Vegas | Lee Willard | San Gabriel Valley |
| Rob Ferrell | San Gabriel Valley | Jim Williams | San Gabriel Valley |
| Frank Garcia | San Gabriel Valley | | |

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