

The Pony Express

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Supporters:

I just got back from our joint dinner meeting featuring **Paul Sharman** and **Bill Brower**. What a great meeting! We had over 60 attendees at the Redondo Beach meeting with a good mix of local chapters' members and visitors in town for the Board meetings. Bill Brower kicked off the meeting talking about the importance of his CMA certification in his career path at Johnson and Johnson. Bill said he first got involved in IMA because "somebody asked him to". He challenged each of us to invite just one person each to join IMA and get involved.

Then Paul Sharman gave an update on IMA's efforts to build the volunteer leadership base, provide training and feedback to volunteers, and strengthen Chapters and Councils in the IMA leadership structure. As always, it is clear that a great deal of thought and planning is being invested in the things needed to strengthen IMA and increase our influence within the profession. The Council's own **Frank Garcia** has been participating on the ad-hoc committee on leadership development, and I appreciate his contributions.

Special thanks go to the boards of the hosting Chapters – LA Metro, San Gabriel Valley and South Bay. Council organizers **Janet Radford** and **Carolyn Reis** put in countless hours making sure every detail was attended to. On-site at the event **Ronda Alvarez**, **Martha Castleberry**, **Mitch Lenoil** and **Frank Scarcelli** pitched in for registration, raffles and general logistics support. Thanks to you all!

For those who couldn't attend this meeting or the Board meeting that followed, you can find out all the latest IMA news at our next Council meeting April 27-28 in Las Vegas (note the change in date due to high levels of convention activity on the originally planned date.) As I write this, the specifics are still being finalized, but the plan is to have an educational seminar on Friday the 27th followed by an informal dinner. Saturday morning will be the first Leadership Training Session (LTS) hosted by President-elect **Rob Ferrell**. The WWC meeting will be Saturday afternoon, followed by an evening dinner/entertainment event.

Also at the Council meeting, we will be updating plans for our four strategic initiatives:

- Support to chapter boards for Leadership Training – **Rob Ferrell**
- A Wild West Council mini-conference educational event – **John Campbell**
- Council support to chapters and members pursuing the CMA – **Pem Smith**

- A centralized speakers list on-line – **Lee Willard**

All ideas, suggestions and feedback are welcome. You can contact me, or any of the leaders listed above.

Finally, I want to say thanks to **Don Hartman** and the Tucson Chapter for their hospitality at our January meeting. We had a good turnout and good participation in the Council meeting and in the tours/social events accompanying the meeting.

See you in Las Vegas!

Pem

Wild West Council Meeting April 27-28, 2007

In Las Vegas, Nevada

Hosted by the Las Vegas Chapter

Rooms can be reserved at the suggested hotel:

Four Queens

202 Fremont St., Las Vegas, NV

Tel: 800-634-6045 or 702-387-5163, mention IMA,

Cost is \$44/night on Thur., \$124/night for Friday & Saturday

Friday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

Education course

Where: Fitzgerald, across from Four Queens

There will be a light continental breakfast and lunch

***times subject to change as speakers are finalized**

Saturday, April 28, 8:30 to 9:00, registration and networking. Leadership Training Session from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Council meeting from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

There will be a light continental breakfast and lunch

More information will be forthcoming

RSVP to:

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REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the Board of Directors meeting in Redondo Beach, CA, we were introduced to the nominee for Chair Elect. He is Frederick E. Schea from the Mid-Atlantic Council. Fred has been active in IMA since the mid-1970s, and is currently Regional Vice President.

We have been busy in the nominating committee, and we still have a few openings on the council board for our next year, which begins July 1st. If you would like to offer your services or suggest a member's name to be considered for council service, please contact me at drake14@cox.net.

It's almost Spring, and our IMA year is winding down. There are a few more activities coming up in the next few months, and I want to encourage you to attend as many as possible. In April we have our last Council meeting of the year in Las Vegas, NV. We are staying downtown this year, so we will have an opportunity to see Vegas from a different view! Conference time is also upon us.

In May there is the 2nd Annual Global Conference in Dubai for those world travelers among us. For those who travel closer to home, there is the 88th Annual Conference & Exposition in Phoenix, AZ, June 16 – 20. The next Board of Directors meeting is being held at the beginning of the conference.

I have enjoyed representing the Wild West Council over the past two years. This is THE BEST COUNCIL in IMA; I'm sure you all agree. I hope to see you at a WWC function soon!

Best IMA regards,
Billie

Wild West Council Regional Vice President

This Year's Schedule:

May 19, '07	Leadership Training Session (LTS) in San Diego, CA
May 26, '07	LTS in Burbank (Van Nuys area), CA
Jun 16, '07	LTS in Scottsdale (Phoenix area), AZ
Jun 16-20, '07	National IMA convention, Phoenix, AZ
Aug 18, '07	Wild West Council Mtg., San Diego, CA

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**INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS
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MINUTES for the MEETING in TUCSON, AZ
JANUARY 20, 2007**

Call to order 9:00am by Council President Pem Smith.

Attendees listed at the end of the minutes.

Introductions

A motion to accept the minutes from Council meeting dated October 14, 2006 by Jamie Russell, seconded by Sandy Burton.

Treasurer's Report – Pem Smith for Ronda Alvarez – report submitted up to Sep 2006.

President's Comments – Pem Smith welcomed Kim Wallin and John Pollara in joining us at the Council meeting. Pem Smith mentioned the calendar of events for the remainder of the Council year: Executive Dinner on February 22, 2007; and Las Vegas Council Meeting on April 21, 2007. He announced the next monthly Chapter and Council Presidents teleconference on January 24, 2007.

Council Officer's Reports

President Elect – Rob Ferrell proposed Leadership Training Session (LTS) for May 19, 2007 in San Diego, May 26, 2007 in Burbank, Van Nuys area, and June 16, 2007 in Scottsdale, Phoenix area. Council meeting for the third weekend of August 2007 will be in San Diego, the first weekend of October 2007 will be a joint council meeting in Prescott AZ, the third weekend of January 2008 will be in Bakersfield and the third weekend of April 2008 will be in Las Vegas

VP Administration – Mitch Lenoil – roster has been completed and distributed.

VP Education – Donna Wirth – no report.

VP Meetings – Jamie Russell – will email Pem April 2007 meeting details.

Webmaster – Frank Garcia by Pem Smith – website is being kept up to date.

VP Chapter Relations – Lyle Braithwaite – the next Pony Express deadline will be February 25, 2007.

Nominating Committee Report – Billie Drake – there are two nominating committee, one for selecting the President-Elect and Regional VP and the other one to select all the other vacancies.

Regional Vice President's Report – reports were given by the following Regional Directors:

John Campbell – Santa Barbara, South Bay

Lee Willard – Arizona Valley of the Sun, Tucson – no report

Janet Radford – Inland Empire, San Diego North County

Rob Ferrell (Charles Hartnett) – Salt Lake Area

Billie Drake – San Diego, Bakersfield

Frank Scarcelli – Orange County, San Gabriel Valley

Bob Gove – Las Vegas, LA Metro

Chapter Standings as of December 31, 2006:

Stevenson Division	Warner Division
9 Las Vegas	18 Inland Empire
11 Los Angeles Metro	28 Bakersfield Area
16 Salt Lake Area	33 San Diego North County
29 San Diego	40 San Gabriel Valley
30 South Bay	45 Santa Barbara
52 AZ Valley of the Sun	60 Tucson
53 Orange County	

National Committee Report – John Campbell mentioned virtual campus as the V campus, the new learning system and the change of bylaw at the board meeting.

Old Business

Status of Awards – Rex Soutar said Chapman Trophy shipped from Montvale was arrived broken. He will meet with UPS at the Ontario Airport for freight claim. As for Norberg Trophy, it has been found. No report by VP Billie Drake.

Annual Conference in Phoenix – Billie Drake - there would not be a hospitality suite sponsored by the Council. John Pollara will have an after party on Wednesday night after the annual dinner.

Strategic Plan initiatives

Leadership Training – Rob Ferrell – PC projection is considered. Billie Drake suggested a 15 minutes presentation and/or Winter LTS.

WWC Mini-conference – John Campbell will meet with Janet Radford & Don Hartman.

CMA Review Report – Pem Smith is considering scholarship and possibly partner with Chapman University.

Speaker's pool on the website – Lee Willard by email that there were not many responses.

WWC Shirt Fundraiser – Heather Khan volunteered to find vendor to make polo shirt with WWC logo.

Executive Dinner – Price for raffle tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5 and 7 for \$10. Raffle Donation is welcomed such as gift cards. Expecting about 20 prizes. LA Metro will be donating \$100 for the raffle prize. Janet Radford and Pem Smith will be responsible for name tags. One representative from each Chapter will be working at the sign in sheet. Billie Drake will be introducing our speakers while Pem will be the host. 20 has been RSVP so far.

New Business

Conference Certificate – a motion to put the conference certification for auction with a silent bid at the February 22, 2007 Executive dinner with open contingency by Jamie Russell, seconded by Bob Gove.

IMA Ethics Course – a motion to authorize Pem Smith and VP Education to consider buying the IMA Ethic Course with intention to provide to Chapters by Don Hartman, seconded by Janet Radford. Initial investment of \$1,000 for a DVD and facilitator guides.

Credit Card processing – a motion to set up credit card capacity for Visa, MasterCard and Discover card as payment method for Council's events by Carolyn Reis and seconded by Jamie Russell. Per Janet Radford, this credit card company is targeted for non-profit organizations, with a \$100 up front cost and no monthly fees. It will be online, no equipment or software is required. A less than 1% per transaction fee will be charged per transaction.

Collected raffle \$100.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48am

Respectfully submitted,
Lydia Ng

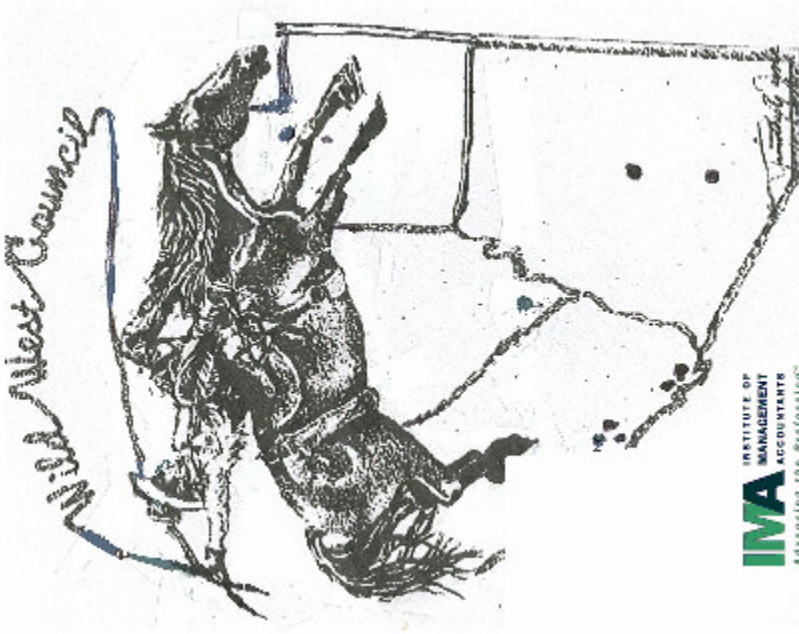
Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Lyle Braithwaite	Salt Lake Area
Sandy Burton	AZ Valley of the Sun
John Campbell	Las Vegas
Billie Drake	Las Vegas
Rob Ferrell	San Gabriel Valley
Sal Forzano	AZ Valley of the Sun
Bill Fraser	AZ Valley of the Sun
Robert Gove	South Bay
Donald Hartman	Tucson
Diane Hewlett	AZ Valley of the Sun
Heather Khan	San Diego
Mitch Lenoil	LA Metro

<u>Name</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Katherine Morrow	
Lydia Ng	San Gabriel Valley
Mike Paull	Tucson
John Pollara	San Gabriel Valley
Janet Radford	LA Metro
Carolyn Reis	South Bay
Jamie Russell	Bakersfield
Frank Scarcelli	LA Metro
Rex Soutar	LA Metro
Pem Smith	San Diego
Kim Wallin	Las Vegas

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