

Golden West Council

IMA Golden West Council Newsletter

Presidents Message

I can't believe how quickly this IMA year has gone by.....but I guess when you are as busy as we have all been in council activities, that tends to happen.

We held our first meeting in Modesto last July, our second meeting and educational event in Hawaii in October, and our third meeting in Newark in February. Thank you to all who helped facilitate these meetings. We also were successful in drafting and passing GWC bylaws as well as guidelines for regional directors this year. We nominated Laura Barnard as our council's nominee for the Financial Executive of the Year Award. We also initiated teleconferencing for those unable to attend our meetings in person. We held the First Annual Past Presidents recognition luncheon. We are in the process of developing a speaker database for our council region so we can all share great speakers for our technical sessions.

I wish to thank all the members of the GWC team who have given countless hours and energy to this organization. I would also like to thank all of the chapter representatives who have participated in council activities. We could not have accomplished all of the above without you. I also would like to wish Robert Hulin the best of luck as he takes on the responsibilities of council president next year.

Please continue to attend future council meetings. We need your participation in order for the council to support the chapters as best we can.

Please plan on attending the annual leadership training program at the Sacramento Holiday Inn on Saturday, May 6, 2006. We have a great program in store for you again this year. I have been attending these sessions for many years and have always left the sessions with new insights and great information. We always try to share best practices among the chapters. For more informa-

tion, please see the council website at www.goldenwestcouncil.ima.net.org or contact Robert Hulin at rfhulin@theima.org.

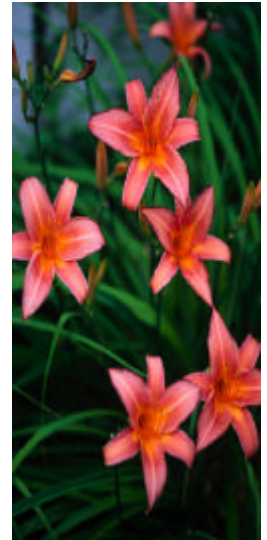
The next council meeting will be held in Sacramento on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 2PM in conjunction with the leadership training program. If you will be attending, please contact Robert Hulin at rfhulin@theima.net. If you are not able to attend in person, the Council will be providing remote access via a telephone conference call. The dial in information will be posted on the council website when it is available. We will continue to make this technology available for all future meetings especially for those of you in Hawaii and Reno who are not able to make it to our meetings held in California.

I look forward to working with many of you in the future. Thanks to all of you for helping to make my year as GWC president a successful and memorable one.

Dave DiMare
Golden West Council President



Spring 2006



Inside this issue:

<i>Got a REST</i>	2
<i>Play Ball</i>	3
<i>Council Officers</i>	4





REST 2006

The SF Bay Area had been under a deluge of rain for the winter and my wife and I prepared for the worst as we thought about the "Trip" to Reno for the Regional (Reno) Educational and Seminar Training that is put on each year by the Golden West and Pacific Northwest Councils. I had never set the time aside in my daily routines to plan for the REST, but now I was going to be the incoming President of the Golden West Council. So it was about time that I did my "dues" and supported our team. I signed up for the Seminar.

Now the big decision for me was am I going to take the technical track or the management track. The technical track consisted of the courses: Corporate Cash Management 101, Working Capital Management, How to Cost Computer Systems – And Then What?, Performance Auditing: Overview, Issues, and Topics, and Sarbanes-Oxley for Non-GAAP Companies. The management track the course was The Prioritized Budget: How to Squeeze Blood Out of a Turnip, How to Facilitate Agreements for Greater Success, Excel Dashboard Reporting – Some New Tools for Old Dogs, and Fraudulent Financial Reporting. Now I am in the consulting business with an objective of helping clients by providing win-win solutions to their problems. I am saying "boy" **all** these courses could assist me with my clients. Well at least I don't have to make a decision about Saturday as everyone was to attend the Creating a Useful Business Plan course. So I sat in my office, pulled out my darts and put the program guide on the wall and fired away. Guess what! I missed the whole program guide, so this wasn't going to help me out in my decision making. I then sat down, closed my eyes, and placed my finger... No I really decided to just take a little of each track and then figure that I could get information about the other courses from my fellow IMA comrades.

Our flight out on Wednesday went well, only some minor turbulence and "boy" were the mountains beautiful with all the snow. When we landed in Reno, the surrounding hills looked gorgeous and I thought to myself now I know why my friends moved back to Sparks from the Bay Area about 5 years ago which is probably the last time I came over the Hill. We caught the shuttle to the Hotel and walked in. The first person we spotted was my fellow Amador Valley member Sharon Piekarski and she says "the computers are down and they are not assigning rooms yet". So, I am saying to myself "Oh, this is starting off fine". But when we got to the front of the line the computers were up and we got our room. There is more to the story of our room but I won't bore you with details, but we keep the room with its Vegas style lighting around the ceiling. At least there was

no ceiling mirror. After settling in, I remembered that the Program Guide said that there was to be a "Hospitality Room" in the Hotel for us. So with wife in tow, we started our search, again we found Sharon doing the same, searching. Then we met Tim Henderson of the Reno Chapter on the 17th floor. We finally found the "Gang" on the 15th floor and there was some good times rolling getting ready for the next morning.

With wife still in bed, it was early up and on to Corporate Cash Management 101. I was surprised to see so many folks at the Seminar. As I spoke with Barry Nathan, PNW President and Ruth Morgan-Brown, REST Coordinator, our attendance was to be at 63 people this year. This REST this year had one of the best turnouts in recent years. The committee that put the Seminar together did a fantastic job. Even the first 40 registered attendees got a special prize, a bag of goodies from various sponsors. All attendees applauded the Committee during the sit-down lunch on Sunday. I am not sure of all who were part of the committee, but I do know that from the GWC Council, Scott Berry and Bev Perkins of the Reno Chapter were the glue that held the local interface together, including the fixins for the Hospitality Room. Patt Mayer was involved in making the original arrangements with the Peppermill Casino, and Romer Stevenson of Oakland - East Bay Chapter did an instrumental job in publication. In fact, for this years REST an IMA member from Wichita, Kansas attended as well as a member from Santa Barbara, CA, and we even got at-large members from Hollister. So I want to express to the REST Team "Kudos" and "Job Well Done".

The courses were excellent, the speakers were terrific, and as Jim Cross a fellow Amador Valley IMA'er said to me, "If I can get one or two helpful hints on how to do my job better, then the Seminar is well worth the Price." I agree with him and we also get CPE for having all this fun. My experience at the rest was one that now makes me realize what I have been missing in the past and now I plan on going to the Seminar next year. So watch for announcements coming out soon and Mark Your Calendars for February 22 -24, 2007 for the 2007 REST. Just don't fly out of SFO, I won't go into the story but will just say it involved a 3 hour delay leaving Reno (Reno was not the problem) and lost luggage. Just note that it was the beginning of the record-breaking month of "rainy" March.

Robert Hulin

Golden West Council Leadership Training Seminar And Quarterly Meeting—May 06, 2006

Play Ball!

The Golden West Council is again trying something new this year. We have had in the past Council Members ask about things to do in the local areas where we have our meetings. So for the May Meeting we are adding a networking event for the Council's Leadership Teams. Thanks to the Sacramento Chapter, the Council is has made arrangements for our members to attend the Sacramento RiverCats vs. Tucson Sidewinders Triple "A" Baseball game Saturday evening. We have included a "Baseball All-You-Can-Eat Barbecue Dinner" as part of our Baseball Package. The dinner is not your typical Hot Dog and Soda dinner, but features fine cuisine barbecue meats and includes 1 Soda or Beer. Please take the time and the opportunity to use this event to network with your fellow IMA'ers in sharing your knowledge, leadership, and coaching experiences to help us make our IMA Chapter operations as successful as possible. Oh, and it is OK to just have fun.

Please make your reservations by to Robert (rfhulin@theima.org or 510-304-1406) no later than April 19 th of your attendance.

Who: All incoming chapter officers and board members

(P.S. - All IMA Members are welcome to attend as well)

When: Saturday, May 06, 2006; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with an evening activity

Where: Holiday Inn – Capitol Plaza,

300 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814

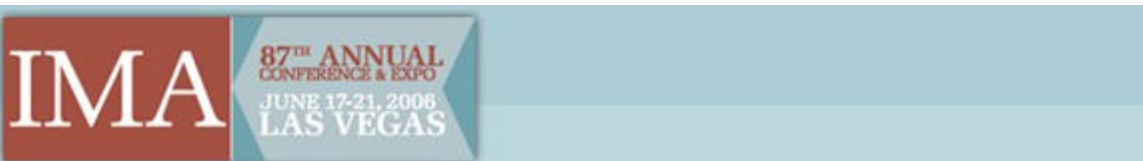
Reservations: 1-800-448-2296

What: Leadership Training for incoming Chapter Boards of Directors. This seminar will introduce leadership techniques that will enable you to propel your chapter and your career forward!

Cost: Leadership Training Seminar: \$30.00

RiverCats Triple "A" Baseball Game w/ Fantastic Barbecue Dinner- \$35.00

Holiday Inn: \$124.00 per night, currently 10 rooms have been reserved



Annual Conference 2006

It's not too early to start planning for the next annual conference.

The 87th Annual Conference will be held from June 17-21, 2006 at the Rio Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas.



IMA Golden West Council
Newsletter

17430 Blue Jay Drive
Morgan Hill, CA 95037



Your Golden West Council Officers and Regional Directors for 2005-2006

Dave DiMare

President
ddimare@aol.com

Robert Hulin

President-Elect
rfhulin@theima.org

Sandra Giberson

Team Leader—Administration
sgiberson@remxfinancial.com

Beverly Perkins

Secretary
bperkinscpa@msn.com

Mike Van Roy

Treasurer
m.vanroy@att.net

Debra Doble

Team Leader— Education
debra@syacpa.com

Robert Hulin (acting)

Team Leader—Communications
rfhulin@theima.org

Jacqui Anderson

Membership
Jacquianderson448@msn.com

Wesley Fachner

Regional Vice President
wafcpa@sbcglobal.net

Trudia Pauley

Member Service Committee
pauleyt@fosterfarms.com

Kinsey Jenkins

Chapter & Council Services
kjenkins@imanet.org

Regional Directors

Jack Karbens

Dodi Monti

Greg Meldahl

Sam Thomas

Sherry Morse

Annhenrie Campbell

Emily Mugge