



The Motivator

North Carolina Triangle Area Chapter #406

Institute of Management Accountants

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May 18, 2006 “The Accountant as a Strategic Partner from the Perspective of Your Staff”

Our Featured Speaker: Renata G. Lynn, CPA

Renata is a graduate from UNC and has served in the accounting profession for over 24 years. Renata is a partner in Cyrus & Lynn CPAs where she services small to midsize clients. Her specialty is tax and business structures. Renata also holds a passion for teaching where she works for Becker, a large company that holds classes in the evening and weekends for students who are interested in sitting for the CPA exam. She also services the community college circuit holding various business seminars from Coastal Carolina to Statesville North Carolina. She has taught for the IRS and various companies on tax law changes and business management ideas. Renata is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the North Carolina Association of CPAs.

From our Chapter President:

Dear Fellow IMA members:

A month of May is a time when our local chapter wraps up its activities until September. Nevertheless, there are still a few things to talk about. Let me start with the 2006 Carolinas Council Spring conference that took place last week in Myrtle Beach.

To spite the bad weather first two days, we had a first-rate event. It was the best-attended gathering in recent years with the speaker line-up worthy the National IMA conference. With 120 registered participants from 15(!) states, it was just a place to network. The Carolinas Council

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nominated its new board of directors and welcomed an incoming president Rick Thompson of Spartanburg chapter. On a personal level, my employer sent seven of its financial officers, giving us an opportunity to bond, learn, and simply have fun. I suggest our members consider bringing their teams to this event in the future. It's well worth it.

Much of the conference success credited to Ron Lowell's organization and leadership. Ron was in charge of putting together and running the conference. He did a remarkable job, for which he received a standing ovation at a council meeting, which wrapped up the three-day long event. Many thanks to Ron, our chapter's VP of education and Carolinas Council's incoming VP of operations.

Before we take a summer off, we'll get together for one more dinner meeting on May 18. The discussion will be on a role of accountant as a strategic partner in a modern organization. It is an important topic for a professional at any level. It is our long-term tradition to recognize local chapters' past presidents at May meetings. We are welcoming them to the meeting by providing a complementary dinner at our meeting place in the Gateway Jazz café. Come to catch up on memories with our IMA presidents and other long-time members.

Although the chapter does not meet during the summer months, your board of directors will be hard at work, developing next year's program. We have put together a dynamic group of volunteers to serve your chapter needs. In this newsletter, you will find our chapter BOD org chart nominations.

Last but not least, I encourage our membership attend the National IMA conference on June 17-22 in Las Vegas. I hope to run into a lot of our chapter members there. Fun summer to everyone!

My sincere regards,
Maksym (Max) Shyshnyak, CMA CFM CPA
IMA Chapter #406 President

Employment Opportunities – From the Chapter’s Employment Director

The Chapter serves its members by connecting those seeking positions with employers that have positions available. The Chapter’s Director of Employment is Chris McKittrick. For further information or to submit a resume please e-mail

Chris McKittrick at ctm1999@hotmail.com . Check our chapter website for current opportunities.

ADVERTISE IN THE MOTIVATOR

Would you like to get your message out to 500 of the area’s accounting and finance professionals? We are planning on running ads in The Motivator. We are also looking for sponsors to pick up mailing costs of the monthly newsletter in exchange for exclusive advertising opportunities. If you are interested in taking advantage of these opportunities, please contact David, VP of Communications at David.Roth@Hudson.com .

Educational Opportunities – From the Chapter’s V.P of Education

One of the ways the Chapter serves its members is by providing quality speakers on subject matters that are of interest to the membership. We are beginning our planning session for next year’s dinner speakers and other educational opportunities and would like your input of what would be of interest to you. The Chapter’s V.P. of Education is Ron Lowell and he would be very interested in your suggestions. You may reach him by dialing 919-604-3575 or email rlowell@nc.rr.com

Newsletter Help:

Please provide your suggestions on topics for future meetings/seminars. Also, please submit current news about any IMA member to david.roth@hudson.com . All professional or even exciting personal news is welcomed. We want to celebrate with you as your career grows!

Check out what IMA is co-sponsoring...by Lea Strickland:

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLANNING WORKSHOPS: www.focusresourcesinc.com

Setting Up Your Accounting System – The Basics

Timekeeping and Reporting

Budgeting

Managing Your SBIR – Identifying,

Understanding, and Complying with Requirements

Making and Monitoring Subawards

Understanding Indirect Rates

Grants Management: Understanding Costs

Elements of Business Management Systems

Instructor:	Lea A. Strickland, MBA CMA CFM CBM President & CEO, F.O.C.U.S. Resources
Location:	The Castleton Group's Training and Conference Center 4101 Lake Boone Trail, Suite 219, Raleigh, NC
Field of Study:	Management
Prerequisites:	None
Advanced Preparation:	None
Course Level:	Basic to Intermediate
Teaching Method:	Lecture / Discussion

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Details for CPE registration for our Dinner:

Place: Gateway Jazz Cafe

Prerequisites: None

Level: Basic

Recommended CPE: 1 Hour Dinner Seminar

Advanced Preparation: None

Teaching Method: Lecture / Discussion

Field of Study: Personal Development

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