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**March 30th Spring CPE Event at UNT Dallas
(6 CPE Credits Available)**



Mark your calendar for the March 30th Dallas Fort Worth Area IMA Spring CPE Event to be held at UNT Dallas (7300 University Hills Blvd., Dallas, 75241). Sessions will include Economic Development by Senator Royce West, Future of the US Oil and Gas Industry, Leadership, COSO Internal Control - Integrated Framework Update, Managerial Costing Conceptual Framework, and more.

The event will include a Special Presentation by John Macaulay, CMA (IMA Global Chair Elect and member of Dallas Fort Worth Area Chapter). There will also be an opportunity for a tour of the new UNT Dallas campus.

Registration will begin in mid February.

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Please keep your contact information up to date so that you can continue to receive communications from the Dallas Fort Worth Area Chapter or IMA. To update your information, either contact IMA Customer Service at 800-638-4427 or go online to your profile at <http://www.imaonlinestore.com/PersonifyEbusiness/Default.aspx?TabId=61> (user ID and password are required).



If you would like to change your membership into the Dallas Fort Worth Area Chapter or to another chapter, contact IMA Customer Service at 800-638-4427.

April 20th IMA Texas Annual Conference in Houston

Sessions will include Cloud Computing, Some Assembly Required by Thom Singer, Health Care Reform, Networking Skills Panel Discussion, CFO Panel Discussion on "Corporate Governance", GRC (Governance, Risk and Compliance), and Health-South: The Wagon to Disaster by Aaron Beam (former CFO HealthSouth). John Macaulay, IMA Global Chair Elect and member of the Dallas Fort Worth Area Chapter, will also be in attendance.

The event will offer 8.5 CPE credits. It will be held at the NACM Conference Center (10887 Wilcrest Drive, Houston 77009). Registration will begin in late February.



Dallas Fort Worth Area Chapter Members Serving at Global Level and Texas Council

Global

- Chair Elect – John Macaulay
- Regional Vice President – Ron Fory
- Chair, Planning and Development Committee – John Macaulay

Stuart Cameron McCleod Society (SCMS) Board of Governors - Pat Wynn

Texas Council

Director At Large – Cynthia Julian

Director At Large – Kay McDonald

Upcoming Meetings

February

February 16th (Student Night) – Dinner meeting 3:30 PM – CMA
Ethics and Economic Update

(Crowne Plaza, 14315 Midway Road, Addison)



March

March 22nd – Dinner meeting 4:30 PM – Continuous Control
Monitoring and Securing Your IT Network

(Crowne Plaza, 14315 Midway Road, Addison)

ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING.....

Continuing Education Certificates of Attendance

If you are missing your CPE record of attendance from any chapter meeting thus far please contact MaryValerie Reeves at 214.704.1159.



Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates for 2012-13 Board

The nominating committee will soon begin the process of putting together the team that will lead the Dallas Fort Worth Area Chapter for the 2012-2013 chapter year (May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013). Board members have the opportunity to serve the chapter, establish new relationships and build/develop new skills.

The nominating committee challenges new members and members who have not served on the board to consider doing so for next year. Current board members are encouraged to continue their service to the chapter. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please let the nominating committee know of your interest. If you know of a chapter member who you feel would be a potential candidate and has an interest in serving on the Board, please nominate them.

Ron Schmidt (texashans@aol.com or 469-682-0452) is chairperson of the nominating committee. Please contact Ron to let him know what position(s) you would be interested in or to let him know of someone you would like to nominate. In addition, the committee will be contacting members to ask them to serve in the coming year.

The Board generally meets after the dinner meeting September through April with the exception of January, and meets on a separate date May through August plus January. The primary reason for the separate meeting is planning for the new chapter year, which requires more time than would be available after a dinner meeting.

WEBINAR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register for Inside Talk Webinar http://www.imanet.org/programs_events/webinars

- **February 8, 2012 @ 12:00 PM Central Time**—Best Practices in Consolidation and Reporting
- **February 9, 2012 @ 12:00 PM Central Time** – COSO’s Revised Internal Control Framework – An Opportunity for Management Accountants to Step Up
- **February 15, 2012 @ 12 PM Central Time**—Challenges and Opportunities Facing the Finance Organization in 2012

1 hour of CPE credit each

Register for Leadership Academy Webinar http://www.imanet.org/programs_events/leadership_academy

- February 22, 2012 @ 12:00PM Central Time – The Transforming Power of Smart Trust

1.5 hour of CPE credit.



- For more information on the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) or to join IMA, go to <http://www.imanet.org/>
- For more information on the Dallas Fort Worth Area Chapter IMA, go to <http://www.dallasima.com/>
- For more information on the Dallas Fort Worth Professor-Led CMA Review Course, contact Ron Schmidt at 469-682-0452 , or go to

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Or at <http://www.ima-cma.com/>

- Join the Dallas Fort Worth Area IMA LinkedIn Group at <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=705137>
- Latest Dallas Fort Worth Area IMA Newsletter, <http://www.dallasima.com/pages/Newsletter.pdf>
- Free CPE – IMA Inside Talk and Leadership Academy Webinars http://www.imanet.org/programs_events/webinars.aspx

Gleim CMA Review Materials (discounted materials for self study)

Do It For Yourself

Melissa Leonard
Gleim Chapter Coordinator

The CMA designation is a worthwhile pursuit with many benefits, and you are more likely to succeed in staying on task when you are doing it for YOU. I have written many times in these monthly articles about the value of becoming certified; perhaps this has encouraged some of you to pursue the CMA, and perhaps you have also found your own personal reasons and motivation.

Dr. Gleim and my manager encouraged me to take the exam for a position I wanted, but I had to find my own personal motivation to be able to put aside more leisurely activities and stay focused. For me, it came down to two things. The first was a desire to learn more about accounting and what it takes to prepare for the CMA Exam. I wanted to put into action all the study tips and instruction I have shared with candidates over the years. The second was a sense of personal achievement that comes from passing the CMA exam. While this can sometimes be the most underrated benefit of passing the exam, it was a huge motivator for me.

Perhaps your accounting professor told you of the benefits to your career and that is what got you thinking about the exam initially, but it was your immediate desire to be more highly valued in the job race than your peers that actually motivated you to take the CMA. Maybe you are a seasoned professional and, while your fellow IMA chapter members may have encouraged you to pursue the certification, your motivation to pass the exam stems from having your eyes on that big promotion at work. It is great to have influences on your goals, but your own personal motivating factors are what will help you stay focused throughout your exam preparations.

When stress from your personal or professional life gets in the way, it can be easy to slip into habits that are not productive. That's when you have to remind yourself why you started preparing for the exam in the first place so you make positive and productive choices in your study habits. I definitely had to do this when studying for Part 1. Now that I have moved on to Part 2, I find that I have to remind myself at least once a week of my reasons for taking this exam, especially during the holiday season.

Small adjustments to your schedule will feel less like a chore and more like an opportunity to succeed when you have your own personal motivation. Find your motivation for passing the CMA exam and DO IT FOR YOURSELF!

Share your success! Maybe you have already passed the CMA Exam and would like to share with others the tactics you used to pass. Email Melissa Leonard at imachapters@gleim.com with your questions and feedback.

Gleim is committed to helping you become a CMA. Your Dallas/Fort Worth IMA Chapter has partnered with Gleim to ensure your success on the CMA Exam! Working together, we will provide the necessary tools to prepare you for this difficult exam.

As a Dallas Fort Worth Chapter member, you receive significant discounts on the Gleim CMA Review materials and Gleim CPE. Contact Melissa Leonard at 800.874.5346 ext. 131 or melissa.leonard@gleim.com to take advantage of the offer or if you have any questions.

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Conquer

the CMA Exam



News Flash:
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Dallas Fort Worth IMA Chapter
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Includes:

- Over 32 classroom hours of lecture
- Gleim CMA Review System
- Unlimited access to Professors
- Includes over 800 on-line practice questions
- Live online access via streaming video



Enroll Now!

Class size is limited

Classes are limited to 20 people and will be held Saturdays 8am to 12pm at the University of Dallas Campus in Irving, TX.

This CMA Exam Review may provide CPE credit to Texas CPAs.

Prerequisites: None.

Visit our website for more information:
www.ima-cma.com

Both parts / Per part
\$1,945 / \$1,100



To register, contact Professor Ronald Schmidt, CMA, CFM:
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Scholarship Opportunities

The Memorial Education Fund (MEF) and the Stuart Cameron and Margaret McLeod Memorial Scholarships –

Deadline Feb. 15, 2012

The Institute of Management Accountants (IMA®), the world's leading organization dedicated to supporting accountants and financial professionals in business, is accepting applications for its national scholarship programs: The Memorial Education Fund (MEF) and the Stuart Cameron and Margaret McLeod Memorial Scholarships, now through February 15, 2012. Interested students can download an application form at IMA's website at http://www.imanet.org/PDFs/Public/Scholarships_Rewards/SCMS_Scholarship%202011-2012%20Final.pdf.

Any IMA student member who has not previously received an IMA scholarship is encouraged to apply. MEF Scholarships are given at both the undergraduate and graduate student levels, and are based on academic merit and strength of outside recommendations, among other criteria. The scholarships carry awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

In addition, any student who applies for an MEF Scholarship is automatically considered for the prestigious Stuart Cameron and Margaret McLeod Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship, which carries a \$5,000 award, is given to one individual among the entire scholarship application pool who exemplifies excellence in all eligibility criteria. The award also includes lodging, transportation, and registration to IMA's Annual Conference & Exposition in June and the IMA Student Leadership Conference in November, which will be November 1-3 in San Antonio.

The Stuart Cameron and Margaret McLeod Memorial Scholarship is bestowed annually by the Stuart Cameron McLeod Society (SCMS). Founded in 1934, SCMS is a special membership community within IMA whose members share a long history of service to IMA.

The deadline to submit scholarship applications is February 15, 2012; winners are announced on or before April 30, 2012. For complete information and application forms, please visit http://www.imanet.org/PDFs/Public/Scholarships_Rewards/SCMS_Scholarship%202011-2012%20Final.pdf.

Walter Massie Memorial Scholarship: Deadline April 1, 2012

Applicants must be a member of the Dallas Fort Worth Area Chapter, member of a student group sponsored by the chapter or the child of a member of the chapter. Applications must be e-mailed to scholarships@dallasima.com or mailed to Walter Massie Memorial Education Fund, PO Box 612084, Dallas, Texas 75261 by April 1st utilizing the IMA Scholarship Application Form available at http://www.imanet.org/PDFs/Public/Scholarships_Rewards/SCMS_Scholarship%202011-2012%20Final.pdf. Individuals who are also applying for the Global IMA Scholarships may provide the chapter with a copy of their Global application; however, the global and chapter scholarship awards are independent of each other. The chapter will offer two (2) \$1,000 scholarships, in April 2012. Please note that the GPA requirement for the Walter Massie Memorial Scholarship is substantially different from those for the Memorial Education Fund (MEF) and the Stuart Cameron and Margaret McLeod Memorial Scholarships.

Please note that to be eligible to participate in any of these awards, students must be IMA members.

Welcome New Members, Transfers, and new CMA's

Welcome New Members

- Abdulrahman Aljabr, Student
- Abu Safian Amin
- Keith Berry
- Christie Bliss, Lake Texoma Highport, LLC
- John F Clark, Caterpillar
- Brian C Fege, American Eagle Airlines
- Shaina Rose Felderhoff, Student
- Alyse Fineberg
- Christopher Frohardt
- Cayetana Moreno Grummitt, Neste Waters N. America
- Amelia Johnson, Hillwood Properties
- Maura Langan, Student
- Thao Phuong Le, Commercial Metals Company
- Dawn Renee Moore, Student
- Chris Morris, Brookshire Grocery Company
- James Jefferson Parker, Paydaypro
- Brandy Pienkoss, Student
- Virgil Keith Prim
- Winifred Swann
- Ryan Theroux
- Archeila Riley Walker

Congratulations New CMAs

- Malikshah Muradally
- Candice Latrice Robinson, Siemens PLM

2011– 2012 Elected OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President	Maria Mejia
President-Elect	Ron Schmidt
Secretary	Karyl Sibley
Treasurer	Creighton Bowsher
Administration Team Lead	OPEN
Director - Roster	Stephanie Carpenter
Associate Director Young Professionals	Daniel Smith
Education Team Lead	Kathy Costner
Education Team	Cheryl Prachyl
Education Team	Cynthia Kelly
Director - Academic Relations	Glenn Onstad
Associate Director - Academic Relations	Bobby Porter
Associate Director - Academic Relations	Pamela Baker
Membership Team Lead	Christine Cohen
Membership Team	Debbie Vanicek
Membership Team	Cynthia Kelly
Membership Team	Lori Burgess
Director - Corporate Development	Kathy Costner
Director - Corporate Development	Don Burg
Texas Council Delegate	Ron Schmidt
Texas Council Delegate	Maria Mejia
Director - Employment	Jimmie Smith
Communications Team Lead	Nikki Thirasant-Meyer
Nominating Committee Chair	Ron Schmidt
Director - Community Service	Drew Mohr
Director - CMA Certification	Ron Schmidt
Webmaster	Patrick Tam
Director - CPA CPE Compliance	MaryValerie Reeves
Director - Young Professionals	Patrick Tam
Director - Meeting Arrangements	MaryValerie Reeves
Director - Newsletter	Carmen Ashcraft



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The next **Texas Council Meeting**, hosted by the Houston Chapter, will be April 21st, at the NACM Conference Center (10887 Wilcrest Drive, Houston 77009). In addition to the Council meeting, it will include chapter leadership training, CPE, networking and social activities. All members are encouraged to attend part or all of the meeting, and take advantage of the opportunity to share ideas and network with members from other Texas chapters.

Looking for a New Job Opportunity?



Looking for Prospective Employees?

The Dallas Fort Worth Area website enables members (employers and recruiters) who are looking for prospective employees to share those opportunities with members of the chapter who choose to receive them. Recruiters and employers frequently request job opportunities posted to the chapter website Career Pages. Posts come from both members and non-members of the chapter. See the chapter website for instructions on how to send or receive job opportunities.

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Recruiters also post job opportunities to the Dallas Fort Worth Area IMA LinkedIn Group. To access or join the group, go to <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gid=705137>. To post a job, go to http://www.linkedin.com/groupAnswers?start=&gid=705137&forumID=5&trk=anet_disc_post&goback=%2Eana_705137_1282572403005_5_1

The monthly dinner meetings also provide a great networking opportunity with members who work for various local employers.