



## Northwest Suburban Chicago Chapter

The Association of Accountants and Financial Professionals in Business

**November 2017**

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<p><b>Date:</b> Thursday, November 16, 2017</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Emmett's Brewing Company 110 North Brockway Street Palatine, Illinois 60067 847-359-1533</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> Jeffery L. Mowery, CPA</p> <p><b>Topic:</b> Review of Potential Tax Changes for 2018</p> <p><b>Times:</b> 6:00 p.m. Social Hour 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:15 p.m. Program</p> <p><b>Cost with Advance Registration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$35 IMA Members / \$40 Nonmembers</li><li>• \$25 Retired or Currently Unemployed IMA Members</li><li>• \$15 Students and Academics</li><li>• With no reservation add \$5</li></ul> <p><i>Please communicate dietary needs when registering.</i></p> <p><b>For Reservations Contact:</b></p> <p>Bill Decker at Robert Half International 847-884-7422 or <a href="mailto:bill.decker@rht.com">bill.decker@rht.com</a></p> <p><i>We would appreciate hearing from you soon so we can plan for the number of attendees – thanks!</i></p> <p><b>Directions:</b></p> <p>Downtown Palatine, just North of Palatine Road, West of Northwest Highway, and next to the UP-NW RR train station.</p>	<p>November's Program</p> <p>Welcome to the November meeting of the Northwest Suburban Chicago Chapter of the IMA.</p> <p><b>Our Program:</b> Potential Tax Changes</p> <p>As the press has reported we may be looking at changes to the tax brackets, higher contribution limits for 401(k)s, an increase in the alternative minimum tax exemption amounts, a rise in the annual gift exclusion and an increase to Social Security's maximum taxable earnings. Our speaker, Jeff Mowery will be able to give us a good idea of what really might happen.</p> <p>Jeffery L. Mowery, CPA and Managing Partner, Mowery &amp; Schoenfeld, LLC. is head of the firm's tax practice and is heavily involved in the firm's management advisory services. He specializes in business and income tax planning for successful companies and their owners. He holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in accounting from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a law degree from Loyola University in Chicago and a Master of Laws in Taxation from DePaul University. He personally has over twenty-five years' experience working with privately held companies and prosperous individuals in defining and solving a variety of business and complex tax problems.</p>
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### More about our speaker

Mowery & Schoenfeld is located in Lincolnshire, IL. In addition to being honored by Inside Public Accounting (IPA) for being one of the 2017 Best of the Best Firms, Mowery & Schoenfeld has also been named a 2017 IPA Top 300 Firm and a 2017 IPA Fastest Growing Firm for its revenue size and growth.

### IN THE NEWS

#### CMA's New Ad campaign - spread the word

The IMA unveiled a new campaign to emphasize the value of management accountants as more jobs fall prey to robots and automation. They also introduced a new advertising campaign for the IMA's Certified Management Accountant credential. The commercial can be viewed on [YouTube](#). Thanks in advance for spreading the word about the CMA certification, sharing your CMA story, and inspiring our future CMAs!

#### Growth of the CMA

The CMA® is off to a very strong start for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2018. Through September, new CMA candidates grew globally at a rate of 75% (29% in the U.S).

7,967 new candidates entered the CMA program (FYTD).

1,324 new CMAs were awarded (FYTD). This is a 25% year-over-year increase.

#### IMA and Robert Half Announce Strategic Alliance to Advance Competency in a Digital Age

IMA and global staffing firm Robert Half announced a new business alliance intended to better support the careers of accounting and finance professionals. The strategic relationship will support management accounting and finance professionals through shared thought leadership and complementary career-enhancing tools to provide access to relevant and crucial information supporting professional growth. For detailed information on this alliance click [here](#).

### President's Message

For those of you who couldn't attend the October meeting you missed an opportunity to hear from Special Agents of the Criminal Investigation Division of the IRS.

We will not be meeting in December so have a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON. Our January 25, 2018 meeting is still under construction.

The February 22, 2018 meeting is STUDENT NIGHT. Entering or reentering the job market can be exciting and difficult. This evening aims to prepare and inform people entering the accounting field of good job hunting techniques as well as recognizing shortfalls and making improvements in future contacts with prospective employers. We will be featuring guest speakers from accounting placement agencies talking about getting into and advancing in the accounting profession.

*If you have suggestions for topics or speakers, please send them to me at [ima.nwschicago@gmail.com](mailto:ima.nwschicago@gmail.com).*

It's nearly the end of 2017: have you fulfilled your two-credit ethics CPE requirement yet? If the answer to that question is "no," then IMA has the solution for you: a new online course entitled [Misplaced Trust/Devastating Fraud](#) examining how corruption infiltrated a small-town school district, sending shockwaves through the community.

Jim Linday, CMA, Chapter President

**IMA Coffee Mugs Available  
at Meeting \$10**

## Congratulations to

### New Members of our Chapter:

Berenice Ochoa Steger, IL  
Natasha D Roszkowiak, Palatine

### To Members participating in Continuing Professional Education Beyond Last Meeting's Credits:

A. Robert Florio, CMA  
Gueorgui M. Minkovsky, CMA, CFM, CFE, CPA  
David Schroeder, CMA

All members who attended the October meeting earned 1.5 CPE credits for your 2017 requirement of 30 CPE credits.

**Interested in joining the Board? We would love to have you! Please contact me or any board member if you are interested in serving on the board and/or attending one of our brief board meetings.**

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