

John B. Pollara Named IMA Chair-Elect

John B. Pollara, CMA, has been named IMA Chair-Elect, which means he will become IMA Chair in 2007-08. William L. Brower, Jr., CMA, CFM, is IMA Chair for 2006-07. The IMA Board of Directors announced John's nomination on February 25, 2006, and members had 30 days after that to nominate other candidates. At the end of the 30-day period a unanimous ballot was cast, so John will become the new Chair-Elect July 1, 2006.

A Passaic, N.J., native, John moved to California at an early age. He briefly attended Pasadena City College before enlisting in the United States Army in 1967. John served in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Silver Star, our nation's third-highest military honor. While in the Army, he also became the youngest person to

graduate from NCO school with the rank of Staff Sergeant. After being honorably discharged in 1969, John returned to college, enrolling at Rio Hondo Junior College.

Currently John is vice president of operations for Ziemann Manufacturing Co., a subsidiary of Lippert Components. John started his career at Ziemann, a leading manufacturer of



recreational and equipment-hauling trailers, with a summer job as a part-time accountant in 1970. At the time, he was majoring in business administration at Rio Hondo. When he learned that Ziemann was offering an accounting scholarship, he immediately changed his major to accounting.

He continued to work part-time for Ziemann, based in Whittier, Calif., as an accounting trainee while attending classes full-time. He transferred to Cal Poly Pomona and received his B.S. degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting in 1973. After graduation, John was quickly promoted to management trainee and spent the

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

To members of the Institute of Management Accountants: Notice is hereby given to all members of IMA that the Annual Meeting of the Institute will be held **Sunday, June 18, 2006**, at the **Rio All-Suite Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.**, to review the report of the Nominating Committee and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

next year working at one of Zieman's manufacturing plants, learning the business from the ground up. He continued to advance in the company and acquired a significant ownership interest. He was named president in 1991 and board chairman in 1996. He sold the company to Drew Industries, an NYSE company, in 2004.

John joined IMA in July 1971 and earned his Certified Management Accountant (CMA®) designation in 1976. Always an active member, he was president of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter in 1977-78 and began national service the next year. He has been a member of the National Board of Directors and several ad hoc committees, a National Vice President, chair of the Board of Regents of the Institute of Certified Management Accountants (ICMA), and program chair of the 1997 Annual Conference. At present, he is chair of the External/Member Relations Committee. He is also a member of the Stuart Cameron McLeod Society.

Despite his busy career, John has also been involved in a wide range of community activities from the Whittier City Personnel Board to the Whittier Citizens for Responsible Government to the California Poly University School of Business Leadership Board, as well as serving as a director of the National Bank of Whittier and McFarland Energy. He was named to Cal Poly's Accounting Hall of Fame in 1995 and was named the Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Business Administration for 1999.

John and his wife, Jan, live in Dana Point, Calif. They have two daughters, Marissa and Trisha, and a granddaughter, Paige. ■