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## ***ICCIFP 2019-2020 Nomination of Officers and Trustees***

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### **Chairman:**

**Melissa Rutledge, CCIFP, CPA** - Melissa has over 25 years of public and private accounting experience that began with the Dallas office of Ernst & Young LLP. After leaving Ernst & Young, she held CFO roles in the energy and construction industries. Melissa obtained her BBA in Accounting from Texas Tech University. She currently serves as Chief Financial Officer for Dallas Habitat for Humanity. Melissa is a member of the Dallas Chapter of the CFMA. She is currently serving the ICCIFP as Vice Chairman and as Chair of the Finance, Committee. She is also a member of CFMA and participant in the CFMA National Leadership Mentoring Program. She also holds a Certified Construction Industry Financial Professional (CCIFP) certification.

### **Vice Chairman:**

**Gretchen Kelly, CCIFP, CPA** – Gretchen is the Chief Financial Officer of Nystrom, Inc., a global supplier of complementary building products and services which include miscellaneous and specialty construction items. She is responsible for maintaining external relationships in the areas of banking, legal and tax, development and implementation of financial strategies and provides the leadership and management to ensure that the financial structure, controls and reporting are in place to effectively meet company objectives. Gretchen chairs the ICCIFP Accreditation Committee, and serves on the ICCIFP Board of Trustees as Secretary. She has been involved with CFMA for many years. She is a past President of the Twin Cities Chapter, and served on the Executive Committee. Currently she serves on the CFMA speaker development task force and education steering committees.

### **Treasurer:**

**Ron Lenz, CCIFP, CPA** – Ron is the partner-in-charge of Katz, Sapper & Miller's Construction Services Group. Since joining the firm in 1985, Ron has served as an advisor to a diverse group of clients. His particular areas of expertise include accounting and auditing matters, tax planning and business structuring, mergers and acquisitions, and succession planning. Additionally, he has experience in the manufacturing, distribution, advertising, and entertainment industries. Ron received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Indiana University and he is also a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Indiana CPA Society, the Central Indiana Chapter of the Construction Financial Management Association, and the Construction Industry CPAs/Consultants Association. Ron currently serves on the ICCIFP Finance Committee.

### **Secretary:**

**Ben Brahinsky** - Ben is President of Leap Financial, where he provides advisory and transaction services to companies and investors in the construction industry. He helps his clients refine objectives and strategy, and structure and execute transactions. He has more than 25 years of experience in M&As, ownership transfers, and capital transactions. Previously, Ben was Managing Director of a Denver-based private equity firm, where he led a team responsible for evaluating, acquiring, and improving distressed businesses. Prior to that, Ben was a Principal at FMI Corporation and worked in the firm's investment banking practice. Ben has presented to many construction organizations and has been published in industry journals. He is currently active in CFMA (where he previously served as National Secretary), AGC, MCA, and ABC.

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### **Immediate Past Chairman:**

**Herbert Brownnett, CCIFP** – Herbert Brownnett, CCIFP, is the Owner/Principle of Brownnett & Associates, LLC, a business consulting firm focused on construction financial and technology management. He has more than 30 years of experience in CFO/Controller roles with regional and national ENR 400 General and Specialty Contractors including Executive Vice President of Textura Corp., Senior VP of Finance and Administration of The Norwood Company, and Vice President of Finance for The George Hyman Construction Company (now Clark Construction). A CFMA member since 1988, Herb is active with the Philadelphia Chapter. On the national level, he has served as chairman of both ICCIFP and CFMA and is CCIFP holder #1. Herb has presented for ABC, AGC, AICPA, and CFMA, and has been published in CFMA Building Profits and Construction Accounting and Taxation (formerly Journal of Construction Accounting and Taxation), as well as by ABC and NASBP.

### **Trustees:**

**Josh Billiard, CCIFP, CPA** – Josh is a partner at Plante Moran who specializes in providing audit, review, and consultative services to general contractors, specialty subcontractors, heavy highway companies, and other construction industry companies, as well as manufacturers and distributors. In addition, he focuses on employee benefit plans, specifically 401(k) plans and ESOPs. Growing the construction practice in the Rocky Mountain region has been his greatest source of pride in his career. With more than 10 years of experience, Josh has presented at local, state, and national construction conferences on technical accounting topics, such as revenue recognition and internal controls. Josh has also participated as a national online and local in-person faculty for Certified Construction Industry Financial Professional (CCIFP) preparatory courses. Josh belong to the AICPA, the Colorado Society of CPAs, the Construction Industry CPAs/Consultants Association (CICPAC), and the Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA). Josh received his B.S. in business administration and M.B.S.A. in accounting from Colorado State University. Outside of work, he enjoys golf, softball, volleyball, and playing music.

**Melvin BurgEs, CCIFP, CPA** – Mel is the CFO for Harcon, Inc., a multistate specialty contractor in the Southeast specializing in commercial concrete formwork and concrete frames. He has more than 30 years of experience in the construction industry working as a construction financial professional for both GCs and subcontractors. Mel received a BA in Accounting from Loyola University in Baltimore, MD and a MBA in Finance from DePaul University in Chicago, IL. Mel has been a member of CFMA since 1984, serving the Chicago and Georgia Chapters in several leadership roles, including Vice President of the Chicago Chapter and President of the Georgia Chapter. He has also served on the following national committees: Chapter Resource, Construction Industry Liaison, Executive, Strategic Planning, and Finance, and also served as a CHAPM Ambassador.

**Patrick Cebelak, CCIFP, CPA**- Pat has served as President for IMPCO Microfinishing since 2015. As president, he oversees the company's operations, sales and management. Prior to IMPCO, Pat served as financial controller at Granger Construction in Lansing for 12 years where he also oversaw the company's information technology division and assisted in the areas of risk management and contract review. Following graduation from Michigan State University in 1990, he was employed for 12 years as a tax and audit professional with the Plante & Moran accounting firm in East Lansing. A Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Construction Industry Financial Professional (CCIFP), Pat served as past National Chairman, Officer and Executive Committee member of the Construction Finance Management Association (CFMA). He is an active member and former officer of the Lansing Chapter of CFMA. He is also a member of the Michigan Association of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs. He has served on the Board of the Capital Area Humane Society and is an avid boater. He and his wife Joanne live in Grand Ledge. One daughter is working in Grand Rapids and the other is attending Ferris State University.

**Joel R. Dzedzic, CCIFP, CPA, CIT** - Joel is a member of BKD National Construction & Real Estate Group with more than 25 years of public accounting experience. In addition to traditional accounting, audit and tax services, he focuses on profit improvement issues, internal operation reviews, cost accounting procedures analyses and growth and acquisition strategies. His focus is attest services in the construction industry, but he also works with entities in real estate and manufacturing and distribution. He is the lead audit/engagement partner on multiple Chicago office audit engagements for contractors with revenue approaching and exceeding \$1 billion. Joel holds the Certified Construction Industry Financial Professional (CCIFP) and Construction Industry Technician (CIT) certifications. He is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, Illinois CPA Society, Construction Financial Management Association and American Subcontractors Association. Joel is a 1993 cum laude graduate of Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana, with a B.B.A. degree.

**Kevin J Foley, CCIFP, CPA** - Kevin J Foley is the Chief Financial Officer for Madison Concrete Construction, a large concrete specialty contractor in the Philadelphia area, where he is responsible for all areas of accounting, finance, technology, benefits, and human resources. He joined Madison in April 2017. Prior to his work at Madison, Kevin held the CFO role at E. Allen Reeves, Inc., a Mid-Atlantic region general contractor and construction management firm for 20 years. He has more than 35 years of experience as an accounting professional with 25 years in the construction field. He still serves on CFMA's Education Steering Committee is also past chair. He has previously served on CFMA's Conference Planning, Finance and Executive Committees. He has mentored several future CFMA leaders in their formal mentoring program and led the association's Website Development Task Force. Kevin is a Past President of the Philadelphia Chapter and was honored as "General Member of the Year." Kevin is a graduate of La Salle University.

**Richard E. Gavin, CCIFP, CPA** - Rick Gavin is currently the Chief Financial Officer for C.A.C. Industries, Inc. He is responsible for all financial operations of the organization and is a key contributor to internal processes and strategic planning. Rick's prior experience includes 26 years at Grassi & Co, CPAs. P.C., a nationally recognized public accounting firm in the construction industry, as a partner serving the construction industry. In addition, Rick previously served as an adjunct professor at Columbia University teaching a graduate level course in finance and accounting for construction contractors. Rick is currently the Treasurer of the NYC Chapter of CFMA. Rick is member of the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and the New York State Society of CPAs (NYSSCPA). Currently, Rick serves on the Board of Directors of the Family Service League, a non-sectarian human services organization established in 1926 to address the issues of child welfare, unemployment and poverty. He is a member of the Executive Committee and has served as Board President and Treasurer. He also serves on the Board of the New York City Chapter of the CFMA. Rick was one of the first individuals in the country to attain the designation of Certified Construction Industry Financial Professional (CCIFP). He has a bachelor of business administration degree from Hofstra University.

**Joann Hillenbrand, CCIFP** - Joann serves as the Chief Financial Officer at Airco Mechanical, Inc. She oversees all aspects of finances, including accounting, reporting, surety, banking, risk management and human resources. She has been the Team Member of Airco since 2012. Previously, she served as Controller at MarketOne Builders, Inc. She managed completion of all Accounting Department work, directed budget and cost controls, financial analysis, accounting practices and reports, she has also held financial management positions over the course of her career for both specialty contractors and general contractors.

**Kimberly Hullfish, CCIFP** - Kim is the Controller for C. Abbondizio Contractors in New Jersey. She is responsible for successfully directing all accounting operations for this multi-state company and its seven other entities, including producing financial reports, maintaining a precise accounting records system, and establishing a comprehensive set of controls designed to mitigate risk and enhance the accuracy of reported financial results. Kim is an active CFMA member, serving as President of the South Jersey Chapter from 2015-2017, Chair of the CFMA Mid Atlantic Conference 2016, and as a member of the CFMA Philadelphia Chapter programming/Education Committee from 2017-2018. Kim also serves on the ICCIFP Marketing and Examination Development Committees.

**Kari M. Juvera, CCIFP, CPA, CGMA, CRIS** – As Vice President of Finance/Shareholder at Enterprise Builders Corporation, a Commercial General Contractor located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Kari is responsible for all aspects of financial management and reporting, treasury functions, risk management, human resources and is involved in the development and implementation of the company's strategic and succession plans. Prior to joining the construction world, she spent 11 years in the public accounting and banking industries. Kari became a member of CFMA in 2004 and is currently a member of the Albuquerque chapter. She has served in various leadership roles within the Albuquerque chapter, including President (2014-2015, 2009-2010), Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and continues to serve on its Board of Directors and as Chairperson for various chapter committees. She is an alumna of both CFMA's National Mentoring Program and CFMA at Spring Creek, served on the CFMA Executive Committee from 2016-2018, served as the CFMA Membership Committee Chair from 2016-2018, and is a member of the CFMA Finance Committee. Kari is a member of AICPA and New Mexico Society of CPAs and holds a BS in Accounting from Boise State University. She is the incoming Chairman of the Board of the New Mexico Society of CPAs, and is an active member of Toastmasters International. Kari and her husband Jose reside in Albuquerque, New Mexico with their son, Matthew, and are servants to two Siamese cats.

**Jeff Krall, CCIFP, CPA** – Jeff is the Chief Financial Officer for JB+J Construction, a general and interiors contractor located in Atlanta, GA. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Southern Adventist University in 1984. He has over 28 years of diverse experience within the construction industry. An active member of the Atlanta Chapter of CFMA, Jeff has previously served on many CFMA committees including the Executive Committee and currently serves on the Education Committee. He was certified in May 2004 with the inaugural "class" of CCIFPs.

**Carl Oliveri, CCIFP, CPA, CFE** – Carl is Senior Vice President, a partner and the Construction Practice Leader at Grassi & Co. in New York City. He currently oversees market development and operations. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting and his Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Management from the York College of Pennsylvania. He possesses over 18 years of experience working with clients in the construction industry, particularly with regards to financial statement and income tax preparation, cash flow and operations forecasting as well as litigation and cost claim support with related negotiations. Carl has presented across the NY area including the NY State Society of Certified Public Accountants Construction Conference, the General Contractors Association, Building Trade Employers' Association and other trade organizations. He was recently named to the Executive Committee as President of CICPAC. Carl also serves as Vice President of the New York City Chapter of CFMA.

**Todd Soderlund, CCIFP, CPA** – Todd is a Senior Manager at the Columbia, SC office of Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC, a regional CPA and advisory firm with offices throughout the Southeast. He is a leader within the firm's Construction Practice Group providing assurance and consulting services to a diverse group of large and mid-sized general contractors, subcontractors and engineering firms. After graduating from Clemson University, Todd began his career at KPMG in Greenville, South Carolina. He is a member of both the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants. Todd has served in several leadership positions for various community and professional organizations and currently serves on the board of the Associated Builders and Contractors Columbia, SC Council. He has also served as an instructor and presenter at various meetings for CFMA and other construction industry trade associations.