

Rhonda Maher – Treasurer Nominee

I have had the pleasure and the responsibility of being the IACA Treasurer since 2019 and have chosen to run for re-election. Since being the Treasurer I have not only organized and balanced our books but have been instrumental in keeping the IACA's 501c(3) non-profit status current. Just before taking over the IACA Treasury position and while I was the financial assistant, the IACA was contacted by the IRS and given a large fine for non-filing of taxes. I worked closely with the then treasurer, and after analyzing and identifying the issues at hand, we took immediate action and rectified the situation. I spent countless hours balancing our books, found, and met with a tax preparer who was able to file our taxes and get us current with the IRS. Once our taxes were brought up to date, I made contact again with the IRS. They agreed to reimburse the IACA the fines that were levied and we were able to get away with a warning.

As your Treasurer over the past three years, I have worked diligently to organize our accounts, met all IRS deadlines, created an Airtable for all the charters and the conferences to track their spending and stay on budget. I have bookkeeping in place for all IACA financial accounts and complete a monthly accounting for all expenses. I balance our accounts on a monthly basis to the bank financial accounts, balance and transfer incoming funds for training, conferences and yearly dues into their appropriate accounts and track all credit card purchases. I work closely with the conference committee and the training committee as these two generate the most financial transactions for our organization. Communication is key within these areas of operation.

I have researched areas to save the IACA money by completing yearly necessary government programs applications myself. Historically we have paid companies to complete these long and confusing applications for us for fees that cost IACA thousands of dollars. I now have cut out the "middleman" and complete these yearly applications myself and work directly with the federal government as filing is a free service. Each year I also balance the books and create expense reports to be sent to the tax preparer who then also balances our books with his filings.

I hope that as members you will be pleased with my performance on behalf of IACA as your Treasurer. I have a strong background in accounting from before becoming a Crime & Intelligence Analyst which I bring forward in my commission to fulfilling the position of Treasurer. I passionately believe that it is the responsibility of the Treasurer to perform these duties and not rely on outside paid sources. The framework and foundation of the IACA relies on the dedication of our huge team of member volunteers to keep this ship moving forward.

When I was elected the IACA Treasurer, I had no idea the amount of personal time that I needed to commit. I will say with absolute confidence that it has been an honor to serve the members and I look forward to implementing additional goals and visions for the IACA. This executive board position requires not only dedication, but a solid financial background and knowledge of operating under 501©3 guidelines and regulations. The IACA Treasurer holds great deal of responsibility and I want to continue moving forward. With your vote, I would continue to hold this position respectfully and continue keeping the IACA finances organized and transparent.

Please cast your vote for Rhonda Maher! I am passionate, full of integrity and I aim to continue to provide excellent service to the members of the IACA.