

# Adelfia LLC's Partner to serve as Chair of ISFFA National Executive Board 2018-2020

Maria Fides Balita was elected to serve as Chair of the National Executive Board (NEB) of the International Society of Filipinos in Finance and Accounting (ISFFA). Induction occurred at the ISFFA's National Conference held in Chicago on August 25, 2018.



ISFFA formerly known as The International Society of Young Filipino Accountants (ISYFA) is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation whose primary goal is to assist, educate, train and mentor emerging professionals, both domestically as well as globally. ISFFA's flagship programs include ISFFA Leadership, ISFFA Mentoring, and ISFFA Scholarship. Founded in 2006 by Benel Se-Liban, ISFFA has 4 chapters – Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, and New York (inactive).

Maria is joined by other influential Filipino women and men as members of the NEB:

- Vice-Chair - Kathy Lai, Partner, Crowe;
- Secretary – Malve Ildefonso, Partner, BDO USA;
- Treasurer – Lyn Salvador, Manager, Vasquez & Co.;
- Joy Mayor, Member, Deputy Controller of Los Angeles Unified School District;
- Beth Hacia, Member, owner of BGH Bookkeeping, and former CFO at Lifeline Ambulance;
- Liezl Sangalang, Member & Los Angeles Chapter Liaison, Audit Senior Manager, KPMG LLP;
- Theresa Icalina, Member & Chicago Chapter Liaison, Tax Director, AbbVie, Inc. (NYSE: ABBV)
- Marla Isidro, Member, Co-founder Axianta Financial Partners, and Board Member of One Foundation
- Mailo Lagman, Member, Assistant Controller at St Joseph Center in Los Angeles
- Roberto Concepcion, Member, founder of Concepro, LLC Consulting, and former Internal Audit Director of City Colleges of Chicago
- Chris Salamanca, Member, former VP of Internal Audit of Expert Global Solutions (now Alorica Inc.) and
- Cecile Pineda, Member, Cybersecurity Risk Advisor, Cybersecurity and IT Compliance at Southern California Edison.

Maria has been involved with ISFFA since she served as founding President of ISFFA Chicago Chapter, launched in 2013. After her term, she got appointed to serve as NEB member in 2015, then as NEB Secretary in 2016 where she also served concurrently as Chair of the ISFFA 2018 National Conference.

Congratulations Maria!

