Message from the President

I am humbled by the opportunity to serve as your Texas Gulf Coast Chapter President for 2013 – 2014. I would like to start by thanking everyone who has been instrumental in our successes. It is indeed an honor to serve our Chapter and it would be unfair if I failed to recognize the leadership team and all our members who make our Chapter successful.

For those of you who were not at our leadership installation ceremony at the Houstonian, our Chapter for the first time unveiled a theme/platform. It is most definitely done at the National level, but I thought it would be appropriate to have a local theme and hopefully encourage each one of you to be a part of our awesome team. The platform put forth is “EVERY 1 MATTERS.”

Even though the theme has more of a personal meaning to me having grown up in Pakistan, we (the Gulf Coast Chapter Leadership Team) ask that you bring your own personal story and embrace it. We are hopeful that next year will be about openness, transparency, inclusion and diversity, volunteer growth, and most importantly FUN, FUN, FUN!

Keeping all of these in mind, let me update you on recent activities. Over the past few months, the various committees have not only been busy with kick-off meetings, we also had our Leadership Training Conference in June. I promise you, we have an incredible year planned. It was refreshing to have so many first time attendees emerging as new leaders, including student leaders. There was tremendous amount of energy in the room, lots of great ideas were exchanged, and a very positive environment. Our two major Chapter-strengthening takeaways include:

• Need for a formal/written Strategic Plan
• Start our journey towards achieving the goal of the Robert M. Shelton Award (most prestigious Chapter award)

FYI: “The Robert M. Shelton Award for sustained Chapter Excellence is presented each year to the chapter judged as displaying exemplary service to members over a sustained period of immediate past five years. The award, unveiled in 1979 in honor of Robert Shelton’s long-standing contributions to the Association, was presented for the first time in 1980.

The purpose of this award is to recognize those chapters that demonstrate sustained excellence, over a five-year period, in provision of services to members established by HFMA’s strategic plan.”

So stay tuned, as “Every 1 Matters,” and we embark on a year filled with excitement and challenges during our journey with the Shelton Award as our destination.

Sincerely,

Natasha