As ICCIFP certificate holder #11, I have been involved with the Institute almost since the beginning. My first role was as a member of the task force that developed questions for the first exam that took place in New Orleans in 2004. I am honored and proud to now serve as Chairman for nearly 1,000 active certificate holders. I would like to thank Joselin Martin for her hard work and leadership over the past year. She has done a great job of pushing the organization to be the best that it can be.

Now that the ICCIFP’s 10-year anniversary has come and gone, it is time to look ahead. My objective for the next year is to ensure the Institute is prosperous and sustainable for the next 10 years. I plan to accomplish this by working on the following:

**Creating a New Exam**

A new exam was created and put into service at CFMA’s 2014 Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV. Just like technology, it doesn’t take long before the exam becomes outdated. With the new revenue recognition standard implementation date fast approaching, we must ensure that the ICCIFP is prepared to offer an updated exam that is relevant and meets current industry standards. I will work with the Exam Development Committee to review the current exam and write questions for a new one.

**Marketing**

The Institute is working on a multi-faceted marketing plan that will be implemented over several years.

**Technology Improvements**

Like any good business, it is wise to regularly review our processes and controls. We will evaluate how we can use technology to streamline the application and recertification processes.

**Committees**

 Appropriately sized committees that share ideas, lighten the workload, and work through the strategic initiatives are the backbone of any successful organization. We need our committees to be dedicated to their objectives, run efficiently, and get things done. I encourage you to volunteer and get involved at a commitment level that fits your abilities. You can make a difference.

**Growth**

In order for us to reach our long-term goals, we need to continue to increase the number of CCIFPs, continue to improve industry recognition of the CCIFP designation, and continue to increase the value of the CCIFP credential.

I once heard someone say, “If it isn’t broken, break it.” I think that quote makes a lot of sense as it relates to where we stand at this point in the Institute’s history. Much has been accomplished in the past 10 years, but there’s still more to be done. In the next year, we are going to work hard to continue to get better. We are going to be more strategic in our thinking and decision-making. We need to focus on our future, which begins now.

I look forward to working with ICCIFP Executive Director E. Christopher Zaucha, the driving force behind the daily workings of the Institute.

The passion of our certificate holders is what makes me so excited about the future of the Institute.

I encourage you to reach out to me with any thoughts, questions, suggestions, or complaints. I won’t pretend to have all of the answers, but I will work hard to be the best leader I can be.