

PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

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INTRODUCTION

Gary Meisner is a versatile, seasoned finance and information technology executive, recognized for his excellent analytic, communication, problem-solving and conceptual skills, and his vision and leadership in leveraging technology for strategic and operational advantage. As the leader of a variety of system conversions and technology initiatives, his company was recognized in Information Week's 2000 annual listing of the most innovative users of information technology, ranking 34th out of the 500 companies listed. The environment of innovation he created to attract and retain staff was recognized in an article in Financial Executive magazine. He and his company were featured in the product brochure of a leading software developer for their cutting-edge application of rules-based software for make-to-order products.

With twenty years experience in senior management roles as both CFO and CIO, he has participated in start ups, turnarounds, mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, spin-offs and business reorganizations and has held positions at the business unit, group and corporate levels of industry-leading, publicly-traded companies. He has also had responsibility for human resources, total quality management, customer service, purchasing and operations. After starting his career in public accounting, his industry experience has covered manufacturing, distribution, retailing, multimedia and banking and insurance services. He is now with several consulting businesses that help companies to leverage technology and reduce costs.

He has developed and presented CPE programs to academic and professional organizations, including APICS, Financial Executives International, David Lipscomb University and others.

EDUCATION / CERTIFICATION

- 1984, M.B.A., Marketing and Finance, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- 1976, B.S., Accountancy (High Honors), University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois
- 1976, Certified Public Accountant, State of Illinois

MEMBERSHIPS / AFFILIATIONS

- Financial Executives International, Chapter President, V.P., Programs, Membership, Career Services, Web Chair, Board Member
- American Institute Of Certified Public Accountants
- Nashville Technology Council
- Nashville CIO Council (Former member)