



## Francisco Franklin, CIO

Mr. Francisco Franklin is the Chief Information Officer and co-founder of Pan Canal Alumni Association. In this role he is responsible for all information technology projects to include but not limited to website administration and infrastructure projects. He will develop a user friendly site for all Panamanians and former Canal Zone residents to participate and support the mission of the organization. He will also ensure that the website serve as a one-stop communications medium for Panamanians to share knowledge, educate, network with alumni, family, friends and colleagues; learn about the history of the former Canal Zone; learn about the Panama Canal Expansion project, and other development projects throughout Panama. Mr. Franklin, known as Pancho, is the son of Ernest Franklin, a retired Lieutenant from the Panama Canal Zone Fire Division where he worked for over 30 years. His mother, Carmen Franklin, (born in Costa Rica, raised in Almirante, Bocas Del Toro) was a member of Las Damas Económicas for several years. Las Damas Económicas was a group formed by seven very close friends, most were wives of firemen. They owned a restaurant at the Pedro Miguel Civic Center, and organized yearly functions to include "Night of Fun" parties, Pokeno Game parties, Boat Rides, Picnics to beaches, Summit Zoo and Gardens. Mrs. Franklin also owned her own catering business and taught cooking classes at the Pedro Miguel Civic Center. Pancho remembers these events and his upbringing on the former Canal Zone fondly and writes short stories about his remarkable and unparalleled life living on the oasis with plans to publish them in the future. One of these short stories was published in the Gourmet Magazine a few years ago.

Mr. Franklin is currently a Talent Management Associate at Morgan Stanley Corporation. In this role, he is responsible for building relationships with bankers to assess their training needs. To this end, he also trains and coordinates training for the Investment Banking Division in market data software and other proprietary software. Mr. Franklin also "moonlights" as a professional Cake Decorator, Baker and Instructor (website [www.franklin-bakery.com](http://www.franklin-bakery.com)). He is currently a cake decorating instructor at the City University of New York. Mr. Franklin also has a budding writing career, and is currently working on a novel and several short stories. Mr. Franklin holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Computer Systems, and a Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing. His achievements include several certificates and awards in cake decorating and baking. He is an active member of the International Cake Exploration Society (ICES) and the British Sugarcraft Guild (BSG). Many of his best friends are part of an elite group of confectionary artist worldwide.

Mr. Franklin is married and is the proud father of two children, Norman and Christina.