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Updated Contact Information

Do we have your correct email address? If you have not received either the newsletter or an announcement of this month's PDM by email, then we don't have your current contact information. If you would like to update your contact information, you can now do so online at our website: www.apicsswmi.com.

APICS SWMI President's Corner

As I write this, my last Presidents Corner, I can't help but reflect on the past year and where we have come as the APICS Southwest Michigan Chapter. We are just coming off our largest and best Top Management Night ever. Special thanks go out to David Armstrong, Abe Eshkenazi, Tony Stencel and especially the Kellogg Company for their gracious hospitality and the use of their beautiful World Headquarters. A big thank you also needs to go out to Amy Montanye and Megan McFadden on their coordination of this event.

This year has been a year of opportunity. We have had the opportunity to provide CPIM modules at both Stryker and Kellogg. In these sessions, we have exposed the APICS CPIM curriculum to over 50 students, many who are taking every module in their quest for their certification. This wouldn't be possible without the hard work of our Education Team led by Mike Manchester.

We have also had the opportunity to forge a close working relationship with the WMU Student Chapter and the ISM program. From chapter participation in on-campus events, working with the Student Chapter eBoard, to the chapter support and mentoring of the extremely successful Case Competition Team. I know I have tremendously enjoyed this interaction and am looking forward to our continued working relationship in the upcoming year.

Another opportunity we've had is to work closer with the Mid-Michigan Chapter based in the Lansing/Jackson area. From attending each other's Professional Development Meetings to opening a dialogue between the Boards. As a Chapter, we are consciously trying to broaden our interaction with other APICS Chapters, much like the interaction and alliance we have formed with the local ASQ and ISM chapters. These alliances will only benefit the membership as a whole and that is what we are here to achieve.

In closing, I'd like to thank the membership for their activity this year. We have seen a rise in attendance at our monthly events and a renewed interest in board of director participation. I cannot stress enough the importance of keeping our chapter strong and progressive. We all benefit from our association with APICS and I challenge you to become more involved and give back to your profession. As I turn the reins over to the capable hands of Mike Manchester, I would ask that you make a point of attending a monthly PDM and networking with other professionals. It just might be critical to your future!

Thank You,

Jeff Taft

APICS SWMI – Note from President-elect, Micheal Manchester

On Tuesday May 12, our Chapter held Top Management Night at Kellogg World Headquarters in Battle Creek. The evening was a big success. We had over 50 people attend to network with other Supply Chain professionals from different companies in the area and to see newly certified professionals and other professionals be recognized for their achievements and contributions to our local Chapter.

We were honored to have a number of special guests for the evening; first, we were welcomed to Kellogg by Rich Dregne, VP NDS Distribution and Transportation. Then Tony Stencel, District Manager of APICS Great Lakes Region then introduced one of our main speakers for the evening, the CEO of APICS, Abe Eshkenazi. Abe provided information on the status of APICS as an organization and the state of where he intends to lead APICS in the future. At this point in the evening, awards were then presented.

Our keynote speaker, Mr. David Armstrong, CEO of Armstrong International, gave a very spirited presentation on his success on running a corporation through core values and the power of storytelling to illustrate those values. He provided everyone a signed copy of his book “Hanging on by a Thread”. It was a very special evening for our Chapter and we greatly thank those that came to be a part of it.

Go to our website www.apicsswmi.com to see some photos that were taken during the evening.

A special thanks to the Kellogg Company for allowing us to use their facility for this event. Also a big thank you for a job well done to all of the SWMI Board members that put a lot of time and effort in planning this evening. We look forward to having another special event for next years' Top Management Night.

APICS SWMI Education Corner

APICS Southwest Michigan Chapter Educational Offerings

Your local Chapter has a full program of educational offerings through the rest of 2009. We are offering CPIM and CSCP certification classes. We have another round of inventory workshops that are very cost effective and are being taught by a very experienced Supply Chain Professional. We are working to offer both Lean and Global Sourcing workshops before the end of the year. All of these courses are being offered to help your company's professionals get the knowledge they need to have an impact on making your company more competitive in the marketplace. Go to our website @ www.apicsswmi.com and sign up for the course that will help you in your career.

Education Schedule - CPIM

Kellogg Snacks (Battle Creek) On-Site Open Classes - 2009

CPIM Module 3	May 26, Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20
CPIM Module 4	August 10, 17, 24, 31, Sep 8, 14, 21, 28
CPIM Module 5	Oct 12, 19, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Western Michigan University On-Campus Student Classes 2009-2010

CPIM Module 1	Sept 17, 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,
CPIM Module 2	January 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11, 18
CPIM Module 3	March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22

TBD Location Open Classes

Education Schedule – CSCP

Open Class - Location TBD - 2009

August 27, Sept 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19

Education Schedule - Inventory Workshop

M-Tec Open Classes - 2009

Cycle Counting	June 18	Oct 1
Basics of Inventory Management	July 9	Oct 15
Physical Inventory	July 3	Nov 12
Material Requirements Planning/Bills of Materials	August 13	Dec 3

Education Schedule - Global Sourcing Workshop

M-Tec Open Classes - Schedule TBD

Education Schedule - Lean Mfg. Workshop

M-Tec Open Classes - Schedule TBD

APICS Education Update

The most successful individuals and organizations map out their goals to ensure they are achieved. When organizations decide to go lean, they need a skilled team, a system-wide approach, and commitment from team members at all levels of the company. Build your skills and be an integral part of developing a lean culture at your organization with the new [APICS Lean Enterprise Workshop Series](#).

The APICS Lean Enterprise Workshop Series is organized to enable you to approach and understand the lean transformation process systematically. Using scenarios from a fictitious company, Murphy's Toys, you will be tasked with finding lean solutions to a myriad of challenges. This method will provide you with the flexibility to immediately customize what you've learned and implement it at your own organization.

There are seven workshops in the series.

Introduction

You will gain an overview of the many components of implementing a lean transformation in your organization and gauge your organization's readiness through a hands-on assessment.

Lean Culture

Explore the effects of a lean implementation on your employees and learn about the importance of teams. The Kaizen, a team oriented continuous improvement event will be introduced in this section.

Value Stream Mapping

Learn about value stream mapping and this tool's value for viewing processes and determining potential areas of improvement. Draw a current state map and then learn about concepts to help you improve your future state.

Stability and Process Improvements

Learn how to improve process stability, achieve demand stability and improve manufacturing process efficiencies.

Just-in-Time

Determine customer demand, standard work, line balancing and many other tools to meet customer demand. Participants will explore the use of a heijunka system to meet customer demand through a hands-on activity.

Measuring

Review the way a lean company measures and align measurements with objectives. Topics include lean accounting, inventory costs, target costs and lead time.

Sustaining

Learn about the long-term changes to sustain the gains made. Topics include lean design, analyzing failures and ensuring ongoing quality control and continuous improvement.

Classes Start Soon!

The Lean Enterprise Workshop is only available through your local chapter. To be notified when classes become available in your area, e-mail leanupdates@apics.org or contact your local APICS chapter directly. Visit the APICS [Web site](#) for more information about the Lean Enterprise Workshop series.

Another APICS Collaboration to Better Serve our Members

APICS and the Supply Chain Council Collaborate to Enhance Member Benefits

APICS is pleased to announce an agreement between APICS and the Supply Chain Council (SCC) that will enhance benefits for the members of both associations.

SCC is the world's leading authority on supply chain methodology, diagnostics, and benchmarking based on the SCOR® standard. Its product offerings are a complement to APICS education and certification programs, which provide a foundation for the supply chain improvement activities that SCC promotes.

This collaboration brings together the two leading supply chain organizations to develop the knowledge of their members and deepen the skills sets of supply chain and operations management professionals across the globe.

Welcome Supply Chain Council Members

Members of the Supply Chain Council can now take advantage of APICS member rates on APICS Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) and Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) [certification exams](#), the [2009 APICS International Conference & Expo](#), and the [APICS and IBF Best of the Best S&OP Conference](#) in June.

[Access this link to](#) take advantage of APICS member benefits.

APICS Members, Learn More about Your Benefits from the Supply Chain Council

Take advantage of new educational opportunities through the Supply Chain Council (SCC). As an APICS member, you receive

- Member rates on SCC training classes and the SCOR Professional Certification. When registering, type in the code **APICSMBR** when asked for a discount code to obtain the member rate. Visit scorlabs.org/apics for a schedule of classes.
- Access to the acclaimed SCORmark benchmarking program. SCORmark benchmarks your organization's supply chain based on SCOR metrics and enables you to measure how it rates in relation to other organizations. Type in the code **APICSMBR** when asked for a discount code to obtain the member rate. For more information about SCOR benchmarking, visit scorlabs.org/apics.
- Member pricing at SCC events, including these upcoming events in Atlanta.
[Framework Training](#), May 11-12, 2009
[SCOR Seminar – Focus on Defense and IT Industries, Convergence of SCOR](#), May 13-14, 2009
[Convergence Training](#), May 14, 2009

SCC will be conducting a free Webinar for APICS members on Friday, May 8, at 10:00 a.m. CT. The Webinar will be an introduction to the Supply Chain Council and will include an overview of benefits. Access [this link](#) to register.

We are in need of company coordinators. A company coordinator is the contact person between your company and the APICS SWMI Chapter. Responsibilities include distributing APICS SWMI Chapter event information to colleagues in your company and ensuring all Chapter information is getting to the Supply Chain Manufacturing professionals in your company. If you would like to become a company coordinator, contact Micheal Manchester or Megan McFadden on the SWMI Board and we will get you started.

GLOBAL ABILITY

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Attend APICS 2009 to benefit from Toronto's operations innovations and its focus on competitiveness and economic growth.

Toronto is an intimate metropolis showcasing world-class dining, shopping, architecture, and entertainment. Its cityscape includes landmarks, miles of waterfront, boardwalks, and distinctive neighborhoods for APICS 2009 attendees to explore.

Toronto is at the center of current and ongoing trends of globalization and urbanization. In addition, Toronto's cultural and economic diversity are richly embedded in local businesses and industries. APICS 2009 attendees will have exclusive access to a variety of Toronto-based companies through the 2009 plant tours.

APICS 2009 Learning Paths

- Global Supply Chain
- Demand Management, Forecasting, and S&OP
- Lean
- Basics of Operations Management
- Professional Advancement
- Special Interest Topics

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Your attendance at the 2009 APICS International Conference & Expo earns you 27 professional development points toward APICS certification maintenance.

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APICS SWMI Membership Corner

Membership Update – through April 30, 2009

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APICS Southwest Michigan Chapter Membership Update

Welcome New Corporate Members

New Members

Michael Zajac

Renewing Members

Kathy Gehron
Edmund Huver Jr

Membership Lapsed

Christina Albertson
Sharon Bobowski
Brent Croteau
Sara Lincoln
Jim Ferry

Douglas Gilchrist
Gina Schiming
Benjamin Smith

APICS WMU Student Chapter Membership Update

New Members

David Brent
Maurice Flowers
Kenneth Henderson
Shaelee Heusinkveld
Peter Lyngstad
Michael Vanderkamp

