



The Production Line

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SEPTEMBER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING

Speed Networking – APICS Style

The September PDM offers a unique experience from the typical event the Central Indiana Chapter of APICS sponsors. 'Speed Networking – APICS Style' is an event based on feedback from our membership in getting together to discuss Benchmarking, Best Practices, Operations Excellence and bouncing ideas off of fellow members in addressing opportunities you are facing in your operations. The event will follow the *Speed* format where we will have a rotation of people at tables to allow for a time based event that will drive the networking opportunities.

We are excited to announce the location for this event at the Easley Winery in downtown Indianapolis. Easley Winery began as a dream and a vision of Jack and Joan Easley in the late 1960's. Being home winemakers in the basement of their home in Indianapolis, Jack and Joan dreamed of growing grapes and making wine in Indiana until they discovered that at state law made it illegal. Finally in 1974 the Indiana law was changed to allow wineries. Jack and Joan purchased the former Fertig Ice Cream factory in downtown Indianapolis and did their first crush in the fall of 1974. This facility was/is located in the center of the State's population and has great interstate access off of I-65 and I-70. The rest is history as they say. Easley Winery will also offer a tour of their facility and a sampling of some of their award winning wines along with a hours devours buffet.

PDM MEETING INFORMATION

Date/Time	Thursday, September 11th, 2008 5:30 pm Registration—Networking; 6:15 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Presentation
Location	Easley Winery 205 N College Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46202
Pricing	\$5 Students; \$30 Members; \$45 Non-members
Registration	Register online at www.apics-cind.org . Please register by Monday 09/08/2008.

You can register for this event at the link below:
http://apics-cind.org/events/100_538001.aspx?PROG=PDMG

Developments in Supply Chain Education

Under an articulation agreement announced August 25th, 2008, top graduates from Vincennes University's new two-year program in supply chain logistics management will be able to transfer into the University of Indianapolis bachelor's degree program in operations and supply chain management, one of a handful in the state. Aside from the associate's degree requirements, transferring students will need at least 12 hours of additional credit in subjects such as statistics and managerial accounting, but those who complete that work at VU can claim a bachelor's degree after just two more years of study at UIndy.

Administrators say the transfer arrangement builds on each institution's unique strengths and also contributes to the broader effort to develop Indiana – with its central location and strong transportation infrastructure – as a national hub for warehousing, distribution and advanced manufacturing. Supply chain management, an increasingly important discipline, seeks the most efficient flow of materials, money and information within and among companies as raw materials become finished products for sale.

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Our Olympic Challenge

I REALLY WANTED TO WRITE ABOUT THE OLYMPICS AND THE AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MICHAEL PHELPS AND THE US GYMNASTICS TEAM OR MY FAVORITE, THE WATER POLO TOURNAMENT, ONE OF THE MOST COMPETITIVE I HAVE SEEN IN A LONG TIME. It is incredible how many things you can learn from watching the "Games". The athletes are really challenged to levels that we can only dream of.

However we have other challenges that are not that difficult. And I want to send this challenge to all of our chapter members.

I will call it *The Olympic Challenge*:
CONVINCE ONE PERSON IN YOUR COMPANY TO JOIN US.

If the person was a member in the past and does not have an active membership, it counts. If it is a new member, it counts. We want to be the "Olympic Champion of the APICS Chapters" and show the largest growth of membership in the past four years. To accomplish this task we want to have a minimum of 600 members by June 30, 2009.

Considering that we have 500 active members, the task does not look too difficult. Here is the catch, we really need people that want to learn about operations management and improve their careers. Because of that we are "sandbagging" a little bit and not going after the 1,000. (Yet)

Here is a little help on what you can convey to your co-workers:

Our association changed name a few years ago to "APICS the Association for Operations Management", to have a name that was more associated to the reality of our jobs in the current era. Some of us that have been involved with APICS for many years still associate APICS with Production and Inventory Control. Some colleagues have even asked me if APICS was the "Association of Manufacturing Planners". It is true that we are really proud of our beginning and a lot of us will appreciate anybody that calls us "Planners". We consider it a compliment.

However, our reality in 2008 is different, we are here to serve the Field of Operations Management and all the related support functions.

Chase, Aquilano and Jacobs in their book *Production and Operations Management* Eight Edition Irwin/McGraw-Hill ©

1998 define Operations Management as "The design, operation, and improvement of the production systems that create the firm's primary products or services".

Did you see the word *services* in there?

If we take this definition as a guideline, almost every job in any manufacturing or service industry can be considered part of the operations. We definitely can include our first line supervisors, supply chain managers, (planning, buying, warehousing, distribution) quality managers, information technology managers, cost accountants, and financial analysts. In addition, if you want a good Sales and Operations Planning Process be sure to include your forecaster or marketing manager. This list will round up with what I consider the backbone of our profession, the Academicians.

Everybody in that group is part of the day-to-day decision-making process to support the goals of a firm.

We cannot forget that we also manage people and operations managers need to have a close relationship with the human resources component of the organization.

All the above functions one way or another are related to customer due dates, inventory management, human resource utilization, capacity management, quality control, cost control, process improvements, capital decisions and software utilization, just to mention some of the processes that we deal on a day to day basis in operations management.

A person performing any one of these operations functions will find APICS very relevant to them and will learn something from the APICS body of knowledge. They just need to know that we exist and be aware of the benefits of becoming a member. (Show them our July newsletter).

Go ahead and become an APICS leader, accept the *Olympic Challenge*, bring somebody with you and participate in our many educational and networking activities. They are designed for you, our members.

See you soon!

Javier

APICS Back To School

For me, the annual back-to-school bustle and cooler temperatures of autumn has always been an exciting time, full of anticipation and possibilities. It is also a time of reflection about personal and professional development. We are all lifetime students, and I am excited to tell you about educational offerings through your Central Indiana Chapter of APICS this fall.

APICS' internationally recognized certification programs provide professionals with relevant, essential education that equips them for today's fast-changing marketplace. APICS offers two certification programs, the **APICS CPIM** (Certified in Production and Inventory Management) and the **APICS CSCP** (Certified Supply Chain Professional). APICS designed its certification programs to meet the needs of operations management professionals like you—at any stage of your career, whether you need an in-depth understanding of internal operations or a broad view of your company's entire supply chain.

APICS-CIND courses are led by a team of dedicated, highly qualified instructors who have helped hundreds of professionals meet their CPIM and CSCP certification goals. **Seats are limited**, so take control of your professional development and begin building a competitive advantage by enrolling today!

September 2008 CPIM Classes

- **Basics of Supply Chain Management** (10 Evening Sessions) start September 2nd @ APICS Training Office.
Deadline to enroll: August 25th, 2008.
- **Strategic Management of Resources** (9 Evening Sessions) start September 4th @ APICS Training Office.
Deadline to enroll: August 28th, 2008.
- **Basics of Supply Chain Management Fast-Track Course** (3 Saturday Sessions) start September 13th, 2008 @ University of Indianapolis.
Deadline to enroll: Sept 6th, 2008.

Enroll Today!

http://www.apics-cind.org/education/apics_educ_signup.aspx?PROG=CPIM

Dave Hill, CPIM CSCP
VP Education—APICS Central Indiana Chapter

Program Title	Program	Type	Days	Start Date/Time	Program Location	Dates
BSCM	Basics of Supply Chain Management	Evening	Tues	9/2/2008 17:30	APICS Training Office	9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4
SMOR	Strategic Management of Resources	Evening	Thurs	9/4/2008 17:30	APICS Training Office 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30	9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2,
BSCM	Basics of Supply Chain Management	Fast Track	FT - Sat	9/13/2008 8:00	University of Indianapolis	9/13, 9/20, 9/27
MPOR	Master Planning of Resources	Fast Track	FT - Sat	10/4/2008 8:00	University of Indianapolis	10/4, 10/11
OTHR	CSCP Review Session	Fast Track	FT - Sat	10/6/2008 8:00	University of Indianapolis	9/6, 9/13, 9/27
DSPL	Detailed Scheduling and Planning	Fast Track	FT - Sat	11/15/2008 8:00	University of Indianapolis	11/15, 11/22
MPOR	Master Planning of Resources	Evening	Tues	11/25/2008, 17:30	APICS Training Office 1/13, 1/20, 1/27	11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 1/6,
ECOO	Execution and Control of Operations	Fast Track	FT - Sat	12/6/2008 8:00	University of Indianapolis	12/6, 12/13

The Central Indiana Chapter welcomes the following new professional members:

Daniel Mendoza | Jay Fogle | Forrest Adam | Babs Hefley | Imon Uduehi

Charles Hunter, CPIM –VP Membership

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2008 to 2009 Program Year Professional Development Meetings & Seminars

Date	Title	Presenter/Sponsor	Location
09/11/2008	Speed Networking APICS Style	TBD	TBD
09/18/2008	Lou Russell's 10 Steps to Successful Project Management	PMI CIC	TBD
09/24/2008	Program Meeting	PMI CIC	Valle Vista
10/10/2008 2008	Professional Development Day	PMI CIC	TBD

Seminars

09/02/2008	Basics of Supply Chain Management	APICS Training Office	
09/04/2008	Strategic Management of Resources	APICS Training Office	
09/13/2008	Basics of Supply Chain Management	University of Indianapolis	
10/09/2008	Operational Excellence Workshop	Derek Browning	Valle Vista

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“This agreement provides a wonderful opportunity for students to prepare for promising careers right here in the state,” said Deborah Balogh, UIndy’s provost and vice president for academic affairs. “We introduced the supply chain management major a few years ago, and we’re glad to be able to offer this new option to transfer students, who represent a growing portion of our student population.”

According to VU Provost Ronald Davis, “Supply chain logistics management has become an essential tool of companies in retaining their competitiveness. VU has worked with business and industry to develop a program that prepares individuals to

enter this field after two years and provides them with the knowledge to continue their educational experience at the University of Indianapolis, focusing on leadership roles within the logistics.”

For more information about APICS Supply Chain Certification (CSCP) options visit: http://www.apics-cind.org/education/apics_educ_signup.aspx?PROG=CSCP

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