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The Great Lakes – It's more than a big body of water!

Did you know as a member of the Central Indiana APICS chapter that you are also part of a much larger APICS organization? It is known as "The district" (The Great Lakes District aka "GLD") and is made up of 23 chapters in 4 states (Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin) and has approximately 4765 members. There are 9 volunteer individuals on the District Staff, 8 who are appointed by the District Manager and one who is elected (the district manager) by the Chapter Presidents. As stated all district staff members are volunteers, none of the 9 staff members get paid for anything that they do to help in the district.

The district staff is responsible for aiding the chapter presidents and chapter members in the management and operation of the chapters by assisting them whenever possible. They also convey information as necessary from headquarters as they visit their assigned chapters throughout the program year. The district staff members review the operation of the chapters and give advice to the chapter presidents and members on Chapter Management, Processes and Activities. The district staff members review the Chapters, Chapter Minimum Standards and C-Bar status and report the information to the district manager. They also assist in the revitalization of chapters if it becomes necessary. The district staff meets by conference call on a regular bases and if possible face to face during the year.

The district manager is part of the District Manager Council which is made up of one district manager from each of the 9 Districts. The district managers' aide and assist the district staff members and chapters as needed. The district manager reviews and compares progress of the district and shares Best Practices of local chapters with the other district managers. The district managers also meet by conference call monthly and face to face as the HQ budget allows.

The district has a District Field Rep who is a paid member of the APICS HQ staff. Each District has their own field rep that assists the district staff, the chapter presidents and chapter members with any questions that need to be resolved at HQ level. The District Field Rep also is available to assist chapters with pressing problems at the chapter level that need immediate investigation or special assistance at HQ.

The CIND APICS chapter president and board are requested to take part in district meetings as often as district meetings are offered. Chapter members are welcome based on invitation from the local chapter president. Chapter attendance at district meetings is also a requirement to qualify for chapter minimum standards and C-Bar awards. Funding for attendance by the chapter board members is the responsibility of the chapter and or individual member depending on arrangement made by the chapter with its members. 2 to 4 District meetings may be offered per year.

The District has a web site—www.apicsgreatlakes.org—that displays useful information and quick links to other APICS web sites, including HQ and all chapters in the district. This is another way your membership is working for you!

The Central Indiana Chapter welcomes the following new professional members:

Chris Mulherin
Dan Salain
David Fissell
Larry Lakin
Maria Sarubbi, CPIM
William Smith
Mike Berman
Scott Willis

Bryan Seidensticker, CPIM —VP Membership





P R E S I D E N T ' S C O R N E R BY JIM TILTON, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY!

Well, OK, Happy New, "APICS-CIND Board of Directors fiscal year"...to be more precise.

Yes Central Indiana, it's that time of year once again when APICS-CIND, the Central Indiana Chapter of the Association for Operations Management, sets in motion another year of serving it's membership.

Hi. My name is Jim Tilton and I have received the honor and privilege to preside over APICS-CIND, the multi-platinum Chapter of APICS — The Association for Operations Management. I joined the board about a year after becoming CPIM Certified and an APICS-CIND Chapter member. I was brought into the board as a rookie and was asked to develop a strategic alliance with other Central Indiana Professional organizations. That Alliance is now referred to as the Indiana Alliance of Professional Societies or I.A.P.S. You can't have an organization without an acronym. I was once told "Hey man, it's a State Law".

Except for a few new volunteers, this year's board of directors is comprised of many of last year's members! The interesting thing about this Board is while many are returning for another year of service, most have chosen to volunteer their time and talent to other chapter roles and duties. This cross-over is already producing new ideas and opportunities for the membership of Central Indiana APICS while maintaining a solid foundation of experience. I have always believed that if an organization or business chooses to grow their employees, then in doing so they also grow their organization. To echo Javier Rodriguez's message in his last message as President, this "Chapter is still strong" and continues to grow due to the professionalism and passion for APICS that is ever present in your Board of Directors.

To that point, I now introduce to you the APICS-CIND 2009-2010 Board of Directors Vice Presidents.

Introducing our new members first is Tammy Lantz. Tammy has assumed VP responsibilities for our Newsletters and Publicity. Bruce Myers is joining us as VP of Marketing initiatives. Chris Felger is our new VP of Finance.

Returning APICS-CIND VP's are Mollie Earnhart VP of Chapter administration, Kimber Rueff, VP of our Professional Association Outreach program (IAPS), Jan Borchert is our returning VP of Education. Jim Conner is now taking over as VP of programs. Taking charge of the Company Coordinator program is Scott Chandler. Chip Hunter is our now VP of Quality. Bryan Seidensticker is VP of Membership. Scott Keller continues as our VP of Info-technology. Professor Karl Knapp continues as VP of Student Chapter and Career Development. Jim Malone is our new Executive Vice President. I am also happy to report Jason Wheeler, President for 2007-2008 and our current Great Lakes District Representative, remains very active in supporting us at the Local level.

Assisting this year's Board is a team of very talented Directors. The Directors are David Hill, Lance Wenck, Rao Kolla, Kathy Franklin-Lee, Kathleen Butkiewicz, and Emily Phillips.

Now that I've introduced the Board of Directors to you the membership, I think it is only polite that you return the favor in kind and introduce yourself to the Board.

It's pretty easy really. One way is this thing called the internet & e-mail. You know that thing Al Gore came up with awhile back. Anyway, you can find us on the www.apics-cind.org website and click on BOARD or just paste <http://www.apics-cind.org/board.aspx> in your browser to get there. Just go ahead and put it in your favorites now while you're thinking about it. I'll wait.

If you're more personal and inquisitive, as a member you're always welcome to attend any of our, oops sorry, make that 'your', Monthly Board Meetings. We invite you to come and share your ideas and concerns with us. I just ask that you register on line first. We need to know who will be in attendance so we have enough room and of course food. Because, in the off chance Al G. stops by to check on how things are working I can't guarantee the pizza will go 'round...!

What we really prefer to see is *you make the opportunity to introduce yourself to us in person* at a monthly dinner meeting, or "PDM" as they're commonly known. PDM, BTW, is the obligatory TLA (Three Letter Acronym) for (Professional Dinner Meeting). This is just an FYI. OK?

Here are two things I bet you didn't know about our PDM's. (1) Many of our PDM's include an APICS-CIND original idea called the "Table Top" discussion. And those PDM's are worth double the APICS Certification points! And (2) you can become eligible to receive a free PDM just by prepaying with your credit card when you register for the PDM on-line.

Speaking of PDM's we feel we have a really good start on a quality line up planned for the coming year. We'll hear about Marketing, cutting costs from the Supply chain, Human Capital, Logistics in the military from a combat veteran. We are also happy to report that Gerry Dick from Inside Indiana business has agreed to finish out our year with a repeat appearance at our Joint meeting with fellow IAPS members, PMI and ASQ. Looking to the future we are currently having discussions with a local university in hopes of bringing information about new and emerging technologies applicable to the operations, supply chain, and logistics fields. We are also working with State agencies to make Central Indiana businesses aware of APICS and how APICS is here to help, train, and benefit, an individual, a company, and the community. And this is just the beginning.

I want to recognize those Past Presidents I have had the privilege to know and serve, for the guidance they have given me that has led to this opportunity. Those people are John Pennington, Sue Gentry, Dave Hinko, Jason Wheeler, and Javier Rodriguez.

Personally, I feel very blessed to have received the opportunity to preside over a group of people who share such an amazing level of passion for APICS as this 2009-2010 Board of Directors.

It's a good thing we're a volunteer organization, because you can't buy the passion these folks possess!

If APICS helped you get to where you are today, try looking to where you can take APICS. Above all, remember this is your chapter, too. APICS-CIND.

Take part in it. Take pride in it. Be APICS.

Looking forward to meeting you,

JIM TILTON

Leading operations management organizations in the US and the UK announce exclusive education partnership

Chicago, IL (June 22, 2009)—APICS announced today a new alliance with The Institute of Operations Management (IOM) in the United Kingdom. IOM, the UK's largest operations management institute, will be the sole, non-profit organization representing APICS in Great Britain. This new partnership will expand APICS' presence in the UK and enable increased distribution of APICS' world-renowned education, certification, and membership programs to operations management and supply chain management professionals in the region.

"We are pleased to have IOM as an exclusive non-profit association partner," said APICS Chief Executive Officer Abe Eshkenazi, CSCP, CPA, CAE, "This collaboration creates opportunities for knowledge sharing that will benefit the profession worldwide."

"It is exciting to be able to offer APICS certification and membership programs to the nearly 19,000 members of IOM and its sister organization, The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport," said Leonie Edwards, Manager of IOM, "APICS programs, including the well respected Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) and Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) designations, enable IOM to provide more comprehensive resources to local professionals and bring an international perspective to our programming."

IOM's members will have the opportunity to become members of APICS and participate in international networking forums. APICS members worldwide will benefit from access to IOM events and courses.

APICS The Association for Operations Management and The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) Partner to Provide Certification Opportunities to U.S. Military Personnel

APICS-DANTES program provides opportunities for service members to enhance supply chain and operations management knowledge and expertise.

Chicago, Ill. (June 30, 2009) — APICS The Association for Operations Management, the global leader in supply chain and operations management certification and education, has partnered with the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), the Department of Defense program dedicated to providing high-quality educational opportunities to military service members, Department of Defense staff, and their family members to offer APICS certification opportunities to the military community.

The APICS-DANTES partnership, which will be announced at the Department of Defense's Worldwide Education Symposium, July 27-31, 2009, in Atlanta, Georgia, provides unprecedented access to APICS' world-renowned APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) program and other APICS educational and certification programs to the military community.

"APICS education develops the knowledge and skills operations management professionals need to compete and build a stronger global economy," said APICS CEO Abe Eshkenazi, CSCP, CPA, CAE. "We look forward to offering relevant and applicable APICS educational opportunities to military personnel through the DANTES program." "We are eager to offer the APICS certification programs to military and defense personnel to help them achieve their educational and professional goals," said DANTES director, Jeffrey P. Cropsey, Ed.D. "The APICS-DANTES program provides valuable opportunities for education and career advancement."

Beginning in August, the APICS CSCP exam will be delivered at 100 DANTES/Pearson VUE test centers located on military bases worldwide. The APICS CSCP program provides a broad view of the supply chain, helping participants understand the entire supply chain—from end to end.

NEW EVENT! The CIND-APICS Open House

On Thursday, August 13th APICS-CIND will host an APICS AWARENESS & OPEN HOUSE

<http://www.apics-cind.org/events/100_538001.aspx?PROG=PDMG> held at the Mansion at Oak Hill located on the corner of 116th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway.

Come and see how the collaboration of APICS-CIND, Conexus Indiana, Ivy Tech Community College, and the Indiana Economic Development Commission, can and will benefit you, your company, your community, and the State of Indiana. This event will host a panel discussion and presentation.

Informational topics to be covered include:

- Indiana's 2009 Manufacturing & Logistics Report Card and what it means to you.
- In-depth information on the value and benefits that APICS membership, education, training, and certifications can bring your company and your employees.
- How Ivy Tech, in conjunction with the State of Indiana and APICS-CIND, is a key player in delivering workforce training and development for the State of Indiana

- Available incentive programs from the Indiana Economic Development Commission to make Indiana competitive in the 21st Century economy.

Whether you are an individual professional, corporate leader, student, or entrepreneur, your attendance at this event will gain you the understanding of how and why now, more than ever, belonging to APICS benefits your career, your organization, and your community!

This event is being held Thursday Aug 13th between 5:30 to 8:00 PM at the Mansion at Oak Hill located on the corner of 116th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway.

Due to special sponsorship funding APICS-CIND is proud to announce this event is being offered at special discount pricing of \$20. There will also be promotional discounts on select educational classes for new members joining through this event.

Seating is limited! So Sign up now @
http://www.apics-cind.org/events/100_538001.aspx?PROG=PDMG

2009 Professional Development Meetings

Date	Title	Presenter/Sponsor	Location
August 13	APICS Open House * General Admission cost: \$20 per person	Bob Collins	Mansion at Oak Hill
September 10	Talent Gap in Your Supply Chain	Carrie Van Daele	Mansion at Oak Hill
October 8	Expense Reduction	Ray Stapleton	Mansion at Oak Hill
November 12	War of Logistics — Supplying Our Troops in the Middle East	Major John Cleveland	Valle Vista ConferenceCenter
December 10	Inside Indiana Business	Gerry Dick	Mansion at Oak Hill

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ADMISSION: Members: \$30.00
 Non-Members: \$40.00
 Students: \$20.00

SIGN-UP: 5:30 PM

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