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CHAPTER MEMBER EARNS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Natasha Steenbergen, CPIM, was selected for the APICS 2010 Future Leaders Program, a leadership development program to identify and mentor young professionals into becoming future APICS leaders. This program is designed to provide an opportunity for highly motivated individuals who are early in their careers and relationship with APICS to participate in a year-long training and committee experience. This is not only an important development opportunity for the individuals participating—the program also supports APICS' strategic goal of developing leadership in the organization.

The team met together for the

first time at the 2009 International Conference held in Toronto last month. They participated in leadership training and attended general conference sessions. They are collaborating for one year on a special project to be presented at the 2010 International Conference in Nashville, and are mentored by Thomas Krupka, CFPIM, CSCP, Jonah the 2009 Chair of the Board.

Steenbergen was nominated for the program by her employer, P&H Mining Equipment, on the basis of exhibiting commitment to the company and to APICS, seeking to play a leadership role in both organizations, and belief that leadership development training will benefit her in

her career, among other criteria. Over 30 nominations were received and only eight were selected. Team members are from a number of prestigious companies including Boeing, Loreal, and Kimberly Clark.

Steenbergen serves on the Milwaukee chapter Board of Directors as the Director of Public Relations. She is a graduate of UW-Oshkosh in the Supply Chain and Operations Management BBA program and is currently pursuing her MBA at UW-Whitewater. Natasha is employed as an aftermarket planner/scheduler for P&H's international customers in the Eastern hemisphere and resides near Johnson Creek with her husband Jeff.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Recap the 2009 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on Page 4
- If you're interested in our BREAKFAST ROUND-TABLE, information is on Page 3
- See Page 5 for more information about members of our BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- Keep an eye out for EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES throughout *Feedback*

IS THE ECONOMY TAKING A TOLL ON YOUR PROCUREMENT?

Join us at Marquette University in conjunction with the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) for a joint PDM on Managing Procurement in Today's Economic Environment. Our presenter will be Steve Cassady, Director -Global Procurement at Kohler Co. Steve will call on his experience overseeing all purchasing activity worldwide to discuss strategies for managing procurement activities in a pre-

carious economic environment. The collaborative nature of this month's PDM will also provide attendees access to members of ISM for enhanced networking potential.

Educational Opportunity

Steve Cassady holds the position of Director-Global Procurement at Kohler Co. He is re-

sponsible either directly or indirectly for all purchasing activity and associates worldwide. Steve is also responsible for Kohler Co.'s Energy Management, Real Estate Management, and Corporate Transportation and Logistics Organization, which includes all U.S. domestic shipping, international import and export compliance, and Kohler Co.'s internal trucking company.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Looking at all the competition in today's job market, you have to do everything to remain competitive and cover your bases in the event you have the challenge of being unemployed. Here are four ways you

1. You can improve your chances of landing that new job by:
2. Attaining your CPIM or CSCP Certification
3. Attending Monthly Professional Development Meetings. Note that you will now receive one free Professional Development Meeting attendance with each com-

- pleted course at WCTC.
4. Networking through APICS groups on LinkedIn and Facebook

Become active in the chapter and meet decision makers from many of the major companies in the area.

This month we have also developed a new program to give you the opportunity to attend the remaining Professional Development Meetings at a discounted price so your professional development doesn't have to suffer just because the economy is. If you purchase tickets for the remaining seven PDMs, you will pay only \$15 per

meeting for members and \$20 per meeting for non-members, a savings of 60%. See page six for more information.

We need our members to be involved in molding the future. When more people get involved, good things will happen; this year's Board proves that. We have an excellent year planned, come and network and enjoy!!!

Gregory L. Whalen
CPIM CLA CLT



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CALLING ALL EARLY RISERS!

Have you been looking for an opportunity to plug into APICS on a different time schedule and format than our monthly PDMs? We are once again offering our APICS Breakfast Roundtable.

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The roundtable breakfast setting-a small group of people sharing ideas, opinions and strategies related to a particular topic, continues to

thrive with members dedicated to its quality and timeliness. Topics are selected by the group as a whole based on issues and trends they are seeing in the workplace and beyond. The intimate nature of the group fosters a collaborative atmosphere focused on particular areas of discussion. For those looking for employment and interested in networking, the small group setting makes this an excellent opportunity.

While there is no cost to attend the event, each member is responsible for their meal costs. Attendance is worth 1 certification maintenance point.

Information on this month's roundtable is at right and on our website www.apicsmilw.org/events. If you have questions, please contact Janice DeCaluwe at Janice.decaluwe@zero-zone.com or Fred Kindelberger at fkindelberger@orion-corp.com.

APICS Roundtable

Breakfast

Date
November 11, 2009

Time
7:30—9:00 am

Location
Maxwell's Restaurant
1005 S. Moorland Rd
Brookfield

Topic
Strategic Vendor
Relations

LEAN IN THE OFFICE AT CARROLL UNIVERISTY

Come meet the Carroll University APICS chapter and listen to a presentation on Lean in the Office.

Gary Kerslake will give a short presentation on how to improve office efficiency and reduce waste. Gary is a Sup-

ply Chain Consultant with SVA's Manufacturing Services located in Brookfield, Wisconsin. As a consultant, he has worked with several of our nation's leading corporations and government agencies. Gary has been a member of the Milwaukee Chapter

since 1974 and has been both a regional and national speaker for APICS.

This event is free of charge and will be held on November 17 from 6:45 to 8:00 pm with networking opportunities beforehand. If you

are interested in attending, please contact Michelle Weber at mweber@carrollu.edu. Please RSVP by Friday, November 13.

See you there!

Student Corner

COLLEGE, THEN WHAT...? PDM WELL ATTENDED

In October, APICS Milwaukee hosted a student focused Professional Development Meeting – a result of feedback from the students during the past academic year. The event, which was held in Delafield, a central location for all student chapters, featured three speakers: Michelle Kionka from MRA

speaking on resume writing, Chris Campbell of Lake Shore Branding presenting on social media marketing, and Jim Palzewicz of ActionCoach speaking on networking. It was a well attended event with 15 students attending from Carroll and UW-Whitewater and two alumni of the schools as well. It was

a great start to the program year for the student chapters.

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Two events in the future will require support of our professional membership to make

successful – the APICS Milwaukee Mock Interview Scholarship Program and UW-Whitewater is seeking professionals in industry to speak at a career option they are looking to arrange in early 2010.

Upcoming Student Events

11/10/09 APICS Milwaukee PDM @ Marquette University

2/12-13/2009 District Student Case Competition

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION HOTZONE

Spring 2010 Course Schedule

SPRING 2010 CPIM

- **Basics of Supply Chain Management**
January 9
- **Master Planning of Resources**
January 30th
- **Detailed Scheduling and Planning**
February 20
- **Execution and Control of Operations**
April 10
- **Strategic Management of Resources**
May 1

FALL 2009 CSCP

- February 10, 17, 24
- March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- April 7, 14, 21, 28
- May 5

FALL 2009 FUNDAMENTALS OF PRODUCTION AND INVENTORY CONTROL

- February 24
- March 3, 10, 17, 24

2009 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE RECAP: TORONTO

Toronto, what an amazing city. Numerous skyscrapers reaching upward as if to find a better view of beautiful Lake Ontario and many more under construction. This city with its sites and night life provided a beautiful backdrop to the 2009 APICS International Conference. Attendees from around the world came to learn and share in the pursuit of operational excellence.

Global Ability was the theme as operations professionals accustomed to navigating the extended international value streams gained insight into how to succeed in an interde-

pendent market place. The learning paths presented many valuable options for attendees looking to focus on a particular aspect of their operational arena. Lean, Global Supply Chain, Basics of Operations Management, Demand Management, Forecasting, and Sales and Operations Planning, Professional Advancement and Special interest topics were available to mix and match as attendees looked to maximize their experience.

Many of the learning sessions were standing room only as the topics were of great interest and the speak-

ers of the highest caliber. As the operational professionals learned, the value in the sessions was not only about the content that was presented, but also in the interactions and real life examples that were shared. The sessions have been captured with sound that has been synchronized to the presenters' slides. The APICS Live Learning Center website is a value rich tool provided to the attendees. <http://www.softconference.com/apics/login.asp>.

For those that wanted to expand their learning there were some very interesting

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plant tours available. Some of the more popular tours included Bombardier Aerospace and Bayer, Inc. Other events of interest were held in the expansive Toronto Convention Center that was next to the CN Tower which is a staggering 550 meters tall.

The conference wrapped up with the closing reception in the Fairmont Royal York Hotel Canadian Ballroom. Here the attendees were able to unwind from the 3 days filled with learning and networking and enjoy the hospitality of the grand city.

FACES IN THE CROWD

You may not know it but you have the opportunity to meet and collaborate with individuals from industry leading companies nearly every month. Professional Development Meetings (PDMs) are

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excellent opportunities to network with individuals at the forefront of operations

management. Take a look at the list of companies represented at our last PDM, we hope to see your company!

- Stainless Foundry
- P&H Mining Equipment
- US Chemical
- Magnetek
- Harley Davidson
- Gehl Company
- Modine Manufacturing
- Thermo Fisher Scientific
- Perlick Corporation
- Phoenix Products
- We Energies
- BR Metal Technologies
- Trace-A-Matic
- Putzmeister Inc
- Adaptive Micro Systems

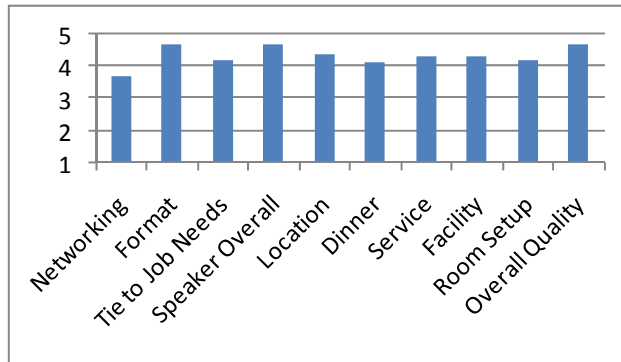
MEMBERS COME OUT FOR P&H PLANT TOUR

Thank you to P&H Mining Equipment for opening their doors for a plant tour and informative presentations. This event brought our highest attendance for the year.

Each month we post the ratings for the previous month's PDM in an effort to continue to put on high quality, value added presentations and events. Ratings are on a five point scale: 1 Poor, 2 Fair, 3

Average, 4 Good, 5 Excellent. We strive for excellence at all events, so please share your

feedback with Director of Programs Sue Dunn at programs@apicsmilw.org.



CURRENT JOB POSTINGS

Are you looking for a new career opportunity? Check out the APICS Milwaukee Job Board. Also, keep in mind that APICS will extend your membership for six months if you are unemployed. This benefit can be used three times for a total of 18 months of extended benefits. In the mean time, we're here

to help! Keep networking (LinkedIn is a great way to do so!) and attending PDMs. Current postings on the Job Board are at right, for more information, visit www.apicsmilw.org/jobs/jobboard.

- Mgr of Demand Planning
- Master Scheduler and Planner
- Sourcing and Inventory Manager
- Commodity Manager
- Director of Production Planning and Inventory Control
- Sr Sourcing Specialist
- Manager Manufacturing Operations

-Special Announcement-

Special Pricing for Future Professional Development Meetings

In an effort to help our members in these difficult times, the Milwaukee Chapter of APICS will be selling tickets to the remaining PDMs at a greatly reduced cost. If you purchase tickets for the seven remaining PDMs before October 31, you will only pay \$15/meeting for members and \$20/meeting for non-members. That is a savings of 60%. See below for a valuable coupon.

COUPON

Special Pricing for Professional Development Meetings

Purchase tickets for the seven remaining PDMs and pay only **\$15 for Members** or **\$20 for Non-members**.

Bring this coupon to the next PDM to receive this special pricing when you purchase all seven remaining PDMs.

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THE NETWORKING**

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DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS!

Tuesday, November 10

Joint Meeting with Institute of Supply Management (ISM):

Managing Procurement in Today's Economic Environment

Speaker: Steve Cassady, Director-Global Procurement, Kohler Co.

Marquette University

5:00 pm

Thursday, December 10

Best Leadership Practices to Create and Sustain High Performing Organizations

Speaker: Bob Weiss, President, RJM Consulting, LLC

Charcoal Grill New Berlin

5:00 pm

Thursday, January 21

In Conjunction with Blood Center of Wisconsin

Lean Transformation: Beyond the Toolbox

Speaker: Cindy Mand MBA, Director, Lean Enterprise, BloodCenter of Wisconsin

Location TBD

5:00 pm

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