



Central Minnesota Chapter - P. O. Box 457, St. Cloud, MN 56302

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April Professional Development Meeting Tuesday, April 3, 2007

TOYOTA PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

APPLYING THE CONCEPTS

PRESENTED BY MICHAEL C. BENNER, HONEYWELL

Program Note: This presentation will be approximately 75 minutes. Please plan accordingly.

Toyota Production Systems (TPS) has been around for many years. The concepts allow manufacturing facilities to streamline their production system. Through standardized work using takt time, your business can drive improved performance in safety, quality, cost, delivery and inventory. Eliminating waste through direct observation, prioritizing the process flow, and focusing on the entire value stream map, allows you to drive improvement. The final concept of using the 5 “why’s” to start the problem- solving process, along with leadership coaching, will get your company well on its way to seeing the benefits of the TPS concepts. Michael Benner will conclude with an approach to sustaining the process through multi-year goal setting.

You will learn the following about the Toyota Production System:

- The background and philosophy of TPS.
- The concepts and how to successfully apply them in your organization to drive exceptional performance in quality, cost, delivery, and inventory.
- The organizational and leadership changes needed to manage the organization and to continue improvements through the Toyota Production System.

Speaker Biography

As Location Director for Golden Valley, one of the Environmental Combustion Controls North American plants, a division of the Automation and Control Solutions Business, Michael Benner is responsible for delivering performance and productivity commitments of this \$150 million revenue plant. In this role, Michael has direct responsibility for operations, manufacturing engineering,

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Location: Holiday Inn
37th & Division, St. Cloud, MN

Menu: Garlic and Butter Steak
Mashed Potato and Gravy
Vegetables

Cost: Members and Non-members \$ 22
Students \$ 8

Schedule:

Registration	5:15 PM
Dinner	5:30 PM
Announcements	6:15 PM
Speaker	6:30 PM
Q & A	7:45 PM

Please make reservations by Noon, on Thursday, March 29, 2007 with Donna Messer at DCI, Inc.

Phone: 320-257-4354; Fax: 320-252-0866; Email: dmmesser@dciinc.com

APICS is responsible for all meal reservations, including no-shows. Cancellations and no-shows received after March 29 will be billed

Officer's Corner

by Donna Messer, VP of Programs

I thought I would take this opportunity to tell everyone a little about myself.

For the past five years I have worked at DCI, which manufactures stainless steel equipment. Most my job duties at DCI is creating the bill of materials for the shop floor. Before joining DCI, I worked for more than 12 years at DeZurik which manufactures industrial valves. I started in the bill of material department at DeZurik and later worked as a planner/scheduler.

I have been on the Central Minnesota Board of Directors for the past five years. I have worked on the newsletter, served as VP of Membership and I am currently the VP of Programs. My responsibility as the VP of programs is to find speakers and plan the monthly Professional Development Meetings and tours. I also assist in running the newsletter copies, making the mailing labels and updating the mailing list. Before joining the Board of Directors, I spend several years as a company coordinator.

The focus of the Central Minnesota APICS chapter is to provide quality education in resource management for Central Minnesota. All of us on the CEMN Board of Directors work very hard to accomplish this goal but we can always use more help. We are always looking to recruit people to become board members but there are also many other ways you can help make the local chapter stronger. We encourage every company to have a company coordinator. The company coordinator is the communication link between your company and the board of directors. The easiest way to contribute to your local chapter is to communicate your educational needs to the board.

We are always looking for everyone's suggestions, comments and concerns regarding classes, seminars, professional development meetings and APICS in general.



Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence in Operations Management

For 50 years, APICS members have made a positive difference in the way organizations produce and deliver the goods and services people use every day. From sourcing to delivery, APICS members play a critical role throughout the supply chain to ensure customers are satisfied and businesses prosper.

The founders of APICS were pioneers of their time, with a vision to see the broad application of their best practices and solutions. They were inspired to develop and share their growing body of knowledge by establishing a professional association that would empower individuals to improve business operations and enhance their careers.

Their legacy thrives in the APICS of today. APICS education, certification, and training are regarded as the industry standard worldwide. More than 42,000 members in 20,000 organizations rely on APICS for its relevant training, internationally recognized certifications, comprehensive resources, and network of accomplished industry professionals.

In the years to come, APICS will continue to develop results-driven education, training, and industry content for our members and customers. Together, we will build upon the APICS legacy as we launch into another successful 50 years.

Happy 50th Anniversary, APICS!

CEMN Educational Calendar

CPIM Review Class

Strategic Management of Resources

Date: March 28 - May 23, 2007
27 instructional hours
Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Location: Gold'n Plump Corporate Office
4th Floor Training Center
Instructor: Dr. Bruce Skalbeck

CEMN PDM Schedule

May 1, 2007 Tour - Landscape Structures,
Delano, MN

Company Coordinators

Company Coordinators serve as the liaison between their company and the APICS Chapter Board of Directors. They are the source of APICS information about the chapter's educational offerings for their co-workers, and provide feedback to the chapter about the educational needs of their company's management.

3 M Alexandria Abrasives	Andrew Pung
DeZurik Water Controls	Sandy Machula
Gold'n N Plump	Darrell Watercott
Hunt Technology	Barb Hammer
New Flyer	David Gerhardson
Redball LLC	Kim Benson
Suttle Appartus	Sharon Haley
The Antioch Company	Deb Eisenshenk
Trivirix	Craig Kissinger

Welcome to these new APICS Members:

Professional Membership

Christina Skappel	HTI
Beth Sueker	Wacosa
Doris Illies	Wacosa

Speaker Biography

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materials, quality, tactical purchasing and continuous improvement. He also leads the plant's environmental, health and safety group. Michael became the Golden Valley Location Director in January of 2004, where he has led the implementation of the Honeywell Operating System (modeled after the Toyota Production System) and has achieved the plant's best safety record in its history. He joined Honeywell in January 2003 as the Golden Valley Operations Quality Leader. Prior to joining Honeywell, Michael worked as Director of Operations at Cummins Power Generation (Onan) in Fridley, Minnesota. He also led the redesign of the recreational vehicle genset assembly line and played a key role on the team that consolidated Cummins' electronics plant into the Fridley site. During his 18 year tenure with Cummins, Michael served in many roles including Director of Manufacturing, Plant Quality Leader, Worldwide Operations Coordinator for the Cummins Production System (modeled after the Toyota Production System at NUMMI), and New Engine Development Manufacturing Strategy Leader. In addition, he worked in various manufacturing quality management and engineering roles. Michael holds an MBA in management from Indiana University and a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering technology from Purdue University.

Note from the President:

As we near the end of the program year, we will be transitioning to a new Board of Directors. If you have recently joined APICS, why don't you take this opportunity to learn more about the organization and become involved in our local chapter by joining our Board of Directors. Board participation offers:

- Leadership training at a local chapter level
- Training through participation in Region meetings and events
- Opportunity to work with a dedicated group of APICS volunteers
- Reduced costs for local chapter events
- Reduced costs for attendance at the International Conference

Call or email me for more information on how you can join the Central MN Board of Directors.
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