



Central Minnesota Chapter - P. O. Box 457, St. Cloud, MN 56302      September, 2007  
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# September Professional Development Meeting

Tuesday, September 11th, 2007

The theme for this year's program is "What APICS has to Offer". We are starting off the year with a series of presentations on the tools, classes, and certifications readily at hand -- those available from APICS and your local chapter. This is a PDM you will not want to miss. With all of the new and exciting educational opportunities and tools available, this will be your best chance to meet this years board members and learn about upcoming seminars, certifications including CPIM (certified production and inventory management) and the new CSCP (certified supply chain professional), CPIM and CSCP preparation courses, workshops, opportunities to get more involved with your local chapter, and much more.

Are you an APICS member? Come and learn about the benefits of membership. Would you like to get involved with your local chapter, but don't have time to serve on the board? Come and learn about opportunities to join a committee or help with a special project. Maybe you have been a member for years and perhaps you received your CPIM certification, but what about the new employees in your company? Have they been offered the same opportunity? Here is a chance to introduce them to the value of an APICS Certification and exposure to the APICS body of knowledge, even if a certification is not in their plans. Were you aware APICS added the new CSCP (certified supply chain professional) certification last year? Join us for some short presentations on the value of APICS membership and education, the CPIM certification program, and the new CSCP certification. The presentations will be short, giving everyone lots of time for networking. This will be a fun, informal meeting. Do you need more reasons to attend?

- ***It's Free and appetizers will be served!***
- ***One Certification Maintenance Point will be given for attendance***
- ***Drawings for door prizes throughout the evening***
- ***Grand prize drawing after last presentation***

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

**Schedule:**  
Registration 5:15 PM  
Appetizer Buffet 5:30 PM  
Break 6:45 PM  
Wrap Up 7:15-7:30

**Menu:**            Appetizer Buffet

**Cost:**            Free!!!!!!

**Even though this is a free event, we ask that you make reservations so that we can plan for food.**

Please make reservations by Noon, on Thursday, Sept 6th, 2007 with Doris Illies at Wacosa.  
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# Officer's Corner

By Andrew Pung, VP-Seminars/Acting President

The Fall season is fast approaching and that means the start of another exciting year for the CEMN APICS chapter. This year is sure to be the best year yet; we have some excellent events lined up and some great educational opportunities.

I would like to recognize Majorie Latour and Sandi Lambrecht for their help on the APICS board the past several years. Marjorie is now serving as the past president and is still participating as a resource for training, helping with special projects, and serving on an advisory committee. She has been President a few times and has helped this board drive some key changes and has helped put some processes and metrics in place to keep us moving forward. Sandi has been a key to the success of our CPIM course offerings. She has been organizing public and company specific CPIM courses which have offered numerous educational hours and opportunities for people to prepare for their exams. Thanks to you both from the board.

The Fall seminar entitled “**Completing Globally with Lean Six Sigma**” - *Understanding Lean Six Sigma – the elements, applications and keys to success in competing globally*, has been scheduled and will take place Friday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> (see included brochure for more details) at the Radisson Suites in St. Cloud, MN. Our chapter is partnering with MetaOps and Ron Crabtree, an internationally recognized expert and author in cutting-edge business process improvement methodologies. We're excited to offer this opportunity for anyone interested in learning a brief history of the evolution of Lean Six Sigma and what it *is*. The seminar will also include some practical application and a review of the key tools in Lean Six Sigma that any company can apply, with exercises. To help drive home the concepts, a simulation – practical hands-on application of Lean Six Sigma concepts is included along with an exercise entitled “Are you ready for the changes implied in successfully applying Lean Six Sigma in your organization?”. To end, we will be reviewing practical tips for getting started on the Lean Six Sigma journey.

We have welcomed new board member Doris Illies from Wacosa into our VP-Programs position and she is well on her way with planning our PDM and tour schedule for the year. As mentioned above, our first PDM will be “What APICS has to Offer” and will include several presentations from our board members and will cover all the educational offerings and services we can provide. Doris is planning a tour in October (location TBD) and some exciting PDM speakers throughout the next year; look for the details in upcoming newsletters and on our website <http://www.cemnapics.org/>.

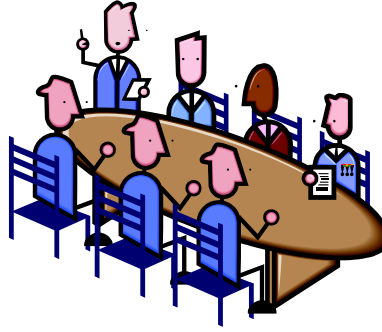
We have also welcomed new board member John Lien into our VP-Marketing position. John owns his own business, LNJ Consulting, and will be a great resource for our board. John will be working to help support our efforts to grow our membership and will be focusing on several opportunities including creation of a membership services team committee to help with our membership goals. John will also be a key to growing our company coordinator program and will also help with the marketing of APICS educational offerings i.e. classes, seminars, etc.

New to the VP-Membership position is Scott McLaughlin from 3M Alexandria. Growing our membership base and maintaining existing members is a key goal for our chapter. Scott will be one of the first points of contact for potential members and he is also helping out the membership services team.

We have decided as a board it is time to go paperless with our newsletter, please see the information below and on our website for more details on this transition that will be complete Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. We are also looking into some IT options to help streamline our membership survey, event management, and database maintenance efforts. We have an executive committee that will be looking into various event management and software packages that will provide the opportunities we're looking for. This change will offer easier registration for events, more comprehensive feedback from our members, and more efficient management of our member information.

As I mentioned, this year is sure to be a success, thank you all for your continued support with your membership and participation at APICS events. We are here for you; let us know what we can do to better serve your needs, feel free to contact any of our board members, see the contact info included in the newsletter.

# Call for Committee Members!



The membership services team, made up of the VP-Membership and VP-Marketing, are recruiting to form a committee to support our initiatives to grow our membership base. Membership is the key to our chapter's success and this is a great opportunity for you to get involved without having to commit to a board position.

The committee will be meeting in October to discuss objectives, goals, and potential projects to help meet our overall strategic membership goals. The committee will be coordinated through our VP-Marketing John Lien, please contact John (see contact info in the board member section) if your interested and he will also be available at the September PDM session to discuss the details.

## Going Paperless by Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2008

As we transition to a paperless system, we will be asking for your e-mail addressees and updated contact info to ensure our electronic database is accurate. If you currently receive a paper newsletter, or if your not on our electronic mailing list, or if your contact info has changed, please send your name, member status, APICS ID # (if a member), company, e-mail address, home or work address, and phone # to Dave Gerhardson [mailto:David\\_Gerhardson@newflyer.com](mailto:David_Gerhardson@newflyer.com).

### 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. This is a crucial link Between our chapter and the companies we serve.

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DeZurik Water Controls  
Gold'n N Plump  
Hunt Technology  
New Flyer  
Redball LLC  
Suttle Appartus  
The Antioch Company  
Trivirix

Andrew Pung  
Sandy Machula  
Darrell Watercott  
Barb Hammer  
David Gerhardson  
Kim Benson  
Sharon Haley  
Deb Eisenshenk  
Craig Kissinger

### Welcome to these new APICS Members:

Kerri Schramel  
Mark Page  
Vance Oben  
Dan Wegman

Brian Kampa  
Rhonda Lee  
Jeffrey Hochstein  
Lyle Ferkinhoff

### Thinking about joining APICS?

APICS members can take advantage of discounts on exam fees, seminar and certification class fees, APICS bookstore items, certification self study materials, and more. As an APICS member you get a free subscription to the APICS magazine and access to the career center where you can search hundreds of career opportunities. There are many additional benefits, to find out more, check out the membership portion of APICS.org via the following website → <https://www.apics.org/Membership> or Contact your local CEMN VP-Membership Scott McLaughlin (see contact info in the board member section) to find out how you can become a member.

# Central MN APICS 2006-2007 Awards

## COMPANY OF THE YEAR

Gold'n Plump Poultry

## MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

Mike O'Hara – DeZurik Water Controls  
Chuck Krebsbach – Cold Spring Granite

## CEMN Educational Calendar

### **CPIM Certification Review Classes**

Fall course offerings:

Basics of Supply Chain Management  
-- Thursdays (10 sessions - 6-9 pm)  
-- Begin - 09/13/07, end - 11/15/07  
-- Instructor - Barb Tessmer  
-- Location - TBD (check website)

Master Planning of Resources  
-- Wednesdays (8 sessions - 6-9 pm)  
-- Begin - 09/12/07, end - 10/31/07  
-- Instructor - Bruce Skalbeck  
-- Location - TBD (check website)

For more information:

<http://www.cemnapics.org/> (Classes Page)

### **CSCP Certification Review Classes**

Fall course offerings:

Certified Supply Chain Professional  
-- Tuesdays (13 sessions – 5-8 pm)  
-- Dates - Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Dec 11<sup>th</sup>  
-- Instructor – Andrew Pung  
-- Location - Alexandria Technical College

For more information:

<http://www.cemnapics.org/> (CSCP page)

<http://web.alextech.edu/web/Default2.aspx?pid=425>

## Central Minnesota APICS Board of Directors

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Position Open  
(Acting President Andrew Pung)

### **President-Elect**

Position Open

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