



Central Minnesota Chapter - P. O. Box 457, St. Cloud, MN 56302 April, 2008  
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# April Professional Development Meeting/Tour

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Please register for April 1, 2008 PDM on-line



Established in 1962 Nahan Printing, Inc. is an award winning, commercial printer that serves successful businesses across the country with high quality, custom printing services and complete direct mail capabilities.

Nahan Printing's success over the years has been the ability to understand their customers' needs and provide effective solutions built upon Nahan Printings highly experienced and trained technicians, electronic prepress, in-house ink formulation lab, diverse state-of-the-art equipment and total commitment to quality and service.

Our dinner speaker will be Vikki Sanders from OSHA, speaking on Preventing Work Place Violence.

Agenda:

5:15 – 5:30 Registration

5:30 – 6:30 Tour Nahan Printing

6:30 – 8:00 Dinner & Speaker held at the Nahan Printing

MENU: Mexican Fajita Bar

Cost:

Members and non-members \$25.00

Students \$10.00

Please make reservations by Noon, on Friday, March 28, 2008 ON-LINE.... APICS is responsible for all meal reservations, including no-shows. Cancellations and no-shows received after March 28, 2008 will be billed.

## **Attention**

### **New Dues Structure: What you get and how you can lock in the old rate.**

The new APICS dues structure takes effect on April 1, 2008. The new rate brings with it many new and exciting benefits for a fraction of the cost they would be without APICS. In addition our chapter has expanded many of its offerings to enhance the value to you our membership.

The new dues are \$200 per member starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. However you can continue the old rate of \$135 by prepaying your dues for future years by March 31, 2008. You can do this for 5 years into the future. See the APICS website at [www.apics.org](http://www.apics.org) for details on how to pay into the future and save the increase.

#### **Local Benefits**

The new dues structure will enable our chapter to provide more and better local benefits. You may have already noticed that we are having more plant tours than in the past and they are all part of our PDMs. A speaker has been added talking about issues or challenges relative to our jobs or our industry. So many of the practices used in one industry are applicable in another.

Our local chapter website has been improved and made much more user friendly. You can access the new website at [www.apicscm.org](http://www.apicscm.org). You can now sign up for PDMs and classes on line. No need to call or send in applications. The website also includes a calendar showing the upcoming events into the future. This will become even better in the next year.

Certification classes are now being offered in three locations to make them more accessible to our membership. Classes are now being offered in Alexandria and Hutchinson in addition to St. Cloud. This requires more instructors but it will benefit the membership by making certification easier to obtain. Getting a certification in CPIM or CSCP will only enhance your value to your company or position you for advancement.

#### **Organization Benefits.**

On a national level the new dues structure will give you access to the Aberdeen Group and membership in the American Management Association (AMA). Both of these are great value for the price of your membership. An AMA membership would cost you \$225 per person annually, but you get as part of your membership in APICS.

Aberdeen Group gives you a one year membership to Aberdeen Access. You need to sign up on the APICS website to be able to access the information. There is no extra charge. You get access to the Aberdeen Group entire research repository including;

- Hundreds of Benchmark and Best Practices Reports.
- Business Value Research Analysis.
- Research Briefs and Market Perspectives.
- Key Performance Indicators.

APICS is still the premier organization for operation professionals. It now provides more access to information which enables us do our jobs better and make more informed decisions. Check this all out on the APICS website [www.apics.org](http://www.apics.org) today.

## 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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New Flyer	David Gerhardson
Redball LLC	Kim Benson
Suttle Appartus	Sharon Haley
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Rt Enterprises	Marjorie LaTour
Malco Tools	Val Peterson

## 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.

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