

April

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NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We had a last minute dinner meeting change in March and hope nobody ended up going to the wrong place! Benjamin Pratt, from Herman Miller Co., gave an interesting presentation on Online Ordering. It's amazing how customized a site can be for each customer --- with past preferences, contract pricing and so on. (His British accent made it even more enjoyable to listen to!)

Did everyone take the time to vote? The deadline is April 11th. It's not too late if you fax it or better yet, use the website. There are only four questions, one of which is the proposal to change our name. We urge you to make your wishes known and it only takes a couple of minutes.

As of February 1, 2001 our total membership has reached 49,062. Total C.P.M.'s issued are 35,511 and total A.P.P.'s are 5,391. I recently received a notice that the University of Wisconsin is offering online reviews for both certifications. If interested, you can contact Mike Wilson at 800-442-6460 or visit their website at <http://learn.wisconsin.edu/cpm>.

You have probably all read that the National conference is being held in Orlando this year beginning April 29th. Denise O'Brien will be representing the Central Michigan affiliate this year. We always send a board member, with all expenses paid, as a thank you for serving. So there are some perks for volunteering! By the way, any member can attend --- it is not limited to officers. There are always lots of seminars to choose from and what an opportunity for networking!

Our annual fall conference at Higgins Lake will be the 25th Anniversary. We are busy making plans and accumulating things from past conferences. Watch the website and newsletter for more details --- and don't forget to mark your calendars for October 3 through 5. If anyone comes across pictures, programs, etc. from past years, please send them to us. If it is scanable, please send it to Boyd.

Election of new officers is slated this month and is open to nominees. We are still seeking a Membership Chair. It is not that time consuming and C.P.M. points are awarded for all Board positions. The Angell Award will also

be presented. Our dinner meeting is scheduled for the 17th and as always, hope to see you there.

Jackie Clair, C.P.M.
President

DINNER MEETING

This will be at the Jackson Brewery in Jackson., This is off I-94 and we've had meetings there before. This meeting will be in the basement meeting room.

The speaker is Tom Burnham who will be speaking about Enporion, the company set up to help many utilities save money and do business more effectively.

For reservations, contact:
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT**New Student Members**

Christopher W. Kitchen
Hongyang Li
Randall E. Miller

New Regular Members

Jennifer M. Place
Nicholas J. Krzeminski

New Faculty Members

Ram Narasimhan

C.P.M. Recertification

Maryellen Jansen, C.P.M.

HIGGINS LAKE CONFERENCE

This year marks the 25th anniversary of our Michigan Purchasing Conference at Higgins Lake. The conference consistently gets rave reviews. This year's conference will be held October 3-5. Mark your calendars and watch for the early bird discounts when the flyers go out this summer. You can't beat this conference for value and content, so don't miss out! The conference committee is busy arranging topics and speakers, so if you would like to make a recommendation, please contact Jerry Williams at 372-9200.

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2000-2001 Satellite Seminar Series

6/14/01 - Supplier Relationships: Selection and Development Support your organization's strategic goals by establishing and nurturing relationships with suppliers. This program will outline a supplier development model and will address issues such as supplier diversity, minority business development and the future of purchasing partnerships.

As they are developed, further details on each of these programs will be posted on the NAPM Website at www.napm.org

Annual Lugnuts Game

Mark your calendars for the annual NAPM Lugnuts outing. This year's outing will be June 25, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of fun as we cheer on the Lansing Lugnuts against the Fort Wayne Wizards. Folks, this is minor league baseball at its best! Mark your calendars and be sure to return your ticket orders quickly as we are limited to 50 seats and they will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis. Watch your mail for ticket order forms sometime around May 1.