



THE QUOTE

NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Well folks I am not sure why the summer months seem to go by faster than the winter ones, but they do. It was and still is a very busy summer. I hope you have had time to do all of the things that you wanted to. Now that we have moved into August, your board is at work putting together a schedule for the coming year. The board has continued to meet over the summer even though we take a break from dinner meetings.

The Board of Directors will be meeting in the next month for a strategic planning meeting. Some of the things we will be looking at are the schedule, programs, training opportunities, service projects, ways to better serve the membership and ways for us to grow. These are just a few of the items we want to review. We will be putting together a list of goals, ways to achieve those goals and who will take the lead to see that each one is addressed. We are looking for help. We really would like your input as to what you see this affiliate doing in the future. We have to know what your needs are before we can try to help you take care of them. Do you want to become a C.P.M.? Do you want to bring in a speaker or learn more about a specific topic? Email or call one of the board members and let them know.

Some of us attended the ISM Leadership Training Workshops in various cities around the country so that we can be better leaders. A great deal of information was shared and much brought back to share with our members. Some of the sessions were about how to meet the state and federal regulations so that we can remain a non-profit organization. Others were about how to find quality speakers or how to keep the books. There were many topics in many different workshops.

Dave Taylor has our dinner meetings set and the topics lined up for the year. We will most certainly be doing some things differently now and then. We will be honoring Dr. John Hoagland at the September dinner meeting and Dave has been working on some special arrangements. Jerry Williams and his Higgins Lake Committee have been working hard and have the program ready for our state conference in October and just need you to make the conference a success. They have lined up some great programs and some great speakers as well as fun things for your free time. The conference is a great bargain and an opportunity to sit and talk with others from your profession.

The economy seems to continue to grow and we are looking forward to a great year ahead. The only thing that can make it better is you!

Mike Hicks, President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Member:

Jason Liss, Michigan Automotive Compressor Inc., Parma MI.

ANGELL AWARD

The Angell Award is given once a year to an individual who constantly and consistently demonstrates a positive dedication to the purchasing profession and the practice of the highest ideals of loyalty to one's company, justice to those with whom one deals, and faith in his profession. The awardee is chosen by his/her peers (by secret ballot). There are no written requirements that must be fulfilled, tests written or anything of this nature. The award is given in recognition of these ideals. A hearty Hats Off to this year's awardee:

Michael E. Hicks
Alro Industrial Supply

Congratulations Mike!
The Angell Award Committee

SEPT. DINNER MEETING

Mark your calendar now for the dinner meeting on September 21, 2004 at Sigees restaurant in the Clarion Hotel in Lansing. This will be a special event honoring Dr. John H. Hoagland in honor of the MSU Endowed Chair in his name. Please join us.

HIGGINS LAKE 2004

The Michigan Purchasing Conference
will be held October 6th, 7th, and 8th.

SATELLITE SEMINAR REMINDER

Thursday, October 21, 2004

Best Practices for Negotiations and Contracting

Thursday, February 10, 2005

Finding and Keeping the Best Sources

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Supply Chain Research Trends and Market Intelligence

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Discovering Supply Management's Social Conscience

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8th.**

Start Time: 6:00 pm Wednesday

End Time: lunch on Friday

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