

The mission of NAPM Central Michigan, Inc. is to serve the needs of its members and the profession by providing quality learning opportunities through educational forums, career broadening and mentoring experiences. Additionally, it is our mission to promote increased recognition of NAPM and the growth opportunities offered by the organization.

## NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT AUGUST 2006

With less than a month until school starts, summer is slowly passing us by. For those of us that are members of NAPM-CM, this means that the monthly meetings will start kicking up and that the 29th Michigan Purchasing Conference at Higgins Lake is just around the corner.

Our September 19th meeting is going to be at Michigan State. Our Student Liaison, Julianna Beall is going to set this up for the students to have a better interaction with NAPM-CM members. We will have a Michigan State Prof speaking and it's a good time to see if they have any idea what is going on in our world. This will be an onsite pizza dinner and we would love to see as many members as possible show up.

I also want to note the Trial Membership advantage to anyone that is in the Supply Chain or Purchasing Profession. If they have never been a member of The Institute for Supply Chain Management, they can get a free six month membership by applying. I agree we will try to keep them as paying members, but the thought is they won't be a member if they don't know what we're about. So tell some of your coworkers and friends about this opportunity, as they will get more information about our profession and have the opportunity to attend Higgins Lake at the member rate.

The Higgins Lake Purchasing Conference is happening October 11-13. As I said before, there will be speakers on Releasing Value from Indirect Material, Strategic Sourcing, Identity Theft and a myriad of other topics. All details of this conference are available on our website <http://www.msu.edu/user/napmcm> and you should all take a look at this. There is certainly a lot of value for this conference as reservations postmarked by September 12 cost only \$450 for ISM members and \$525 for non-ISM members. This includes lodging, meals and the seminar. We are also offering, for the first time, a 10% discount for any company sending 6 or more members. There is no better purchasing training value within 1000 miles available yet this year.

We hope to see more of you this year and are willing to address any concerns you have. Feel free to contact any board member if you have questions or concerns.

Mike Butchart  
President NAPM-Cm

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### *From the Toolbox*

by David Taylor, C.P.M.

Watch for future *From the Toolbox* articles on the NAPM-CM Web Site

<http://www.msu.edu/~napmcm/>

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### New Member:

Mr. Daniel S MacLennan  
Lansing Board of Water and Light

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### AUGUST Golf Outing

**Date:** Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
or  
Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

Those interested please let Dave Taylor or Tim Pinter know by August 11<sup>th</sup>. Location: Jackson area. Format depending on number of golfers 2 man scramble.

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MICHIGAN PURCHASING  
CONFERENCE (HIGGINS LAKE)  
October 11-13, 2006

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August:** We are also looking at a golf outing early to mid August. During the week or a weekend. We are looking for interested bodies. Those interested contact Dave Taylor or Tim Pinter. Format is open for suggestions.

**September:** September 19<sup>th</sup> – Student Night.  
Location: MSU Campus

**October:** October 17<sup>th</sup> – Chelsea Milling Tour

### MICHIGAN PURCHASING CONFERENCE (HIGGINS LAKE) October 11-13, 2006

**November:** November 14<sup>th</sup> – Internet Security

**December:** December 19<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Party

## UPCOMING SATELLITE SEMINARS:

### **Thursday, October 12, 2006**

Finance for the Supply Professional

### **Thursday, February 8, 2007**

Critical Business Skills for Effective Supply  
Chain Leaders

### **Thursday, April 19, 2007**

The Business Case for Diversity in a Social  
Responsibility Context

### **Thursday, June 7, 2007**

Project Management for Supply Professionals

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