

THE QUOTE

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

Since this is December, two things come to mind affecting all of us. Foremost is the Christmas Season with all the parties and Hoopla that happen at this time of year. We hope your Christmas is a joyous one and filled with your heart's delight. Also, this is the time of year when dues are mailed out. We trust you've received yours and we request payment be made by January 15, 2007. This will insure you remain properly on the roster. If you have any questions or comments about the dues, feel free to contact me or any other board member.

You also received, from ISM, your ballot for proxy voting. Your Board had a lot of discussion concerning items 2 & 3 under Option II. Item 2 is voting to remove the Affiliate Support Council and the Groups and Forums Support Council and your board recommends a no vote on this. These Councils are made up, in part, of at large members of ISM, such as you and me. Elimination of these Councils also eliminates the ability to have these at large members represent us. ISM indicates there is a difficulty attracting members to these Councils which is probably true. With our work loads being what they are, it would be difficult to find the time to serve on any of these Councils. However, elimination of the Councils will eliminate one of the few remaining ways for members to be involved directly with ISM's operations. This tends to have a negative effect on members and is why the Board is recommending a no vote. Item 3 is the recommended replacement Committee and there will be no need for this as long as the Affiliate Support Council and Groups and Forums Support Councils remain in existence.

Keep in mind that there still is a trial membership available for anyone who has never been an ISM member. This is free for 6 months and a good way to find out more about ISM, what we do and what we have to offer.

ISM has announced that study materials for the Exam and Bridge Exam for ISM's new Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM) are available on the ISM Web site. Check out the site at www.ism.ws and select Professional Credentials for detailed information.

The dates for the January meetings are not set yet. I say meetings because these will be luncheon meetings, one in Jackson and one in Lansing. The speaker will be Clancy Pitsch and he will be talking about the final outcome of the goods we purchase. The dates and places will be available in the January Quote, so be prepared to check it out and plan on attending.

Happy New Year
Mike Butchart

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Members:

Linda Lawrence, Purchasing Manager,
Michigan State University

New Student Members:

Ryan Burke, Michigan State University

Joseph Joyce, Eastern Michigan University

Xu Zhang, Michigan State University

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



UPCOMING SATELLITE SEMINARS:

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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