

THE QUOTE

May

2007

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

This will be the last time I will be writing the President's Letter as Mike Hicks will be the new President of NAPM-CM after he is installed at our May 15th Dinner Meeting. This meeting will be held at the Crossroads Bar & Grille in Leslie and I encourage you all to attend to congratulate Mike on his new position. I know he is looking forward to this and is as interested as I have been in trying to insure NAPM-CM fulfills the needs and purchasing desires of all our members.

As I said last month, 2007 will be the 30th anniversary of our Fall Conference at Higgins Lake. We will be having speakers on Spend Analysis, Lean Manufacturing, Portfolio Development among others. This is, as usual, one of the best bargains available to all of us in the Procurement Field. This year's conference is scheduled from October 10-12 and if you need time to enhance your skills or to find out how others are doing some of the things you do, this is the place to do it. Contact Jerry Williams (517) 750-3231 or williamsgl@comcast.net for more information or to reserve your spot.

I would again like to pass on the information about Trial Membership. This will give a non member 6 month's free membership, access to all ISM information and an opportunity to become an active member of NAPM-CM. There is no cost for this and we'd like to encourage anyone who has never experienced ISM membership to take a trial membership to see if there's enough going on to warrant a full membership.

It is a bit melancholy that I retire from the President's position. My goal for the year was to increase member involvement and to find better ways to pique your interest. We did have a couple of luncheon meetings, do have a survey on our web site and have repeatedly asked how we can better serve you. At this point, we've had a few more people at the lunch meeting, no one filling out the survey (except for board members) and no response to how we can improve service. We can either assume we are taking care of all your purchasing needs or that you don't think there is anything more we can do. We suspect that everyone is too busy to respond and that we still have done nothing to enamor you with NAPM-CM. I promise we will continue to try to change this and if there are any suggestions you might have, please let me or any of the officers know what that could be. I will guarantee all suggestions will be reviewed and worked on and none will be any more foolish than some we have come up with.

Thank you for sticking with us these past months and it has been an honor to serve as the President of our organization.

Mike Butchart

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Regular Members:

David M Gustin, Irvin Automotive
David Jordan, Dart Container

New Student Member:

Hans K Kramer

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MAY DINNER MEETING

Speaker: Rich Wiggins, Michigan State University - Senior Information Technologist

Topic: INTERNET SECURITY

Mr. Wiggins is an author and speaker specializing in Internet Topics. Rich will be addressing Internet Security—developing safe passwords, techniques to use when surfing the internet, etc.

Location: Crossroads Bar and Grill
154 S. Main St.
Leslie, MI
US 127 South of Jackson
517-589-5895

Date: May 15, 2007

Time: Sign-in & Social Time 6:00-6:30
6:30 seating and dinner orders
6:45 Presentation begins

Cost: \$20.00 Members & Guests
\$15.00 Student Members
Cash bar for drinks

RSVP: By Friday May 11th to:

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I am putting together the programs for next year and would like to include topics of interest to our members. If there is a topic that peaks your interest please contact Tim Pinter at tpinter@auroraspchm.com.

A few areas we're looking into: NEGOTIATIONS, GLOBAL BUSINESS CONCEPTS, and IDENTITY THEFT.



From the Toolbox

by David Taylor, C.P.M.

Toolbox reminder from Dave Taylor - The Toolbox articles now appear on our NAPM Website under the Archive for *The Quote*.

Last month, I began a five-part series, going back to a treasure-trove I uncovered in 2001 issues of *Purchasing Today*, the predecessor publication to *Inside Supply Management*. I am reviewing Total Cost of Ownership (TCO). This month's installment covers Total Cost of Ownership-Inventory Materials. You might find it surprising in many ways—I sure did. Check it out and I would love to hear your feedback. --dt

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

UPCOMING SATELLITE SEMINARS:

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Project Management for Supply Professionals

Thursday, October 11, 2007

Global Sourcing: Where in the World Are Our Suppliers?

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Market Intelligence for Supply Professionals

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Supply Management's Role in Sustainability

Higgins Michigan
Purchasing Conference
October 10, 11, & 12, 2007

Congratulations to the 2007-08 Board of Directors: Installation of officers will occur at the May Dinner Meeting.

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