

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**

The Olympics are almost over and school is just around the corner with football, dance classes, scouts, bowling and all of the other activities that come with fall. It seems like we are busy all of the time with no time for ourselves. We still need to take time to keep learning about how to do things better and easier. We need to keep up on current trends and just what is going on in supply management to help us improve and keep our companies profitable. We all know the term, "do more with less," because we deal with it every day.

I want to remind you to put the Purchasing Conference at Higgins Lake on your calendar. It will be October 8-10<sup>th</sup> at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center on Higgins Lake in Northern Michigan. We will have a variety of speakers who will cover several topics that are pertinent to us who are involved in supply management. Dress is casual, but it could be snowing or 75 degrees because this is Michigan and who knows what the weather will be like tomorrow. This is a great time to network and meet others who may have the same problems or questions about how to better do their jobs as you.

Remember to check out the ISM website, [www.ism.ws](http://www.ism.ws), from time to time for book bargains, business reports and loads of other information. This is a benefit of being a member. The Professional Development meetings will be starting in September and Tim has a great lineup of speakers set for the year. We hope to see you there so we can get to know you.

Make sure you take time to vote.

**MICHIGAN PURCHASING  
CONFERENCE**

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT****New Members:**

Robert Johnson, CXO Business Solutions,  
Ann Arbor

Nicholas Heiler, HSS, LLC, Holt

Angie Crippen, Orchid Orthopedics, Holt

Leone M Kirkpatrick, Alsons Corp, Hillsdale

Dennis Sullivan, Bekum America, Saranac, MI

Zachary Williams, Central Michigan University

**LUGNUTS**

If you missed the Lugnuts outing in June, you missed a great time. We hope to see you next year! Start planning now for the professional development meetings beginning in September.

**NAPM-CM 2008-2009 SCHEDULE  
Professional Development Meetings****September 16<sup>th</sup> - Plant tour**

Michigan Automotive Compressor  
Host Joe Shaughnessy, Purchasing Manager  
517-622-7606  
Location Parma, Mi  
Time 6:00 PM

**October - Student night**

Location TBD  
Speaker TBD  
Time TBD

**November 18<sup>th</sup> - International Contracts**

Location Dublin Square East Lansing  
Speaker Pamela Emenheiser  
Topic- International Contracts  
11:30 registration (Lunch Meeting)

**December - TBD****January - Plant Tour**

Neogen  
Host Jim Shirey  
Location Lansing  
Time Luncheon

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
SATELLITE SEMINARS**

**Thursday, October 16, 2008**

Applying Lean Concepts in Supply  
Management

**Thursday, April 23, 2009**

Preparing to Negotiate On-Shore and Offshore

**Thursday, June 4, 2009**

Talent and Career Management for Supply  
Professionals

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