

THE QUOTE

March

2009

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

Greetings from your board. It is finally starting to feel like winter will actually end. I know we are not there yet, but it sure has been nice to have some warmer days and sunshine. We probably will see more snow, but we know it will soon be gone. If any of you are interested in filling a position on the board or serving on a committee of NAPM Central Michigan now is the time to let us know. Mike Butchart is heading up a nominating committee and looking for people that want to be more involved in their organization. Let Mike or any board member know that you are interested and we will put you to work.

Turnout for the Professional Development meetings has been up from last year, but we would still like to see more of you attend. Tim Pinter has programs lined up for the next three months that will be very interesting. March we have a tour that will fill up fast as we can have a limited number of people for that so plan to call or email Tim early. Dinner will be at Charlie's in Jackson. In the month of April we will be having a lunch meeting in Lansing and the presenter will be Paul Novak from ISM. Paul is the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Supply Management. This is a great opportunity to meet the man who is in charge of the daily operations of your organization. We are excited to have Paul Novak be at our April meeting.

With the sad state of our economy it looks like we will not have a state conference at Higgins Lake this year. We know times are tough for many of you. I myself have been one of those people that have been laid off after working for a company for 24 years, but we would like to know if any of you would be interested in attending a one day conference sometime in the fall or winter. If so would you be more apt to attend on a Friday or Saturday. We would like to put together a one day conference if you are interested. Please let a board member know either way.

Enjoy the spring weather and hold your heads high.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Student Members:

Sherry Bush
Han-Wei Chang
Jeffrey W Danhof
Pei-Hsun Kao

NAPM-CM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING

Date: March 17th

Plant Tour: Kinder Morgan Power Company
2219 Chapin St.
Jackson, MI 49203

Tour Guide: Wayne Frey, Plant Manager

Directions: Coming from the west take I-94 east to the Elm Street exit. Turn right (south) onto Elm Street. Be sure to watch your speed on Elm. Follow Elm Street approx 2 miles. After you cross Michigan Avenue (four lanes - BUS 94) go two blocks to Chapin Street. Turn left (east) onto Chapin. Follow Chapin three blocks to Dwight. You will see the plant ahead on the right. Turn right into first drive with the open gate.

Coming from the east take I-94 west to South US127. Continue south on 127 to the Michigan Avenue exit (first exit). Turn right (west) onto Michigan Avenue. Follow Michigan Ave approx 2 miles (three traffic lights) to Dwight and turn left (south) onto Dwight. There is a Sub Way on the far left (southwest) corner of Dwight. Follow Dwight two blocks to Chapin. You will see the plant ahead on the left when you are at the stop sign. Turn left onto Chapin and take an immediate right into the first driveway with the open gate.

Arrival Time: 6:00 pm

Tour Starts: 6:15 pm

Dinner Location: Charlie's Bar & Grille

Please RSPV: Tim Pinter 517.372.9121 x104
tpinter@auroraspcbm.com or Any Board Member
by Monday March 16, 2009

Please confirm early. Participation is limited to 15 individuals.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SATELLITE SEMINARS**

Thursday, April 23, 2009

Preparing to Negotiate On-Shore and Offshore

Thursday June 4th, 2009

CANCELED

**APRIL PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT MEETING**

The April 21st PDM will be a luncheon in the Lansing area. Speaker is Paul Novak, ISM's Chief Executive Officer. This is a perfect time to bring questions regarding the benefits of being a member of ISM, or how about the new certification program. What about a question or project one has, how can ISM help answer my dilemma?

If one has a specific area of ISM that you would like Mr. Novak address please let me know and I will info Mr. Novak prior to the luncheon.

As always we invite all members and guests to attend and interact with the speakers and others to discuss current concerns one may deal with on a continuous or periodic basis.

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