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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.

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## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

### JULY 2012

Hope everyone is able to beat the heat this summer, or at least I hope your air-conditioner stays running! We went over quite a few housekeeping items at our end of the year Board meeting in June, so there will be quite a few updates in this newsletter.

First, I want to remind everyone of the Purchasing Conference set for October 23 and 24. We are finalizing the keynote speaker for October 23rd, but will have the full agenda soon. So save those dates!

Second, for what to expect in the next few months, there are no Board meetings or PDM's scheduled for July or August.

As far as the nuts and bolts of the NAPM-CM operation, the Board is looking at ways to streamline yet provide a better service to members. Two changes will be implemented starting in September. One will be to discontinue sending the newsletter via mail and the second will be conducting Board meetings every-other month.

Discontinuing the newsletter via mail will be the most member-facing change. We are doing this for several reasons. First, we are looking to streamline Board member operations and this will decrease the responsibility to print the newsletters and mail, which is quite the manual process. Second, it will reduce the postage costs. Third, members will receive the

newsletter via email and can also view the newsletter on our site.

The Board will meet every-other month, and will experiment with teleconference meetings. Since NAPM-CM covers a large geographic area, it is hard to be able to have all members' schedules align to meet in a single location, so to alleviate the travel, teleconference will be used. We will post meeting dates and times in the newsletter and on our site.

The Board also discussed bylaws changes. Changes are necessary to implement many of the changes the Board has agreed to as well as to update the bylaws to meet the needs of the times. The bylaws do require a vote by members, so look out for information about the bylaw changes and voting.

Last but not least, NAPM-Central Michigan is pleased to announce the 2012 Hoagland Scholarship award winners. Congratulations to Brett McMahon (CMU), Bridget Werderman (MSU) and Yilin Jia (MSU). These three applicants were selected by the scholarship committee to be awarded a \$500 scholarship. Remember, the scholarship funds are available from the annual Purchasing Conference, so please consider attending this year's conference if you have not in the past.

Everyone have a great rest of the summer and we look forward to assisting your personal and professional growth in the upcoming year.

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