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President's Message

With some sadness, and a little relief, I see that we have come to the end of another program year. It was an exhilarating period in which we took some risks, but also achieved some notable successes for our APICS Society in general and for the Western Massachusetts Chapter in particular.

Our International Society implemented a number of bold initiatives to strengthen the organization, like the dues increase and moving Corporate headquarters to Chicago. We also introduced a series of new products and programs, including a new Lean Certification and more stringent qualifications to certify workshop instructors, which are intended to enhance the APICS brand and expand its recognition within industry.

Locally, your Board of Directors began the year with two primary goals: to maintain our membership base in spite of the dues adjustment; and increase member participation in our monthly programs. The keystone of our strategy to achieve these twin goals was simple but ambitious: to present the highest quality programs possible, featuring nationally recognized speakers addressing topics of great relevance to our members, with a special emphasis on Lean Manufacturing. Although it was a challenge, ultimately the strategy was successful: we started the year with a bang as more than sixty people attended and informative plant tour at HASBRO in East Longmeadow, and ended the year in style with a mini-seminar by Bob Stahl at the Yankee Pedlar enjoyed by more than 75 participants. In between these two events we experienced a gratifying increase in attendance at all our other monthly PDMs. In addition, more than 200 people from inside and outside the Chapter participated in our October program when we sponsored an address by Jeffery Liker, the internationally recognized author of The Toyota Way book series.

I want to thank all of you who attended these many and varied events for recognizing the quality of these educational programs and supporting the Chapter through your participation in them.

Looking ahead, the programs group is already busily lining up speakers and venues for next season and we are excited about the way it is shaping up. Next year's programs will be designed around the theme "Back to Basics" and we are going to be trying more new methods and approaches to keep the presentations fresh and relevant. We will kick off the year with a plant tour at Oncore Manufacturing (formerly NuVisions) in Springfield. This tour will be a little different than our usual offering, requiring more interaction from participants, which should prove to be both informative and entertaining. Watch this space in the month's to come for more about this.

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the other Officers and members of the Board of Directors for all of their support and hard work this past year. It is truly a privilege to work with these talented and unselfish professionals: Bob Gagnon, Shirley Porter, Mark White, Jack Perazella, Jodi Welch, Ed Kantor, Cheryl Denoncourt, John Janus, and Rich Frank. The successes we enjoyed this year are due entirely to their creativity and dedication. Most of these folks have graciously consented to continue in their roles for another year. I look forward with great pleasure to working with them once again to deliver the outstanding level of chapter management that you deserve.

Finally, I want to wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy summer season. I hope you take advantage of all opportunities to relax and recharge so that you can come back to us in the fall energized and ready for a stimulating program year. I hope to see every one of you on September 16th at the Oncore Manufacturing tour!

Best regards,
Bruce Chartier

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APICS, The Association for Operations Management is a worldwide, respected, not-for-profit organization with nearly 60,000 members. **Our Chapter is one of 270 chapters in North America.** We have approximately 300 members and more than 100 member companies. We are dedicated to helping you.

Plant Tour -Oncore Manufacturing

Includes Interactive Discussion on Manufacturing Techniques

Nu Visions Manufacturing, LLC and Veritek Manufacturing Services are now OnCore Manufacturing, one of the world's premier electronics manufacturing companies serving the Defense, Medical and Industrial markets. Building on over 25 years experience, OnCore provides exceptional manufacturing and supply chain services, allowing its customers to focus on their own core business activities like product design, marketing and growth.

Plan to join us as we tour Oncore and then move onto an interactive discussion on manufacturing techniques. While touring Oncore,

members will be observing the manufacturing techniques they currently use. We will then move into a meeting room and use these observations as a starting point for our discussion.

This is a wonderful opportunity to network with members and discuss what techniques their companies are currently using.

Our members combined knowledge and year of practical experience is phenomenal! We often hear from our members and company members that they want to have open discuss groups with members of other companies. Here's your opportunity to do just that.

Perhaps there is an area in your company that could use improvement?

Does your company have practices that are proven winners?

This is the forum. Let's combine our intellectual resources in an effort to strengthen our companies and improve our knowledge base.



Standard for Excellence

CPIM provides a common basis for individuals and organizations to evaluate their knowledge of the evolving field of production and inventory management. The program has helped individuals and their organizations become more productive and competitive because it is designed to test candidates' in-depth knowledge of a variety of subjects specific to production and inventory management.

CPIM has helped more than 66,000 professionals

- Learn to predict outcomes more accurately and take actions that achieve results
- Gain peer and industry recognition
- Gain the knowledge to effectively and efficiently manage worldwide supply chain activities
- Achieve greater confidence and peer and industry

Please contact Ed Kantor. CPIM at (413) 592-6895 or email: edkan@juno.com to enroll or schedule a workshop.

APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP)

APICS announces a new industry certification: The Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP), to be launched in conjunction with the APICS International Conference on October 16-18, in New Orleans. This will provide individuals with the skill set necessary to understand and manage the integration of activities within today's increasingly complex supply chains.

CSCP prepares individuals to effectively and efficiently manage supply chain activities that span across and beyond an organization's four walls leading to reduced costs and increased profits.

CSCP provides in-depth knowledge and understanding in the areas of supplier and customer relations, international trade, the use of information technology, and physical logistics.

BECOMING A CSCP CANDIDATE

CSCP exam candidates must meet one of the following criteria:

- B A or BS, plus 2 years of related business experience
- CPIM, CFPIM, CIRM, or C.P.M. plus 2 years of related business experience
- 5 years of related business experience.

Watch this newsletter for further announcements regarding APICS rollout of this program and Western Ma. Chapter schedule of Workshops.

. 2007-2008 CSCP Exam Dates and Important Deadlines

March Administration

Exam Date: March 15

Eligibility Application Deadline: January 18

Exam Registration Deadline: February 1

June Administration

Exam Date: June 21

Eligibility Application Deadline: April 25

Exam Registration Deadline: May 9

December Administration

Exam Date: TBD

Eligibility Application Deadline: TBD

Exam Registration Deadline: TBD

No CSCP Exam Registration Fee Increase for 2008

North American Fees

APICS Member: \$550 (US)

Nonmember: \$700 (US)

Exam Retake*: \$350 (US)

****Candidates who didn't pass a prior APICS CSCP exam, or had an unexcused absence from a previous exam and forfeited the registration fee, qualify for the discounted retake fee***

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Calendar of Events 2007 - 2008

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Oncore Manufacturing

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Sept 16, 2008

Location: Oncore Manufacturing
Springfield, MA

Speaker :Tom Dzialo

Topic: TBD

October, 2008

Location: TBD

Have a Great Summer!

APICS Membership Benefits

Certification Programs	Member-Only Content
APICS Magazine	Ask APICS
APICS Bookstore	Educational Events
Electronic Discussion Lists	APICS Career Center
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September 16, 2008

Location: Oncor Manufacturing; Springfield, MA

Agenda: Plant Tour Specific time to be announced shortly
Location of dinner & directions will be provided at the tour.

Registration:

Members:	\$25.00
Non-Members:	\$30.00
Retirees:	\$17.00
Students:	\$17.00
Tour Only:	\$10.00

Pre-payment will be preferred to facilitate the check-in procedure.

Reservations: Contact Jack Perazella
Call (413) 527-2842, or email at japer@juno.com
No later than Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008