

**NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

Our satellite seminar on Contract Administration and Management was such a success everyone would not fit in one room! The pre-seminar continental breakfast roundtable was also successful. Our next one should be back at the Communications Arts Building where we have much more room. Our thanks to all of you for bearing with us on our temporary facility.

We had a guest at our last Board Meeting --- Mike Foley, President of Mid Michigan APICS. He presented a proposal that we are all excited about. He will also be contacting the local chapters of the Association of Management Accountants and the American Society of Quality Assurance. The idea is to join forces for some of our dinner meetings. This should allow us to provide better dinner programs, an opportunity to network and learn about related work areas and possibly increase our own membership. What do you think? Let us know if it sounds like a good idea to pursue. Contact any Board member. Our phone, fax and email addresses are always included at the end of this newsletter.

National data update: Total NAPM membership – 47,758 as of December. Total C.P.M.'s issued – 34,569 and A.P.P.'s issued – 4,601 as of October. Our own goal for C.P.M.'s set by National is again 5 and we have 4 more to go. By the way, the Sylvan Technology Center in Ann Arbor has been added back as an authorized testing center for either exam.

Election of officers is right around the corner. Although several current members will be running for different positions by moving on "through the chairs," any regular member can run for any of the positions. We will be in need of a Membership Chairperson (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President). The duties are to process the new membership applications, mail out new and potential membership information and promote new membership. We meet at MSU on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month for about 1 ½ to 2 hours. The position can always be shared if you are unsure of accepting the responsibilities by yourself. Our board is very informal, so don't hesitate just because you have never sat on one before. Most, if not all, of us were in the same boat when we started. It's a great learning experience.

Mike was able to set up a tour sooner than expected. Plastigage Company in Jackson will host us on the 20<sup>th</sup> with dinner following. I will be out of town and am disappointed I will be unable to attend but hope all of you enjoy it. The Hoagland Scholarships will also be awarded that night.

Jackie Clair, C.P.M.  
President

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**Student Members:

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Richard Indovina, C.P.M., Lifetime Certification

Ray Irvine, C.P.M., Lifetime Certification

Randy Walling, C.P.M., Lifetime Certification

**FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING**

This months meeting will be on February 20 and start with a tour of Plastigage Corp in Jackson @ 6:00pm. Following the tour, we will dine at Bullingers restaurant, across the street from Plastigage. Coming from the north, keep going south on West Avenue to Ganson St. This is the fourth traffic light past the Jackson Crossing Shopping Complex. Turn right (west) on Ganson street and you will need to go through two traffic lights. Plastigage is on your left after the 2nd traffic light. Bullingers is also on the south side of the street between the first and second traffic lights.

Reservations need to be in by Friday, Feb 16 @ 4:00pm

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**2000-2001 Satellite Seminar Series**

**4/5/01** - Streamlining Purchasing Processes with Up-To-Date Practices and Technology Integration This program examines how to save time through electronic transactions by making use of the procurement card and Internet opportunities.

**6/14/01** - Supplier Relationships: Selection and Development Support your organization's strategic goals by establishing and nurturing relationships with suppliers. This program will outline a supplier development model and will address issues such as supplier diversity, minority business development and the future of purchasing partnerships.

As they are developed, further details on each of these programs will be posted on the NAPM Website at [www.napm.org](http://www.napm.org)