

THE QUOTE

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 newest issue of *Just in ETime* from the ISM is out on the ISM website. It reports that economic activity in the manufacturing sector grew in January for the 20th consecutive month, while the economy grew for the 39th consecutive month. I hope you are seeing this growth in your company. Those of you who are not remember to check out the jobs on the ISM website. You can post your resume as well as search through the job postings. This issue also gives you websites of interest and the term of the day. It is a good place to find out what is going on in the business and to learn more about what we do. March is Supply Management Month. Plan to celebrate your profession with us at a monthly dinner meeting. We are part of a great profession. Be proud of what you do.

It is that time of year to look for people who are interested in serving Central Michigan NAPM. Mike Butchart has volunteered to head our nominating committee and is looking for people who want to help us grow. Contact Mike or myself if you would like to be involved. You don't have to start out as president. We need people to handle all types of things from publicity to setting up dinner meetings. Please think about volunteering some of your time to the organization. It is only as good as we make it. We hope to see you at the tour in February and for dinner afterwards.

Mike Hicks

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Regular Members:

Chao Xu, Copper Standard Automotive

Trenna Bruce, Pratt Whitney Auto Air, Inc

Cheryl Silvestri, EDS

FEBRURY DINNER MEETING

Have you ever wondered what happens back stage before a show goes on? Brian Archer of the Wharton Center will be our guide as we explore the workings of Mid-Michigan's premiere performing arts center. He will show us how a stage manager delicately balances the logistics of bringing a show in along with all of the performers, props and costumes.

Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Time: Tour 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:15 p.m.

Cost: Cost is \$20 and includes dinner.

Space limited to the first 20 to register.

Please call Carrie Cargill at 517-881-5444 or Mike Butchart at 517-788-0077 to register and to get directions.

- Please park in the Wharton Center ramp. The entrance is located off East Shaw Lane.
- There may be a charge for parking as there is an event going on at Wharton Center.
- Once in the ramp park in the southwest corner of the ramp. Walk down to the street level on Wilson road. Turn right and head to the service entrance of Wharton which is covered by a burgundy canopy.
- We will be meeting in the backstage service lobby. Please be there promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Directions to Pizza House From Wharton Center

Out of the ramp, take a right onto Shaw lane. Shaw dead-ends into Hagadorn, take a right. After crossing the railroad tracks (1/2 block down) take a left into the Hannah Plaza. Pizza House is on the left as you enter.

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February Dinner Meeting: See front page for details.

March Dinner Meeting: 3/15/2005 Bring Your Boss/CEO/CFO Night: Purchasing—Changing Perceptions on this Undervalued Link in the Supply Chain.

April Dinner Meeting: Tuesday April 19, 2005
Measuring Your Purchasing & Supply Chain Performance
- Speaker:
Dr. Steven Melnyk from MSU.

May: Purchasing & the Law details to be announced. Plans include a ½day seminar with a separate dinner meeting segment for those unable to attend the half day session.

FEBRUARY SATELLITE SEMINAR OFFERS TIPS ON SOURCING

Thursday, February 10, 2005

As supply managers adapt to the impact of globalization and continual technological advances, sourcing is becoming more multifaceted and critical. ISM's February 10, 2005, Satellite Seminar, "Finding and Keeping the Best Sources," <<http://www.ism.ws/Seminars/SatSems/satsemBestSources.cfm>> explores sourcing strategies, risk management, and how to use more sophisticated technology to streamline the sourcing process. The program will look at essential factors to consider in determining which suppliers will be most effective in meeting your organization's needs, and the discussion will include offshore sourcing, outsourcing, performance measurements, resources, and other management considerations to find the right sources and ensure long-term and successful supplier relationships.

Thursday, April 14, 2005
Supply Chain Research Trends and Market Intelligence

Thursday, June 9, 2005
Discovering Supply Management's Social Conscience

HIGGINS LAKE 2005 October 5-7, 2005

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