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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.

**NEWS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

We had a great dinner meeting at the Coyote Grill in April with Dr. Steve Melnyk of Michigan State University and who is one of our own members speaking to us about how to save money for our companies by looking at how we do things. Dr. Melnyk told us that we should always be looking at how we can improve on a process. Ask why do we do it this way and are all of these steps necessary? The words, because that is how we have always done it, are not acceptable. By reducing waste in a process we can become more effective at what we do.

We also held the election for the affiliate officers at the April meeting. Your new officers are: president - David Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president – Carrie Cargill, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president – Greg Anderson, treasurer – Jerry Williams, secretary – Ray Irvine. Installation will be held at the May dinner meeting which will take place after the plant tour. Come and congratulate your new officers and give them the input and support that they need.

If you missed the April meeting you will have another opportunity to hear Dr. Melnyk at the conference this October at Higgins Lake. This is not only a bargain as far as the educational material that we be presented by all, but is also a great time to network with others who are facing the same problems and opportunities as you. It is also a time to relax and get rejuvenated. Don't forget that the registration also covers your meals and lodging.

Another great bargain that your membership gets you is an opportunity to learn by attending one of the satellite seminars. June 9, 2005 at Michigan State University the satellite seminar is Discovering Supply Management's Social Conscience. A supply professional needs only to look at the front page of the *Wall Street Journal* to be reminded of the importance of social responsibility. Ethical improprieties concerning accounting and finance, as well as safety, environmental, and human rights issues often make front-page news. This satellite seminar examines the types of activities that supply managers can engage in to support their organizations' corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, and how to initiate, sustain and measure the results of a CSR program.

Mike Hicks, President

Have an idea for a summer fun activity? Please share it with any board member.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

A hearty congratulations to Greg Anderson. Greg is this year's recipient of the Angell Award for excellence in Purchasing. Greg is a long time member of NAPM-CM and projects the purchasing practices of the late Bob Angell. Again Greg, congratulations on receiving this high award.

The Angell Award Committee

**MAY DINNER MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>

**Topic:** **Tour of Pratt & Whitney AutoAir**  
5640 Enterprise Dr., Lansing.  
Meet in lobby of Plant #1  
Parking between Plant #1 & Plant #3, or  
inside gate #3.

**Time:** 5:30pm; Tour starts at 5:45pm  
Tour to last about an hour and a half.

**Dinner:** **Texas Roadhouse Steakhouse**  
280 E. Edgewood Blvd, Lansing  
Just west of Target, Office Max & north of  
Celebration Cinema.

Pratt & Whitney AutoAir is a manufacturer and licensed re-builder of commercial airline engines, thrusters and aircraft hardware. Their three plants on Enterprise Drive in S.W. Lansing produce, repair and recondition aircraft components as a licensed and certified FAA repair center. Take this opportunity to glimpse one aspect of support that keeps our airlines flying safely.

**Directions:** Pratt & Whitney's three plants are side by side: plant #2 is on the corner of Keystone & Enterprise Dr., Plant #1 is next door and Plant #3 is next. Their complex is across the street from Grainger Ind. Distributors and P & W is next door to the UPS terminal on Enterprise. Enterprise Drive is in the 5800-5900 block of Aurelius Rd. just south of the railroad tracks. If coming from South Pennsylvania Ave. Turn east at the Stoplight in front of the Toyota & Lexus Mini Mall and ABC Warehouse. This is Keystone Ave. which goes back into the industrial park and ends at Enterprise Dr. in front of the Pratt & Whitney plants.

**To attend the May dinner meeting,** please contact Boyd Shumaker ([shumake3@msu.edu](mailto:shumake3@msu.edu)), Mike Butchart ([mlbutchart@cmsenergy.com](mailto:mlbutchart@cmsenergy.com)), or Dave Taylor ([dtaylor@parmatube.com](mailto:dtaylor@parmatube.com)).

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**UPCOMING SATELLITE SEMINARS**

**Thursday, June 9, 2005**

Discovering Supply Management's Social Conscience

**HIGGINS LAKE 2005  
October 5-7, 2005**

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**Law Seminar:** Just a note to advise we were unsuccessful in arranging a May seminar on Purchasing Law as originally planned. We first scheduled a lawyer out of Chicago who later had to cancel due to a scheduling conflict. Our friends from Detroit who will be presenting at Higgins Lake were not available in the spring and a scheduled combination event with Lorman Education of Wisconsin was also cancelled when some of their speakers backed out. NAPM-Metro Detroit also attempted a Legal Bootcamp and their plans appear to have fallen thru.

In an effort to provide for some particular program needs, we have run into some difficulties this year. I still believe we achieved our goal of providing timely and effective continuing education programs thru our dinner meetings and the Satellite Seminars. We appreciate your support and look forward to our program this next year under the direction of Carrie Cargill. Dave Taylor , C.P.M., 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Programs

**April Dinner Meeting:** Many thanks to Dr. Melnyk for his presentation on **Measuring Purchasing Performance**. I have the PowerPoint slides of what he presented for those that missed and are interested in a copy. Email me at: [taylo517@comcast.net](mailto:taylo517@comcast.net) Dr. Melnyk also offered to those in attendance that evening an opportunity to be sent a copy of a presentation he was making the following week in Canada.