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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

This is the month for our meeting with the U.S. Customs Border Patrol to talk about imports. It will be a luncheon meeting on April 17th at Trippers in Lansing. If you are importing or will be importing (and that includes many of us) it is a meeting you should attend. Give Mike or Tim a call and set yourself up for this meeting. This is also the meeting where we elect new officers, and if you want to witness this, it behooves you to attend.

If you aren't aware of it, 2007 will be the 30th anniversary of our Fall Conference at Higgins Lake. Every year we survey the attendees and they always indicate how much they learned and how much they enjoyed themselves. I won't begin to tell you that everyone is ecstatic with everything, but all have indicated that what they learned and mingling with Purchasing Peers is one of the highlights of their corporate year. This year's conference is scheduled from October 10-12 and if you need time to enhance your skills or to find out how others are doing some of the things you do, this is the place to do it. Contact Jerry Williams (517) 750-3231 or williamsgl@comcast.net for more information or to reserve your spot.

Most of you haven't been to Higgins Lake in the last few years. Could you possibly let us know what is holding you back? We are very aware that times are tight but the education received far outweighs the expenses. As I stated in the previous paragraph, attendees have unanimously indicated the value received was much more than expected. If we were to provide a one day (8 Hour) Purchasing Seminar at a closer location, would we have more likelihood of you attending? Please let me know as our board is trying to find better ways to serve our members. You can contact me at mlbutchart@cmsenergy.com with your comments.

It is still possible for any body within the Supply Chain realm of your organization to become a trial member. That will give them 6 month's free membership, access to all ISM information and an opportunity to become an active member of NAPM-CM. There is no cost for this and we'd like to encourage anyone who has never experienced ISM membership to take a trial membership to see if there's enough going on to warrant a full membership.

Checkout the NAPM-CM web page. There is a short survey and information about our Fall Conference. <http://www.msu.edu/~napmcm/>.

Mike Butchart
President NAPM-CM

NEW MEMBERS

Jennifer Harris (Regular)
Gilles Akamdoum (Student)

APRIL LUNCHEON MEETING

The **April 17th** Luncheon meeting presented by:
U.S. Customs & Boarder Protection

Topic: Import Entry

Presenter: U.S. Customs Import Specialist—
Starting the Process & Importing Goods into the U.S.

Location: Tripper Sports Bar
345 Frandor Shopping Ctr
Lansing,
Phone 517-336-0717

Time: 11:30-11:45 Sign-in & Social Time
11:45 seating and lunch orders
12:00 Presentation begins.

Cost: \$15.00 Members & Guests,
\$10.00 Student members
Cash bar.

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Directions: Going North on US 127 take the Kalamazoo/Michigan Ave exit, continue North on the service drive past Kalamazoo and Michigan. Approximately one block past Michigan you will intersect a **ONE WAY going EAST** turn **RIGHT**. This takes you into the Frandor Shopping area you will see Sears on the right continue straight till you see the LaSalle Bank, on the left. Turn **LEFT** Trippers will be on the **RIGHT** just past the bank.

Going West on Michigan Ave turn **RIGHT** at Clippert St, just past Sears, turn **RIGHT** at the first light go to the LaSalle Bank turn **LEFT** Trippers is on the **RIGHT** just past the bank.

Coming from the West on Saginaw just past MI 127 turn **Right** onto Clippert St. go to 1st light turn **LEFT** into shopping center, go through two stops, turn **Right** Trippers is straight ahead.

The meeting room is located at the front entrance.

May 15th meeting will be presented by Richard Wiggins, Author and Speaker on Internet Topics

UPCOMING SATELLITE SEMINARS:

Thursday, April 19, 2007

The Business Case for Diversity in a Social
Responsibility Context

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Project Management for Supply Professionals

**Higgins Michigan
Purchasing Conference
October 10, 11, & 12, 2007**

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