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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

Well summer has finally arrived in Michigan. We welcome three new members to NAPM Central Michigan this month. We hope to see you at the dinner meetings so we can get to know you better. Your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Tim Pinter, has already been putting together the program for next year and it is looking like it will be great. There will be a variety of topics and speakers, from the Vice President of Global Procurement from Kellogg's to Trudy Rampy of the Michigan State Police. I encourage each of you to attend some of the dinner or lunch meeting so we can learn about you and hear what you do. We need to learn from each other.

Also remember the satellite seminars that we sponsor throughout the year that come from ISM. They are top notch and also will get you CEU credits that you may need to keep your certification. Another training opportunity will be here before you know it. The Michigan Purchasing Conference at Higgins Lake, Michigan is a fantastic place to learn and meet others that may have some of the same challenges that you have. We can learn as much from each other as we can from the speakers and we have a great time doing it. There will be nightly campfires and great food. The registration forms will be out soon so watch for them. Make sure you get the early bird rate.

I recently read two news stories that had me thinking about our Michigan economy. The first was, "**Economy has worst growth since 2002.**" It states that the economy nearly stalled in the first quarter with growth slowing to a pace of just 0.6 percent. Now many of us in Michigan would be happy with that right now. The article blames money spent on gasoline for taking money away from being spent on other things. I think most of us can relate to that.

The second article, "**Midwest business expands strongly in May,**" had me scratching my head. It stated, "Business activity in the U.S. Midwest expanded in May at a much faster rate than expected fueled by a surge in new orders and stronger hiring. The National Association of Purchasing Management-Chicago business barometer rose to 61.7 from 52.9 in April. Is business up or is it on the way down? It appears that the growth in the rest of the country is starting to slow, but the Midwest is beginning to see more growth. We would like to know what you see going on in your company. Send us an email and let us know. Maybe we can figure it out together.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### New Regular Members:

- Valerie Trojan, Magna Corporation
- Lynne Bolenbaugh, Kinder Morgan Power

### New Trial Member:

- Jamie Rutter-Danley

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## 2007-2008 DINNER MEETING SCHEDULE

**SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>** — TBA

**OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>** —  
 Student night MSU  
 Location MSU Business School Room N100  
 Speaker Alistair Hirst VP Global Procurement Kellogg's  
 Time 6- 8

**NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>** —  
 Speaker Bruce Rasher-Director of Alternative Sources for Energy  
 Topic- Renewable energy sources  
 6:00 registration

**DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>** — TBA

**JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>** —  
 Speaker—Sgt Rampy MI State Police  
 Topic Business Identity Thief  
 Time 11:30 to 2:00

**FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>** — TBA

**MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>** – TBA

**APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>** – TBA

**MAY 20<sup>th</sup>** – TBA

I am working to put together the speaker program for the upcoming year. I have a number of speakers scheduled and would like input on topics that you the members would be interested in.

I can be reached at 517-372-9121 x 104 or [tpinter@auroraspchm.com](mailto:tpinter@auroraspchm.com).

**UPCOMING SATELLITE SEMINARS:**

**Thursday, October 11, 2007**

Global Sourcing: Where in the World Are Our Suppliers?

**Thursday, February 7, 2008**

Market Intelligence for Supply Professionals

**Thursday, April 17, 2008**

Supply Management's Role in Sustainability

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

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