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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**

“What goes around comes around.” “If we forget the past we are doomed to relive it.” I don’t know how many times I have heard those sayings. The older I get the more I understand them. We all know the Presidential election comes around every four years so we will get to see the television advertisements, get the phone calls, see the yard signs and have people knocking on our doors to tell us who we should vote for and why we should vote for them. This all starts a year before the actual election takes place so we really only get a three year break. Fortunately this should be over in another month and we can get back to everyday life without political commercials and advertising.

Some of us are old enough to remember the late 70’s and early 80’s and we have this strange feeling we are reliving them now. The economy was bad and Michigan was the worst of all. In the Jackson area we lost several large plants including Goodyear Tire, Clark Equipment, and Yardman Lawnmower as well as a huge engineering firm, Commonwealth Associates. Many other businesses were also affected, but these totaled 5,000 or 6,000 jobs. We were told there was a gasoline shortage and prices sky rocketed for fuel. At one period of time we had to wait in long lines for gasoline and then it came to buying on odd or even days according to your license plate.

Many of the people I knew left Michigan to find work elsewhere in other states. Some of those people I never saw again and others I have been able to keep in touch with. Life seemed tougher all of a sudden. My own job was eliminated to save money and suddenly one day I was told, sorry we have to let you go. It was months before I could find a job and it was whatever I could get at that time. Well things turned around and we all survived, but this time in our lives is starting to look familiar. I have once again been told that because of the economy that costs need to be cut and people need to be reshuffled and that my purchasing job is going to be done by my boss and others. I will be moved to another job to help out in that area. “What goes around comes around.”

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**New Regular Member:**

Morgan Swink, Michigan State University

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**UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS:**

**OCTOBER**

There is no Professional Development Meeting this month.

**NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Location: Dublin Square East Lansing  
 Speaker: Pamela Emenheiser  
 Topic: International Contracts  
 Registration: 11:30

**FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

Plant Tour: Neogen  
 Host: Jim Shirey  
 Location: Lansing  
 Time: Luncheon

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SATELLITE SEMINARS**

**Thursday, October 16, 2008**  
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