

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.

## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE AUGUST 2011

Hope everyone's summer is going well! I personally cannot wait for football season to begin. The Spartans (I bleed green!) appear to have a pretty good team. There is some optimism about the Lions, and as of the day I write this, the Tigers are in first place! Just as fall sports get rolling, we are getting rolling on the agenda for the 2011-2012 program year here at NAPM-Central Michigan.

The Central Michigan Purchasing Conference is fast approaching. Tim has been working very hard to line everything up. Please attend if you can. We have topics that will help in everyday work activities and speakers with extensive experience. All of the information is on the NAPM-Central Michigan home page. You can register and pay right online. The early-bird fee for members is \$255, if you register by September 1<sup>st</sup>. You are able to register and pay for multiple attendees as well. We're looking forward to having a great turnout for this event.

For the Professional Development meetings this year, we are going to be soliciting your input on the topics and locations desired. We want to know the topics, potential speakers, locations, etc. that you want, or even if you feel the meetings are not valuable to you. If you are contacted by a Board member asking for input on PDM's, please take the time to respond. NAPM-Central Michigan is here to serve its members and the Board is striving to make sure you get the most of your ISM membership.

We are planning to hold an open networking night for the September PDM. After input is solicited, we will post the date and time on the web page, as well as provide the details in the September Quote.

I'm excited to get this year kicked-off and I look forward to speaking and meeting many of you over the course of the year.

Adam

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SATELLITE SEMINARS

### Thursday, October 13, 2011

Manage...Lead...Transform: What You Need to Know to be Effective

### Thursday, February 9, 2012

Category Management and Understanding the Importance of Relationships

### Thursday, April 19, 2012

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## CENTRAL MICHIGAN PURCHASING CONFERENCE

NAPM-CM will be sponsoring a purchasing conference to be held at the Kellogg Center at MSU. The Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 18 and Wednesday October 19. Topics will be:

- **Supplier Performance, Evaluation and Development**
  - Sigmund Huber, Senior Director Supplier Relations, Chrysler Group LLC
- **Capacity Assessment and Lead Time Reduction**
  - David Sieben, President of SourceAlign, Inc.
- **Defining Bid Specifications (RFP)**
  - Carla Hendon, Properties Procurement Manager, Meijer
- **Panel Discussion**
  - Nickolas Little Assistant Dir. Executive Development Programs, Michigan State University

**Cost:** Members: \$300. Non-Members: \$325.

Early Registrations By September 1<sup>st</sup> Receive 15% Discount. Last Registrations After October 1<sup>st</sup> Pay 15% Late Registration Fee.

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