

18 REASONS TO JOIN NAPM-Central Michigan and ISM-Institute for Supply Management

- 1. Your Purchasing/Supply Chain Advocate--** No one understands better than ISM how supply chain management affects the bottom line. One of our objectives is to promote the SCM profession. Members have access to all ISM printed and electronic materials to help promote supply chain management within the organizational infrastructure and communicate your value-added contributions to your senior management.
- 2. Gain valuable contacts within our community during monthly meetings and educational functions.** Keep on top of local industry changes and commodity trends. Be a part of a growing association run by, and for the professional development of purchasing and supply chain management professionals.
- 3. Mentoring, Encouragement and Professional Development--** New or seasoned professionals, students or those seeking direction in career change, find that regular fellowship with peers of your profession, will challenge you to excel thru the direct example by leaders in your profession.
- 4. Job Opportunities via member networking--** Gain access to local area job opportunities. Local members regularly network and frequently are contacted by regional head-hunters. Jobs are periodically posted on our chapter website, plus a job-bank and resume posting service from ISM national, is available to our members.
- 5. Unlimited Access to the ISM and NAPM-Central Mi. Web Sites.**

Members can search an extensive database of topical information, articles on supply management issues, take part in professional forums, contact nearby or regional ISM affiliates or learn about ISM's assortment of educational products and services. Members also have access to:

 - The **Online Career Center** - where you can search a database of nationwide employment listings, post your resume, or take advantage of other career-enhancing tools. And network with your peers for better employment at our monthly dinner meetings.
 - The **ISM InfoCenter** - members can search an expansive database via the Internet, e-mail or fax a request to InfoCenter staff, or take advantage of free Resource Guides. Results within 48 hours.
 - **NAPM-Central Mi. Library** - Our collection of educational and reference material, with video-tapes of previous Satellite Seminars, is available to chapter members by contacting our board members. The library is in space provided by MSU's Purchasing Dept.
 - **NAPM-CM website** is: <http://www.msu.edu/~napmcm/> it is open to all members and visitors. We list our coming events, officers and contacts, and past articles from our column *The Tool Box*. The link our newsletter, *The Quote* past issues is: [Archive](#)
- 6. Educational Opportunities-Conferences, Satellite Seminars, Dinner Meetings & Scholarships.**
 - **Educational and professional development opportunities-** NAPM-CM provides regular opportunities thru-out its calendar year which provide you with CEU (continuing Education Units) that can be applied to C.P.M., and APP certification or renewals.
 - **Scholarships**—NAPM-CM has provided scholarships annually through its annual Michigan Purchasing Conference and other training endeavors whenever funding from those endeavors permit. Applications are accepted in the fall and awarded in spring.
 - **Satellite Seminars**-whenever ISM has nationally broadcast Satellite seminars, NAPM-CM provides conference room facilities at MSU for the local down-links and provides lunch for attendees--all for only \$25.00 per attendee.
- 7. Publications: Inside Supply Management® and The Quote :** *Inside Supply Management*, ISM's monthly magazine, contains national and international information on new trends and developments in the profession. The magazine is published exclusively for ISM members as part of your regular membership dues. *The Quote*, our chapter's monthly newsletter, keeps you up to date on local news and coming events.
- 8. Manufacturing and Non-Manufacturing ISM Report on Business® (ROB).** Published in *Inside Supply Management* monthly, the **ISM Report on Business** survey of purchasing statistics is the first of its kind. It's considered by many economists to be the most reliable, near-term economic barometer available today. This report is a nationally known tool.
- 9. C.P.M. Programs--** The accredited Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.) program focuses on the managerial, administrative, strategic, and tactical aspects of the purchasing and supply chain management functions. This program is designed for those working in any of the major private, public, or non-profit work sectors. The C.P.M. is administered by ISM and members receive discounts on exams and study materials. NAPM-CM strives to keep members informed of local or area training/study group classes to prepare for the exams.
- 10. Special Interest Groups and Forums.** Gain a deeper understanding of your supply chain management specialty and develop valuable connections across the U.S. when you join an ISM special interest group or forum. ISM has groups in interest areas ranging from materials management to health care providers, to federal acquisitions, MRO and RFID to mention but a few. Only through ISM can you participate in the ISM special interest groups or forums.
- 11. CAPS Research--** ISM members receive purchasing and supply chain management-related research studies and benchmarks free from CAPS Research, the only national not-for-profit research center in purchasing and supply chain management. CAPS Research sponsors three international roundtables throughout the year in North America, Europe, and Asia. Participants include more than one hundred Fortune 500 companies. CAPS Research and its affiliation through Arizona State University, ISM and other participating colleges like MSU, provides a unique and constant link to current trends, leaders and key academics molding the direction of our profession.
- 12. Seminar Discounts**

Enhance your professional development and job performance by enrolling in seminars taught by experienced instructors. Over 90 seminars are conducted annually throughout the United States. Everything from one week to one-day or evening seminars are available. Members save up to \$200 on each two-day seminar and \$400 on each management program. Our satellite seminar series is offered several times throughout the year. This live program allows you to interact with speakers and peers without leaving your city or affiliate area.
- 13. Educational Resources--** A variety of audio/video programs, and VHS copies of former Satellite Seminar programs are available in addition to misc. books. Publications include: textbooks, and workbooks. Locally, contact our board members about our chapter resource library in MSU Purchasing.
- 14. Annual International Purchasing Conference.**

Network with 2000+ peers at the only international conference devoted exclusively to purchasing and supply management. Examine emerging trends and challenges during comprehensive workshops. The conference attracts distinguished speakers and features several sessions highlighted by prominent corporate leaders. Members receive significant savings on registration fees.
- 15. The Journal of Supply Chain Management--** The nation's first scholarly journal devoted exclusively to supply chain management research and development. New members receive more than one-half off the 1 year subscription rate.
- 16. Recognition and Awards--** Earn recognition and be rewarded for exemplary service to ISM and the profession at large. The J. Shipman Gold Medal, the purchasing profession's highest honor; was established in 1931 to honor the year's top professional. Other awards are given to ISM members for outstanding public relations, professional development, membership activities, and international activities. NAPM-CM yearly awards the Robert Angell Award to that individual who exemplifies excellence in the Supply Chain profession in the local chapter.
- 17. ISM Knowledge Center**

Members can enroll in a free course on cost/price analysis, or take one of the growing number of other self-directed online courses and earn Continuing Education Hours toward recertification.
- 18. Member-Get-A-Member Campaign**

Once you are a member, you can receive valuable rewards by recruiting others into your professional assoc.—ISM.

Ready to join ISM & NAPM-CM? Complete the Membership or Student Membership Application form today! They are available from our board members or directly from our website. Feel free to call or Email our board-members with your questions. Rev. a 09-15-06