



# National Association of Purchasing Management Northwest Indiana



## NEWSLETTER



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### Calendar

**March 21 & 22, 2007 Wednesday & Thursday**

**C.P.M. Review Module 1 & 2**

**Dr. Russell Morey, C.P.M.**

Valparaiso University  
Student Union- Crusader Room  
1400 Chapel Drive  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**March 21, 2007 Wednesday**

**Strategic & Tactical Supply Management-  
A Team Effort- Dr. Russell Morey, C.P.M.**

Strongbow's Inn  
2405 E US 30  
Valparaiso, IN 46322

**April 18, 2007 Wednesday**

**Plant Tour**

Monosol, LLC  
1701 County Line Road  
Portage, IN 46368

**April 18, 2007 Wednesday**

**Educational Meeting- Monosol, LLC**

Popolano's  
225 S. Calumet Ave  
Chesterton, IN 46304

**May 16, 2007 Wednesday**

**Educational Meeting- Port of Indiana Update**

T. J. Maloney's (Holiday Star & Radisson Hotel)  
I-65 & US 30 800 E 81<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410



### President's Pen

March is Purchasing Month – if you didn't know that fact, now you do. To help promote ISM, NAPM-NI, our organization is offering a free seminar on Wednesday & Thursday, March 21 & 22<sup>nd</sup> with Dr. Russell Morey. You can see the information that is shown within this newsletter for more details. Also, ISM is having their 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Supply Management Conference and Education Exhibit on May 6-9, 2007 at Bally's Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV. Register now or visit [www.ism.ws/](http://www.ism.ws/) for more details.

As I'm sure you have noticed, but again maybe not if you are not attending our monthly meetings, attendance is down. We have sent out surveys to gather information, but to no avail. I'm sure some of the major factors is that everyone is overworked, over-stressed, tired, burnt out, and need some time with family and friends. Your Board has worked to get new members, solicit new ideas, and has done a fantastic job in keeping this organization solvent. Now it is up to you. **SHOW UP AT THE MONTHLY MEETINGS OR LET US KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO GET YOU THERE.**

P.S. Vitamin B helps with stress, Vitamins C & E are excellent anti-oxidants to ward off all those germs because you may not be eating, sleeping and exercising enough. I can attest to the fact, that exercise is my greatest stress reliever. Try it – you'll like it. ☺

In the up-coming months, we have our March free seminar with Russ Morey doing a C.P.M. Review on Module #1 & #2. Then later that evening, Russ will talk about Strategic & Tactical Supply Mgmt – A

Team Effort. Also, he will give us an overview of the upcoming new CPSM certification. In April, we have the, the Monosol Tour, which Bob Stratton has graciously offered. Then May is our season ending meeting with Stephen Mosher as our speaker, along with the elections and the Marty Harper Award.

This year has been an extremely difficult one for NAPM-NI. We are here to help you do your job better. But you do have to attend our meetings and network with others in order to reap those benefits.

I want to thank Larry Brandt for being our February speaker at Zuni's. His topic MRO Price Trends and Strategic Sourcing was very good.

At our Board meeting, the Slate for 2007-2008 has been decided. Due to the poor attendance and involvement, the Board has decided to eliminate the November meeting. We will have the NAPM-NI Christmas Party, the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in December. Also, we will eliminate either the February or March meeting. We have suggestions for the remaining meetings, but we are always open to any ideas from our members. If you have an idea, contact the speaker, along with the topic, and let us know what happens.

Karry Rogers has left Majestic Star. Because of her new job, she has resigned as the Membership Chair for NAPM-NI. I want to thank Karry for her hard work and time as Membership Chair and for helping with our Majestic Star meetings. We will miss you – stay in touch. Good Luck in your new job.

This year our scholarship program was unsuccessful. One of the reasons was our lateness in getting a Scholarship Committee together. When we finally did, the information was given to Valparaiso University and Purdue University Calumet. The students may not have had enough time to do the scholarships because of where the timing fell in with mid-terms, Thanksgiving, and other deadlines. So am asking for scholarship volunteers now and for the next two months. Time commitment is minimal – approx. 5 hrs. Then in September, we should have our Committee. I am proposing the following tentative timeline for our Scholarship Committee:

- March, April, May	Volunteers for Scholarship Committee accepted
-Sept.	Committee revises info.(flyers, questions, application) & contacts appropriate Deans at VU & PUC

-9/28/07	Committee e-mails flyer to VU & PUC for distribution
-10/26/07	Student scholarship deadline to be submitted to NAPM-NI
-10/29 - 11/2	Committee review scholarships
-11/5 -11/9	Committee conducts scholarship interviews
-11/12 -11/16	Committee decides on recipients & prepares necessary info
-11/19 - 11/21	Scholarship awarded & recipient invited to attend our mtg.

We need our help with this worthy endeavor – please get involved not only with the Scholarship Committee, but with your organization. Take care. Pam

## *ISM Affilaite Support*

### **Summer Leadership Workshops-** ISM

Leadership training workshops are tailored specifically for affiliate leadership. The workshops offer invaluable networking opportunities as well as sessions addressing both tactical and strategic training necessary to run a successful affiliate. The 2007 Workshops will be at the following locations/ dates.

June 22- 23, St Louis, MO

July 6-7, Las Vegas, NV

July 20-21, Baltimore, MD.

Anyone interesting in becoming a board member has the opportunity to attend these sessions to learn and network with others in similar board positions.

### **C.P.M. Written Exams at Half-Price**

ISM's 92nd Annual International Supply Management Conference and Educational Exhibit will be held May 6-9, 2007 in Las Vegas. Register for the complete Conference or a 2-day pre-Conference seminar and take one, two or up to three certification exam modules for half-price. Modules offered only on Wednesday, May 9, 2007. Register early; seating is limited. To register online, log onto [www.ism.ws](http://www.ism.ws) and select Education – Conferences, Seminars, then Conferences, Register Now for ISM's 92nd Annual International Supply Management Conference and Educational Exhibit, and then Register Online.

## Exam Impropriety

The Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.) Exam tests individual competency in the field of supply management — a profession in which high ethical standards are expected and the mere appearance of impropriety must be avoided at all cost.

With the new Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM) program on the horizon, ISM wishes to convey how vital it is to maintain the integrity of all of ISM's credentialing examinations and, hence, ISM's credentialing programs as a whole.

Examples of actions that constitute impropriety include, but are not limited to:

- Disclosing the content of the exam and/or answers to specific questions — this includes review instructors soliciting feedback about the exam from their students.
- Unprofessional behavior with respect to taking, proctoring, or preparing others to take the exam.
- Submitting false documentation with an application or registration form.

In previous publications, ISM has addressed the issue of exam impropriety involving the C.P.M. Exam.

In 2001, ISM's Certification Department performed a fact-finding investigation into impropriety involving a C.P.M. Exam review class. Class members exchanged, via e-mail, specific questions and answers from the C.P.M. Exam. Action items ranged from letters admonishing those who failed to stop the disclosure to the invalidation of exam scores.

In 2004, another C.P.M. Exam review class was investigated. In addition, the class took an onsite C.P.M. Exam at the conclusion of the review class. There were two main issues alleged. First, the exam proctor failed to follow ISM policy by letting an unauthorized individual access the exam materials. Second, during the review course, there were discussions, among the instructor and students, about sharing actual C.P.M. Exam questions. ISM had no choice but to invalidate the students' exam results. The proctor's own C.P.M. was revoked (and that individual couldn't re-apply for two years) and they are prohibited from proctoring any future ISM

exams. The review course instructor is permanently barred from being certified in any of ISM's credentialing programs.

ISM will continue to investigate all allegations and follow established policies and procedures to ensure that issues are addressed in a swift, fair and confidential manner.

As professionals in the supply management field, our actions should always be beyond reproach. ISM encourages everyone to review the ethics statement located at the bottom of every exam registration form and certification application. By signing any one of these forms, individuals agree to be held to these ethical standards.

In addition, all ISM members and C.P.M. candidates must adhere to ISM's Principles and Standards of Ethical Supply Management Conduct, which is posted on the ISM Web site: [www.ism.ws](http://www.ism.ws) — select About ISM and then ISM Ethical Principles and Standards.

ISM also has guidelines for C.P.M. Exam Review Course Instructors, which are posted on our Web site, [www.ism.ws](http://www.ism.ws). Select Professional Credentials, then Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.) Program, then scroll down to C.P.M. and A.P.P. Review Instructor Information. We ask that if you currently teach review courses for the C.P.M. Exam, that you read the instructor information and then complete the acknowledgement form and return it to us. We will also use the information on this acknowledgement to keep our review instructor records updated. Please note that instructors should not solicit feedback about the exam from their students.

ISM's Certification Department and the Certification Committee have the responsibility to our members and Certified Purchasing Managers to maintain the integrity of all of our credentialing programs. We take these responsibilities very seriously.

If you have any concerns that someone is doing something that you deem inappropriate, please contact Christina Foster, SPHR, Vice President of Certification & Diversity, at [cfoster@ism.ws](mailto:cfoster@ism.ws) or 800/888-6276, extension 3011.

## There's Still Time to Register for the 92nd Annual International Supply Management Conference and Educational Exhibit

ISM's 92nd Annual International Supply Management Conference and Educational Exhibit is May 6-9, 2007 at the Bally's Las Vegas Hotel in Las Vegas. Look for complete program information on the ISM Web site under Education — Seminars, Conferences. Select Conferences, then ISM's 92nd Annual International Supply Management Conference and Educational Exhibit.

### March 2007

3-4	Purim (Jewish)
8	International Working Women's Day (International)
11	Daylight Savings Time Begins (U.S.)
17	St. Patrick's Day (Ireland/U.S.)
21	Benito Juarez's Birthday (Mexico)
21	Spring begins

## IMPORTANT REQUEST

Dear NAPM-NI Member,

Please excuse the interruption, however NAPM-NI needs your important input and feedback. First I would like to apologize for not being in contact as much as we should have this year. There have been so many changes in people's places of employment, responsibilities, hours and contact information that we have lost track of many of you.

The first thing I would like to do to try to reconnect with you and improve this is to verify how and where you would like to receive correspondence.

Would you like us to return to a paper version of the NAPM-NI Newsletter mailed to you?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes      \_\_\_\_\_ no

Would you prefer the current electronic version which is e-mailed or web accessible?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes      \_\_\_\_\_ no

Where you would like this information sent? Home or work, and what is the current contact information for you?

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CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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With this information we are going to make an attempt to keep you better informed on your affiliate happenings.

Each ISM member is also responsible for updating your own information on the ISM web site. Keeping this information current is important as it allows ISM to keep in contact with you, and allows us to mirror our information against theirs to stay in touch. Please take a few moments and go to the ISM web site, <http://ism.ws/>, log into MEMBERS ONLY, MEMBER INFORMATION AND ONLINE TOOLS, ADDRESS UPDATE FORM, and update your information there also.

If you could return this information to me by mail, or e-mail it would be appreciated!

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Thanks  
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