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Calendar

October 17 & 18 2007 Wednesday Thursday
C.P.M. Review Modules 3 & 4
Dr. Russell Morey

October 17, 2007 Wednesday
Educational Meeting- Dr. Russell Morey
Moving towards the CPSM
Strongbow's Inn
2405 E US 30
Valparaiso, IN 46385

December 7, 2007 Friday
Christmas Gala
T. J. Maloney's (Holiday Star & Radisson Hotel)
I-65 & US 30 800 E 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

January 16, 2008 Wednesday
Joint Educational Meeting AWWI/NAPM-NI
Center for Visual & Performing Arts
1040 Ridge Road
Munster, IN 46321

February 20, 2008 Wednesday
Educational Meeting- NWI BP Expansion
Phil Schmidt's
1205 Calumet Ave
Whiting, IN 46394

March 19, 2008 Wednesday
Educational Meeting
Strongbow's Inn
2405 E US 30
Valparaiso, IN 46385

April 16, 2008 Wednesday
Plant Tour-
Task Force Tips
2800 E. Evans Ave
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Educational Meeting

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

May 21, 2008 Wednesday

Educational Meeting- Election- Marty Harper Award
T. J. Maloney's (Holiday Star & Radisson Hotel)
I-65 & US 30 800 E 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410



President's Pen

NAPM-NI Members,

Dear NAPM- NI,

Welcome to what I hope will be a great year for NAPM-NI – interesting speakers, delicious dinners, interactive networking, and most of all enjoyable conversations. As in the past years, our locations and speakers are varied to support the large geographic area NAPM-NI covers. Review the meeting dates, speakers, and restaurant locations – print the schedule for easy accessibility. It would be great to get more members and new members at each of our dinner meetings this year. Invite one of your fellow co-workers.

One of the missions of NAPM-NI is for educational advancement. I hope you belong to this organization for professional development, and not just to have 3 letters on a business card. So we are offering a FREE educational seminar this month. Dr. Russ Morey will be presenting C.P.M. Module #3 & #4 Review. The seminar will be at Valparaiso University on Wednesday and Thursday, October 17 & 18th. The only charge to our members is a \$35 meal cost for both days. Please take advantage of this great offer. There are NOT too many things we get in today's world for FREE. So take advantage of this great offer.

I want to thank Charlie and Tina Ward for all their help with the NAPM-NI Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Outing at Valparaiso County Club. I couldn't be there, but I heard that it was a wonderful day. There were 90+ golfers and 20 hole sponsors who supported this fundraiser. Jeremy Johnson, Edie Felton, and Timothy Timm – thank you for helping, too. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!!

Our scholarship committee, Edie Felton, Jim Grady and myself, have begun the process for the scholarships. The information was e-mailed to both Valparaiso University and Purdue University Calumet over 10 days ago. We will keep you posted on the progress of this project.

Please visit our website, attend one of our dinner educational events, and the FREE seminar. We need your support this year more than ever. See you later this month. Take care. Pam

October Educational Event

Dr. Russ Morey will discuss the road to CPSM in our October 17th Educational meeting at Strongbow's in Valparaiso. Please sign up on our web page-reservations.

CPSM Eligibility

The criteria for earning the CPSM qualification are:

- 5 years of full-time, professional supply management Experience
- 4-year degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- Pass the three CPSM Exams **OR**, if you are a C.P.M. in good standing, pass the Bridge Exam that will be available in May 2008, at the ISM International Conference in St. Louis. The three CPSM exams address the main components of supply management.

CPSM Pilot Testing

Pilot testing for the CPSM is in February and March 2008. Pilot testing is a standard practice when introducing a new qualification. It ensures the exams are reliable and credible. The pilot program also quantifies the exam, enabling ISM to develop exam equating and scoring. All supply management professionals who are interested in testing for the CPSM are welcome to participate in the CPSM Pilot Testing Program.

The CPSM Pilot Testing Program is offered to ISM affiliates onsite. Affiliates must have at least five exams to test (individuals may take multiple exams) in order to register for the pilot program.

Please note that the **Bridge Exam will not be offered during Pilot Testing**. The first time the Bridge Exam will be offered is at the May 2008 ISM Annual International Supply Management Conference.

Benefits of Pilot Testing

Be among the first to obtain the top professional credential in the field when you take part in the CPSM Pilot Testing Program. Get more than 70 percent off standard CPSM Exam pricing during the pilot testing period.

Take advantage of ISM's special \$99 CPSM Pilot Study Package available prior to and during the pilot testing period. The package includes the new *CPSM Study Guide* and the new *ISM Professional Series*. Universal to both pilot and bridging exam candidates, professionals at all levels should take advantage of this special offer.

To pre-order the CPSM Pilot Study Package, contact ISM Customer Service at 800/888-6276, or +1 480/752-6276, extension 401.

For additional information on the CPSM program and to sign up for CPSM e-mail updates, visit us online at www.ism.ws, Professional Credentials, Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM) Program, and select Get E-Mail Updates for the CPSM.

ISM Career Center Extras

Most ISM Career Center users think of the Career Center as a place to search for jobs, post their résumé or post a job opening. But the Career Center has much more than that to offer users.

For **job seekers** the Career Center also offers:

- Free résumé critique by a career expert
- Career tips, articles, newsletters, Web sites of interest and professional development links
- The ability to view the number of times your online résumé is accessed
- E-mail notification when new/updated jobs are posted
- Listing of sample job titles and descriptions
- Relocation resources
- Listing of local ISM affiliates that offer employment services
- Scholastic opportunities
- Lists of external job hunting sites, recruiters, salary/career builders

Mark Your Calendar for the 93rd Annual International Supply Management Conference and Educational Exhibit

ISM's 93rd Annual International Supply Management Conference and Educational Exhibit is May 4-7, 2008 in St. Louis. It's not too early to start planning. Look for complete program information in December 2007.

ISM Volunteer Positions Available

This notification outlines the ISM volunteer positions available in 2008. Descriptions for each position include term of office, qualifications and duties.

ISM encourages all members to express their interest in ISM volunteer opportunities. In principle and practice, ISM values and seeks a diverse membership. Individual viewpoints and contributions are pursued and respected. There are no barriers to full participation in ISM, regardless of members' ethnic background, gender, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

Volunteer Positions Available — Affiliate, Group and Forum Relations Committee and Leadership Training Workshop Planning Committees

Individuals interested in these volunteer positions may indicate their qualifications and personal commitment to serve ISM in the desired position on the Volunteer Position Interest Form. The form for the Affiliate, Group and Forum Relations Committee or Leadership Training Workshop Planning Committee is available at www.ism.ws (select Members Only, Affiliate Resources, Affiliate Support, then Volunteer Position Interest Form). **The Affiliate, Group and Forum Relations Committee or Leadership Training Workshop Planning Committee Volunteer Position Interest Form must be submitted by December 1, 2007.**

If you have questions about the positions, contact **Jan Miller, Vice President - Affiliate Support**, at jmiller@ism.ws or at 800/888-6276 or 480/752-6276, extension 3113.

Affiliate, Group and Forum Relations Committee and Leadership Training Workshop Planning Committee appointments will be approved by the ISM Board of Directors at its January 10, 2008 meeting. Volunteer form available at www.ism.ws; follow the link.

Affiliate, Group and Forum Relations Committee

Positions Available: Two members with affiliate experience

Term: One one-year term January 2008–January 2009
One two-year term January 2008– January 2010

Eligibility: Current Regular members who have held an affiliate officer position (as defined in ISM Policy) within the last five years are eligible.

Qualifications: Individuals should be knowledgeable about the Institute and issues involving ISM affiliates.

Duties: The committee has the responsibility and authority to make recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors concerning all management, operational and educational matters concerning affiliated associations and groups and forums including all proposed policy changes.

Time Commitment: Meetings will be held via teleconference calls or face-to-face meetings as needed.

Leadership Training Workshop Planning Committees

Positions Available: Eight positions are available for three Planning Committees to plan leadership training workshops.

Term: May 2008–May 2011

Eligibility: All ISM members are eligible. Individuals who apply for these positions will be considered for the Leadership Training Workshop Planning Committee nearest where they live. Individuals may be asked, however, to serve on a Leadership Training Workshop Planning Committee in another part of the country.

Qualifications: Individuals should be knowledgeable about the Institute and affiliate training needs.

Duties: Leadership Training Workshop Planning Committees are responsible for planning the content and topics of summer leadership training workshops, in conjunction with ISM staff. The Leadership Training Workshop Planning Committees are responsible to the attendees of the workshops.

Time Commitment: Members of the Leadership Training Workshop Planning Committees are responsible for attending one face-to-face meeting to plan summer leadership training workshops and will be expected to attend the scheduled workshops. Members may need to participate in teleconference calls to finalize the content of the workshops.

Committee members may be involved in securing speakers.

Other Committee and Project Positions Available

Applications for these positions or projects will be reviewed based on the committee needs, qualities and capabilities needed, diversity and other issues related specifically to the committee or project. Committee appointments will be approved by the ISM Board of Directors at its January 10, 2008 meeting. Individuals interested in projects will be notified as the project progresses.

If you have questions about any of the following positions or projects, contact the ISM Secretary, Holly LaCroix Johnson, by phoning 800/888-6276 or 480/752-6276, extension 3030, or by e-mail at hjohnson@ism.ws. To obtain the Volunteer Position Interest Form, call the ISM Secretary or visit the ISM Web site at www.ism.ws (log in to the Web site, select About ISM, Association Governance, then Volunteer Position Interest Form).

Submit the Volunteer Position Interest Form to ISM Secretary, Holly LaCroix Johnson, at ISM, P.O. Box 22160, Tempe, AZ 85285-2160, by fax to 480/752-7890, by e-mail to hjohnson@ism.ws or via the Web site by December 1, 2007.

Certification Committee

Positions Available: Chair-elect

Term: Chair-elect, May 2008–May 2009
Chair, May 2009–May 2012

Qualifications: Any member of ISM with interest in or experience with professional standards matters is eligible. The member should either be working in or supervising one of the following supply management components: distribution, logistics, inventory control, materials management, quality, receiving, transportation/traffic/shipping or warehousing.

Duties: Provide ongoing review of ISM's credentialing program to guarantee continued appropriateness and integrity. Address policy issues as they occur.

Time Commitment: Chair will lead at least two meetings per year plus teleconferences.

Reports to: ISM Board of Directors through the Chief Executive Officer

Positions Available: One member

Term: May 2008–May 2013

Qualifications: Any member of ISM with interest in or experience with professional standards matters is eligible. The member should either be working in or supervising one of the following supply management components: distribution, logistics, inventory control, manufacturing supervision, materials management, quality, receiving, transportation/traffic/shipping or warehousing.

Duties: Provide ongoing review of ISM's certification program to guarantee continued appropriateness and integrity. Address policy issues as they occur.

Time Commitment: Members participate in at least two meetings per year plus teleconferences.

Reports to: ISM Board of Directors through the Chief Executive Officer

Conference Leadership Committee (CLC)

Positions Available: One member

Term: May 2008–May 2013

Qualifications: ISM member who is knowledgeable across the supply management components and about business in general.

Duties: The CLC, acting on behalf of the ISM Board of Directors and within the approved mission statement, is responsible for the strategic direction of the Annual International Supply Management Conference. They select the workshops from the responses to the call for presentations. In addition, the CLC identifies emerging or "hot" topics and recruits the appropriate speakers. The CLC oversees the General Conference Committee (GCC) and the Exhibitor and Sponsorship Council in partnership with ISM staff.

Time Commitment: Members attend two meetings per year.

Reports to: ISM Board of Directors through the Chief Executive Officer

Diversity Committee

Positions Available: One member

Term: May 2008–May 2011

Qualifications: Any member of ISM is eligible. The entire committee represents the diverse membership within ISM including, but not limited to, representation of diversity in ethnic group, gender, creed, economic class, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, number of years in the profession and occupational stature.

Duties: Coordinate ISM efforts in promoting member participation, encouraging diversity, providing affiliate support, and developing and increasing the number of volunteers for leadership. Solicit, review and publicize best practices in promoting diversity. Identify barriers to participation within the Institute. Execute strategies for change. Educate ISM leadership about diversity issues and areas of concern.

Time Commitment: Members participate in at least one meeting per year plus teleconferences.

Reports to: ISM Board of Directors through the Chief Executive Officer

Educational Resources Committee

Positions Available: Chair-elect

Term: Chair-elect, May 2008–May 2009
Chair, May 2009–May 2012

Qualifications: Must be an ISM member who is a full-time academician actively involved in teaching or research in the supply management profession.

Duties: Coordinate ISM efforts in enhancing the stature of supply management in colleges and universities, support the mission of ISM to lead supply management, facilitate a working relationship between practitioners and academicians, promote and evaluate applications for ISM's annual Doctoral Dissertation Grant and Senior Research Fellowship programs and support the demand for entry-level positions in the supply management function.

Time Commitment: Chair at least one face-to-face meeting per year. Additional meetings depend on assignments.

Reports to: ISM Board of Directors through the Chief Executive Officer

Positions Available: Five members

Term: May 2008–May 2011

Qualifications: Must be ISM members who are full-time academicians actively involved in teaching or research in the supply management profession.

Duties: Coordinate ISM efforts in enhancing the stature of supply management in colleges and universities, support the mission of ISM to lead supply management, facilitate a working relationship between practitioners and academicians, promote and evaluate applications for ISM's annual Doctoral Dissertation Grant and Senior Research Fellowship programs and support the demand for entry-level positions in the supply management function.

Time Commitment: Attend at least one meeting per year. Additional meetings depend on assignments.

Reports to: ISM Board of Directors through the Chief Executive Officer

Ethical Standards Committee

Positions Available: One member

Term: May 2008–May 2011

Qualifications: Any member of ISM is eligible.

Duties: Provide ethical guidelines, leadership and resources to ISM, its affiliates, supply management professionals and the enterprises for which they work.

Time Commitment: Members participate in at least two meetings per year plus teleconferences.

Reports to: ISM Board of Directors through the Chief Executive Officer

Project Based Volunteer Activities

Periodically ISM has a need for supply management volunteers for specific activities. Individuals will be contacted based on need. The time limit for involvement is determined by the specific project. Some examples where individual volunteers are needed include: ISM's new qualification program, book reviewers, workshop presenters and magazine article writers. Please submit the Volunteer Interest Form on the ISM Web site and indicate your area of expertise.