



The Production Line

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JUNE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING

APICS Now and In the Future

Where is APICS headed in the future? What plans do we have to get there? What have we done so far? These questions will be addressed as we explore the current strategic directions of APICS, what changes are taking place to execute the strategy, and our performance to date. Longer range changes in operations and supply change management and the implications for APICS will also be discussed.

PDM MEETING INFORMATION

Date/Time	Thursday, June 12th, 2008 5:30 pm Registration—Networking; 6:15 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Presentation
Location	Embassy Suites Hotel (Indianapolis North) 3912 Vincennes Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268
Pricing	\$5 Students; \$30 Members; \$45 Non-members
Registration	Register online at www.apics-cind.org . Please register by Monday 05/09/2008.



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Robert J. Vokurka is the Chair of the Board for APICS The Association for Operations Management. He is a professor of operations management and department chair at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi. He earned his Ph.D. at Texas A&M University – College Station in operations management after nearly 25 years in industry, holding positions ranging from plant manager to division controller.

Dr. Vokurka holds APICS certifications for CFPIM, CIRM, and CSCP and other certifications in accounting, purchasing, and quality. He has also served as a senior examiner for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and is the Chair of the Panel of Judges for the Texas Award for Performance Excellence.

YOUR FEEDBACK COUNTS!

An important part of the Central Indiana APICS Chapter experience is the monthly Professional Dinner Meetings. These events are a chance for you to network with other professionals from Central Indiana and learning while earning continuing education credits to maintain your certifications.

We will highlight **feedback** received at past events. For those unable to attend the prior month's PDM, this is an opportunity to get a sense of what the rest of us experienced and what you missed. Hope to see you next time!

Jason, congratulations. I believe this has been one of the best PDM's in the year in terms of take home benefit. It was informative and very current.

Panel discussion format was great -- excellent speakers, great topic. Although the topic was on women in leadership, the advice given by the distinguished women transcended gender. Great job by Jason Wheeler moderating a thought-provoking discussion. Well done!

Very well done – beat my expectations and was entirely captivating.

When you have a forum where there is an opportunity for dialogue and questions- it is always beneficial.

I loved the deviation from the usual Powerpoint presentation. My favorite PDM's in the last year were done without PPT (The Panel and the Professor from Michigan who openly talked about how the world is changing). The other was on Sarbanes Oxley.



P R E S I D E N T ' S C O R N E R B Y J A S O N W H E E L E R , C H A P T E R P R E S I D E N T

PASSION AND PURPOSE

What a year! I wanted to thank everyone including our members, my Board of Directors, & the other IAPS organizations PMI & ASQ for helping to make this an enjoyable run as President of the Central Indiana Chapter. It is due to the continued support and volunteer efforts of the great professionals, that the Central Indiana Chapter continually gets recognized as one of the best chapters in the country. As you can imagine being the President has its challenges. However, when you are surrounded by a high quality Board of Directors a lot of those challenges are removed. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize each of them for their contributions this past year. Most of the board will be staying on for 2008-09 year, but there are a few moving on and I want to wish them the best in their new endeavors.

Let me start with members of my team that handle a lot of the behind the scenes activities. Kimber Rueff has served the last few years as VP of Administration. Kimber handles a lot of those mundane tasks and also handles the ordering of education materials for the chapter. Mollie Earnhart has worked this past year as the VP of Company Coordinator. Mollie has some initiatives in place that will keep bringing in new companies and continue to foster those companies already in the program. Norman Poteat has served as the VP of Marketing. Norman is helping the chapter reach out to new companies and even tap into non-traditional industries for APICS. Lisa Elick, has been working to keep membership increasing in her role of VP of Membership. This is the first time in many years that our chapter has been able to increase membership.

Dan Spieth has been taking care of the website this past year as the VP of IT. Dan spent most of his time trying to keep the site as pain free as possible for our members. Bryan Seidensticker had the daunting task of editing our award winning newsletter each month as VP of Publicity. Bryan has made some enhancements this year that have made it even better than before. Dale Brackin has really worked this past year to set the foundation for success with our education classes and the agreement with Ivy Tech. Dale's experience has helped us keep education headed in the right direction. Speaking of experience, Sue Gentry and David Hinko served this past year as Advisor and Past President, respectively. They have continued to provide insight to discussions that have kept us moving the chapter in a positive direction for our members.

Jim Malone stepped into the role of VP of Programs mid year and has done an excellent job. I can tell you from experience that

this role can be demanding, but very fulfilling. I look forward to the great programs that Jim is lining up for next year. Jim Tilton moved into the role of VP of Association Outreach two years ago. Through the various meetings with the IAPS-Indiana Alliance of Professional Societies leadership team PMI and ASQ leadership, we are really seeing some great collaborative events. This effort will continue to expose our members to other organizations where best practices can be shared and learned.

We had a few individuals that had to step down this year, due to an increase in their daily roles. Sheela Yadav served as our VP of Student Chapter and Career Development for the first part of the year. When work started consuming most of her time, she realized that she needed to step down. Sheela was replaced mid year by one of her colleagues at the University of Indianapolis, Karl Knapp. Karl hit the ground running and will continue to help influence and guide our student chapters. Also Nassir Patel, VP of Finance had to step down due to additional duties at work. Jim Conner, VP of Quality, was willing to take on the additional responsibilities of the finance role. Jim has stepped in and done an excellent job in making sure that there was stability through the transition, which was critical for this role.

Finally, Javier Rodriguez who served as my Exec VP and will be the President for 2008-09 program year. Javier's leadership skills and knowledge will serve him well as he takes over leading our chapter into the future. I have benefited greatly from Javier through our many discussions about chapter activities and professional careers. I am confident that Javier will lead the Central Indiana Chapter to another successful year.

I am very thankful for the team that has served with me, supported me, & put up with me this past year. Serving as President of the Central Indiana Chapter of APICS has been great opportunity to learn and development my leadership skills. APICS has given me a lot in the short time I have been involved and I plan to give back everything that I can going forward. I would like to send a special thanks to Trevor Kaye, who introduced me to APICS. Trevor has continued to mentor me as an APICS leader and also as a professional. I hope that one day I will be able to do the same for a future leader in APICS. Thanks again for a great year.

MAKE IT HAPPEN
Jason Wheeler

The Central Indiana Chapter welcomes the following new professional members:

William Draper CPIM • Julie Dieken • Erik Young • Patricia Hale • Balkrishna Apte •
Robert Hedlund • Roger VanGorden • Anita Palmer • Ting Zeng • Cynthia Farrer

Lisa Elick, CPIM —VP Membership

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2007 to 2008 Program Year Professional Development Meetings & Seminars

Date	Title	Presenter/Sponsor	Location
06/12/2008	APICS Past, Present and Future	Dr. Robert Vokurka	Embassy Suites North
07/10/2008	Implementing Lean – The Human Factor	Rich Graff	TBD
08/05/2008	Running and Effective MRP System in Healthcare	Biff Springer	TBD
09/18/2008	Lou Russell's 10 Steps to Successful Project Management	PMI CIC	TBD
10/10/2008	2008 Professional Development Day	PMI CIC	TBD

Seminars

06/24/2008	Running Covanta Energy Plant	Covanta Energy
08/19/2008	Zipp Speed Weaponry Tour	Zipp Speed Weaponry

READERS FORUM

The Readers Forum is an interactive question and answer forum promoting the APICS body of knowledge and the experiences of the membership to assist our membership with real world issues and problems. Readers of the *Production Line* are encouraged to submit questions to publicity@apics-cind.org. Responses to the questions are to be sent directly to the requester.

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

Measurement vs. Velocity. The company I work for measures productivity and not velocity or speed to market. It has been suggested that we get rid of our productivity measurement and find something that is more in line with velocity and/or speed to market.

Can you offer any suggestions that we may pursue?

Please send your responses directly to:

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Two Very Exciting Plant Tours Scheduled

Covanta Energy

June 24th at 1:00 pm

As a world premier operator of large-scale energy-from-waste facilities, Covanta Energy is proud to offer an environmentally sound solution to communities' solid waste disposal needs. With over 30 facilities worldwide, Covanta uses municipal solid waste as a fuel to generate clean, renewable energy. Covanta's modern Energy-from-Waste facilities safely and securely turn 15 million tons of waste into over 8 million megawatt hours of clean renewable electricity each year and create 10 billion pounds of steam that are sold to a variety of industries. Initial Tour date limited to 30 individuals.

Zipp Speed Weaponry

August 19th at 2:00 pm

Zipp Speed Weaponry serves a select group of elite companies and athletes, globally located and committed to bicycle & wheelchair competition. Zipp meets customer's needs for the highest performance, superlative quality components through innovative design and manufacturing utilizing the best material and technology available.

Tour limited to 15 individuals

You can sign up for these events at the following link:
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