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### President's Message

Life is full of transitions and, with APICS, that transition happens every July.

As you chapter president for 1999-2000, I intend to lead an enthusiastic team in delivering more products and services to our membership and non-member customers. Part of this strategy is not necessarily to create more work for chapter volunteers, but to create delivery solutions that involve technology, collaboration and/or outsourcing.

We won't change the world in one year, but we will lay new foundations and prepare the organization for future growth.

Please let me introduce the Board of Directors.

I've created a new position, VP of Marketing, and Melanie Hoots is taking on that challenge. Melanie has an engaging personality and has several contacts within the Sacramento area. She will be focusing on what we are doing right and wrong in marketing our offerings.

The VP of Education has traditionally been one position. This year, it will be split in two. Michele Vitaich, a recent graduate of CSU Chico and ex-president of the student chapter of APICS, will take over all certification-related course offerings. In addition to the current CPIM review courses at RCE, Michele will work with RCE to explore ways to deliver CIRM courses in this area. Michele will also be the primary contact for the new computer-based-training CPIM courses offered by Weber State University. George Cusack, a long-time APICS member is already hard at work creating seminar-type offerings that will excite you and the business community. These offerings will address the needs of the market as well as provide valuable certification-maintenance points.

Beverly Paul, a tireless APICS advocate has agreed to function as the Secretary/Treasurer. She is an accountant

by profession and her experience as President of this chapter for the last 4 years will be invaluable.

Lee Miller has taken on the responsibility of recruiting speakers for our monthly professional development meetings as the Director of Programs. Lee will be developing strategies to increase participation at these events. Her previous job as Director of Job Opportunities has been outsourced to the APICS-West web site.

With technology as a key enabler, the new position of Director of Technology has been filled by Randy Beck. Already he has added newsletters to our website and will continue to help the Board identify opportunities to exploit technology to improve service.

Adam Thomas has agreed to a second year as Director of Publicity. He was successful in adding brief articles of interest last year and no doubt will continue finding new ways to make the newsletter more interesting and a more effective marketing tool

Bill Lodholz and Glen Lewis continue as Directors at Large. Bill also has a strong background in technology and has many linkages into APICS Society and Region X. Glen brings first-hand experience in penetrating untapped markets and has the enthusiasm and knowledge to help in other areas as well.

It wouldn't be right to close this letter without thanking 3 volunteers who have elected not to rejoin the Board this year. Ree McLaughlan accepted a promotion out of the immediate area, Brenda Marsh is regrouping to focus on her consulting business and other interests, and Ed Mercado continues to serve but wishes to remain "behind the scenes".

Each of the Board members welcome your comments, suggestions and complaints. They would also like to hear "Yes, I want to help out!". Whatever your reason for contacting us, please do. That's how change happens.

Karen Hess, CPIM, CIRM  
President

## Testing with ASI

By Karen Hess

In May, I scheduled an Inventory Management exam with ASI, primarily to test out our new test vendor.

First, I tried to register on-line at [www.asisvcs.com](http://www.asisvcs.com). It would not accept my member number so I submitted a question on-line. When I didn't receive a reply, I called the 800 number and spoke with a customer service representative and made a reservation. Before concluding the call though, I asked why I could not register on-line. APICS old-timers be advised: if you have a 6-digit membership number, place a leading zero in it.

I was able to get in quickly and left work early on the appointed day for the exam. The directions to the site were very good.

Once there, I was able to check in fast, get a brief overview of the test, and begin the CBT tutorial. One thing I liked about the tutorial was that I could fast forward through it since I didn't feel that I needed the entire training.

The exam itself was more difficult than I remembered from the last time (early 90's). I believe much of this is due to the fact that I did not spend any time preparing for the exam. The last time I took it, I made sure to review the Inventory Management Reprints and found several questions lifted directly from them. For first-timers, this test can be very intimidating. My advice is not to skimp on preparation.

## APICS Sacramento Calendar

### July

- 6 Board meeting at Lyons on I-5 & Richards Blvd.
- 20 No Professional development meeting this month.

### August

- 3 Board meeting at Lyons on I-5 & Richards Blvd.
- 17 Professional development meeting. TBD.

### September

- 7 Board meeting at Lyons on I-5 & Richards Blvd.
- 21 Professional development meeting. TBD.

## CSUS Materials Management Certification Class Schedules

The 1999 Spring and Summer classes for the Certificate program are as follows:

- ◆ Systems & Technologies – July 7 – Aug. 2
- ◆ Purchasing – Aug. 16 – Sept. 13

Other than some ergonomic issues, I did not find the test experience unpleasant.

However, I have already heard from 2 members regarding experiences I would not tolerate. I have forwarded these concerns to the Region X Vice President who is very active in working with APICS Society to resolve the start-up issues with ASI.

The bottom line is, don't put off taking the exams; it only delays the inevitable. If you have a good experience, let me know. If you have a bad experience, definitely let me know.

APICS and all of the chapter officers know that there are problems with ASI. Most of these are attributable to our previous vendor unexpectedly terminating the contract and forcing APICS to bring another vendor up without enough lead-time to do it right. You can be sure that in the contract with ASI, the termination clause specifies a longer time period now.

Please don't let startup issues get in the way of achieving your CPIM. If you study and prepare, the rest of the issues are manageable. And, rest assured, your chapter and region will stand behind you should you be dissatisfied with the test vendor.

Don't delay, schedule your next exam today.

For more information, please contact Jackie Branch at (916) 278-4433 ext. 115.

## 1999 Examination Schedules

Basics of Supply Chain Management:

- ◆ Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> – Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1999
- ◆ Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 1999

*All other CPIM modules are offered throughout the year.*

CIRM exam schedules (excluding IEM) are:

- ◆ July 17<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> 1999
- ◆ Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 1999

IEM schedule:

- ◆ Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1999

**For test location, registration and other information, please contact Assessment Systems Inc. (ASI) at 800-274-8399.**

## **Congratulations Graduates!**

With a crowd of 300, lots of balloons and the company of friends and family, RCE Certificate Program graduates celebrated the completion of a milestone on the lifelong learning path.

Although there were the traditional inspirational speakers and public recognition of the graduates, what was most gratifying was to see the participation and support from the spouses, children, parents and other special people in their lives.

The RCE program sponsors 18 certificate programs, one of those being the Materials Management Program co-sponsored by APICSacramento. Classes are continuing through the summer and a new schedule will begin in the fall. Watch the newsletter for the course schedules, see our website at [www.apicsacramento.com](http://www.apicsacramento.com), or visit RCE at [www.csus.rce.edu](http://www.csus.rce.edu).

Congratulation to the following Materials Management Program Graduates:

Gary Abitz	Glen Delgado	Patrick Malloy	James Rogers
David Acke	Don Donati	Leah Manzano	Reyes Santa-Cruz
Kathy Adams	Steven Edwards	Mangir Masih	Teresa Scott
Djuain Adams	John Fadollone	Cesar Moreno	Oswaldo Serrano
Roxanne Allgeier	Terrie Frey	Lewis Morgan	Kathryn Snodgrass-
Curtis Andrade	Ruben Garcia	Kolin Morlatt	Montoya
Gorete Araujo	Scott Garske	Liz Morrow-Prado	Everett Stewart
Elizabeth Armstrong	Terry Gascoigne	Kenneth Moss	Aaron Timmons
Don Beach	Timothy Gibson	Cynthia Nash	Enrico Viviezca
Patty Byers	Richard Givens	Javier Navarro	Sally Vong
Sterling Cale	Matt Guidotti	Rafael Ordorica	Jeff Williams
Scott Carrera	Laurie Hants	Ronda Pate	Betty Williams
Vikki Carstensen	John Harter	Donald Petersen	Richard Williams
Denise Cordoba	Gregory Hunte	Mario Quiroz	Charles Williams Jr.
Eric Cornsilk	Debora Kirkwood	Richard Roberts	

**Please note that there is no professional development meeting scheduled for July.**

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