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“Project Management: How To Know When Trouble Lurks”

Tuesday, September 21, 1999

Mr. Payson Hall

This 60-minute basic-to-intermediate level presentation is designed for project managers and project sponsors. It will discuss barriers to failure avoidance, warning signs of troubled projects, and suggest mitigation strategies for common problems.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Payson Hall is a consulting systems engineer and

project management consultant with Catalysis Group, Inc. in Sacramento. Formally trained as a software engineer, Mr. Hall has performed and consulted on a variety of hardware and software systems integration projects in both the public and private sectors during his 19-year professional career.

RSVP by Friday, September 17, 1999

To RSVP for this dinner meeting, please call 916-650-8660 and provide the attendee's name, company and telephone number or fax/email this information to Lee Miller at fax 916-682-7827 email:javalee@ns.net.

5:30	Registration	\$22.00 Members
6:00	Dinner	\$25.00 Non-members
7:00	Membership meeting	\$18.00 Full-time students
7:20	Presentation	\$5.00 Speaker only

Presentation will be held at the Hungry Hunter Restaurant on Bercut Ave. Sacramento.
Please call the Hungry Hunter at 916-441-2844 for directions.

Special Note For October Professional Development Meeting

The October Professional Development Meeting will be a joint meeting with the Sacramento chapter of the American Society for Quality (ASQ). The presentation is scheduled for 10/28 and will begin at 6:45 P.M. at Hewlett-Packard in Roseville. Look in next month's newsletter for additional information.

President's Message

If there's anything that stays the same, it's change.

That holds true for APICS as well. During the last couple of years we have seen changes implemented to improve the products and services to our customers. During the next year you'll see changes that are likely to affect you or a colleague.

The CPIM examination modules are being reconfigured for release mid-2000. If you are currently in the process of obtaining your certification, please stay on top of this change. Michele Vitaich, VP Education, Certification will be providing updates to you in this newsletter as they become available.

The APICS society website (www.apics.org) has really taken off as a one-stop shopping point, 24 hours a day for APICS information and product orders. Compared to a year ago, the APICS site is being hit 4 times as often as a year ago. As a frequent visitor myself, I find I can get what I need, when I need it. As a result of the increased use of the website, the Fax-on-Demand service has been eliminated.

Fortunately, one thing has not changed. The APICS International Conference and Exposition is on track for October 24-27 in exciting New Orleans. Remember the conference brochures that were easily misplaced? Not any more. Go on line to peruse the flights being offered, exhibitor listings, and other important information to help you plan to get the most out of the conference. And registration on-line is a snap.

Change. About the only thing you can do is plan on it.

Karen Hess, CPIM, CIRM
Chapter President

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

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APICS Sacramento Calendar

September

- 7 Board meeting at Lyons on I-5 & Richards Blvd.
- 21 Professional development meeting. Mr. Payton Hill presents: "Project Management: How To Know When Trouble Lurks."

October

- 5 Board meeting at Lyons on I-5 & Richards Blvd.
- 28 Joint professional development meeting with the ASQ. Topic and speaker TBD.

November

- 2 Board meeting at Lyons on I-5 & Richards Blvd.
- 16 Professional development meeting. TBD.

CSUS Materials Management Certification Class Schedules

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

- ◆ Intro to Materials Management (formerly Basics of Supply Chain Management): Sept. 27 - Oct. 27. Mon./Wed. 6-9 p.m.
- ◆ Materials and Capacity Requirements Planning: Nov. 15 - Dec. 13. Mon./Wed. 6-9 p.m.
- ◆ Master Planning: Jan. 10 - Feb. 9. Mon./Wed. 6-9 p.m.

Classes are held at Hewlett-Packard in Roseville and are open to the public. For more information, please contact CSUS customer service at (916) 278-4433 ext. 0.

1999 Examination Schedules

Intro to Materials Management (formerly Basics of Supply Chain Management):

- ◆ Nov. 22nd - Dec. 30th 1999

All other CPIM modules are offered throughout the year.

CIRM exam schedules (excluding IEM) are:

- ◆ Oct. 4th - Oct. 30th 1999

IEM schedule:

- ◆ Nov. 19th - Nov. 20th 1999

APIC'S On-line a Virtual Reality

The CPIM certification program is coming to a computer near you. Weber State University, in partnership with APICS, has completed development of the seven exam preparation courses in the APICS Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) series for delivery award winning WSU On-line.

Production and inventory management professionals whose work schedule, travel schedules, or locations have not previously allowed them to participate in certification exam preparation courses can now do so from anywhere they have access to the internet at anytime that is convenient to them.

Each course developer/instructor is CPIM certified, has several years' experience in industry, and has taught the related courses in the traditional setting for many years. The courses are flexible and self-paced. You can start courses at the beginning of any month and you have three months to complete the courses.

For more information on WSU On-line, check out <http://wsuonline.weber.edu>. You'll learn all about getting around this virtual campus. Be sure to visit the Continuing Education Center for detailed information on each of the APICS courses and how to register for them on-line. You can also contact Kristie Nielsen at 1-800-848-7700 ex. 6774 or E-mail knielsin@weber.edu

APICS Certification Joins the Trend Toward Lifelong Learning

*By Gregory L. Schlegel, CPIM, CSP
APICS President*

While a good bottle of wine improves with age, the same does not usually hold true for education. Rapidly changing technologies coupled with new management philosophies are requiring lifelong learning to demonstrate professional credibility in today's marketplace. And people who don't stay current in their field run the risk of being left behind.

To address the need to document continued professional development in the P&IM field, APICS is launching certification maintenance for its Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) program and its Certified Fellow in Production and Inventory Management (CFPIM) program. Beginning on January 1, 1998, people who hold the CPIM and CFPIM designation will need to demonstrate every five years that they have undertaken activities to stay up-to-date in their

profession. To do so, they can earn professional development points for a wide range of educational and professional activities in four broad categories:

- continuing education
- presentations, publications, and educational development
- contributions to the profession
- professional memberships.

The APICS program encourages personalized pursuit of resource management education based on individual career needs and goals.

***In next month's Newsletter, there will be an article on Certification Maintenance and it's importance in Maintaining your Professional Edge. ***

Program Orientation Open House!

CSUS will be offering a program orientation for their Materials Management Certificate program to all interested parties on September 15 at 6 p.m. For more information, please call 916-278-4433 ext. 0.

Job Seekers!

If you're looking for a new job, check out the large selection of opportunities available online at www.apics-west.org.

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