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***From the Top
Highlights:***

- APICS will not have a Professional Development Meeting in December. Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 24th when we'll join NAPM/ISM at the Antler's Hotel. Our speaker, Dave Anderson, will present "The Future of Manufacturing at the Night with a Futurist".
- Our 2007-2008 class schedule is out! See page 4 for details.

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President's Corner

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Pikes Peak Chapter of APICS, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our members and friends a very happy holiday season, and all the best in the new year. We hope you had a successful year and that you have an even better year in 2008.

On January 24, 2008, we will join the National Association of Purchasing Management (NAPM) at the Antler's Hotel for a professional development meeting. Our speaker, Dave Anderson will present "The Future of Manufacturing at the Night with a Futurist". I hope you will make plans to join us.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in 2008!

On a different note, the APICS Board of Directors has conducted a review of the current membership dues structure, offerings, and services. On January 19, 2008, the board will meet and vote on the revised dues structure. The proposal includes recommended changes to the following membership categories:

- Professional Members (Including Retired and Members at Large)
- Enterprise Members
- International Members at Large

Additionally, the proposal recommends a unification of association and chapter dues.

The combined dues are projected to be \$200 (\$150 for association dues

plus \$50 for chapter dues) for professional membership. Consolidating the association dues with the specified chapter dues creates a single dues amount for members and prospective members to consider.

Recently, APICS has announced several enhancements to member benefits that provide significant member value. We believe the proposed dues increase is more than justified by the value of membership.

In the near future, the association will be communicating directly with the membership to provide detailed information regarding the enhanced member benefits and the details of the changes to the membership categories.



Don Simpson, CPIM, CSCP

2007 APICS Conference Proceedings Available

The 2007 APICS International Conference Proceedings are now available "free" to its members. They are also available to the conference attendees as part of the conference registration fee.

The proceedings consist of presenter manuscripts and the PowerPoint presentations from the conference education sessions.

There is also a compilation of audio files from

the conference available for purchase, but it is not part of the proceedings.

The proceedings can be downloaded through the APICS web site at www.apics.org. In addition, APICS will mail a CD-ROM to you upon request by calling (800) 444-2742.

CPIM Education News



The following five modules are covered in the Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) certification: (For details on each module, please visit our web site at www.apicspikespeak.org).

- Basics of Supply Chain Management
- Master Planning of Resources
- Detailed Scheduling and Planning
- Execution and Control of Operations
- Strategic Management of Resources

Classes

Our schedule for 2007-2008 offers all five CPIM modules. These courses each require a minimum of four students. Courses not meeting the minimum enrollment will be rescheduled.

CPIM course materials include a Participant Workbook, CD of Practice Exam Questions, Reprints book, CPIM Exam Voucher, and a coupon for a free Professional Development Meeting. In addition, first-time students also receive a CPIM Exam Content Manual and an APICS Dictionary.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations of course registrations with full refunds are allowed no later than one week (seven days) before the first class meeting. Cancellations less than seven days before the event carry a \$50 cancellation fee. In other words, a full refund will be made minus a \$50 cancellation fee. Cancellations received on or after the date of the first class meeting (no shows) carry a \$100 cancellation fee. To process a cancellation, you must contact Mike Heath at education@apicspikespeak.org or call 719-668-8035.

Additional Public Classes

Additional classes outside the tentative schedule can be requested, providing the four student minimum is met. Contact Mike Heath at education@apicspikespeak.org or call 668-8035 for more information. You may also submit a Class Interest form at our web site at www.apicspikespeak.org/Surveys%20html/apics_education_class_waiting.html.

Class Locations

Students may offer to host classes at their place of employment. To keep our prices low, the Pikes Peak Chapter does not rent classroom facilities. We have always relied on our students to offer classroom space, and this policy has been very successful for us. Please help us to keep our prices as low as possible by hosting classes where you work.

Registration and Payment

There are two ways to register for a course. The easiest way is through our website, www.apicspikespeak.org. Go to the Class Schedule page and click on the Register link for the course you wish to take. You will be asked to pay using your credit card. Payments are processed securely via PayPal.

If you do not want to pay by credit card, you may email your registration to education@apicspikespeak.org and

mail your payment to APICS Pikes Peak Chapter, PO Box 486, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. We accept checks, money orders, or approved company purchase orders. You may also email a copy of your purchase order to education@apicspikespeak.org.

Payment for courses cancelled due to insufficient numbers of students will be promptly refunded. All payments must be received by the registration deadline of the course.

Register Now for Upcoming CPIM Classes

The holidays are fast approaching, and so are the registration deadlines for our January CPIM courses. Make a resolution to invest in yourself in 2008 by earning your CPIM credential. Our CPIM review courses are an excellent way to get started.

Master Planning of Resources (MPR) is scheduled to begin the week of January 21, 2008. This is an eight week course meeting one evening each week at 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. Register by January 7, 2008 to take this course.

Strategic Management of Resources (SMR) is scheduled to begin the week of January 14, 2008. This nine week course concludes the CPIM series. It will meet one evening each week from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The deadline date to register for SMR is December 17, 2007.

Both of these classes will meet on a weekday evening (Monday through Thursday). We will select the specific day of



Mike Heath, CFPIIM

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New Just-in-Time Course to be Offered

For the first time, the Pikes Peak Chapter will offer the APICS Just-in-Time: Lean Operating Principles and Techniques course. This is not a certification review course – there is no certification exam. It is a course for professionals who already have experience in production and inventory management. The JIT course enables manufacturing, service, and retail organizations to eliminate waste, reduce lead times, and utilize resources more efficiently. Students will examine methods for authorizing build and move of material, discuss the effect of JIT on supplier and customer relationships, and learn the philosophies of lean manufacturing, kanban, and set-up time reduction.

The JIT course requires a minimum of eight students. Its cost of \$300 applies to both APICS members and non-members. Course materials include a Participant Workbook and a Reprints book.

See page 4 (APICS Class Schedule) for more information.

CPIM Education News, cont'd.

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the week based on student preferences. Be sure to indicate your available evenings when you register for a course.

Potential New Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) Course

The Pikes Peak Chapter has an opportunity to present *Understanding Sarbanes-Oxley for Operations Professionals* to our membership. This course has been developed by our neighbors to the north in the Colorado Chapter. Course topics include: Understanding the Life-Cycle of SOX 404, Understanding Process Controls and Risk Assessments, Testing the Control Environment, and What to Expect from External Audits. The course consists of two—2½ hour sessions, which we would like to present on a single Saturday.

Please let us know if you would be interested in this course. You may email education@apicspikespeak.org or click the Class Interest/Waiting List link on our website at www.apicspikespeak.org/apics_education_classschedule.html.

We will have details on pricing and scheduling in a future edition of *From the Top*.

Saturday Classes

Some APICS chapters have had success in scheduling classes on Saturdays, and Pikes Peak Chapter has offered CSCP classes on Saturday. However, we have never offered Saturday CPIM classes. Let us know if you would be interested in attending Saturday CPIM classes in the future. We would probably require three full Saturdays for a typical CPIM course, and we would probably schedule these for alternate weekends rather than consecutively. You may indicate your interest by emailing education@apicspikespeak.org or by clicking the Class Interest/Waiting List link on our website at www.apicspikespeak.org/apics_education_classschedule.html.



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APICS Regional Conference February 22 and 23, 2008

APICS Region 6 proudly presents the 4th annual APICS Six-Pack Conference in Houston on February 22nd and 23rd. This year's conference features over 40 sessions presented by recognized supply chain leaders covering seven topical areas in the General Session and a Special Session called Lean Certificate Workshop.

General Sessions

- Supplier Relationship Management (SRM)
- Supply Chain Management and Operations
- Distribution and Logistics
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM)
- Top Management Sessions
- Practical Applications of Today's Tools
- Lean Enterprise Concepts - select topics separate from the certificate program

Special Session (*enrollment is limited*)

- Lean Certificate Workshop – 2 day certificate program

*Earn 16 certification maintenance hours
when you attend both days*

Registration: Choose to register for either the General Sessions or the Special Session on Lean. Registration is hosted by the North Texas APICS Chapter. To register:

1. Go to the North Texas APICS website at www.ntxapics.org
2. Click Seminars on the left-hand side
3. Choose from:

General Sessions (2 days)
Lean Manufacturing (2 days)
Friday or Saturday General Sessions (1 day)

Full (2-Day) Conference	1-Day Conference
Early Registration: \$445	Early Registration: \$295
Late Registration: \$495	Late Registration: \$325
Early Registration Ends February 7, 2008	
Pay for 4 people from your company and send the 5th person FREE!	

Contact: Karen Mixon-Dowdy, CPIM at karend@mcdonald-tech.com or phone (972) 869-7108.

Location: JW Marriott in the Galleria
5150 Westheimer
Houston, TX 77056

Call to Reserve Hotel Room: (800) 228-9290. *Specify: JW Marriott Houston, APICS 6 Pack Conference. The code is STCSTCA*

Special Conference Room Rate is \$130/night plus taxes.
NOTE: You must reserve your room by **February 7, 2008** to get the conference rate.

CSCP Education News

Already have your CPIM, CFPIM, and/or CIRM? Then you are an ideal candidate for the Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP). Students must meet one of the following conditions:

- APICS CPIM, CFPIM, CIRM, or C.P.M. designation plus two years of related business experience
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent plus two years of related business experience
- Five years of related business experience

CSCP Exam

APICS has announced the first two CSCP exam dates for 2008, as shown in the table below.

2008 Exam Date	Eligibility Application Deadline	Exam Registration Date
March 15	January 18	February 1
June 21	April 25	May 9

CSCP Program

The Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) program takes a broad view of the field, extending beyond internal operations to encompass all the steps throughout the supply

chain—from the supplier, through the company, to the end consumer—and provides you with the knowledge to effectively manage the integration of these activities to maximize a company's value chain.

The CSCP Learning System

The learning system is organized into the following four modules: (For details on each module, please visit our web site at www.apicspikespeak.org).

- Supply Chain Management Fundamentals
- Building Competitive Operations Planning and Logistics
- Managing Customer and Supplier Relationships
- Using Information Technology to Enable Supply Chain Management

CSCP Review Course

The Pikes Peak Chapter will offer a choice of weekly evening classes or bi-weekly Saturday classes in preparation for the June 21st exam date. We will select *one* of these options based on student responses. The weekly classes would meet from 6:00 to 9:00 one evening per week for 13 weeks starting the week of March 17. The Saturday classes would meet all day on six alternate Saturdays starting April 5, 2008.



Mike Heath, CFPIM

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APICS Class Schedule

Course	Start Date (week of)	End Date (week of)	Registration and Payment Deadline
Strategic Management of Resources (SMR)	Jan 14, 2008	Mar 10, 2008	Dec 17, 2007
Master Planning of Resources (MPR)	Jan 21, 2008	Mar 10, 2008	Jan 7, 2008
Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM)	Mar 31, 2008	June 9, 2008	Mar 17, 2008
Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) or	Mar 17, 2008 (weekly evenings)	June 16, 2008	Feb 25, 2008
Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP)	Apr 5, 2008 (alternate Saturdays)	June 14, 2008	Mar 17, 2008
Just-in-Time Lean Operating Principles and Techniques	Mar 31, 2008	May 19, 2008	Mar 17, 2008
Detailed Scheduling and Planning (DSP)	Apr 7, 2008	June 9, 2008	Mar 24, 2008
Execution and Control of Operations (ECO)	Sep 15, 2008	Nov 10, 2008	Aug 25, 2008
Master Planning of Resources (MPR)	Sep 22, 2008	Nov 10, 2008	Sep 8, 2008

New Prices, Additional Deliverables for Certification Classes

The Pikes Peak Chapter board of directors recently completed a study of our education offerings. This analysis considered the costs of materials and instruction, the materials delivered with our courses, and a comparison of our prices with those of the other Colorado APICS chapters. As a result we are making some changes in our certification review course offerings.

Beginning with our September 2007 courses, we will provide exam vouchers to all students in our certification review courses. Both the Denver and Northern Colorado chapters already do this. The cost of the voucher will be included in the course fee. This means that students (or their employers) will make a single payment to the Pikes Peak Chapter for the course and the certification exam – it will no longer be necessary for students to request a second payment from their employer in order to take the exam.

In January, APICS made available a CPIM Reprints book for Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM). Previously these CPIM Reprints were available for the other four modules only. Pikes Peak Chapter will provide the BSCM Reprints to BSCM students beginning with the September courses.

APICS prices for other CPIM and CSCP materials were increased last January. Because of these changes and the additional materials mentioned above, the Pikes Peak Chapter will increase the prices of our certification review courses effective with the September schedule. Although

these prices are increased over last year, they are quite competitive with the prices charged by the Denver and Northern Colorado chapters. In spite of the increase, we believe that our CPIM and CSCP courses provide excellent value.

One additional change affects only non-members who register for our certification review courses. The non-member price will now always include a one-year membership in APICS Pikes Peak Chapter. This change will allow the chapter to purchase all exam vouchers at APICS member prices.

	Pikes Peak 2006-2007	Pikes Peak 2007-2008	Denver	Northern Colorado
CPIM—Members	\$340	\$495	\$475	\$635
CPIM—Non Members	\$390	N/A	\$525	Unknown
CPIM—Non Members Membership Included	\$455	\$615	Unknown	Unknown
CSCP—Members	\$925	\$1,650	\$2,300	\$1,990
CSCP—Non Members Membership Included	\$1,050	\$1,770	\$2,440	Unknown
Exam Fee Included	No Exam Vouchers	Exam Vouchers Included	Exam Vouchers Included	Exam Vouchers Included

Enhance Your Earning Power APICS Professional Certification Strongly Desired

A recent search on popular online job sites showed that top employers such as Lockheed Martin, BAE Systems, Northrop Grumman, and Harley-Davidson are seeking candidates that hold APICS CPIM and APICS CSCP designations. With an APICS designation, increase your position and raise your market value.

According to a recent salary survey, the average compensation of APICS CPIM-certified professionals was 17 percent more than for those who were not certified.

APICS Connection, July, 2007

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If you are interested in becoming a company contact or have any questions regarding this program, please call the APICS voice mail at 578-1225 or email Michele Tubbs at newsletter@apicspikespeak.org.

About this Publication

The Pikes Peak APICS chapter newsletter is published monthly as a service to its members and non-members. Its purpose is to inform them of the chapter's activities and to provide information to help them become more able practitioners in the field of operations/resource management. We strongly encourage articles and input from our readers. If you have any suggestions, comments, or critiques, or if you have a change of address or you do not receive this newsletter, please contact Michele Tubbs at newsletter@apicspikespeak.org or call 578-1225.

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APICS Pikes Peak Chapter Mission Statement

To be a premier source of education and information in the operations and materials management field within southern Colorado.

CSCP Education News, cont'd.

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When you register for the CSCP course, please indicate your schedule preference. If you choose weekly, please indicate which evening you are available. This course requires a minimum of four students.

Cancellation Policy

See page 2 for our cancellation policy.

Self-Study

If you prefer to self-study for the CSCP, we can provide the CSCP Learning System to students in the Pikes Peak and southern Colorado region at discounted prices. Contact Mike Heath for details.

Registration and Payment

See page 2 for registration and payment information.



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APICS Pikes Peak Chapter Calendar of Events

December 2007

- No professional development meeting scheduled
- 17 Registration and payment deadline for Strategic Management of Resources (SMR) class

January 2008

- 7 Registration and payment deadline for Master Planning of Resources (MPR) class
- 14 Strategic Management of Resources (SMR) class begins this week
- 18 Registration deadline for APICS/NAPM joint professional development meeting
- 21 Master Planning of Resources (MPR) class begins this week
- 24 APICS and NAPM joint professional development meeting presented by Dave Anderson at the Antler's Hotel

February 2008

- No professional development meeting scheduled
- 25 Registration and payment deadline for weekly Certified Supply Chain professional (CSCP) class

March 2008

- 17 Registration and payment deadline for Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM) class
- 17 Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) weekly class begins this week
- 17 Registration and payment deadline for alternate Saturday CSCP class
- 17 Registration and payment deadline for Just-in-Time (JIT) class
- 24 Registration and payment deadline for Detailed Scheduling and Planning (DSP) class
- 31 Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM) class begins this week
- 31 Just-in-Time (JIT) class begins this week