

February 20, 2001 - Professional Development (Membership) Meeting

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Tuesday, February 20, 2001 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Topic: APICS? What's in it for me?

Speaker: Wendy Kremers, Performance Consultant,
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Wendy Kremers, incoming Region 14 APICS Vice President, will lead us through some of the key benefits of becoming an APICS member and/or volunteer. While there are many members involved in certification education there are also those who are uninterested in certification. Those folks might ask what does APICS have to offer me? We think there is a lot!

If you would like to hear more about what APICS can do for you, plan to attend the PDM hosted by the Madison Chapter of APICS, February 20, 2001.

**This meeting attendance counts
for recertification credit.**

Date: February 20, 2001

Time: Registration starts at 5:30 PM.
Tech Session on Bills of Material starts at 5:30 PM.
Dinner is served at 6:15 PM.
Program starts at 7:15 PM.

Location: Sheraton Madison Hotel
706 John Nolen Drive
Madison, WI (608-251-2300)

Menu: Duet of chicken, Caesar salad,
and angel food cake with
raspberries.

Cost: \$20.00 for members or guests.
\$5.00 for program only.

Register: Please register with our
answering service, USA First,
by calling 608-257-8756
between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. by
the Friday before the meeting.

Late registrants may call Harley
Ringhand at 608-846-6053 or
email harley_r@evcoplastics.com.

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President's Message

John Weisenberger, CPIM

First and foremost - you are invited to join your Board of Directors at the Regional Meeting. We, the Madison APICS Chapter, are hosting the Region 14 meeting (our region, which includes WI and MI) here in Madison on Feb 9 & 10 at the Concourse Hotel. Friday evening 7 PM through Midnight (7 to 8 will be a time to see what other chapters are doing – the rest of the evening will be smoozing with region people in the hospitality suite or taking in Madison night life). Saturday business resumes at 7 AM with continental breakfast, 8 AM Introduction of Regional staff, presentation of mission and vision for region.

The highlight of the meeting will be the student case competition presentations which take place starting at 2:45 PM with completion about 5 PM.

Those of you who missed our January Professional Development Meeting missed a great session on how to manage time. We all know that time, as measured by a clock, proceeds very precisely and flows at a very constant rate. No one can control time. We cannot change the pace of time but we can decide how we will use each second as it passes.

As you might expect, we first learned that time management does not exist. What we can do is choose what we do at each moment just before it becomes the past. What we call time management is the organization of our behavior. Behavior is a function of what we hold to be true. Our behaviors are based on habit for the most part. "You form habit and then the habit forms you."

We often hear that time is money. You use your time to add value by exchanging

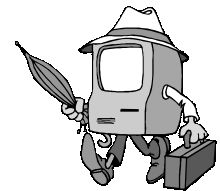
your activities for money. Another interesting point, Preto's Law works in this area as well; 80 percent of the value you add comes from 20 percent of your time. As you figure out which of your activities are truly valuable, you have the opportunity to become much more productive. The definition of increased productivity is creating more benefit (value to exchange) at lower cost.

One of the areas that we talked about was what we like to do vs. what is productive. Very often we choose to do things that add no value because we feel comfortable doing them regardless of the value of the exchange. Time management allows us to be able to maintain focus on draining the swamp even though we are up to our elbows in alligators

Our objective, as the people who bring the APICS body of knowledge to business, is to make a difference by adding value to everything we do. We recognize that value always follows well orchestrated execution.

Live long, add value and prosper

John



Do you E-mail?

In keeping up with modern technology and capabilities, we would like to try e-mailing the monthly newsletter to everyone.

If you would like to be included in the distribution list, please e-mail your e-mail address to Jim Spellman at matrix@itis.com.

Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award

The Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year Award has just become a teenager! MOTY is a high profile program that has been recognizing outstanding manufacturers for the last 13 years. Companies, or their nominators, complete a nomination explaining why they should receive recognition. Winning companies are chosen by an independent panel of judges, and those winners are recognized at a black tie banquet in February. The MOTY program is co-sponsored by VK, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, and Michael Best & Friedrich. These three high profile organizations provide the administrative, financial, and marketing support for the program.



Grand awards are given out to small (1-99 employees), medium (100-299), large (300-799), and mega (800+) size categories. An additional Grand award is given to an emerging company that has been in business less than 5 years. Special awards are given by the judges to companies exhibiting excellence in a particular area.

The award banquet, to be held February 22 at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee, will be attended by over 300 people. All nominated companies and their nominators are invited, along with judges and representatives of the co-sponsoring organizations. Since the winners are not announced until the banquet, the evening has a feeling similar to the Academy Awards. Governor Tommy Thompson has been gracious enough to promote the program by attending most years and providing the keynote address.

For information on the program contact the MOTY coordinator at 800-362-7301, or visit us on the web at www.virchowkrause.com.

Speaker Bio:

Wendy Kremers is a Performance Consultant who has worked for Steelcase Inc. in Grand Rapids Michigan since 1984. This is a recent position change for Wendy and places her in a role that works on defining performance improvement activities at the Executive Management level at Steelcase. Prior to this recent change she filled the role of Technical Training and Development Consultant for the Panel Division. During her employment with Steelcase she has held a variety of positions in Compensation, Benefits, Human Resources, the PIC Group as well in Operations management.

She began her career with Steelcase in 1984 in a position with the Manufacturing Operations group in the Panel division. In 1990 she stepped outside of the manufacturing segment to spend some time in the Human Resources group in an Employee Relations role. From 1993 to 1997 Wendy gained front line management experience managing three product lines within the Panel division at Steelcase. After successfully implementing self directed work teams, using lean manufacturing methodology and techniques, Wendy moved into a staff management role within the Panel division. Within her role as Technical Training and Development Consultant, Wendy worked with the management staff to identify opportunities for process improvement on the shop floor. Once identified Wendy worked with shop floor teams leading the training activity and implementation process as well as tracking improvement results and cost savings.

Wendy has been an active APICS volunteer for the past 10 years and is a past president of the Grand Rapids chapter. She has been on Region 14 staff for the past 5 years, served on the TEAM workshop committee, the Rewards and Recognition committee and also participated as a member of the society nominating committee. She is also the incoming Region 14 Vice President. Wendy is married to husband Jack, also a Steelcase employee, and has three children and three beautiful granddaughters.

Madison APICS Chapter 232
Student Affiliate Chapter

The Shadow Program - A Day in the Life of an APICS Member

In order to enrich the educational experience of students studying Manufacturing and Resource Management, the APICS Student and Parent Chapters have decided to continue the successful *Shadow Program* that started in 1994. The idea behind this program is to expose the participating student to the work environment and daily activities of an APICS professional in order to better understand what type of tasks and responsibilities they may face in a future job.

If you agree to serve as a *Mentor*, we will match you with one or two students at the UW-Madison School of Business. These students will become your *Shadows* for about 1/2 day. Ideally, you will take them on a tour of your facility so they understand the overall manufacturing process and the products involved. This will also give them an opportunity to observe visual planning and control systems (e.g., pull systems, bar code readers, work order packets, etc.), manufacturing technology, and work organization (e.g., assembly lines, cells, etc.). The rest of the time can then be spent on activities that normally make up your work day. This could entail demand forecasting, master planning, capacity management, order releasing, customer interactions, order scheduling, vendor scheduling and follow-up, etc. You may also bring the students to meetings involving problem-solving related to the design or operation of your ERP/MRP information systems.

The “shadowing” will take place on a day mutually agreed upon by you and the student(s). After the day is over, the participating students are required to summarize their experience in a brief report. They will also present their most important lessons learned in the OIM 654 class on Production Planning and Control.

If you are interested in serving as a Mentor for future APICS professionals sometime between February and April 2001, please fill out and fax the attached form. A designated student will then contact you at a later date.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at uwemmerlov@bus.wisc.edu or call me at (608) 262-0305. I am looking forward to hearing from you! Sincerely, Urban Wemmerlöv, Wisconsin Distinguished Professor

APICS SHADOW PROGRAM

Sign-up Form

Your name: _____

Your title: _____

Main area of responsibility: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Best time of day to reach you: _____

FAX #: _____

Type of products manufactured: _____

Special requests/concerns:

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JANUARY

- 4 APICS Board Meeting
- 17 APICS Meeting; 11:30 at Sheraton Madison
Technical - Time Management; Bob Priester
- 19 February Newsletter Deadline
- 25 APICS Board Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 9-11 APICS Regional Conference at
Sheraton Madison
- 20 APICS Meeting; 5:30 at Sheraton Madison
Technical - Bill of Materials; Jim Zimmerlee;
Wendy Kremers, Benefits of APICS
- 16 March Newsletter Deadline

MARCH

- 15 APICS Board Meeting
- 15 APICS Meeting; 5:30 at Sheraton Madison
Technical; Six Sigma
- 16 April Newsletter Deadline

APRIL

- 5 APICS Board Meeting
- 11 Plant Tour w/ Janesville Chapter
- 16 May Newsletter Deadline
- 27-29 Wisconsin Symposium

Upcoming Education Courses

Strategic Management of Resources	January 15 - March 5, 2001
Execution and Control of Operations	April 3 - May 22, 2001
Basics of Supply Chain Management	September 17 - November 5, 2001
Master Planning of Resources	September 17 - November 5, 2001
Detailed Scheduling and Planning	January 14 - March 4, 2002
Strategic Management of Resources	April 1 - May 20, 2002

All of these classes will be held at the MATC Commercial Avenue facility. Contact Barbara Birkholz for more information.

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