

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 18, 2003
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sheraton Madison

Your Career Success in a Tough Economy

Presented by Carol Aspinwall

Carol Aspinwall currently with the UW-Madison Manufacturing and Technology Management MBA program will share strategies for current or future job search success including building your network, working with recruiters, and polishing your resume.

Carol joined the UW-Madison, School of Business in the Erdman Center for Manufacturing and Technology Management in 2000. In the position of Assistant Director, Carol assists graduate students with academic advising, internship, career placement; as well as working with the Industry Advisory Board for the MTM program. Carol has been in the role serving college students for over 18 years and has experience working with a wide variety of students in the area of business, education, liberal arts, and technical fields. She has taught courses on job search strategies, technology, social issues, psychology, and business communications. She has also presented at national professional association conferences, has served on local non-profit boards, and in offices within professional associations.

Carol joined APICS in 2002 and moved into the position of Education Chair before stepping into the Student Liaison role which she currently holds. She attended the APICS International conference in 2002 and 2003. She has submitted a program proposal for the 2004 conference.

Carol holds a Bachelors degree in psychology from Edgewood College and a Masters degree in higher education administration from UW-Whitewater.

The menu on 12/18/03 is lasagna. The cost for both the speaker and lunch is \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members, and \$15 for students. Walk-in members will be \$35. Please **RSVP by noon on Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at www.madisonapics.org**. Please contact Don Peters at 608.441.5916 with any questions.

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President's Message

Kathy Smathers

Greetings!

The holiday season is upon us! I am sure everyone is busy preparing for Christmas. Take a break and come to our luncheon on December 18th. Our own Carol Aspinwall will be presenting, *Your Career Success in a Tough Economy*. If you are currently looking for a career change, or find yourself a product of downsizing, APICS can help. You can post your resume on the APICS website, employers can also post job openings. Networking at the monthly meetings is a great source to obtain contacts for potential jobs.

Just a reminder to those of you who have not completed your certification maintenance application. It is not too late. Check out how to comply with the maintenance certification program on the website at www.apics.org. You can also contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Mark your calendars for the Wisconsin Symposium, Friday, February 27th. It is a good opportunity to review or learn more about the APICS body of knowledge. Details about the symposium is available on our website at www.madisonapics.org Check it out!

In closing, the entire Board of Directors wish you and yours a joyous holiday season!

Until the new year...

Regards,

Kathy Smathers, CPIM

New to the Newsletter

Meet the Board!

Starting this month, we are featuring a board member. We will introduce a new one each month until we have gone through all of them.

1. Name and where you are employed.

Katherine D. (KD) Rannow, I am a certified public accountant with Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP. I have been with the company for a little over two years. My focus is on manufacturing and distribution companies.

2. What is your position on the board? How long have you held it?

My position is Publications which includes the monthly newsletter that is posted on the website. I have been on the board for almost two years.

3. How long have you been a member of APICS?

I have been a member of APICS since I started with Virchow Krause (approximately two years).

4. What was the last event you attended through APICS?

I attended the luncheon speaker meeting on November 18, 2003 which covered *Excess and Obsolete Inventory*. The meeting addressed how to identify excess and obsolete inventory along with the development of a plan to clean them up. It was presented by Virchow Krause.

5. What do you remember most about it? Or what did you gain from it?

There were some startling statistics on the average amount of excess inventory companies actually have on-hand and many times do not realize it. During lunch I sat with some MBA students from UW-Madison. We discussed the program and its requirements, which I found interesting.

6. What benefits have you and/or your company seen from being a member of APICS?

I have met an array of people whom I never would have met otherwise. When discussing a particular issue or topic, you see that there are so many ideas and approaches on how to correct a problem or implement a program. It has helped me to sit back and look at things more from a practical standpoint and not just financial oriented.

Leap into APICS Education

Wisconsin Symposium 2004

A one-day, multi-flighted event of resource management sessions with a variety of top-notch speakers offering ideas to apply within your own company that will allow you to improve performance and become more competitive.

Featuring keynote speaker:

Carol Ptak, CFPIM, CIRM
(past APICS Society President and author of several best selling supply chain books)

Date; Friday, February, 27, 2004

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: D.J. Bordini Center
Appleton, WI

Cost:

APICS/ISM member: \$245* / \$275

Non-member: \$295* / \$325

Student: \$75* / \$100

* Early bird rate, register by
Friday, January 30, 2004.

Register online at: www.fvtc.edu/ntng

For additional information:
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Calendar

December

- 18 APICS Luncheon Meeting
11:30 a.m. Sheraton Madison
Topic: *Your Career Success in a Tough Economy*, presented by Carol Aspinwall
January newsletter article submission

January

- 5 Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Coliseum Bar (Jingles)
- 15 APICS PDM Tour
5:30 p.m. Fiskars Brands Inc.- Garden Tools
February newsletter article submission

February

- 3 Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Coliseum Bar (Jingles)
- 20 APICS Luncheon Meeting
11:30 a.m. Sheraton Madison
Topic: 5S
March newsletter article submission

March

- 2 Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Coliseum Bar (Jingles)
- 18 APICS Luncheon Meeting
11:30 a.m. Sheraton Madison
Topic: TBD
April newsletter article submission

April

- 6 Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Coliseum Bar (Jingles)
- 15 APICS Luncheon Meeting
11:30 a.m. Sheraton Madison
Topic: TBD
May newsletter article submission

May

- 4 Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Coliseum Bar (Jingles)
- 20 APICS PDM Awards Evening
5:30 p.m. Sheraton Madison
Topic: TBD
June newsletter article submission

June

- 4-5 Summer Retreat (TBD)
- 17 APICS PDM Tour
5:30 p.m. Tomotherapy
Topic: TBD
July newsletter article submission

Job Postings

Buyer/Planner (temp) - Datex-Ohmeda

Senior Buyer - American Placement Services

APICS Certification Information

Exams

Examination Preparation

Workshops

Certification Maintenance

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