

Madison APICS
Professional Development Meeting
Thursday, March 15th
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Wolf Appliance/Sub Zero

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Please join us for a presentation on “How To Maximize the Data We Already Have”, presented by Brian Hagaman a Business Solution Professional from IBM. Brian is currently working with many clients who are seeking to improve their capability to:

- Aggregate data from the various disparate systems in a manufacturing environment, in real- time or near real-time.
- Contextualize and normalize this data so that it easily useable at the corporate- or business-wide level.
- Present it in a role and rule based fashion to all those who need it, when they need it.
- Integrate this data with any set of applications and predictive, trending, and reporting analytics.
- Base the data on named constructs and ISA 88/95 standards for easy roll-out and maintenance.

Brian is responsible for business solution development in IBM’s Global Business Services, Industrial Sector. His specialty is working with clients in the manufacturing excellence programs, improving operational effectiveness, and supply chain planning. He has twenty years of experience in business management and consulting, business process optimization, and information technology.

Timeline: 5:30 - Meet & Greet
6:00 - Dinner
6:30 - 7:30 - Presentation

Location: Wolf Appliance LLC
2866 Bud’s Drive
Fitchburg, WI 53719

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Please **RSVP by noon on 3/12/07** by contacting Carol Aspinwall at caspinwall@bus.wisc.edu or on line at www.madisonapics.org.

Cost: \$20 for members and \$10 for students.

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Step Up and Jump In!

Dear Madison APICS Members,

Bill Gates gives away billions of dollars. The Susan G. Komen Foundation helps support cancer research. Oprah built a leadership academy for girls in Africa. The local Madison Elks Club 410 has scholarships for students. I contribute to the booster club for my daughter's lacrosse team.

So what is my point? We all can give. Indeed, none of us can give the amount of money that Bill Gates can. I know I can't start a school in Africa, and there will probably never be a foundation set up in my name. But that doesn't mean my gift of time or talent can't be used in some way.

You too have gifts which can be used to benefit others. Maybe you volunteer for your child's sports team, or sing in your church's choir. Perhaps you coordinate the Walk/Run Team at work for the March of Dimes, or you pledge to give a donation to someone in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. How does it feel to give to others in this way? I bet most of us feel pretty good when we reach out and give of ourselves.

The purpose of my letter today is to have you think about the gifts you have to share and find ways to benefit others with those gifts. And in a purely selfish way, I want to ask you to consider using your time and talents in the APICS organization. I have found that whenever I have stepped up and helped with a cause or project as a

volunteer, I have received more than I have ever given. Contacts I made years ago while working in the March of Dimes as a volunteer are still important to me today. Skills I learned in organizing events have been invaluable in all of my positions. You too can benefit in ways which might not be instantly obvious by becoming more involved in APICS.

Contact any of the Board members and we will let you know how you can help. You can give of your time and talents, but what you'll receive will be worth more than you can imagine.

Think Spring and remember to turn your clocks ahead on March 11th.

Warmest regards,

Carol A. Aspinwall
Madison APICS President

UW-Madison Case Competition Team



Pictured from left to right are: Steve Lindsey, Charith Wickrema, Haibo Li, Xiaodi Wang, Puneet Arora, and Jia-Hui chen.

These UW-Madison students participated in the APICS Region 14 Student Case Competition held February 16-17, 2007 in Downer's Grove, IL. At the competition, these students had the opportunity to use their educational experience to solve real world problems.

Congratulations to these students for their participation!

2007 Calendar

March

- 15 APICS Meeting - Wolf/SubZero
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Speaker: Brian Hagaman
Topic: How to maximize the data we already have.

April

- 19 APICS Meeting - Cummins Emissions - Mineral Point
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Speaker: Wayne Ziegler, Plant Manager
Topic: Factory Tour, including the new catalytic exhaust line

May

- 17 APICS Awards Night - Wolf/Sub Zero, Fitchburg
Time: 5:30 p.m.

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