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## APICS Pittsburgh Chapter #31 Newsletter

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### **Join us!**

## **Professional Development Meeting**

**Wednesday  
April 8th 2015  
[Register now!](#)**

Where:	UPS Distribution Facility 521 North Center Avenue New Stanton, PA 15672
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**Dear Paul,**

Welcome to the newsletter of the APICS Pittsburgh Chapter. Working to bring you information on Chapter events. Please follow us on Twitter [Follow @PittsburghApics](#)

## **April 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 Professional Development Meeting**

Carla M Anderson - Marketing Segment Manager, Chris Hatter - Industrial Engineering Supervisor, Dan Lang - Field Channel Analyst, and Drew Medva - Strategic Account Manager will be our UPS hosts for the evening. During the tour, guests will see the complete package operation and hub capabilities including - package movement and technology.

Carla M Anderson writes:

*"United Parcel Service of North America, Inc., typically referred to and branded as UPS is the largest shipment and logistics company in the world".*

The American global package delivery company is headquartered in Sandy Springs, Georgia, which is part of the Greater Atlanta metropolitan area.

UPS delivers more than 15 million packages a day to more than 6.1 million customers in more than 220 countries and territories around the world.

UPS is known for its brown delivery trucks and uniforms, hence

When:	Wednesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup> 2015 <b>5:00 PM - 5:30 PM</b> <b>Registration</b>
RSVP	Constant Contact E-mail Response Required by Monday April 6th 2015. If no invitation was received call 1 866 MYAPICS or (866-692-7427) Ext 105 or e-mail to: <a href="mailto:APICS.Pittsburgh@gmail.com">APICS.Pittsburgh@gmail.com</a> Please include your name, daytime telephone number, type of Membership, and your Company affiliation.  <b>This event is limited to 30 attendees.</b>
Notice	No show reservations and cancellations received after noon on Monday will be invoiced for the full cost.
Cost:	\$10 for APICS student chapter members \$25 for APICS members \$30 for Visitors
Agenda	<b>5:00 - 5:30</b> Registration <b>5:30 - 6:30</b> Tour <b>6:30 - 7:45</b> Discussion Q&A <b>7:45 - 8:45</b> Dinner / Wrap up

## Current Membership

APICS Pittsburgh  
Chapter:  
**393** members

### New Members:

Jill Banko  
David J. Bitner  
Jordan Curry  
Shane Dugan  
Bradley Eckroth  
Nicholas Giori  
Matthew Laughran  
En-Chi Lo  
Ruth Nyamanza  
Jeremy Rogers  
Timothy Schaefer  
Dennis Schauer

the company nickname "Brown". UPS also operates its own airline and air cargo delivery service

UPS has a major sorting operations in New Stanton, PA processing about 400,000 packages daily and employing about 1,700 workers. The building is spread over 49.6 acres and contains about 327,000 square feet-or about seven football fields.

### [UPS Website](#)

**Attendance is limited to 30 persons.**

## President's Message

As the nine month winter is ending in Pittsburgh, we have two remaining PDMs on the schedule before the summer break. PDMs are scheduled the second Wednesday of the month unless extenuating circumstances arise.



Next year's schedule is starting to fill up, so if you would like to publicize your company by hosting a PDM, contact Jan Hanchak [JanMHanchak@eaton.com](mailto:JanMHanchak@eaton.com) for additional details.

The Chapter Board of Director elections are scheduled to occur next month at the May PDM meeting. The ballot with the member's names and Board position can be seen using the provided link ([2015-2016 pittsburgh-board-of-directors-elections](#)).

The Education team has finalizing winter and spring offerings. The latest schedule is posted on the website. Our team would be happy to discuss customized content and schedule if needed. Please contact Jack Martis at [jfm2620@comcast.net](mailto:jfm2620@comcast.net) to allow him to tailor an offering that would fit your needs.

Let us know how we can improve. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 1-866 MY APICS extension 100 or [thomassbrown@eaton.com](mailto:thomassbrown@eaton.com)

## What You missed!

Bryan Weitzel

## SAVE THE DATE FOR UPCOMING APICS EVENTS IN 2015

### [APICS 2015](#)

#### [Shanghai](#)

16-17 April

2015 |

Shanghai,

China

### [Best of the Best](#)

#### [2015](#)

June 18-19,

2015 | Chicago,

Illinois, USA

### [APICS 2015](#)

October 5-7,

2015 | Las

Vegas, Nevada

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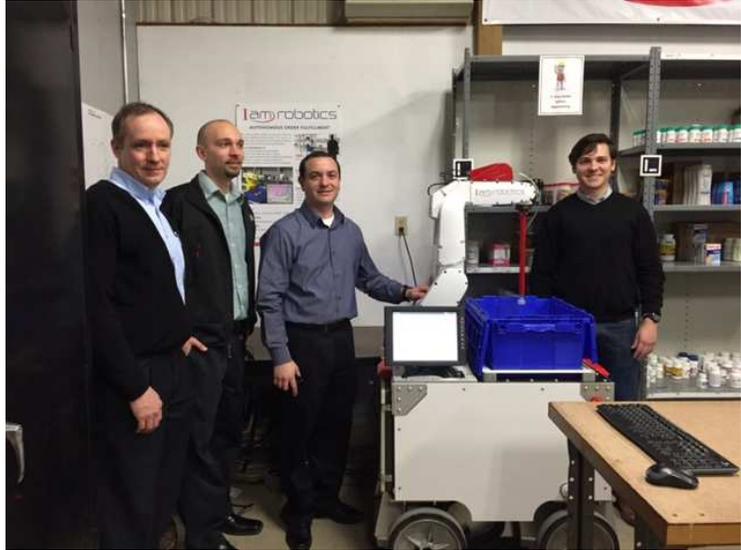
presented by

APICS and the

APICS SCC.

## CSCP free webinars

An upcoming CSCP webinar will focus on exam taking: **Taking the CSCP Exam with Confidence.** This webinar is **FREE**. We encourage CSCP candidates to attend.



Here's a picture of what you missed at last month's PDM.

## Officers Nominated for 2015-16

The nominating committee comprised of: Kevin Little, C.J. Connelly and Tom Brown met on March 10th and nominated:

Tom Brown - President

Kevin Little - Vice President

Ed Giacchino - VP Finance

Jim Dobos - VP Admin

The membership Vote will occur at the May 13th 2015 PDM. Per the By-Laws:

Any active member present at the election meeting may make nominations of qualified members to any office from the floor. An election-meeting nominee is added to the slate of officers when the nominee personally accepts the nomination at the election meeting and is seconded by five active members. The election shall be by voice vote except that any member may request and obtain a secret ballot for a specific position or positions.

## APICS Pittsburgh Chapter Upcoming Class Schedule

### CSCP Exam Preparation

Dates: Thursday, April 9 through June 25, 2015 (12 sessions)

**April 29, 2015** - [Taking the APICS CSCP Exam with Confidence](#) will provide tips and techniques for taking the CSCP exam with confidence.

## Wanted: Summer Internships

The Pittsburgh Chapter is looking for companies that have summer internship opportunities for our student members. If you are bringing student interns into your organization this summer, please let us know and we'll post the positions on our website. We have an abundance of great candidates!



Chapter Management Excellence is an integral component to enhancing the member experience. Successful APICS chapters provide their members with opportunities for stellar education, career development, and networking.

The APICS Chapter Benchmarking and Recognition (CBAR) program recognizes chapters that have exceeded minimum standards and exemplify excellence in overall chapter management. We are proud to announce the APICS Pittsburgh Chapter received the 2014 CBAR Platinum

Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM  
Location: Eaton Corporation, Moon Township, PA  
Instructor: Mike Evans

### Basics of Supply Chain Management

Dates: Thursday, April 9 through April 23, 2015 (3 full day sessions)  
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Location: NWIRC, Meadville, PA  
Instructor: Jack Martis

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**CPIM class fees are \$500 for APICS members, \$625 for non-members. CSCP class fee is \$1,600 for APICS members, \$1,900 for non-members.**

If you are interested in any of these classes and have not already registered, please contact Jack Martis at [jfm2620@comcast.net](mailto:jfm2620@comcast.net) or call at 1-866-MY-APICS x102 or 724-331-0866. Also, we are always looking for organizations to host classes. If you're interested in bringing APICS education directly to your employee base, please contact me directly.

## Membership Matters article about CSCP

### Showcasing successful CSCPs can be beneficial for current and potential CSCPs to see.

Rosemary Cheung, CSCP, Global Key Accounts Supply Optimizing Manager for North East Asia Shell Hong Kong Limited, "Primed for a Thriving Supply Chain Career".

"I would definitely encourage others to take the APICS CSCP courses in order to develop and enhance their skills, to create and execute a global supply chain management strategy that meets customer needs, to reduce cost, and to increase profits. The knowledge is yours. Use it, share it."

[Download the APICS Magazine article to read more.](#)

## APICS Announces 2014 North American Exam Pass Rates

APICS has published CPIM and CSCP exam pass rates for 2014 and the results are encouraging, at least for the CPIM program. The latest data shows the pass rate for Basics unchanged at 75%, but increasing for the other four modules as follows:

- MPR - from 68 to 69%
- DSP - from 62 to 68%
- ECO - from 64 to 76%
- SMR - from 57 to 65%

This is good news generally, but especially with regard to ECO and SMR. These exams, which are widely regarded as the most difficult in the program, both showed significant improvement

Award designation, an admirable accomplishment for an APICS chapter.

As a member of an APICS Platinum Award Winning Chapter, the CBAR designation signifies your chapter's commitment to providing an exceptional membership experience.

over past years performance. In the past, APICS has stated their concern about the low SMR pass rate in particular and it appears that efforts to improve the rate have been paying off.

However, the CSCP rate dropped slightly from 2013's rate of 67% to 65% for 2014. This may not be significant in that the CSCP pass rate has been within the range of 65 - 68% for seven of the past eight years.

Although historical pass rates can be a general indicator of the difficult of a particular exam, the most important issue for certification candidates is their own specific degree of success in the exams. As we have stressed repeatedly in the past, the best way to increase your own chance of success is to attend the instructor-led classes offered by the chapter. For more information, please contact Jack Martis at [jfm2620@comcast.net](mailto:jfm2620@comcast.net) or 1-866-MY-APICS x 102.

## Quick Links

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(leave a message based on your question or comment and a Board Member will call you back)

## 2015 Professional Development Meeting Schedule

You can register for future PDMs by clicking on the highlighted Presentation information.

April 8, 2015	UPS Distribution	New Stanton, PA	<a href="#">Presentation and tour</a>
May 13, 2015	Schroeder Industries	Leetsdale, PA	<a href="#">Presentation and tour</a>
June to August	No PDMs due to Summer Break		
September 9, 2015	Rivertowne Pour House	Monroeville, PA	Brewing Tour and Discussion
October 14, 2015	Eaton Crouse-Hinds	Washington, PA	Presentation and plant tour
November 11, 2015	TBD		
December	No PDM due to the holidays		

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