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Who:	MSA, The Safety Company MSA Corporate Center
Where:	1000 Cranberry Woods Drive Cranberry Twp, PA 16066
When:	Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 6:00 PM - 6:15 PM Registration Check-In Please no walk-in registration
RSVP	<p>Constant Contact E-mail Response Required by Friday, March 3rd.</p> <p>If no invitation was received call 1 866 MYAPICS (866-692-7427) Ext 105 or e-mail to: APICS.Pittsburgh@gmail.com Please include your name, daytime telephone number, type of Membership, and your Company affiliation.</p> <p>This event is limited to 40 attendees. Dinner will be offsite at the Pittsburgh Marriott North.</p>
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	<p>6:00 - 6:15pm Registration Sign- In 6:15 - 6:45pm Presentation 6:45 - 7:30 pm Tour 7:30 - 7:45pm Travel to the Pgh Marriott</p>

Greetings!

We have exciting news about your CPIM certification. Please check out attached info about the reconfiguration. If you are interested in improving your S&OP process, join the Breakfast Speaker Series at the University of Pittsburgh Katz School of Business on February 24th.

APICS Pittsburgh Board

President's Message

I would like to thank the PDM team for scheduling an excellent PDM. We had a very good turn out from both professional and student members. Robert Morris University had a very strong contingent. It was encouraging to see so many young people interested in the Supply Chain topics. If you have suggestions for additional PDMs please send your contact information to Jan Hanchak JanMHanchak@eaton.com. The nominating committee will be providing a list of applicants for next year's Board of Directors positions. The Pittsburgh Chapter membership votes on three positions: President, Executive Vice President and Vice President of Finance during the last scheduled membership meeting. This will be during the May PDM. The candidates will be presented in next month's newsletter. Other positions on the board are appointed by the new president. If you would like to volunteer to be on the Board please send your information to ThomasSBrown@eaton.com. APICS International Conference will be in October in San Antonio Texas. Follow the link for more information <http://www.apics.org/annual-conference/home>. Thank you for being part of the APICS Pittsburgh Chapter. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 1-866 MY APICS extension 100 or ThomasSBrown@eaton.com.



7:45 - 8:30 Buffet Dinner

CPIM Reconfiguration: The World Is Coming to an End - But You'll Be Just Fine!



Bob Collins, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP
APICS Senior Director, Professional Development

A Conversation with Bob Collins, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP; Sr. Director of Professional Development, APICS

Hey! I hear APICS is changing their CPIM program. What is that all about? At the APICS annual conference, in Washington, D.C., in September, APICS CEO, Abe Eshkenazi, announced that the iconic Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) certification will be reconfigured in 2017. APICS will be reducing the required number of exams from five to two exams. This proposed change was recommended by a volunteer Task Force, and approved by the APICS Board of Directors in July. Now that the decision has been made, what you really want to know is: how does this affect ME and MY CPIM certification preparation?

Questions about How I Should Proceed with My CPIM

I haven't started, but I really need to earn my CPIM within the next 12 to 18 months. What should I do? Start now. The reconfiguration won't be complete until Q3, 2017, and the scoring will take longer, which would delay your certification progress and the earning of your CPIM even longer. In addition, APICS will continue to support you. We will stop selling the Basics exam and Participant Workbook upon the release of the new Basics exam and the new Basics Learning System, but the other exams and Workbooks (MPR, DSP, ECO & SMR) will be available for at least a year for anyone still in progress, so you will be able to finish what you started.

I have prepared for, or am about to prepare for, the APICS Basics of Supply Chain ("Basics") exam. Should I wait? No. Keep going. The new enhanced Basics courseware and exam will be more expensive than the current Basics courseware and exam (no final decisions on price yet). The exam will be longer (3 ½ hours, 150 questions), so completing Basics now, before the reconfiguration, is to your advantage (less expensive, shorter exam). Passing the Basics exam now will still count toward the CPIM after the reconfiguration; it will be valid for up to 10 years.

I've only taken the Basics exam, but none of the others. Should I wait for the new "combo" exam? Personally, waiting appeals to the procrastinator in me, but if you stop now, the chances of your finishing the certification will be reduced by every month that you wait. You've finished the first exam and have momentum. Take advantage of it. It is tempting to think that the new "combo" exam will be easier. It certainly should be quicker (when it is available), but I wouldn't guarantee that it will be easier. First, the topics and terms in the Exam Content Manual (ECM) have not changed. All of the topics and terms currently found in the four individual ECMs will still be in the new ECM. The new combo exam will cover the original four modules (MPR, DSP, ECO & SMR) equally,



February 2017 PDM Summary

On February 8th, the APICS Pittsburgh Chapter's monthly Professional Development Meeting was hosted by Expeditors at Olivia's Banquet Hall in Coraopolis.

Expeditors is a Logistics service provider offering solutions in Transportation, Customs & Compliance, Warehousing & Distribution and Supply Chain Design. Troy Slagle, Jeff Trimber and Gina Suriano led off the presentation with a description of the services that Expeditors offers.

50 people attended the event, including about 25 students from Robert Morris University. Our thanks to Dr. Alben Ivanova at RMU for bringing her students to the event.

Breakfast Speaker Series

Join us on Friday, February 24th for our next breakfast topic: "Sales and Operations Planning (S&OP) Opportunities."

A fundamental (and age-old) challenge organizations face is the effective communication and planning between the sales and operations functions. Proper S&OP can not only reduce cost and enhance customer service but also decrease risk and improve cash management. Moreover, contemporary S&OP implementations cut across organizational boundaries, leading to greater supply-chain-wide improvements.

At this event, our distinguished panelists will present S&OP examples, challenges, and benefits. Our guest speakers include Doug Harvey from The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Kevin Kilmer from Westinghouse Electric Company, and Moid Mohammed from McKinsey & Company.

Our panelists will provide a cross-industry perspective to illustrate how higher levels of performance can be unlocked by improving S&OP. Implementation issues such as change management relating to legacy processes, avoiding pitfalls, capturing missed opportunities, and leveraging analytics for improving S&OP planning will also be discussed.

The breakfast is open to industry professionals and Pitt students, faculty, and staff. Parking is included in your registration.

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<http://www.business.pitt.edu/katz/scm/sop/registration>

Featured Panelists:

Doug Harvey

Operations Manager, Consumer Supply Chain

each of the original modules will be covered by 25% of the exam questions.

I've taken two or more exams. Should I wait for the new exams to complete the program? No, keep going; finish what you started. By waiting for the reconfigured exam, you will spend additional money, additional time and additional preparation on part(s) of the new exam that you've already passed in the current format.

Will APICS chapters and international partners still offer classes for the current five modules? Many of them will, especially if they know that they have demand from those already in the process of earning their CPIM. For most APICS partners, it will be business as usual for the next couple of years.

I'm already CPIM. What does this mean for me? You will remain a CPIM, as long as you continue to apply for Certification Maintenance every five years.

There is no substantive change to the program, just a reconfiguration of the structure. After the reconfiguration, new CPIMs will have had to validate the same body of knowledge that you had to validate with your five (or more) exams. This is not the first time CPIM has restructured to better meet the needs of the profession. Over the decades CPIM has jumped from four exams to five to six to seven, back to six exams. Then, in 2000, the current five exam configuration was rolled out. That change was even more of a major transformation because we not only changed the number of exams, but changed their focus from: Inventory Management, JIT, Capacity Planning, etc. to the current process oriented exams, which follow the planning hierarchy from business planning to the shop floor. Read our CPIM reconfiguration FAQs for answers to additional questions regarding the program change.

Can I still do this? Yes, you can do this! Think about why you're interested in the CPIM program to begin with. Do you need it to help you find a new job, to keep the one you have, to change careers or to better serve your company and its customers by improving and validating your skills as a professional? Does your company want you to wait, or to take the steps to gain and use the skills you need to improve the company's bottom line now? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes" then I urge you to move ahead with your CPIM designation today.

APICS Pittsburgh Chapter Current Membership:

472 members

Welcome to our New Members!!

Thank you for renewing your existing Membership!

Congratulations to Members achieving CLTD last month:

Rami Abdulhadi CSCP, CLTD
Lynn M DiPietro CLTD
Matthew J Drake CPIM, CLTD
Katherine Harold CLTD
Denis Lee CPIM, CLTD
Kevin A Little CSCP, CLTD
Carl A Rossi CSCP, CLTD
Wendy Serapiglia CPIM, CSCP, CLTD
Theodore A Somes CSCP, CLTD

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Kevin Kilmer

Director, Global Inventory Management
Westinghouse Electric Company

Moid Mohammed

Associate Partner
McKinsey & Company

Professional Development

2017 Professional Development Meeting Schedule

March 8, 2017	MSA, The Safety Company	Cranberry Twp, PA	Presentation and plant tour
April 12, 2017	Giant Eagle	Washington, PA	Presentation and facility tour
May 10, 2017	Eaton Corporation Customer Experience Center	Warrendale, PA	Presentation and facility tour
JUNE-AUGUST	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK
September 13, 2017	FedEx Services	North Pittsburgh, PA	Presentation and facility tour
October 11, 2017	Pocket Nurse	Industry, PA	Presentation and facility tour
November 15, 2017	TBD	TBD	TBD

APICS Pittsburgh Chapter 2017 Class Schedule

Execution and Control of Operations (8 sessions)

Dates: February 7 - March 28

Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: Eaton, Moon Township

Instructor: Jack Martis

Basics of Supply Chain Management (10 sessions)

Dates: April 6 - June 8

Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: Eaton, Moon Township

Instructor: Wendy Serapiglia

CSCP Exam Prep (12 sessions)

Dates: April 11 - June 27

Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: Eaton, Moon Township

Instructor: Jack Martis

CLTD Exam Prep (13 sessions)

Dates: April 11 - July 11

Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: TBD, Cranberry Vicinity

Instructors: Kevin Little, Wendy Serapiglia, Denis Lee, Matt Drake

Basics of Supply Chain Management (10 sessions)

Dates: April 18 - June 20

Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM



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 **2016 CBAR Platinum 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.

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

Location: TBD, Murrysville Vicinity
Instructor: Oda Bolden

Basics of Supply Chain Management (10 sessions)
Dates: April 20 - June 22
Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM
Location: Bayer HealthCare, Indianola
Instructor: Denis Lee

Strategic Management of Resources (8 sessions)
Dates: May 4 - June 22
Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM
Location: Bayer HealthCare, Indianola
Instructor: Jack Martis

If you are interested in any of these classes and have not already registered, please contact Jack Martis at 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.

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