

## President's Corner

---

The Greater Fort Worth Chapter Executive Board is constantly striving to bring value to its membership with active Professional Development Meetings (PDM's) involving plant tours and dinner/networking meetings with guest speakers.

In an effort to bring increased networking activities and more dynamic event offerings, we have been partnering with the local ISM and CSCMP supply chain chapters in developing joint PDM's. Our first effort yielded a great turnout and a host of positive feedback at this event back in September of 2016.

Due to the success of the September event, we are currently busy at work putting together the framework for another joint meeting targeted for June of this year. This will be another dinner event, but with a guest speaker instead of a panel discussion format, which was the September event program. Watch our website for upcoming meeting event notices about this joint program.

In the meantime, please make plans to join us for our joint meeting with the UTA Student Chapter in March and our annual Management Appreciation Night (M.A.N.) that will be held in May. If you don't make but one PDM a year, please plan to attend the M.A.N. meeting, as they attending membership will be voting on the new Executive Board for the 2017-2018 year. This year's ballot will include three new board members, as three of our current board members have announced their intention to step down, after this term is up. It is with great appreciation for all their years of work and dedication to fulfilling the responsibilities of each of their board positions within the chapter that I formally say "Thank You" to two of the board members that will be stepping down next term:

- ❖ Melody Busby, VP of Finance
- ❖ Joe Crosswell, VP of Education

It has been a pleasure working alongside these two professionals and they will be missed!

I will also be stepping down from the board following the conclusion of this term in June. It's my belief that in order to deliver continued value to our chapter members, new and fresh ideas from new board members is needed. Not only has it been my pleasure to work with the entire executive board members, but to also working with our student chapter board members and in getting the opportunity to meet many of our parent and student chapter membership. I have had the great fortune to have had Mr. Charles "Buzz" Busby, VP of Membership, to mentor me, as I attempted to fulfill the duties of the President's position. I can't thank him enough for his guidance! His knowledge of APICS and commitment to the organization is nothing short of remarkable.

Finally, I also must thank the remaining executive board members not already mentioned for their dedication, commitment and support that have made my term in office both rewarding and successful.

- ❖ Brian Cossette, VP of Marketing
- ❖ Dr. Randy Napier, Student Chapter Faculty Liasion
- ❖ Uday Soni, VP of Programs

Best regards,

David Shelton, CPIM

# Education

---

## **CPIM Program Changes Coming!**

“If you’ve never taken advantage of APICS certifications to build upon and increase your professional development, the near future presents a very good opportunity to do so. APICS is changing the format of the CPIM. The current system of 5 exams (5 review courses) required for the certification will be changed to 2 exams (2 review courses). This is partially in response to industry feedback that the series of 5 exams took too much time. The CPIM body of knowledge is not changing. The 1<sup>st</sup> (part 1) of the new two exam system will be based on the current BSCM content however the new course and exam will be longer, more detailed and more expensive. The 2<sup>nd</sup> exam (part 2) will be based on the content of the current MPR, DSP, ECO, and SMR content. In some ways, the new exams will be a bit harder, because it will require the individual to know a wider body of knowledge when taking the new exams. The current legacy exams have 75 question each. The new exams will have 150 questions over 3 ½ hours each. There will be some overlap in the time line of the implementation of the new system but some of the important dates are:

Discontinue selling legacy BSCM courseware materials when the New Part 1 is released-  
August/September 2017

Last day to take legacy BSCM exam 1/7/18, last day to purchase the exam 12/31/17

Significantly, the legacy BSCM exam will count equally for the new part 1 exam for a period of 10 years from the date of the exam.

Paper copies of the (MPR/DSP/ECO/SMR) Workbooks will be available through the end of 2017. Electronic copies of the Workbooks will be available through June 30, 2018. Sales for the legacy exams will be available through June 30, 2018, the exams will be available through 12/31/2018.

Although the partner pricing has not been formalized it is anticipated the new CPIM review courses will be priced similar to the CSCP course. Bottom line: If you have passed the BSCM exam or pass the exam before the deadline, you only need to take the part 2 exam to become certified. Therefore now is a great time to take the BSCM review course. If you only have 3 more exams to go under the current system, it’s pretty much a wash from a total cost perspective to go either way. If you have 2 or less exams to go it would be best to try to get them in before they are phased out December 2018.

Watch our CPIM web page for updates on the new CPIM program and course pricing at:  
<http://apics-gftw.com/CPIM>

Joe Crosswell, CPIM  
V.P. Education

## CSCP Certification Review Course Announcement

The GFTW chapter will be offering the CSCP Certification Review Course in April.

Class starts April 12, 2017 and ends June 28, 2017. The class will meet for twelve weeks, Wednesday evenings, from 6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

**Deadline to register for class is March 31, 2017.**

CSCP Course Fee: \$1800.00/APICS Members, \$2020.00 Non-members (includes APICS 1 YR membership)

Location will be Sealed Air, 4400 Diplomacy Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155

Instructor is Charles A. “Buzz” Busby, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP

CSCP course details can be found at: <http://apics-gftw.com/CSCP>

Questions? Email instructor at: [buzz@cbusby.us](mailto:buzz@cbusby.us)

## Membership

---

Wondering what companies or universities are represented by our GFTW members?

4Front Entrematic	MSCS
Acme Brick Company	My Fit Foods, Inc
AHA	National Oilwell Varco
Alcon Laboratories Inc	Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation
Allergan Sales	NOV
Architectural Fabrication	P&H Casters
AT&T	Parker Hannifin Corp Stratoflex Prod Div
Atlas Copco Drilling Solutions LLC	Pattonair
Atlas Copco Inc	PECO Facet
Atlas Copco Secoroc	Petmate
Aviall Services Inc.	Portacool, LLC
Bayarde Solutions LLC	PPG Industries
Bell Helicopter	Priefert Steel
Bridgestone Americas	PSAV
CEVA Logistics	PVI Industries, LLC
CH Robinson	Radius HDD
Chamberlain	redtoo
Charley's Concrete	Restaurant Services inc.
CNS Pantex	Rolls-Royce
CommScope	Sealed Air Corporation (US)
Co-Operative Industries	Siemens Energy & Automation Inc
Corning Inc.	SMP, Inc/ Four Seasons

Corning Optical Communications	Southwest Airlines
Danco Inc	SRH Consulting
De La Rue	St. Mary's University
Doskocil Mfg Corp	Standard Motor Products
Duraline Inc.	Tarleton State University
DynaEnergetics	TBM Consulting Group
DynCorp International	Texas Christian University
Federal Heath Sign Co	The Container Store
FedEx	The Country Malt group
FinishMaster, Inc.	The University Of Texas Arlington
Fittings Unlimited	TMAC
FMC Technologies	Trend Micro
Fresnel Technologies, Inc.	True Value
FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies	TTI Incorporated
G4 SCS	U.S. Cellular
Gardner Denver	Uber
GE Transportation	Ultra Seating Co.
GENCO	Union Pacific Railroad
GEODynamics, Inc.	United Technologies Corporation
Gerdau	UPS
Haggar Clothing Company	US Navy
Halliburton	Utah Valley University
ID Technology	Ventamatic Ltd
J.D. Wood Products	Ventura Foods
Johnson & Johnson	Vitality Works
Klein Tools Inc	WalMart
KLX Aerospace Solutions	WAM Inc.
Kodiak Trailer Components	Watco Companies
KPIT	Weatherford
Lippert Components	Weir Oil & Gas
Lockheed Martin	Weir SPM
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company	White Wave Foods
MillerCoors	Williamson Dickie
MK Technology Group, Inc	Xylem
Mother Parkers Tea and Coffee	Xylem Inc.

We maintain this list on our web site which can be found at the following page:

<http://apics-gftw.com/join.php>

If you are not a current member or your membership has lapsed, membership details and benefits can be found at: <http://www.apics.org/apics-for-individuals/membership>

### **GFTW Membership as of 3/8/17**

Current Membership Total:	235
Student Associate (not included in total)	167
Professional Member	160
Enterprise Professional	54
Young Professional	9
Academic Professional	7
APICS One (Former SCOR members)	4

Remember to keep your profile information up to date! Make sure APICS has the most up-to-date information on you. To update roster information, please contact: [chaprel@apics.org](mailto:chaprel@apics.org)

Interested in free learning apps? Then APICS has some you definitely should take advantage of! Check out the four apps on the APICS web site at: <http://www.apics.org/apics-for-individuals/apps/apics-apps>

### **Are you a part of the APICS Supply Chain Channel?**

Access the Supply Chain Channel, an industry discussion forum exclusive to APICS members. Connect with like-minded supply chain professionals, ask and answers questions and engage in conversation. Join discussions about certifications, lean operations, global supply chain management and more.

With dozens of online communities, you're sure to find a topic or community that matters most to you.

**Connect with your peers at the [APICS Supply Chain Channel!](#)**

Charles A. "BUZZ" Busby, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP  
V.P. Membership

## **Programs**

---

Mark your calendars!

The APICS GFTW chapter board of directors design our events in such a way that everyone is benefited. What do you get out of our events? Knowledge, networking, and personally getting to meet some vastly experienced professionals from the supply chain and operations arena. We also get to visit top notch and state of the art facilities.

We host a variety of events every calendar year, from town halls where you get to meet the board members and learn about the chapter activities and APICS as a whole, to plant tours of companies like Cummins, MultiCamm, Haggar, Sealed Air and many more. We also invite experienced and qualified speakers to talk on various topics, such as career paths, resume writing, Six Sigma and LEAN principles, etc.

Our main highlight in the past year has been our alliance with other organizations like ISM and CSCMP. The three organizations together hosted a successful joint panelist event in September 2016 which was well attended and received high reviews. We have a similar event planned in June 2017.

**Our Upcoming Events:**

30<sup>th</sup> March 2017: Joint PDM with APICS UTA Chapter. “Changing Technologies, Changing Career Paths”.

11<sup>th</sup> May 2017: Our annual “Management Appreciation Night”.

June 2017: Joint event with ISM and CSCMP.

Please check out the events section of our website for more details at [www.apics-gftw.com](http://www.apics-gftw.com)

Uday Soni

V.P. Programs

