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Greater Fort Worth Executive Board

At the upcoming Professional Development Meeting on May 21st, we will vote (by the attending members) on the nominations of the following Board of Directors for the APICS year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The officers will be installed into office following the May Dinner Meeting.

Currently on the ballot:

- **President: Dave Shelton, CPIM**
- **Vice President of Education: Joe Crosswell, CPIM**
- **Vice President of Finance: Melody Busby**
- **Vice President of Marketing: Brian Cossette**
- **Vice President of Membership: Charles "Buzz" Busby, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP**
- **Vice President of Programs: Kevin Nelson**

Nominations from the floor can be made at the May meeting, so if you are interested in serving on the board or have someone else in mind that you'd like to nominate, please come prepared to voice your nomination.

Please take a moment and join me in thanking the 2014-2015 Board of Directors for their dedication and time invested to our Greater Fort Worth APICS Chapter. These folks invest countless hours in the management of our Platinum Award winning chapter. Their efforts are why we continue to excel.

- Joe Crosswell – VP of Education
- Melody Busby – VP of Finance
- Casey Sutton – VP of Marketing
- Charles Busby – VP of Membership
- Kevin Nelson – VP of Programs

Thank you, as well to the Board of Directors and their support of our executive board members. Kudos to:

- Kier Albert

- Bradford Brown
- Jeff Cunion
- Gisela Ellis
- Tom Helfrich

And finally, a special thanks to Randy Napier who is our chapter's liaison with the UTA Student Chapter providing them with professorial & professional guidance along added support to the GFTW parent chapter.

**Dave Shelton, CPIM
President**

APICS-GFTW Education Spring 2015

2014-2015 has been an active year for education for the Greater Ft. Worth Chapter. Over the past twelve months we have conducted seven CPIM Certification Exam Review courses that included a total of seventy nine participants. These classes were conducted in the recommended sequence and provided our membership the opportunity to go through all five courses before the sequence started again.

Over the last few years individual companies have demonstrated the desirability of the CPIM credential by arranging for the series to be delivered on-site for their personnel. A few of these companies have made it possible for our membership to make it through the entire series by opening these classes up to participants outside of the host company. 2014-2015 is the first time in several years the chapter will deliver the entire series with public classes without a company host. There has been enough interest each time a class was offered to meet the minimum number of participants to "make" the class.

Surveys of participants in each class indicate the location of these classes was an important consideration in deciding to register for the class. Our chapter President, Dave Shelton, deserves much of the credit for the increased participation because he has arranged with his company, Sealed Air located centrally just south of DFW airport, to provide a facility to deliver the classes. GFTW also delivered one CSCP certification course this year that included 5 students.

GFTW has established five participants as the minimum number to conduct a class. We have had enough interest to deliver the classes in sequence but we will try to arrange for any class, in sequence or not if we have enough register. Our chapter currently has three instructors that are registered and participating in the APICS Instructor Development Program. GFTW's partnership agreement with APICS requires that we use instructors that are in the IDP.

The Terra Grande District is working with chapters to develop more instructors by offering the "Train the Trainer" course at reduced costs to get members enrolled in the program.

**Joe Crosswell, CPIM
VP of Education**

APICS MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Why become an APICS member? What's in it for me? Can't I get an APICS certification without being a member? Is it worth it? These are the most common questions that come up about APICS membership. Below are some of the many reasons for considering APICS membership.



Another reason that you should be aware of is the late breaking announcement that APICS and ASTL, American Society of Transportation and Logistics are in the final stages of a merger. APICS, SCC (Supply Chain Council) and ASTL all together under one organization! If you are interested and/or involved in supply chain, operations management, transportation, logistics or related fields, how can you go wrong?

Here are just some of the companies represented by APICS members in the GFTW chapter:

Alcon Laboratories, Allergen Sales, Atlas Copco Inc., Aviall, Bell Helicopter, BNSF Railway, Coca Cola, Danco Inc., Doscocil Mfg. Corp. (Petmate), Dyncorp International, FMC Technologies, Haggard Clothing Co., IBM Corp., Klein Tools, Lockheed Martin, Owen Oil Tools, Parker Hannifin Stratoflex, Pattonair, Sealed Air, Siemens, Southwest Airlines, TTI Inc., Turbomeca USA, Weatherford Int. and Williamson Dickie.

Discover APICS Membership Benefits

Access the extensive APICS body of knowledge—the most expert, current, and relevant education in operations and supply chain management. Enhance your career skills through APICS certification. Gain members-only discounts on all APICS programs and products. Connect to an impressive community of nearly 42,000 members around the globe—all committed to building excellence in operations management. Receive member discounts on educational events and APICS certification. Members save up to 25 percent on APICS offerings.

Savings on educational events

APICS International Conference & Expo:

APICS members save up to \$600 on registration. World-class annual educational and networking event. Attended by thousands of key operations and supply chain management professionals. Participants share knowledge, best practices, and the latest cost-saving, performance-enhancing techniques. Learn more at apicsconference.org.

Other APICS conferences:

APICS members save on registration. Delve into best practices and explore proven techniques to strengthen your skill set. Make more informed decisions, improve cross-functional communication, increase process efficiencies, and more. [Learn more.](#)

APICS in your community:

Network with local operations and supply chain management colleagues in your community. Expand your professional knowledge and skills with APICS courses through your local APICS channel partner. APICS has a robust network of partners worldwide serving the global supply chain and operations management community. Local APICS channel partner involvement yields valuable professional connections, relevant education, and opportunities to give back to your profession.

APICS website members can:

Access exclusive content such as the digital *APICS* magazine. Search members-only publications to research industry trends. Download white papers, select research reports, and helpful industry publications. Expand expertise with free, on-demand APICS webinars.

APICS Career Center:

Fill a position or find a job. Members have full access to the online APICS Career Center at apicscareercenter.org. Access webinars and white papers from our [Career Coach, Rodney Apple](#).

APICS webinars:

Convenient, online educational opportunities Continually expanded offerings that change with industry trends Many of APICS webinars are available on-demand and free of charge at apics.org/webinars

APICS Supply Chain Channel:

Connect and collaborate with peers through the global network. Participate in online forums to share ideas, develop best practices, and find solutions to everyday challenges in operations management. Download valuable resources to help you prepare for APICS certification exams, achieve your career goals, and more. Learn more at supplychainchannel.org.

APICS e-Mentor Program:

Network with people in your field Learn about career management and design Be supported during your job search Seek knowledge about educational goals [Learn more](#)

APICS and the Supply Chain Council (SCC):

Leverage a solid collaboration between two leading industry organizations to deepen your expertise in supply chain and operations management. SCC is the world's leading authority on supply chain methodology, diagnostics, and benchmarking based on the SCOR® standard. SCC product offerings complement APICS education and certification programs.

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**Charles A., Busby, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP
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