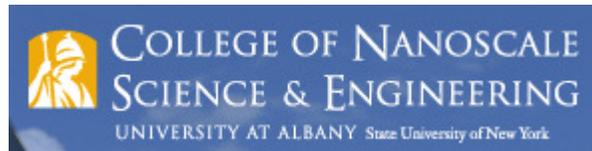




Albany/Capital District Chapter Newsletter
February 2008 Edition



February Professional Development Meeting



A Tour of the Albany Nanotech Facility
(Followed by dinner at the Italian-American Community Center)

Wednesday, February 13th 2008

Reception & Registration: 5:00pm

Tour: 5:15pm - 6:00pm

Dinner: 7:00pm

The CNSE (College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering) is located within a 450,000 square foot complex that houses the most advanced 200mm/300mm wafer facilities in the academic world, including over 60,000 square feet of Class 1 capable cleanrooms equipped with 300mm wafer processing tools. The complex incorporates state-of-the-art, R&D and prototype manufacturing infrastructure for nano/microelectronics, nanophotonics and optoelectronics, nano/micro systems (MEMS) and nanopower science and technology.



Cost

\$25 for members
\$30 for non-members
\$10 for students

Registration

All reservations should be made via e-mail to reservations@apicsalbany.org. Please include in your e-mail; Name(s), Company Name, Dinner Choice, and # Attending.

Directions to Albany Nanotech

From North and Airport:
Proceed South on I- 87 to I-90 East (Albany/ Boston).
Take Exit 2 (University at Albany, Washington Ave.) Bear right onto Washington Avenue.
Turn left at first stop light onto Fuller Road.
Proceed South on Fuller Road and turn right at first stop light.
At stop sign, continue straight to the F Lot (visitor's lot)

From East, West, South:
Take Exit 24 from NYS Thruway.
Proceed East on I-90 from Toll Plaza.
Take Exit 2 (University at Albany, Washington Ave.) Bear right onto Washington Avenue.
Turn left at first stop light onto Fuller Road.
Proceed South on Fuller Road and turn right at first stop light.
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A Message From The President

Hello ACAP APICS members,

We are all well into 2008, the Holidays and most January are already past us. How are your New Year's Resolutions holding up? If any of your resolutions included job changes and/or improvement, your APICS Chapter can help.

APICS certification /coursework and ACAP APICS Professional Development Meetings (PDM) are excellent methods of improving your current job performance, your value to your current employer as well as improving your value as a prospective hire.

APICS CPIM (Certified in Production and Inventory Management) is the standard in the Operations management field; the new APICS CSCP (Certified Supply Chain Professional) is the emerging "Gold Standard" in supply chain management. From manufacturing to service, in business and consumer markets, the increasingly important role of effective supply chain management affects all organizations. Customer expectations are high—with the APICS CSCP, you can ensure that your company not only meets, but exceeds them.

ACAP APICS PDM's provide you with exposure to expert Operations and Supply Chain professionals willing to share their experiences and success. The PDMs also provide an opportunity to expand your networking connections, to learn from, and give advice to fellow professionals. If you had been at our last PDM you could have met and spoken to fellow professionals from such diverse companies and industries as DynaBil Industries (aircraft components) , Anglo Dynamics (medical devices) , Momentive Performance Materials (silicone based sealants & materials), Plug Power (fuel cell systems), SONOCO (plastic packaging) among many others.

On behalf of our Board, I would like to extend a very special thank you to Tom Valentine of Target Logistics, who was our guest speaker at the January Professional Development Meeting. For those of you who were unable to attend, this was a lively, entertaining and very informative presentation on international shipping/Incoterms, supplemented by the great atmosphere, food and service at Bellini's of Clifton Park all in all a great night.

Our next PDM, Wednesday Feb.13, 2008 will be a plant tour of the IBM-Albany Nanotech Facility/College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering. This is an outstanding opportunity to view up close and personal an emerging technology that may well become the driving economic force in our region.

So please, take advantage of all your APICS chapter has to offer, you will be helping yourself in the long run. If there is anything you would like to see your Chapter do, or make available, let any of the Board members know. Contact information for the entire Board, as well as educational offerings and PDM reservation information are listed in this newsletter.

I and the Board look forward to meeting with you soon.

Paul C. Clark, CPIM

ACAP APICS Chapter Begins New Advertising Campaign

The Albany/Capital District chapter of APICS has entered into an advertising agreement with the Albany edition of The Business Review. The agreement will consist of six 1/8th page advertisements over the remainder of the calendar year. The advertisements are targeted at local business owners and executive management, and are intended to promote ACAP APICS membership, certification, and training as a competitive tool. The advertisements are tentatively scheduled to run in the 2/15, 3/14, 5/2, 7/25, 11/14, and 12/5 editions.

This is part of a larger effort to promote awareness of ACAP APICS to the local business community and Operations Management professionals. Previous efforts have included listing professional development meetings in the business calendar sections of The Business Review and Times Union.



February 22-23 APICS District Meeting in Albany

The next APICS District Meeting is scheduled to be held in Albany on Friday, February 22 and Saturday, February 23 at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center. As APICS members, you are invited to attend. This is the first meeting of our new restructured district, in which our New York and Northern New Jersey region merged with the New England region (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Connecticut).

These meetings are held approximately 3 times per year. All APICS members in the region are invited to attend. A networking event is held on Friday night where participants have the opportunity to socialize with other APICS members inside our District. Saturday's schedule includes mini workshops on subjects like how to run a local APICS chapter or how to market APICS offerings. A leadership workshop/session is usually offered. Agendas are distributed prior to the meeting.

If you have any interest in attending or have further questions about this District meeting, please feel free to contact any board member for details.

Upcoming Educational Offerings

CPIM (Certified in Production and Inventory Management):

Execution and Control of Operations: Jan 24th -March 27th (Thursdays 2-5pm) at Von Roll (Schenectady)
Strategic Management of Resources: Apr 10th -Jun 12th (Thursdays 2-5pm) at Von Roll (Schenectady)

There will also be a new round of classes, starting with Basics of Supply Chain Management, at DynaBil (Coxsackie) beginning in January. Depending upon interest, there may also be a round of classes held at Super Steel in Glenville, beginning in July. Anyone interested in CPIM training can contact Board Member Ken Stuff. His contact info can be found at the end of the newsletter.

CSCP (Certified Supply Chain Professional):

The first CSCP training class in this area had been planned to start in January, but will now be pushed back until we have a minimum of five people for the class. It will still be held in the Clifton Park area. Anyone interested in CSCP training can contact Board Member Dean Meierdiercks. His contact info is at the end of the newsletter.

APICS Announces New Membership Dues Structure

The APICS Board of Directors approved a new membership dues structure beginning April 1, 2008. The focus for APICS has always been on providing the value that members seek to improve their on-the-job performance, advance in their careers, and thrive as operations management professionals. The new dues structure will provide greater support and resources to APICS partners (chapters, districts, and IAs) who deliver programs locally.

Member association dues will increase from \$110 to \$150 for professional members. Professional members belonging to chapters will pay a flat fee of \$50 for the chapter portion, for a total dues amount of \$200 for professional members. (If a chapter charges more, APICS will collect that amount on behalf of the chapter.)

The dues will change from \$110 to \$200 for domestic members-at-large; from \$130 to \$200 for international members-at-large. The dues amount for retired members will change from \$55 to \$75, plus chapter dues if applicable. There are no changes to academic, student, and international associate fees.

The enterprise membership will change to a tiered structure. APICS will offer enterprise members the opportunity to add additional members based on a sliding scale. The current group membership structure will be phased out and current group members will transition to enterprise members as memberships come up for renewal.

The new dues structure support will enhance the capabilities of APICS partners with support from corporate office funded field staff, funding to deliver enhanced member benefits and services locally, and new and enhanced tools and resources for chapter leaders. APICS will continue to enhance association programs and services. Already, members can take advantage of new and enhanced benefits in 2008. Many of these benefits are accessible online at www.apics.org/membership.



2008 ACAP APICS Scholarship

The Albany/Capital District chapter of APICS the Association for Operations Management provides its Capital Region membership of nearly 200 individuals and companies access to world class knowledge and techniques with emphasis on the Manufacturing, Distribution and Supply Chain Management components of Operations Management.

The Albany/Capital District chapter of APICS is, for the fourth year, making available up to two \$1,000.00 scholarships, to be presented at its meeting the evening of Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

Participation in this scholarship program is reserved for applicants who:

1. Have a sibling, parent or grandparent who is a member of the Albany/Capital District Chapter; or, have a sibling, parent or grandparent who is employed by the same company as a member, and
2. are high school seniors graduating in 2008 and accepted at an accredited two or four year college or university; or
3. are college students enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college or university?

Completed applications must be returned with a postmark of no later than April 12, 2008 and include the following:

- A letter of recommendation by a teacher/counselor from the applicant's school.
- An official transcript (and SAT scores if currently in HS)
- An essay of 300-500 words on the topic:
"The current and future roles of operations management."

To download an application, visit: www.apicsalbany.org. For Q&A or additional information, please contact Sal Ganino. His contact information can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Job Opening – Production Control Master Planner



Vermont Composites, a growing Bennington Vermont based company specializing in the design and manufacture of carbon fiber based products for the aerospace, medical and industrial fields is seeking a talented, energetic individual to join our team of professionals in the following position:

Production Control Master Planner

This is a hands-on position reporting to the Manager of Operations with responsibility for planning, creating and scheduling product work orders to support customer delivery requirements. Experience in using Microsoft Word and Excel and a manufacturing software system using MRP is required. The ideal candidate will have a 4 year college degree and a minimum of 5 years of related job experience. APICS CPIM certified preferred.

We offer a competitive salary and excellent benefits package as well as the opportunity to grow with a fast-paced company. Please submit your resume and cover letter including salary requirements to:

Vermont Composites Inc.
Attention: Pam Halbur, Human Resources Manager
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Vermont Composites is an Equal Opportunity Employer



www.apicsalbany.org - An Employment Resource

One of the best-kept secrets about our chapter's website, www.apicsalbany.org, is the "Job Postings" section. Even with limited promotion, there are regularly a handful of quality job postings from headhunters and local companies. Anyone looking for a local position in an Operations Management field should add www.apicsalbany.org as one of their job search resources.

Conversely, local companies looking to fill positions in Operations Management would be wise to add www.apicsalbany.org as one of their recruiting tools. The price for posting a position is cheap (free), and a company would be reaching a network of talented Operations Management professionals that subscribe to the APICS body of knowledge and principles of professional development.

Anyone interested in posting a position can contact our President, Paul Clark, or any other board member. Board of Directors contact information is listed at the end of the newsletter.

APICS – The Association for Operations Management is the global leader and premier source of the body of knowledge in operations management, including production, inventory, supply chain, materials management, purchasing, and logistics. Since 1957, individuals and companies have relied on APICS for its superior training, internationally recognized certifications, comprehensive resources, and a worldwide network of accomplished industry professionals.

The ACAP Newsletter is published monthly by the Albany/Capital District Chapter of APICS, the Association for Operations Management, to provide its members the news and activities of the chapter.

Comments, suggestions and story ideas are encouraged, and may be sent to:

newsletter@apicsalbany.org

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www.apicsalbany.org

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www.apics.org

The Albany/Capital District Chapter acknowledges the following members

New Members

Marian Wookiewicz (Professional) – St. Gobain
Willis Conklins (Professional) – St. Gobain
Lisa Pulk (Professional) – Momentive Performance Materials

Current Membership: 181
Professional Members: 97
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Corporate Voting Members: 40
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