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**NOVEMBER PDM – Roger Weiss – Supply Chain Management** See Page 2 for details.

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### **2005-06 Annual PDM Schedule!**

The Board of Directors is still finalizing the PDM schedule. Below are the topics and speakers that have been confirmed.

Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Weiss –Supply Chain Management
Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	Plant Tour – TBA
Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
Apr 11 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
May TBD	Golf Outing

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND 2005-2006 CDVA PDM's -----WIN PRIZES**

Dear CDVA APICS Members and Friends,

Welcome back to another year of interesting and educational Professional Development Meetings. Plan now to join us each month to share ideas, food, and fun.....*and an opportunity to win some great prizes.* At each PDM you may put your name in the hat for a chance to win at our Grand Prize drawing at the PDM in April 2006 (must be present for drawing at April PDM to win)

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**SEPTEMBER PDM    Topic: SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT**

**Presenter: Roger Weiss**

**When: Tuesday, November 8, 2005**

**6:00 PM    Networking**

**6:30        Chapter Business**

**6:45        Dinner**

**7:30        Program**

**Where: Longbranch Hotel and Restaurant**

**90 Twixt Town Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA**



Rockwell Collins considers "Supply Chain Management" as a competitive differentiator in the market place. Traditionally companies view the supply chain starting from the bill of material through shipping product to the customer. Rockwell Collins has defined the supply chain starting when our Product teams start thinking about a concept or design. This is the point in time when the right suppliers and technologies need to be available to development teams to aid in a quick response to market demands. The key focus of Rockwell Collins Supply Chain management process has been to reduce the transactional and tactical efforts and re-focus the resources on the front end of the process where the most value can be created. By focusing on reducing design costs and increasing supply chain capabilities we believe we have found the recipe to drive significant bottom line results and show our value in making Rockwell Collins the most competitive player in the industry.

**Professional background:** Since joining Rockwell in 1987as a buyer, Weiss has progressed through various increasing responsible positions including, Purchasing Manager, Master Planning Manager, General Manager for Rockwell Printed Circuits, Commodity Director, Director of Enterprise Sourcing and most recently appointed to Vice President, Material and Supply for the Rockwell Collins enterprise.

**Current duties:** Weiss is responsible for establishing strategies and leading the Rockwell Collins enterprise supply chain organization. The supply chain organization consists of nearly 600 employees' in Application Engineering, Subcontracts, Sourcing, Procurement, Logistics, and Supplier Development. The organization is accountable for managing nearly \$1.3B in spend, 7000 suppliers and a logistics network with more than 35K transactions per day.

**Reservations are due by Friday, November 4.    \$20.00 payable at check in (No-shows are billed.)**

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## ***APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP)***

### **BECOMING A CSCP CANDIDATE**

The CSCP program is for professionals who are interested in increasing their knowledge and expertise in the field of supply chain management. This new program is for individuals who have relevant work experience and would like to advance their careers in this growing field and gain a broader understanding of all of the areas that make up the supply chain.

To be eligible to sit for the CSCP exam, a candidate must meet **one** of the following criteria:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent, plus two years of related business experience
- CPIM, CFPIM, CIRM, or C.P.M. designation, plus two years of related business experience
- five years of related business experience.

### **CSCP LEARNING SYSTEM**

The CSCP Learning System is a comprehensive training tool that helps students prepare for the CSCP examination. The easy-to-use system contains learning and reference tools needed to study for the CSCP examination. The learning system is based on the CSCP body of knowledge and features print-based study modules as well as online tools, including an assessment component that enhances the learning experience by enabling participants to check the progress of their studies and their understanding of the content.

The CSCP Learning System was developed to reflect the four domains of the CSCP body of knowledge, which are:

- **Supply Chain Management Fundamentals**
- **Building Competitive Operations Planning and Logistics**
- **Managing Customer and Supplier Relationships**
- **Using Information Technology to Enable Supply Chain Management**

### **CSCP EXAMINATION**

To earn the CSCP designation, an individual must pass one, four-hour, comprehensive exam. The exam will consist of 175 multiple-choice questions and will be delivered via paper-and-pencil administrations beginning in 2006. The 2006 exam administrations are tentatively scheduled for March (pilot exam), June, and November.

**The Cedar Valley Chapter will be offering the Fundamentals class in April 2006.**

## Make CPIM a Part of Your Master Plan!!!

Now is the time to begin advancing your career by earning your CPIM designation. The CPIM (certified in Production and Inventory Management) program was initiated by APICS over 25 years ago and remains the measure criterion for individual assessment in materials management.

The CPIM program is divided into three areas of progression:

- **Entry level:** Basics of Supply Chain Management --- to be offered in April 2006 --which covers the terminology and concepts related to the flow of information, money and materials from suppliers through customer fulfillment.
- **Mid-level:** Master Planning of Resources, Detailed Scheduling and Planning, and Execution and Control of Operations. The methods and techniques to plan and drive the flow process.
- **Capstone:** Strategic Management of Resources---configuring the supply chain and manufacturing/distribution environments to optimize use of resources.

The program is open to all Cedar Valley members regardless of background. The classes are held through Kirkwood Community College and include an exam to test candidates on the body of knowledge of each area.

For those already certified, these courses count for 30 points toward your Certification Maintenance.

### Experienced Instructor

Jim Milden has 25 years experience in materials management in a variety of retail, wholesale, and manufacturing companies. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Mr. Milden is certified by APICS in both Production & Inventory Management (CPIM) and Integrated Resource Management (CIRM). He is currently the Materials Analyst with Apache Hose and Belting.



### Future courses planned for Spring of 2006

Lean 101: Introduction to Lean Manufacturing, January 10, 2006, 8-5PM

CPIM: Detailed Scheduling and Planning, January – March, 2006

CPIM: Basics of Supply Chain Management, April – June, 2006

CSCP: Introductory Course, April – June, 2006

Lean Manufacturing: Lean Scheduling, April, 2006

**5S MANUALS FOR SALE:** There are six extra 5S Workshop student manuals available for sale for \$20.00 each on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Jim Milden if interested at [jim.milden@apachehe.com](mailto:jim.milden@apachehe.com).

## ***OCTOBER TOUR OF ALLSTEEL OPERATIONS INFORMATIVE***

Although a physical tour of the facility did not happen as planned, the APICS Members and Friends that made the trip to Muscatine to visit AllSteel on October 11, were treated to a presentation on the company's implementation of lean manufacturing given by Jeff Allbee and Randy Allee

Prior to AllSteel's launch of Lean Manufacturing, they had already practiced one-piece flow processes, but when they realized how companies were benefiting from one piece flow, they emphasized their process, and have been strongly implementing Lean practices since 1992 using the Dr. W. Edwards Deming method of Plan, Do, Check, Act as their guideline.

They have focused on RCI/KAISEN processes as a high priority for their company. They demonstrated with one of their RCI value stream mapping charts how easy it is, by using this tool, to determine what wastes can be eliminated.

They are working on 5S and said this is an on-going process for their company. The before and after pictures shown of their plant was an excellent visual to their 5S success.

AllSteel/HNI is a huge advocate of Supply Chain Management. They have Japanese consultants that they rely on for expert advice and information. They talked about their suppliers and how they have initiated buckets of work and have negotiated with their suppliers to make multiple deliveries through out the day as well as milk runs.

After the presentation, the group went to the Geneva Country Club for a delicious dinner. The atmosphere was wonderful, the service was great, and the food was outstanding, and enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to Jeff and Randy at Allsteel for a pleasant evening.

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## **We're Cedar Valley APICS**

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 worldwide network of accomplished industry professionals. To learn more about the APICS community, visit [www.apics.org](http://www.apics.org).

Locally, we're the Cedar Valley APICS Chapter - serving its members and the Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, and surrounding business community since 1972. We're a non-profit volunteer organization, dedicated to providing leading edge learning opportunities, professional certification, networking, and access to the education resources of APICS International.

Our mission is to develop, promote, and recognize the professional management of resources by individuals and enterprises.

### **Help For Our "Downsized" APICS Members**

**"Seeking Employment" advertisement** in our Cedar Valley Views newsletter—Quarter-page ad FREE to unemployed Cedar Valley APICS members. Copy due 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Contact Cathy Bolton.

**APICS Career Center**—all candidates may search jobs, but only APICS members receive the added benefits of posting resumes and receiving email alerts when new positions are listed. Visit the APICS Career Center at [www.apics.org](http://www.apics.org), phone (800)444-2742, or email [jobs@apicshq.org](mailto:jobs@apicshq.org).

**Benefits Extension for Unemployed Members Program**—a six-month extension of membership benefits without cost. Contact Kirk Schroeder for more info and an application.

### **Job Postings**

A separate e-mail distribution list has been set up for job postings. If you would like to receive these postings, please contact Rick Held at [rick.held@mchsi.com](mailto:rick.held@mchsi.com) and ask to be added to the job postings list. You can have the newsletter and these job postings sent to different email addresses if you like.

If you have a Job you would like distributed to this list, also email to the above address.

Job Postings will also be available on the chapter website, [www.cedarvalleyapics.org](http://www.cedarvalleyapics.org)

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