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Message from the President

As this will be my final newsletter submission as the “*President*” of the APICS Fraser Valley Chapter I guess I need to make a bit of a farewell speech. I put President in quotes earlier as my strongest impression of serving as the Chapter President over the last two years was that we were an integrated and effective team of people, there were no leaders / followers / presidents / or any other boxes with four walls that we tucked ourselves into – we all worked together to take care of business and together we accomplished a great deal.

The Chapter is growing, in great financial shape, there is a lot of interest and participation in events, education programs are becoming more and more popular and our communications system is the envy of many other APICS Chapters.

All in all we had a ton of fun and accomplished a great deal over the last two years. I am very proud to have worked with such an excellent team (Francisco, Jason and James in the first year and then with Ryan and Ilona joining in for the second year). I can see that the APICS Fraser Valley team will get even stronger with the addition of Doina and Mark and feel that there will not be anything that the team won’t be able to accomplish once they set their minds to it.

I look forward to continuing to be a part of where the Chapter is growing – so – please welcome your new board for the 2008 / 2009 season:

Jason Young – President and Marketing
 James Damon – Vice President
 Ilona Pretorius – Treasurer and Communications
 Mark Latam – Education
 Doina Besoiu – Secretary and Programs

Along with all of you I am looking forward to another exiting and fun-filled year.

Farewell and see you in September.

Richard Ranftl (CPIM)
 (Former) President APICS Fraser Valley Chapter



Dinner Meetings and Workshops

Our plan for programs this coming year is to arrange three dinner meetings in the Fall (September, October and November) with three dinner meetings in the Spring (February, March and April) and then cap it off with another plant tour in May. We are not planning on running an event in January as there is a very good possibility that we will be hosting an APICS Canada District meeting where we can profile our success to the other Canadian APICS Chapters.

As always, we are constantly on the lookout for interesting topics and/or guest speakers (or plant tour hosts). If you have any thoughts to share, please contact Doina our Director of Programs.

Upcoming Events Calendar (so far)

Scheduled Upcoming events:

Date	Event	Location	Speaker
July 1 st	New APICS Board takes over from Current Board.		
Sept 24 th	Dinner Meeting – TOC Back to Basics		Steve Jackson (CFPIM)

Free to APICS Members:

APICS Dictionary, 12th Edition Now Available

APICS is pleased to announce the publication of one of the most widely recognized resources in the Operations Management profession – *The APICS Dictionary*. It is the standard for defining terms used in the operations management field, and this 12th edition contains more than 4,000 important terms that every operations manager should know. This first new edition in three years features 600 new terms and definitions reflecting the latest trends and mandates in the field.

Your complimentary copy of this internationally recognized educational tool is a member benefit that will help you stay knowledgeable and competitive. Request your copy today at www.apics.org/freedictionary. Non-members may purchase a copy through the APICS on-line bookstore at www.apics.org/bookstore.

Career Opportunities

Please check this page on our web site often for postings that may be of interest.

Let me know if there are postings at your employer that can be added to the site.

Thanks

Ilona Pretorius

Meet the Board

At the April 2008 Annual General Meeting the main order of business was to elect the Board of Directors for the 2008 / 2009 Season. Our board for the coming year is:



Jason Young

President and Director of Marketing

Jason Young works as an Operations Specialist at Restwell Sleep Products. He is an honours graduate of Operations Management from BCIT and was twice awarded APICS scholarships. Jason served APICS Fraser Valley Chapter as inaugural Director of Education and has returned to the Board as President and Director of Marketing.

He has worked in Lean Manufacturing, Quality Assurance, and Safety Management roles in the Fraser Valley area where he has helped companies develop their people and processes.

Jason's goal for this year is to be an Ambassador for the Fraser Valley Chapter and help those who need the body of knowledge to have access to the great toolkit which APICS provides professionals.

James Damon, CPIM

Vice President

James Damon is currently the Production and Inventory Manager at Watts Industries Ltd, Langley facility. Watts Industries is a well known presence in the plumbing and heating industry throughout the world. James has been that same industry for the last thirteen years and has worked at various levels starting with production and progressing into sales and operations.

James has been an APICS member since 2001 and achieved his CPIM designation in 2002. He initially became involved with APICS to assist in the elevation of his career and for the education / experience. He is entering his third year as an APICS Fraser Valley Board member: "I feel it is time for a change in my active role and look forward to the new challenges. As a Board member, I hope to add value as well as gain experience and knowledge from the rest of the Board and Chapter".

Mark Latam, CPIM

Director of Education

Mark Latam is currently the Production Manager at Helton Industries Ltd. Mark has worked in manufacturing in the Fraser Valley for the past 19 years and has been an APICS member since 1992. Mark received his CPIM certification in 2002 and has been teaching the APICS body of knowledge since 2003.

"As a Board member, I hope to contribute to the growth of the APICS community using the knowledge that I have gained and the contacts that I have made over the years".

Ilona Pretorius

Treasurer and Director of Communications

Ilona Pretorius is a Systems Analyst at Freybe Gourmet Foods located in the Langley / Aldergrove area. During the last three and a half years she has been a key member of the ERP implementation team at Freybe. Freybe is widely known for its high quality European Foods. For the last fifteen years she has been involved in various roles related to ERP systems implementation and maintenance in a number of different industries. She joined APICS in 2005

"As a Board member for 2008 / 2009, my primary focus will be to aid in the growth of the Fraser Valley Chapter".

Doina Besoiu, CPIM (not in picture)

Secretary and Director of Programs

Doina Besoiu is currently the Inventory Coordinator at JD Sweid Foods. With over 15 years of experience in Food Industry, she has worked in various roles from Quality Assurance, Microbiology to Production and Inventory Management.

"My Food Science background and lately the CPIM Certification gave me a very good understanding of the overall picture of Operations Management. I joined the APICS Fraser Valley Chapter in 2005 to have a well-grounded and enhanced career. As a board member I am looking into serving our community and the "body" of professionals. JD Sweid's vision is to be recognized as Canada's market leader, and I envision our Chapter to follow the same path."

Education

Our education plans for the coming year are to continue to focus on the CPIM course offerings and to work with various industry hosts to use their facilities rather than a formal educational institute in an attempt to be more flexible (and run with lower volumes) than the rigid schedule of a college or university would allow.

We plan to run two CPIM courses starting in September (Module 1 – Basics of Supply Chain Management and Module 2 – Master Planning of Resources) with two more courses starting in January or February.

The goal is also offer Module 3 – Detailed Scheduling and Planning this season.

If you are interested in attending, hosting, or teaching one of these courses please drop a line to Mark our Director of Education.



2008 APICS International Conference

“Hot Issues / Cool Solutions”

The 2008 APICS International Conference will take place in Kansas City, Missouri on September 14 – 16 this year. The International Conference is a premier educational event for operations management professionals seeking solutions for global supply chain management, sustainability, forecasting, demand management and more.

Attend APICS 2008 to benefit from a host of new educational opportunities designed to offer solutions for the hottest issues you encounter everyday.

At APICS 2008, you will also have the opportunity to learn from various visionary leaders including retail innovator Blake Mycoskie, CEO of TOMS Shoes; green manufacturing guru John Reploque, CEO of Burt’s Bees and Nike’s Darcy Winslow, Senior Advisor for the Nike Foundation and long-standing Nike executive.

For more information visit www.apicsconference.org

May 2008 Plant Tour

Freybe Gourmet Foods

Thank you to all of the staff of Freybe for being such gracious hosts for our May 2008 Plant Tour. This unique “lunch and learn” event combined a plant tour with an opportunity to rest and recover afterward (a tour is hard work you know) and snack on a variety of products that Freybe makes. Needless to say this proved to be very popular and we quickly hit our limit of 30 tour participants.

Freybe can trace its history back 160 years to Stettin Germany where Johann Carl Freybe began his sausage making business. Six generations later, the Freybe family is now producing over 120 varieties of sausages, ham, and specialty deli meats which have earned over 600 international medals.

The tour was treated to a demonstration of how Freybe is able to manufacture a high variety of products in a high volume manner with a very high level of care. The 60 minute tour profiled the “process flow” nature of food production while outlining the controls that need to be in place to track and monitor each item that is made back to its source ingredients.

Special thanks to our three tour guides:

Peter Moorhouse
Ken Annamalai
Christoph Haerberle

who helped everyone get gowned up and (literally) covered from head to toe before heading off through the plant.

After the tour, lunch was served in the “Deli School” where Ilona Pretorius met with the tour participants to answer questions about what they had seen.

We look forward to “doing lunch” or something fun like this again with our tour next year – see you there!

