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Presidents Message

As many of you may already know, Don Baich has started a new career that will require more of his time. Don has resigned as President and will continue to help as a "Friend of the Board". I thank Don for all his support in the past, and congratulate him on his new career.

We have also seen some other recent changes which are discussed in this newsletter as well.

Now, with all these changes, I have been elected by the Board to carry on this role for the remainder of the year. I am very excited to take on this new role and have already made many new Friends of the Board. Although it seems like there are going to be many slots to fill, we will continue to run our board with the existing members. See website for updated roster.

Our objectives will still stay the same: ***Continue to grow our membership through education.*** We are trying the "Fast Track" program at the end of November for those of you with Operations experience. You will receive the 5 modules in only three days. This course is designed to prepare those ready to challenge the exams at the end of the course to receive full CPIM status. I would also like to thank Lori Meyer and the rest at Freybe for hosting the Fast Track program.

Warren Hurlen,
Interim President, APICS Fraser Valley Chapter

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Fast Track Workshops announced



We are pleased to announce that we will be offering CPIM Certification "Fast Track" workshops in the Fraser Valley Nov 26 to 28th. This is a great opportunity for those looking to get CPIM certification this year. See Page 2 for Details

APICS Fraser Valley Board Changes

As many of us are well aware, the pace of change in industry and business these days is at times overwhelming. As an all volunteer board we are sometimes affected by these changes in ways we cannot control or predict. In the last few weeks we have seen a number of such changes that has left the structure and size of the board impacted significantly.

Firstly, as any of you that attended the last PDM will know, our Chapter President, Don Baich has moved on to a new job and will no longer be serving as Chapter President beyond November.

In addition to this we have also had to regrettably accept the resignations of two other key board members, Jason Young as Director of Education and Carla Megeth as Director of Marketing. In both cases this has been as a result of career changes or additional responsibilities.

We thank Don, Jason and Carla for their contributions to the board to date and look forward to continuing to have them as friends of the board and members.

The remaining board members will do our best to ensure that programs and educational offerings continue on track, however we would sincerely appreciate any help any members are willing to offer. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you are interested in volunteering.

Steve Smith,
Director of Communications and Exec VP

Education Update

Introducing CPIM Certification Fast Track Workshop

Over the past several years, many members have asked about alternate delivery methods to CPIM certification review courses. Shift work, family commitments, and business travel may make it a challenge for interested CPIM candidates to participate in evening classes. Recognizing the changing needs of customers, both APICS Vancouver chapter and Fraser Valley chapter are pleased to announce the introduction of CPIM Fast Track 3-day workshops.

What is the CPIM Fast Track Workshop?

CPIM fast Track workshop is a 3-day comprehensive, high-level overview of the CPIM body of knowledge, preparing participants for certification examination. It will be held for 3 days (Friday through Sunday). It will be quick paced and interactive and will cover key aspects of **all 5 current CPIM modules**. Because of the amount of information to cover, this course has a maximum class size of 15 so the sooner you register the better your chances of success.

It will be facilitated by two very experienced instructors - Mary Moravec, CPIM and Curtis Roberts, CPIM.

Who should attend?

CPIM Fast Track workshop is for those individuals who are interested in preparation for certification. Participants interested in this workshop may include:

- Supply Chain managers
- Supply Chain Professionals with many years of experience
- BCIT Operations Management diploma graduates
- UBC Supply Chain Management MBA graduates

This workshop is not for those individuals without sufficient supply chain management knowledge or experience. It is not a substitute for supply chain management education and training or relative work experience.

When - Friday, November 26th through Sunday, November 28th, 9:00am-5pm.

Where - **Freybe Gourmet Foods** in Aldergrove/Langley has graciously volunteered their facility for this workshop.

Freybe is located at 27101-56thAve in Langley

(take the 264 Street exit north off #1 and go north to 56 Ave, turn right and drive about 7 blocks, map on website)

Cost - The cost of this workshop is \$950.00 for APICS members, \$1100 for non-members.

All participant guides, dictionary, books, and other materials are included. Lunch and snacks will be provided all 3 days.

Registration and payment, more information?

Registration will be done through the Vancouver administration office.

Please call **Nathalie Aguilar** at **604-435-9530**

APICS Educational Society (Vancouver Chapter), Suite 300 – 3665 Kingsway, Vancouver, B.C., V5R 5W2

cheques should be made payable to - APICS Educational Society

Registration deadline is Friday, Nov 19

We appreciate your early registration or at least letting us know if you are interested right away.

This is a superb opportunity for those looking to achieve their CPIM certification this year !!!

Upcoming PDM / Events

Now that our first successful Dinner Meeting is behind us, we have some new upcoming events to tell you about. [Please see the website](#) for the latest events calendar. The current version is also copied below.

Date	Event	Presentation	Speaker
Thurs, Nov 18, 2004	Dinner Meeting	Case Study - Project Management	BCIT (joint with Vancouver)
Wed, Jan 19, 2005	Dinner Meeting	Cross Border Logistics in post 9/11 era	Dave Pentland
Wed, Feb 16, 2005	Dinner Meeting	Performance Measurement	Joni Holeman White, CFPIM
Fri, Feb 18, 2005	Workshop	Performance Measurement	Joni Holeman White, CFPIM
Wed, March 16, 2005	Plant Tour	To be confirmed	
Wed, Apr 20, 2005	Dinner Meeting	Lean Manufacturing	Dennis Hobbs
Fri, Apr 22, 2005	Workshop	Lean Manufacturing	Dennis Hobbs

Please note that **our November session will be at BCIT**, not Newlands. You will have an opportunity to meet some of our colleagues from the Vancouver Chapter there.

We are pleased to introduce our **November Dinner Meeting** topic and speaker.

Project Management - Something for everybody

The speaker will focus on the following areas of this theme;

- The focus of the project manager
- "What they don't tell you in text books" illustrated by a slide presentation.
- Two actual experiences (case studies) illustrating some of the ideas in the presentation. The first illustrating how a serious construction risk event was converted to an opportunity, the second on how selecting the right scope for a software project was as important as controlling it in production.
- The potential for improved Project Portfolio selection
- Questions and discussion

Speaker Information

Max Wideman is a retired engineer and professional project manager with experience in systems, social and environmental projects, as well as design and engineering projects. He is a Fellow of the Project Management Institute, of which he is past president and chairman, and for whom he developed the 1987 version of the Project Management Body of Knowledge. He is also a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers (UK), the Engineering Institute of Canada, and the Canadian Society of Civil Engineering. Max has lectured or presented papers in eleven countries and has contributed books, chapters, papers and articles on many project management topics. His latest book is *A Management Framework for Project, Program and Portfolio Integration*, Trafford, BC, 2004. Comprehensive coverage of project management can be found on his web site at <http://www.maxwideman.com>.

November PDM Information

This special event will be held in conjunction with the Vancouver Chapter and will be held at **BCIT in Burnaby**

Date: Thursday Nov 18, 2004

Time: Registration/ Cash bar 5:30 PM
Dinner 6:30 PM
Speaker 7:45 PM

Place: The event will be at BCIT in building SE6, which is in the very centre of the map page, in Town Squares A and B. [See the map](#)
3700 Willingdon Avenue
Burnaby, BC

Cost: Members \$30
Non Members \$40
Students \$20

Register:

You can register online on our website for this event or contact our Director of Programs, Warren Hurlen (contact info on the website).

Contact Us

Mailing Address: APICS Fraser Valley Chapter, PO Box 1614, Aldergrove, B.C. V4W 2V1

For the latest contact details please visit our website at www.apics-fraservalley.org

Did You Know?

- All of our previous newsletters are available for download from our website at www.apics-fraservalley.org
- APICS is undergoing a major re-branding campaign, including a new logo, tagline and name. As of the start of next year, APICS will now be called;

“APICS The Association for Operations Management”
and the new tagline will be;

“Advancing Productivity, Innovation, and Competitive Success”

For more information see the story on the [APICS main site](#)

- APICS bookstore is having a clearance with 30% off most titles. Combine that with a favorable Canadian dollar and now may be a good time to stock up. <http://www.apics.org/Bookstore/clearance/>
- We have an online feedback form on our website. We'd love to hear your views. <http://apics-fraservalley.org/feedback.shtml>
- Has your email address changed? If you are not receiving email updates and you wish to be on our distribution list please contact communications@apics-fraservalley.org