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## Presidents Message

With the new and re-newed board members affirmed at the AGM we can look to next year and what lies ahead. Included in that is extending knowledge about the APICS offerings to new members and organizations in the Fraser Valley and continued educational offerings.

Have a look in this newsletter's section on Education to see details on classes proposed for this fall. Our first classes at UCFV were a success last year and will happen again this coming year. This was important to achieve one of the primary goals of this chapter - To make **education opportunities available closer to where many of us work and live.**

If you need training in your facility before the fall, consider the June workshops mentioned in this newsletter. They are a joint effort between BCIT and both the Vancouver and Fraser Valley Chapters.

In the coming months all members will receive a package that will contain the summarized information from last year as well as a tentative list of Proposed PDM topics and dates. We look forward to your feedback over the summer and seeing you at these events.

Don Baich  
President APICS Fraser Valley Chapter

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## Expanded Board elected for new term

On April 21, in conjunction with our monthly Professional Development Meeting, we held elections for the new term of the board of directors for APICS Fraser Valley. Below is a summary of the positions and who has been elected.

The current board also wished to express our thanks to two people. Firstly to **Derek Barichievy**, who did a great job of facilitating the actual AGM for us and secondly to **Craig Seale**. Craig is stepping down as our Executive Vice President due to business and family obligations but will be missed. Craig did a great job during the first term in many different areas, including most of the production of this newsletter up until now. Craig's jovial wit and professionalism on the board will be missed.

The following is a summary of the people elected to the new term of the board;

- Chapter President – Don Baich re-elected
- Executive Vice President – to be appointed by board, position will be held by existing portfolio director.
- Treasurer – Tim McBride re-elected
- Chapter Secretary – Gina Arundel newly elected
- Director of Education – Jason Young re-elected
- Director of Programs – Warren Hurlen re-elected
- Director of Marketing(new role) – Carla Megeth newly elected
- Director of Communications (new role) – Steve Smith elected (formerly in Chapter Secretary role)

Prior to the actual election process, our President, Don Baich, walked through a summary of our past accomplishments and upcoming objectives. As well Treasurer Tim McBride gave us a rundown of the all important financial position. These are summarized on page 6. A more thorough package will be available to members in the coming weeks.

Please also see page 2 for a few snapshots and a summary of the speaker presentation from the meeting.

## April PDM in Review

### Attendance at the April 21 PDM: 25

The April PDM was not only an informative dinner meeting but our Annual General Meeting as well, so we had somewhat of an extended agenda. Please read the first page for details of our elections and elsewhere for additional information from the evening.

Our Guest Speaker for the evening was Neil Godin, one of the nations leading experts on managing change and leadership (very appropriate topic given the election of a new board). Here is a quick summary of Neil's very impassioned presentation.

Imagine if one day you woke up and no longer had the use of your writing hand, what would you do? Would you give up hope or proceed to teach yourself how to function with the other hand?

In this day and age, this is the uncomfortable position more and more people are finding themselves in. Our lives and traditional views of the workplace are being rocked like never before. As Neil put it, we are "witnesses to the end of the industrial age", at least in the first world countries. Even locally, statistics are showing that more and more people are finding their own work through setting up small businesses, contracting, etc. Even if we are somewhat secure in our "cocoon", **we must start to think like entrepreneurs** and take control of our own futures.

How do we do this? Start by being **extremely passionate** about whatever it is you do. Being passionate is contagious and demonstrates leadership. Speaking of leadership, those who thrive these turbulent times will be the ones who take the position of **leading change** rather than resisting it and those who help others to deal with the change by finding ways to motivate them to embrace it. It is also important to have a clear and **well thought out sense of purpose** to act as a roadmap in achieving your goals and influencing those around you in a positive fashion, whether they be your co-workers, friends or family.

Neil feels that this is one area in which our educational systems are sorely outdated. Although things are improving slowly, generally speaking we don't equip people for the new realities of today. Greater focus needs to be placed on developing **change leaders** with exceptional **interpersonal skills** and well developed **creative thinking** processes.

Those that can manage conflict and turmoil and demonstrate "**personal leadership**" will be the successes of tomorrow. We need to look at the changes that are affecting us now as opportunities as well as challenges and keep in mind there is a silver lining to all this turmoil.

Neil most definitely had an impact on those of us who had the good fortune to witness his presentation. While not being specifically about SCM, it is a theme which is very pertinent to us all.

Report by Steve Smith

### Photo Gallery from April PDM



Your newly elected APICS board. Back row L to R, Steve Smith-Director of Communications, Jason Young – Director of Education, Tim McBride – Treasurer, Carla Megeth – Director of Marketing, Don Baich – President. Front row L to R, Gina Arundel – Chapter Secretary, Warren Hurlen – Director of Programs



Guest Speaker Neil Godin gets us fired up about personal leadership.



Our guest presenter Derek Barichievy and new board member Carla Megeth enjoy some conversation.

## Upcoming PDM / Events

Over the summer months we will be sending out updates on the upcoming term for meetings and workshops starting in September. More exciting events and speakers are coming .....

Also please note, due to cancellations by our corporate host, there will not be tour in May. We hope to arrange future tours at interesting sites for you in the future.

Enjoy your summer....

### June BCIT “How To” Workshops

APICS is pleased to be a co-sponsor with the BCIT Venture Development Center in the presentation of the “How To” workshops which are held each June on the BCIT Burnaby campus. These workshops have been offered for the last fourteen years. Hundreds of satisfied participants have been able to implement cost-effective solutions to their operational problems.

The workshop offerings have been expanded this year to include workshops on:

#### **Materials Management:**

- Inventory Management
- Manufacturing Planning and Scheduling
- High Performance Manufacturing\

#### **Business Performance Management:**

- 5S's of Workplace Organization
- Teamwork
- Continuous Improvement
- Process Mapping
- Statistical Process Control
- Introduction to Six Sigma
- Project Management
- Microsoft Project
- Creating a Customer Focused Culture
- The Challenges of Leadership
- Getting Along Together
- Performance and Accountability
- Managing Stress
- Cultivating Initiative & Motivating Staff
- Managing Through Coaching

The workshop format is highly interactive, combining lectures, group discussions, case studies and “hands-on” activities. All workshop participants receive a workbook containing workshop proceedings, worksheets, and a bibliography of useful articles and books.

For more information, please refer to the downloadable brochure at the following location.

<http://www.bcitventure.com/resources/Files/APICProgram20040413.pdf> ).

Group discounts are available.

## Education Update

With our AGM completed we will be moving forward with our strategic plan to grow the course offerings and assist in developing the FV market.

APICS Fraser Valley will be holding two more courses in September of 2004 at UCFV. We will repeat Basics of Supply Chain Management and will move students from our completed class into Master Planning of resources.

We want to make these courses a success. Start talking to your teams now to see who in your workplace or network can use the body of knowledge APICS provides.

Stay tuned for more details coming over the summer months

Jason Young Director of Education

## FUNDAMENTAL COURSES

The **Fundamentals of Materials and Operation Management** Courses will introduce you to the field of production and inventory management.

If you want to know:

- The differences between manufacturing processes
- The relationships between warehousing, production, and planning
- What MRP means and how it can be used to improve customer service
- How to setup or improve cycle counting to increase inventory accuracy.

The **Fundamentals of Materials and Operations Management** will give you the knowledge you need.

The Fundamental courses are:

1. Fundamentals of Inventory Control
2. Fundamentals of Planning
3. Fundamentals of Manufacturing Control
4. Fundamentals of Operations Management
5. Fundamentals of Materials Handling and Warehousing

The Fundamentals Courses are not only **excellent training** for those who work directly in manufacturing, but also a great education to persons that work closely with manufacturing and need to understand better the manufacturing side, or for persons that are pursuing a manufacturing position. The opportunity to network with other students is one of the intangible benefits.

Next courses will be offered on September 2004

We will keep you informed on dates, hours, and the site.

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## Corporate Member Profile – Euro Solutions Ltd.

*Profile provided by member Lada Cervinek – President, Euro Solutions*

Contract manufacturing of Cables, Printed Circuit Boards and Mechanical Assembly. We are an owner - managed company that brings 20 years of experience in the electronic manufacturing industry.

Incorporated in 1998. Euro Solutions Ltd. has been delivering their services to many different industries in the Lower Mainland, across Canada and the USA..

Besides our extensive production capabilities, we are specially known, for our personable service, fast turn over of projects, getting involved at the design stages and value added services. We are capable of producing small or large volumes of product quickly and competitively. We have developed our own Quality Manual that works well with in the different projects and industries. We pride ourselves on working together with the customer to provide a quality service and a defect free products.

Some of the products we have worked on:

- London Underground - Air monitoring devices.
- GPS phone units / Construction
- Alternative medicine devices
- GPS tracking units for Trucking industry
- GPS units for the Golf Industry
- Surveillance equipment
- Hospital equipment
- Internal cabling for new Buses
- Vending Machines

Euro Solutions Ltd, is located in the heart of Langley. Please come by and visit us anytime, we look forward to seeing you. For more information visit our web site <http://www.eurobc.com/>



## Summary of AGM Presentation

### First Term Accomplishments

- We are in good financial health but need to continue to grow to be able to re-invest in the chapter
- Held 7 monthly PDM's with more or less break even results overall.
- Held our first CPIM course and Fundamentals courses in conjunction with Vancouver chapter.
- Launched website and electronic newsletter.
- Strengthened the board through training opportunities and the addition of more focused portfolio's.
- Set up company champion framework for corporate members.
- Increased visibility of new Chapter within overall APICS community.

### Looking Forward

- Drive to increase both corporate and individual membership
- Create an accurate, integrated membership database
- Increase overall awareness of APICS FV in the area
- Improve budgeting process and maintain healthy cash flow in order to make additional investments in our membership
- Target 1-2 classes per semester
- Participate jointly with Vancouver to create new, innovative educational offerings that meet the needs of our chapter
- Look into receiving university credits for APICS courses
- Continue to receive feedback from our membership and tailor our offerings to meet the needs of our chapter where possible
- Continue to improve website and newsletter to take maximum advantage of available technologies

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		
		As of April 19, 2004
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Seed Grants		7,781
Membership Rebates		1,119
Education		5,833
Programs		6,797
		21,529
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Chapter Development		161
Communications		1,052
Education		2,133
General & Administration		471
Programs		5,810
Bank Service Charges		80
Other		245
		9,953
<b>REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>11,576</b>
Members' Equity, beginning of year		-
Members' Equity, April 19th		11,576

## Contact Us

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