

**APICS Wichita Chapter 71
March 2011 Newsletter**



Please make plans on Tuesday, March 8th, 2011 to attend the Professional Development Meeting with Howard Foreman, (see bio on page 2), on the topic “The Power of One Less.”

PDM Topic: “The Power of One Less” by Howard Foreman, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP

The Power of One Less

by Howard Forman

During the past twenty-four months, companies have struggled to enhance their supply chain by driving down inventory levels and controlling supply chain costs. Companies have wrestled with the dilemma of balancing both customer service and inventory while attempting to enhance profitability. This has proven to be a very difficult task for most companies. The power of one less has proven to be an effective tool to help manage and control inventory levels and supply chain costs. Learn the basics of using the power of one less; how to identify supply chain improvement opportunities; define an improvement work action plan; and how to implement this program at your company.

PDM on Tuesday, March 8, 2011
WATC, 2nd Floor, Room F201, 4501 E. 47th St South, Wichita, Ks. Attendees should enter on East Side of Building.

- Arrive 5:15PM
- Buffet 5:45PM
- Business Mtg 6:15PM
- Speaker 6:30PM
- Cost **\$15:** Meal & Speaker Presentation:
No Charge: Speaker Presentation Only
- Parking Parking Lot on East side of building
- RSVP Required no later than noon on Monday, Mar. 7, 2011.

RSVP online at apics-wichita.com

email rsvp@apics-wichita.com or call (316) 636-8224 and leave message. When making your reservation please provide names, contact phone, member/guest or current APICS student.

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Howard Foreman,
CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP

Howard is an active member of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of APICS where he is a Past President. He is a frequent speaker at various APICS dinner meeting, seminars, workshops, and conferences. He previously earned his APICS CFPIM, CIRM and CSCP certification and teaches all CPIM, CSCP Lean Enterprise Workshop and Global Sourcing series courses plus customized courses. He is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University with a MBA and BS in Business Management.

President's Message

Thank you to those of you that braved a snowy February evening to attend our PDM with Pat Bettini. The weather may have been frightful outside, but Pat's insights were worth the drive across town. The benefits of the integrated business planning cycle that he discussed were easy for all of us to grasp.

Our next PDM topic will be "The Power of One Less" on March 8th. Our speaker will be Howard Forman who has over 30 years of experience in the operational and supply chain environments. He will be explaining a tool that has been proven to be effective in managing and controlling inventory levels and supply chain costs. I'm sure there are many of your companies that can benefit from his knowledge.

Please mark your calendars for our spring seminar on April 13th. Robert Fox will be conducting a full-day event on "Combining TOC, Lean and Six Sigma for Success." Robert was one of our top speakers from last year, and we had many requests to bring him back to Wichita. Robert is the founder of The TOC Center, Inc. and has authored numerous articles on management practices as well as co-authoring *The Race* and *The Theory of Constraints Journal* with Eli Goldratt. Further information on the seminar can be found elsewhere in this newsletter or by contacting Brian Ferris (president-elect@apics-wichita.com).

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President, 2010-2011

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Education News—March 2011

Accelerated CPIM prep class – 15 weeks starting Saturday, March 19

Earn your Certified Production & Inventory Management quickly – two 8-hr classes per module and a week off to take your certification exam. The Wichita chapter is offering this team taught series starting Saturday, March 19 with Basics of Supply Chain Mgmt. The Wichita chapter will provide the CPIM participant guide and 2 days of instruction {08:00-16:30, light lunch included} to prepare you for that modules exam. Minimum class size is 10. CPIM test vouchers may be purchased under the same company PO if so desired. Location is TBD. Applicants should be familiar with “Intro to Materials Management”, which is not offered at this time. For more info, [download the APICS CPIM Brochure Now](#). Please contact the following team instructors for more class info and pricing if interested:

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Earn your CPIM or CSCP + college credits*!

You're invited; please register for certification prep classes at WATC.

2011 APICS Courses at Wichita Area Technical College

PIM105	Basics of Supply Chain Management	Thursdays	Mar 24 –May 5
PIM110	Master Planning of Resources	Thursdays	May 26 –Jun 30
PIM115	Detailed Scheduling and Planning	Thursdays	Jul 14 –Aug 18
PIM120	Execution and Control of Operations	Thursdays	Sep 8 –Oct 13
PIM125	Strategic Management of Resources	Thursdays	Nov 3 –Dec 15

Register now at WATC: https://secure.watc.edu/APICS_registration.asp

PIM130	Certified Supply Chain Professional	Wed Apr 20 – Jun 1	CBT testing Jun 25-Aug 6
PIM130	Certified Supply Chain Professional	Wed Sep 28-Nov 30	CBT testing Dec 3-Jan 14

For more info on CSCP, please download [APICS CSCP Brochure](#) Note: Obtaining your APICS eligibility to register for the CSCP exam is free and highly recommended before the class. It must be obtained at least 2 weeks before registering for test: [APICS CSCP Eligibility Application](#)

*Completion of each APICS class at WATC earns 2 college credits. Some employers will pay or offer tuition assistance/reimbursement for these classes – please check with your HR.

Global Sourcing; Lean Enterprise; Fundamentals and Inventory Control workshops/classes are also available – please call or e-mail to schedule yours. If you have need additional info, please contact Ron L., Brian F., or VP Education Farnaz Ghazi Nezami: vp-education@NOSPAMapics-wichita.com

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Rare is it that we get someone of the caliber of Robert Fox to speak in Wichita. Among his many accomplishments include co-authoring **The Race** with Eli Goldratt of **The Goal** fame. He has over 25 years experience on the cutting edge of Theory of Constraints. In addition to this he has consulted for some of the largest corporations in the world. Here is his description of the seminar-

TLS –COMBINING TOC, LEAN AND SIX SIGMA FOR SUCCESS

(Full Day Seminar on Wednesday, April 13th)

It is estimated the TOC, Lean and Six Sigma account for nearly 85% of today's improvement initiatives. Recently a few of these initiatives have combined the strengths of these methodologies and obtained superior results. This seminar will explore the benefit of a combined approach on two levels:

Logically why and how TOC, Lean and Six Sigma should be combined.

The results of a 2 ½ year study contrasting the results of a combined approach versus separate TOC, Lean and Six Sigma initiatives.

The seminar will include interactive activities to demonstrate the hidden/unused capacity available in all types of organizations how it can be used to increase output (throughput) without increasing expenses or investments.

In essence the seminar will demonstrate the existence of large amounts of hidden capacity, outline an avenue for maximizing the use of this capacity and illustrate how a smart combination of TOC, Lean and Six Sigma is a powerful tool for capitalizing on this opportunity.

As part of the seminar I intend to relate my personal experiences and exchanges with Taichi Ohno and how they influenced the development of the TLS philosophy. A more detailed description of these experiences will be included in a forthcoming book tentatively entitled "Blue Light and Silver Bullets" and will be available as a handout.

The Cost is \$199 for members of APICS, IIE, PMI, ASQ, NAPM, \$250 for non-members and \$60 for full-time students. The registration fee includes the Apr 12th Professional Development Meeting (PDM) and the seminar on Apr 13th.

Development a Throughput Operating Strategy, with a dinner. Special rate for 5 or more in attendance from one company - \$175.

You can register for the workshop by sending a check payable to APICS Wichita and this registration blank by April 6, 2011 to: Brian Ferris, 1963 W Anita Ave, Wichita, KS 67217

Name _____ APICS (or other membership #)
 _____ Address _____ City, State,
 Zip _____

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Membership Information

Per the APICS Website, we have a total of 131 members of Chapter 71 and 2 new members in the last 60 days. These new members are listed below. Welcome!

Name	Company
Wesley Sunderman	AGCO Corp
Jennifer Shy	TSW Products Co., Inc.

Programs Calendar Spring 2011

Date	Topic	Speaker	Company
Tuesday, March 08, 2011	The Power of One Less	Howard Forman	PIM Associates
Tuesday, April 12, 2011	Throughput Operating Strategies	Robert Fox	Consultant and Author
Wednesday, April 13, 2011	Seminar: TLS: The Next Improvement Wave	Robert Fox	Consultant and Author
Tuesday, May 10, 2011	Plant Tour	NA	Viega, McPherson, Kansas Bus will be provided, more details will be provided later

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Company
Zip

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Board of Director Elections are Coming up in April!

If you are interested in serving as a board member, contact Brian Ferris, [bfer-
ris@cox.net](mailto:bfer-
ris@cox.net). You can review the list of positions on the Board of Directors at [http://www.apics-wichita.com/clubportal/ClubStatic.cfm?
clubID=2374&pubmenuoptID=28256](http://www.apics-wichita.com/clubportal/ClubStatic.cfm?clubID=2374&pubmenuoptID=28256)