

# President's Message – September 2010



It is common knowledge that the “Dog days of summer” are described as the hottest, most sultry days of summer, usually between July 10 and August 10.

What you may not know is that

there are several superstitions that go along with this time of year. In the Appalachian region, some believe that you should not swim in rivers during that period, or that children are more susceptible to disease at that time of year. Personally, anyone who has sent their kids off to school the first week only to have them pick up a cold or flu from their friends can see where that myth may have started. My favorite? One superstition says that women should put on their stockings right foot first instead of left foot first during the dog days of summer to avoid breaking a leg. I can only wonder who figured that one out!

Well, the APICS Houston Chapter has been trying to put our “best foot forward” over the last month, whether this ends up as the right or left foot. During August our Board has been making a number of improvements to the chapter’s communications with our membership which you should see as of September 1.

## NEW WEBSITE

The first, and most obvious change is to the Houston Chapter website. As of September 4th the chapter replaced its existing website with a new look and feel, and with a number of additions that will bring value to our membership. Not only does the website now have a simpler navigation flow than the old site, but it also includes a feature to help our members track their Certification Maintenance

points for any chapter event attended or registered for as of September 1, 2010. No more calling Board Members in the middle of the night to find out what meetings you attended two years ago, now you have only to log into the website and click on the “Recognition” menu item, then click “My Continuing Education units”, and you are done!

## CLASSES & SEMINARS

The Houston Chapter’s Bill Ridings has been busy arranging CPIM and CSCP classes for the year, taking the schedule through June, 2011. In addition, the Houston Chapter has planned workshops on LEAN and Global Sourcing, in addition to a return to workshops on Fundamentals. Finally, in November, the Houston Chapter is hosting a “Learning Dynamics for Instructors” course, as well as a “Train the Trainer” course. Both are necessary courses if one wants to become an APICS Instructor. If you are interested, please contact Director of Private Education Michael Cole.

## MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to all of the opportunities to improve yourself and your company by taking classes, there are a number of things that you can do to improve your Leadership Capabilities. Top among these is volunteering at your local APICS Chapter! Not only do you get extra Networking time with all the members of the Board, but you also get exposure to areas of APICS which you may not have been aware of. Your 2010-2011 Board has a number of volunteer positions available, so let me know if you are interested in trying one out!

Respectfully submitted,  
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