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### Message from the President

Greetings members and friends,

We hope you enjoyed our tour of Norris Cylinder this past month. We had a good turn out for the tour with representatives from several different companies and two different states present.

This month we will be back to our dinner meeting venue and will serve up a taste of what can be found in the Basics of Supply Chain Management module. The Theory of Constraints will be sampled as we review actual slides from the menu of items found in the last session of this module.

This presentation will provide you with an understanding of how the Theory of Constraints focuses its efforts to improve product flow.

Please join us for the presentation and maybe some dessert.

Regards,  
Larry Pascoe, CPIM, C.P.M  
President East Texas Chapter

### My info

#### Importance of Staying Connected with APICS

In this challenging economy, it's more important than ever to stay informed on current industry trends and valuable knowledge. By updating your contact information with APICS, you will continue to receive valuable member benefits. Stay connected with APICS by updating your contact information at [www.apics.org/myinfo](http://www.apics.org/myinfo).

### Chapter Events

#### Professional Development Meetings

Please join us for our monthly PDM April 21, 2009. We will be presenting **Theory of Constraints** as a preview of our Basics of Supply Chain Management classes.

**Basics of Supply Chain Management** is the cornerstone of the APICS CPIM program. The **Theory of Constraints (TOC) and constraint management**, as part of BSCM, includes discussions on how product flows, identifying constraints in capacity or resources, management of bottlenecks and strategic use of buffer inventory. Learn about drum-buffer-rope scheduling and performance measurements based on throughput.

**Larry Pascoe, CPIM, C.P.M.**, instructor for BSCM classes will present the material on TOC. **The meeting begins at 6:30 social and 7:00 for dinner at Johnny Cace's Seafood and Steakhouse in Longview.** Register on the website, or contact any board member to signup. Maps are available on the website.

[Register Now!](#)

### Live Webinar

**For more on the topic of TOC, APICS is offering a live webinar.**

#### APICS Webinar: Understanding the Theory of Constraints and How to Make It Work for You

Nicholas Testa Jr., CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP, Jonah, Chief Executive Officer, Acuity Consulting Inc.

#### Two sessions to choose from

April 2, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. CT | [Register now](#)  
April 3, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. CT | [Register now](#)

## Education

Yes, times are tough. Yes, budgets are tight. But are you personally prepared to survive the recession? With APICS training and certification, you will enhance your employability within the organization and be in a position to respond more quickly to increased production when the economy rebounds.

**CPIM Module 1: Basics of Supply Chain Management** covers the basic concepts in managing the flow of materials in the supply chain. In BSCM, you get a complete overview of material flow, from internal and external suppliers to and from your organization. We will meet twice-a-week for 5 weeks.

Participant guide is available at the APICS Bookstore [apics.org/Bookstore](http://apics.org/Bookstore). Stock #09122V30. Please note this module requires 3.0 version (the latest and greatest.)

For more information, contact Larry Pascoe at [president@apicseasttexas.org](mailto:president@apicseasttexas.org).

Reserve your spot in class so sign up now! Classes are starting April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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#### Tip: What's the worst mistake on a resume?

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## APICS Connections

### Three More Ways Members Can Connect to APICS and Colleagues on-line

**Connect and Network on LinkedIn.** Members can view the APICS LinkedIn page to connect and network professionally with others in the field. Join the more than 4,300 members of the APICS LinkedIn group at [apics.org/linkedin](http://apics.org/linkedin).

Here's what Cathleen Redman says about "being linkedin"... LinkedIn is a great professional networking site. It enables you to list your professional credentials while connecting with other professionals in the U.S. and around the world. I joined the APICS group and the APICS CPIM group, and they send me e-mail alerts regarding new topics of discussion and job opportunities.

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