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Message from the President

Members and friends,

Our board of directors has been proud to serve you for the past year and hope we have brought value to your affiliation with our chapter.

We thank you for your support and encouragement and ask that you continue to support our chapter and its efforts to provide meaningful opportunities to our business community.

This is it. The last meeting of the year for your APICS East Texas Chapter. We will keep this one on the light side. Please join us to help plan for our next year. We want to be successful in fulfilling your needs and can only do that by hearing you express them.

We also want you to be part of the team. If you have an interest in serving on the board of directors, please contact an officer right away. You can be part of the success of this chapter.

We will vote on board positions at this month's meeting. This is "opportunity". Don't let it pass you by.

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

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."
Winston Churchill



Chapter Events

Professional Development Meeting

Please join us for our **May PDM** on May 18th at 6:30pm at The Jalapeño Tree Mexican Restaurant in Longview. Our meeting in May is our **Annual Board Elections and Business Meeting** when we hold elections for the Board and plan for the coming year. Our focus is you, the member.

We would like all members (and ex-members and non-members!) to attend and bring your thoughts and comments on what you want from your local APICS chapter. We will listen to all comments, positive or negative. We especially want to know what will bring you out to more chapter events:

More meetings in Tyler, Marshall, or Shreveport?

Plant tours are popular. What can make them better?

Topics for PDM's? - Theory of Constraints, Lean, Cycle Counting, Inventory Control, and more. (You have to fill in the and more.)

More education, seminars, workshops?

We will also hold elections for Board Members. Please let any one of the current Board members know if you are interested in serving on the new Board for 2010-2011.

To attend this very important meeting and have your voice heard, please RSVP to any Board Member, or

[Click here to sign up now!](#)

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CPIM Review

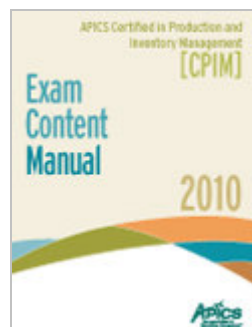
Test-Taking Tips and Strategies

Improve Your Performance on APICS Certification Exams

The following certification study tips were created by surveying APICS CSCP and CPIM exam participants. Read through to find tips to make your testing experience more successful.

- Take the exam while the information is still fresh in your mind.
- Don't wait too long BETWEEN exams.
- Focus on understanding the concepts and their practical applications.
- Understand why incorrect answers are incorrect. Learn not only what is correct, but understand why one answer is 100% correct vs. just 90% correct /10% incorrect.
- Become familiar with APICS words and technical terms. Study the terms and acronyms in the *APICS Dictionary*.
- Maintain a balanced study diet. Don't rely on just one kind of study tool. Mix things up where possible, for example use student guides, references, and review questions. Variety helps ensure a solid understanding.
- All candidates should review the [APICS Exam Content Manual](#) and take the practice tests to get a "feel" for the exam.
- Mark any of your answers on the exam that are uncertain, continue with the exam, and then revisit them. Sometimes other exam questions will jog your memory.
- Pay particular attention to the wording of the questions on the exams. Read *carefully!*

Good luck on your exam!



Q&A Membership Extensions

Q: What are the terms of the Unemployed Membership Extension Program, and who qualifies?

A: To help ensure continuation of **APICS** membership benefits in the event of unemployment, the APICS Board of Directors established a dues-waiver policy. Members may apply for the extension through their local East Texas chapter, which must approve the request and waive the chapter dues assessment.

To qualify a person must:

- apply for the extension in writing to his/her chapter president and include a copy of the dues renewal notice
- submit the completed extension form to APICS corporate no later than 30 days after his/her membership expiration date
- be actively seeking employment within the APICS business sector.

If the member remains unemployed at the end of the extension period, he/she may apply for an additional extension. Overall extensions will be limited to three for a total of 18 months without assessed fees.

If you wish to apply for the Extension Program or if you have any questions, please contact us at:

president@apicseasttexas.org

APICS Career Center

New APICS Career Center Resource: Ask the Career Coach

The **APICS Career Center** is the premier resource for companies and individuals seeking to fill positions in operations management in production, inventory, materials management, supply chain, logistics, purchasing, and more.

Visit the **new** feature where APICS members like you can have your career-related questions answered by our career expert, *Gary Capone with Palladian International LLC*. View featured and past questions [here](#).

Click here to view more resources from **APICS Career Center**