



DURHAM CHAPTER

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UPCOMING EVENT

Please join us for our:

April 2007 Professional Development Meeting

Project Management: Putting It All Together

With: Wade Watson, PMP®

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

A recent Crucial Conversations Online Survey from Provo, UT-based VitalSmarts indicated that eighty-two percent of employees say there are significant organization-wide initiatives underway in their workplace that will likely fail – Inside Training, Feb. 22, 2007

Many organizations underestimate the importance of project management and fail to adequately staff or fund the project manager role – if a project manager is named at all.

Participants in this session will learn key fundamentals to position organizations for successful project and program management by

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Space is limited! Please register before noon on Friday, April 13th through the Chapter hot line **905-571-2994** or the visit our chapter web site at www.apics-durham.org.

Timing:

Register / Network: 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Dinner: 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Presentation: 8:00 to 9:00 pm

Fees:

Members: \$ 30
Non-Members: \$ 35
ASC Members: \$ 20

providing guidelines on how the project manager fits into various organizational models; defining the role of the project manager; and explaining the importance of certifying project managers.

Speaker:



Wade Watson is a PMI certified project manager working as a Delivery Project Executive for IBM, currently managing a large outsourced account. As a Delivery Project Executive, Wade is responsible for developing business opportunities and overseeing the execution of projects as well application development and maintenance activities. Wade has over 10 years of experience managing projects in the transportation, financial, and manufacturing sectors. Prior to working as a Delivery Project Executive, Wade managed multiple organizational change projects culminating in the implementation of project management offices, and standardized processes.

Location, Timetable, Fees:

We will meet at Al Dente Restaurant – 1305 Pickering Parkway, Pickering, Ontario L1V 3P2. The restaurant is located on the main floor of the building S.E. of the Pickering Town Centre and next to the 401. Included in the dinner is: salad, main course, dessert, and tea or coffee. Please let us know if you have a special meal requirement.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

The Durham CAPIC Chapter is pleased to present the following Event Schedule for the 2006/2007 Season. **Mark your calendars now!** Please bring your friends and colleagues to what promises to be an exciting and educational season of Professional Development Meetings.

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC	LOCATION
April 17, 2007	Wade Watson	Project Management	Al Dente Restaurant, Pickering
May 15, 2007	Doug Mack Advanced Management Technologies	Developing Supervisory & Leadership Skills	Al Dente Restaurant, Pickering

Plans are already underway for an exciting 2007 / 2008 Professional Development Meeting schedule. We are always interested in companies who are willing to volunteer as tour hosts or individuals who are willing to speak to an area of expertise within the supply chain. If you are one of these companies or individuals, please contact our Event Coordinator - Sharon Linton.

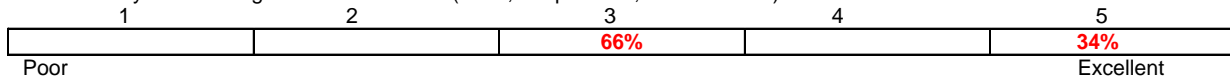


February 20, 2007 Durham Chapter PDM – Atlantic Packaging Tour

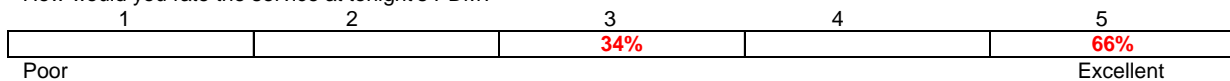
In order to serve you better, please take a few minutes to complete the following survey regarding tonight's activities. APICS, Durham is your local chapter and your feedback is important! Please contact your BoD at www.apics-durham.org with thoughts and ideas for future PDMs.

Facilities:

How would you rate the general environment (room, temperature, ambiance etc)?

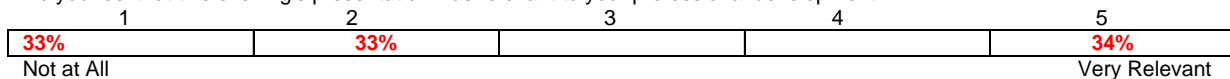


How would you rate the service at tonight's PDM?

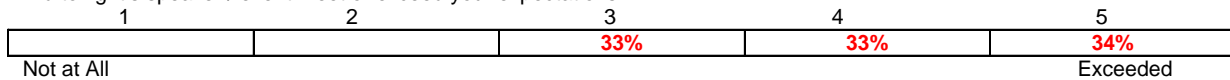


Presentation:

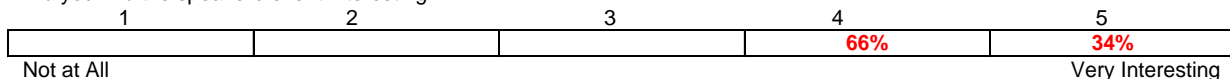
Do you feel that this evening's presentation was relevant to your professional development?



Did tonight's speaker / event meet or exceed your expectations?



Did you find the speaker / event interesting?

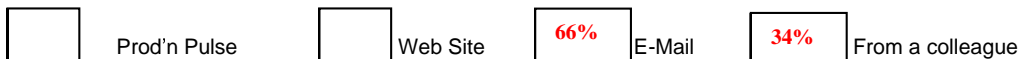


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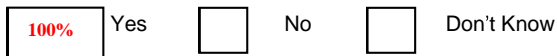
Did you receive the PDM info in sufficient time to allow you to plan this evening?



How did you learn about tonight's PDM?



Will you attend another PDM in the future?



Coming Down to the Wire!

Spring 2007 Public Courses: CPIM Certification Preparation / Review

Execution and Control of Operations (E&CO)

3 consecutive Saturdays – 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Whitby Public Library,*
starting April 28th through May 12th.
Convenient free parking is located beside the library

To be followed by:

Strategic Management of Resources (SMR)

3 consecutive Saturdays – 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Whitby Public Library,*
starting May 26th through June 9th.

Please register for each course you want to take on our website

E&CO Course Details: This course explores the processes for:

1. **Prioritizing and Sequencing Work to be Performed**
2. **Executing Plans, Implementing Physical Controls, and Reporting Results of Activities Performed**
3. **Evaluating Performance and Providing Feedback**

SMR Course Details: This course addresses three main topics:

1. **Aligning resources with the strategic plan**
2. **Configuring and integrating operation processes to support the strategic plan**
3. **Implementing the changes**

Fees: \$525 for APICS Members and \$560 for non-Members. **Prior students**, with established credit with Durham Chapter, may pay at the first class, but must register by the deadline. Members are those with a current, valid APICS Chapter Membership.

New students, or those with prior credit problems, must send the Chapter a cheque, or company Purchase Order, along with their registration to arrive by April 10th.

You may also use VISA or MasterCard to register through the Chapter website.

E&CO Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 12th

SMR Registration Deadline: Thursday, May 10th

Please note class size is limited for this course. Students are accepted in the order in which their applications are received. Courses are held pending registration of a sufficient number of students in each program. A light lunch will be provided, if registrations warrant. **There is a \$150 fee for any cancellations received after the deadline.**

Course details and are on the Chapter website at www.APICS-Durham.org/Education.htm , follow the links.

To register, or pay by mail – send your information to the Durham Chapter at PO Box 24095, 601 Dundas St. West, Whitby, ON L1N 8X8. Cheques should be made payable to “Durham APICS Chapter”. There is an additional fee of \$25 for NSF cheques or other payment problems.

Happy 50th Anniversary, APICS

In 2007, APICS celebrates 50 years of excellence in providing the education, training, and resources that make individuals and businesses in operations management more successful. APICS was founded in 1957 as the American Production and Inventory Control Society to establish standards and a body of knowledge in a growing professional field.

During the past 50 years, the APICS body of knowledge has been expanded and refined to meet changing workplace and economic demands. Today, APICS The Association for Operations Management is a worldwide network of more than 42,000 individuals in 20,000 organizations. More than 80,000 individuals have validated their knowledge by earning APICS certifications. Throughout the global supply chain, APICS empowers professionals in production, inventory, materials management, supply chain, purchasing, and logistics to advance in their careers and enhance efficiencies in organizations.

In the years to come, APICS will continue to develop results-driven education, training, and industry content to help you reach your professional goals. Are you making the most of your affiliation with APICS?

In the anniversary year, consider growing with APICS.

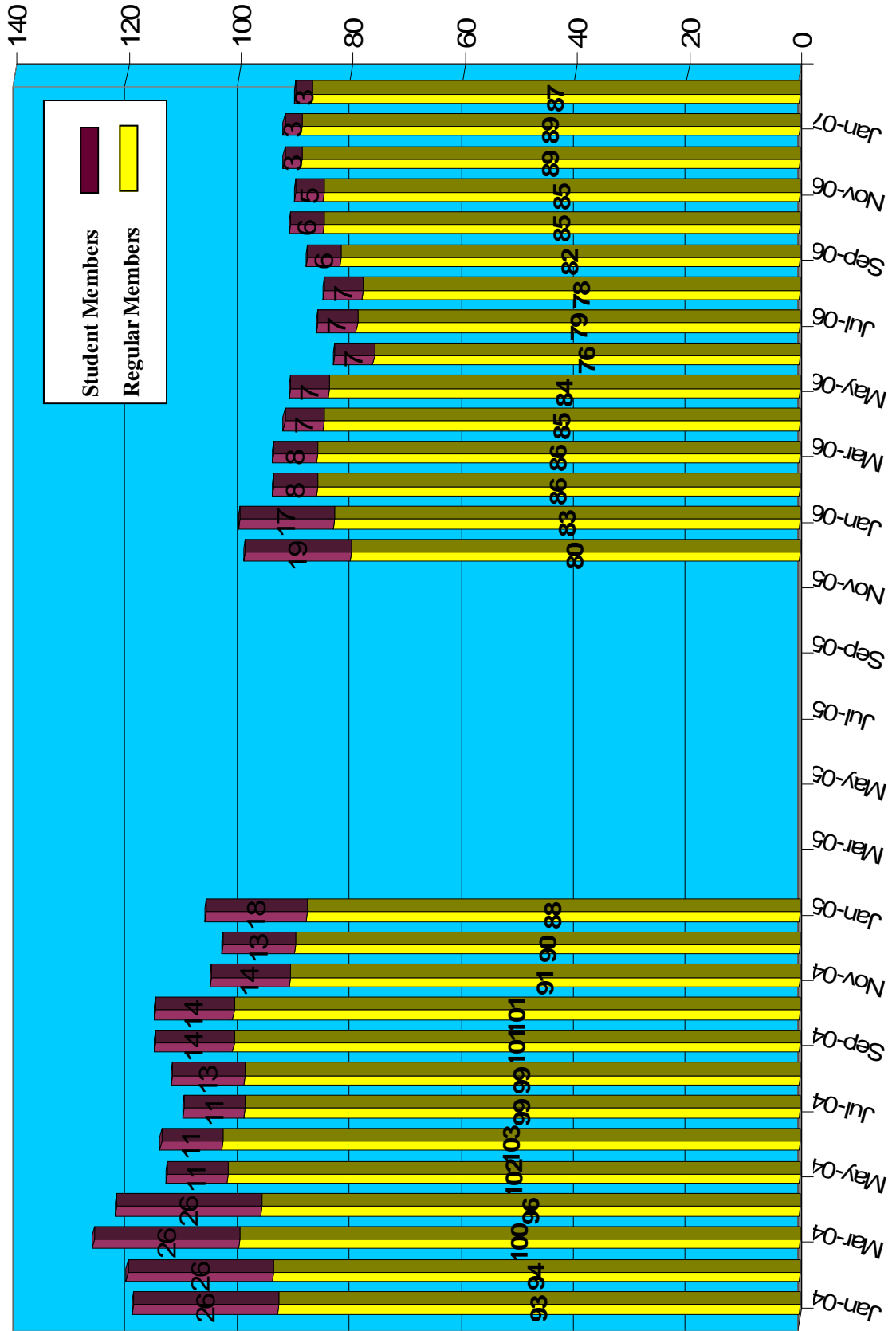
- * Enhance your earning potential with world-renowned certifications.
- * Improve your performance with APICS education.
- * Find Real-World Solutions using comprehensive industry resources.
- * Connect with experts through a worldwide network of industry professionals.
- * Benefit from Members-Only access to the body of knowledge and cost savings on educational materials and events.

Thank you for being a valued part of APICS! Let's celebrate our anniversary year together in 2007.



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APICS Durham Chapter Total On Hand Members



Why, Why, Why

do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?
If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?
How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

When we are in the supermarket and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, "It's all right?" Hell, it isn't all right, so why don't we say, "That hurt, you stupid idiot?"

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

And our FAVORITE

The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you. I've done my job and sent this email to you, now it's up to you to send it on.

HAVING
A
BAD
DAY?



Upcoming Events

Defining Six Sigma

Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

1:00 p.m., ET

Presented by Lee Binz, Certified Six Sigma Black Belt

This APICS Webinar series will help you understand the methodology, terminology, and application of six sigma. During the five-week course, the instructor will present topics to assist you in developing basic knowledge of important aspects of six sigma.

Register today!

“PLACE YOUR AD HERE”

Have you considered advertising in **“Production Pulse”**? Production Pulse has a Circulation of over 300 encompassing membership, related industry professionals and academia

The advertising rates are as follows:

- 1/8 page \$50 per newsletter
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- 1/2 page \$100 per newsletter
- Full page \$150 per newsletter
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