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DECEMBER DINNER MEETING

December 11th, 2007 6:00 PM

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION WITH LIMITED RESOURCES

Aaron Howell, Oregon State University

Brice's Restaurant

2560 19th St. SE

Salem, OR

Dinner will be served.

Guests are welcome!

Aaron will discuss Contract Administration concepts such as Risk Analysis - so we can try and gauge where to best utilize our sometimes strained resources to benefit our organizations best - and a few specific tools to use to be effective in your contract administration activities.

Aaron is the Director of Business Affairs at Oregon State University overseeing all of the central accounting functions for OSU including Payables, Payroll, Student Finance and Grant Accounting. Aaron has also spent 11 years overseeing all contracting and procurement at OSU and then has spent several years in procurement at both the State and Federal level. Aaron is also a consultant in procurement and an instructor for NIGP.

NAPM-OMV Presidents Message

Sorry to have personally missed the first couple of meetings this year as I understand that for those of you who did attend our September and October meetings, you had the opportunity to listen to a couple of great and informative educational presentations. For those of you who were able to join me in attending the November meeting and tour at the Trans-Ocean Products plant, I know first hand that you enjoyed a very interesting and informative tour as I did. Thank You DeAnn Baker for hosting this excellent tour of your manufacturing facility!!!

At our November meeting we also held a formal General Membership Meeting and our members passed the proposed bylaw changes required by ISM for us to continue our affiliation with that international organization and we are now in position to receive ISM's formal acceptance and approval of our new name (Oregon Mid-Valley Purchasing & Supply Management Association, Inc.) at the January ISM Board Meeting.

For those members who have not been attending our educational meetings, you are encouraged to mark your calendar for joining your professional peers every second Tuesday evening each month, September through May, for a couple hours of educational sharing and networking. Our next meeting on December 11th should be another excellent learning experience covering "Contract Administration with Limited Resources". The educational programs for the rest of this meeting year are shown elsewhere in this newsletter.

Your Board has begun planning another full day educational seminar for March 11th 2008 to coincide with National Supply Management Month. OMV's last member survey on educational program interest ranked "Purchasing Law" as a topic of high interest, so we selected that topic for our next seminar program. See the first announcement elsewhere in this newsletter and **mark your calendars for attending this seminar on Tuesday, March 11th**. Your Board is working hard to be able to bring you a top rated seminar at "less than a third" of what a similar seminar costs in the Portland area. So please support our education programs so that OMV can continue to bring you "high quality" educational programs at "bargain" pricing.....and CEH certificates will be provided for all attendees.

If you happen to be a member who does not have your professional certification, you are really beginning to run out of time to attain the C.P.M. certification. Although you will be able to continue to take the certification tests throughout 2009, you will **not** be able to sign up for any of these tests **after December 2008**, which means that if you fail a test after January 1st, 2009 you will **NOT** have the opportunity to take that test over again. Ed Taylor, C.P.M., is currently planning Module IV classes for January and he is willing to continue to instruct additional certification test review classes focusing on how to take the certification tests for each of the four modules if there is sufficient interest. However, OMV needs to fully understand exactly what **your** specific interest is and, therefore, we need the **immediate** response from any member still interested in any of these classes (on any of the four modules), in order for us to be able to make decisions on how/if we can help you attain your certification over the next year. So, if you have **any** interest at all, you need to let both Ed (etaylor04@msn.com) and me (sidbrown@aol.com) know specifically what kind of assistance you need and **you need to do that very quickly**. Please read further information on the classes elsewhere in this newsletter.

Again this year, White Electronics is providing the table decorations (drawing gifts) for this Fall's meetings, so on behalf of our association, I want to **express our sincere appreciation and "Thank You" to Carol Carlin and White Electronics**.

Each of you will find our annual dues billing with this newsletter and we encourage you to **please pay these annual dues by December 31st, 2007**. What you may not be aware of is that \$100 of your dues is paid to ISM each year and ISM requires us to confirm the correctness of our Affiliate roster with them every February and August. Therefore, it is very important for us to know for sure if you are going to renew your membership for Y2008 as soon as possible as it is OMV's policy not to pay ISM for any member who has not paid their annual dues. Therefore, if your dues payment is not received prior to the end of January, we are forced to remove your name from both the ISM and OMV membership rosters. For your further information, if you should later decide to renew your membership, ISM will then charge you an additional \$20 administrative fee.

OMV values your membership and we do not want to be forced to remove your name from both ISM's and OMV's membership lists, so please pay promptly!!!

Your OMV Board continues to work hard to provide professional learning opportunities for all of our members. If you have any suggestions on how we can better serve your educational needs, including suggested topics for future educational presentations, please be sure to communicate your suggestions to us. In the meantime, I want to continue to personally challenge each of you to maximize the learning and networking opportunities this association is providing for each of you.

I hope each of you and your families have a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season!!!

Sid Brown, C.P.M., A.P.P.
OMV President

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL DINNER MEETINGS

Your Board Members have worked hard to develop a schedule full of valuable educational opportunities for Professional Development. Hope to see you there!

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM TITLE	SPEAKER	LOCATION
12/11/2007	6:00pm	Contract Administration with Limited Resources	Aaron Howell -OSU	Brice's
1/8/2008	6:00pm	Economic forecast for 2008	Tim Duy, Director, Oregon Economic Forum	Brice's
2/12/2008	6:00pm	How Changes in Global Logistics Affect Your Company	Ron Williams, Columbia Grain, PSU	Brice's
3/11/2008	6:00pm	Purchasing Law seminar	Gary L. Hopper, CPM, MBA	Shilo Inn, Salem

Membership Has Its Privileges

For over 25 years our Affiliate has been working hard to meet the educational and professional needs of our local Purchasing and Supply Chain Managers. To date, we have been able to deliver a wide variety of speakers covering current issues facing our respective areas of interest while providing valuable networking opportunities within our membership. As a member of this Affiliate, we are also advantaged by our affiliation with the Institute of Supply Management. ISM provides us with immediate access to online research, support for our professional designations and keeps us in touch with global career trends/opportunities. We also have a great opportunity to network. I sincerely hope you have taken advantage of the items that are meaningful to you as well as taking the chance to provide input on how this organization can continue to evolve.

While we might be familiar with the value of membership, we tend to lose sight of what it takes to keep things moving given our busy schedules. Yes, membership also has its responsibilities. Specifically, we are in serious need for a few of our over 60 members to assume key leadership positions which are necessary for our continued existence. The positions needing to be filled beginning in May 2008 are those of President, Communication Officer, Membership Officer and Treasurer. The reality is that after several solicitations no one has stepped forward. If this remains the case, and these positions are not filled, our chapter will be forced to cease operating. Please take this message to heart and contact any Board Member no later than our next meeting, December 11th, to express your interest in exploring one of these positions or to address any questions you might have.

THANKS to WHITE'S ELECTRONICS, for their kind donation of the Table Decorations, and to Carol Carlin, who does the beautiful work. THANK YOU!

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR – MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARCH 11TH

Your OMV Board is pleased to announce that we are planning to provide another educational seminar during National Supply Management Month in March 2008. Responding to the high level of interest from our members, we have selected the one-day seminar topic to be focused on the fundamentals of purchasing law with emphasis on the UCC and have identified our presenter to be Gary Hopper, C.P.M., from Total Cost Solutions. Gary has 25+ years of purchasing expertise and 2,000+ hours in training and facilitating purchasing courses and workshops.

This seminar will be made available to our members at a price which is “less than a third” of what a similar seminar would cost in the Portland area. You do not want to miss this continuous learning opportunity, so you will need to register early once the registration form comes out. CEH (Continuous Education Hours) certificates will be issued to all attendees in the process of collecting CEH's for recertification.

We are looking forward to providing our members with another top rated learning experience. So, **mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 11, 2008** at the Shilo Inn in Salem!!!

News Nuggets from the Education Corner

I hope all of you are enjoying this holiday season. As our days get more and more filled with daily tasks it can become increasingly difficult to keep up on the the latest trends in purchasing . Here is a web site I have found very helpful to stay informed:

www.purchasing.com

There are many articles here that you may find helpful. One that I have found very good is in their newsletter section. The Monday Mid-Day Business Report is a live report that comes in an email every Monday morning at 10am. It covers the latest market analyses and trends for the week. Hope you will check it out.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Steve



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Presents:



***“Interested in pursuing your C.P.M., we would
like to hear from you today”***

With only thirteen months remaining to register for taking any of the four C.P.M. exams through ISM, OMV is asking for all of you who are interested in attaining their C.P.M. certification and would like to tap into the resources available to our members through OMV, to please advise us immediately.

The primary purpose behind this communication is not only to see if there is enough interest to provide new C.P.M. review classes for Module I and Module II, but to also make resources available to our membership to assist them in reaching their goal because time to prepare and pass all four exams is beginning to run low.

Please send an e-mail to Ed Taylor (etaylor04@msn.com) and Sid Brown (sidbrown@aol.com) if you have any interest in pursuing your C.P.M. certification and are interested in further classes to assist in your preparation to take the four required certification tests.

If enough people are interested, OMV may be able to put together a four session C.P.M. Review class for Module I after the holiday. If we are unable to hold a review class, OMV remains committed over the next year in providing guidance and resources to anyone who is interested in obtaining their C.P.M. on an individual basis. Although there are two years remaining to take an exam, there is actually only thirteen months left to register to take any of the four Modules, meaning that although you can still take a test during 2009, you will **NOT** be able to register for another test after December 31, 2008.

We would also like to hear from those of you who are partially through their C.P.M. and would like to also tap into available resources. In mid to late January of 2008 we will be holding a Module IV review class in Salem in four weekly sessions for any interested members at a cost of \$75.00 per attendee.

NOTICE – ANNUAL DUES BILLING – WHAT A BARGAIN!!!

Your annual membership dues billing is attached to this newsletter. You will notice that in spite of the fact that our association operational costs continue to rise, your OMV Board has decided to hold our members dues cost for at least one more year. Our affiliate dues are less than any other affiliate in this area and, in fact, less than the majority of all the affiliates throughout the ISM organization, including less than the cost of direct membership with ISM. So the educational programs, along with the opportunity to regularly network with your professional peers, makes membership in our association the best bargain you'll ever buy.

Please pay your membership dues by December 31st, 2007 so that your name does not get dropped from both OMV's and ISM's membership rosters. Also, please fill out and include the renewal information form with your check. **Your Association Thanks You!!!**

PLAN TO JOIN US AT THE JANUARY MEETING January 8th, 2008 2008 ECONOMIC FORECAST

Tim Duy, Director, Oregon Economic Forum

Timothy A. Duy, Adjunct Assistant Professor and Director, Oregon Economic Forum
Professor Duy received his B.A. in Economics in 1991 from the University of Puget Sound, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Economics in 1998 from the University of Oregon. Following graduate school, Tim worked in Washington, D.C. for the United States Department of Treasury as an economist in the International Affairs division and later with the G7 Group, a political and economic consultancy for clients in the financial industry. In the latter position, he was responsible for monitoring the activities of the Federal Reserve and currency markets. Tim returned to the University of Oregon in 2002. He is the Director of the Oregon Economic Forum and the author of the University of Oregon Index of Economic Indicators. Tim has published in the Journal of Economics and Business.

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