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APICS Piedmont Triad Chapter Celebrates 40th Anniversary

When operations management professionals in the manufacturing industry get together, discussions often include stories of company consolidations, changing product lines, and new enterprise technologies. Since about 2000, they also reflect concern about loss of jobs in the Triad. And eventually, in such conversations, APICS is sure to come up as a positive source for keeping the workforce job-ready through consolidations, change, and times of uncertainty.

First known as The American Production and Inventory Control Society, APICS is now known simple as APICS The Association for Operations Management. The Piedmont Triad Chapter has consistently served operations and supply chain professionals since it's inception in the Triad area, and celebrates its fortieth anniversary in October 2010.

APICS The Association for Operations Management is the global leader and premier source of the body of knowledge in operations management, including production, inventory, supply chain, materials management, purchasing, and logistics. Since 1957, individuals and companies have relied on APICS for its superior training, internationally recognized certifications, comprehensive resources, and worldwide network of accomplished industry professionals. Certifications offered are Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) and Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP).

APICS channel partners (chapters) must document annually those activities required to maintain their charter. In addition, chapters may apply for Bronze, Silver, or Gold chapter performance status. A chapter that maintains Gold status for 5 consecutive years is awarded Platinum status as well. The Piedmont Triad Chapter is one of only two APICS chapters that has maintained Platinum status for the past twenty years.

The local chapter offers review classes for both certifications throughout the year as well as seminars on topics including Lean, Global Sourcing, and Inventory Basics. They

arrange for local and world class speakers for professional development meetings held the second Tuesday of each month September – May. Meeting registration includes a meal, the program, and a great opportunity to network with other professionals in the Triad area.

The Piedmont Triad Chapter was chartered by APICS in 1970. Managed by member elected volunteers, the board of director roster over the years represents a broad base of educators, industry leaders, and consultants who offer their best to serve the membership, area businesses and communities.

To celebrate the 40th anniversary, the October 2010 professional development meeting is being planned as a reunion for all APICS participants past and present.

Please navigate through our website for more information about the APCIS Piedmont Triad Chapter and to register for meetings and classes. More information about APICS The Association for Operations Management may be found at www.apics.org