



**Upper South Carolina Chapter
Institute of Supply Management**
Website: <http://www.ismscupstate.org/>

Next Chapter Meeting:
Plant Tour...Thursday, October 5th, 2006

President's September Message: Valerie Stark

School in session.....

Back to the basics! Sometimes we need to step back to review some old subjects. People who have been in any profession for a reasonable amount of time may become stagnant and need a refresher course on various topics. Also, we must support the younger generation of purchasing professionals and make them feel welcome and aware of topics that must not be forgotten. I believe Carol Mark's topic, "Developing Effective Supply Chain Metrics" is a topic that everyone needs to keep in mind for their work and for personal tracking of their accomplishments. These metrics can be a valuable tool to your company and provide you with information for advancement or for that next position you are waiting to open. This is an opportunity for seasoned purchasing professionals to mentor and share their knowledge with all of us.

October 5th Meeting

W.W. Grainger Plant tour..... There will NO cost for dinner this night because Grainger has graciously agreed to provide a box dinner for the evening. However, **you must register for the meeting no later than Monday, October 2, 2006, before 5:00 pm.** If you do NOT wish to eat dinner, we still must know if you plan to attend. Please register via the website as you normally would, with one exception: no payment will be required. **You must arrive before 6pm on Thursday, October 5th** to be admitted to the presentation and tour. The directions are listed below. If you have any questions about the directions, then contact Valerie Stark (daytime 236.0436 ext 210) or the day of the tour by cell phone (630.7369).

Directions to Grainger...Harrison Bridge Road exit is closed...follow the directions listed
From I-85/I-385 exchange (Spartanburg/Greenville area) **take I-385 south** towards Columbia.
Take Exit #24 (Fairview Street), loop around to the right and take left at top of ramp
At first light (Kemet on the left) take Right onto Frontage Road
Go approximately 3/4 mile...ignore the signs about road closed you turn before road ends
Take a left into the Southchase Industrial Park (Southchase Blvd.)
Grainger is on your immediate left...park in lot and enter through main entrance

Coming from Laurens County or southern Greenville County
Take I-385 north towards Greenville.
Take Exit #24 (Fairview Street), take a left at the top of the ramp.
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Seminar

Register before September 30th and save \$20.

David Alewine's topic for the seminar is "Operation Management for Supply Management Professional" that will include writing scope of work. David is a C.P.M./A.P.P. He is Senior Manager of Supply Chain Management and Contracts at Fluor. The seminar will be held on November 3rd, 2006. Register before September 30, your cost will only be \$75 and you save \$20. After September 30th, the cost will be \$95.

Membership / Attendance

The Upstate Chapter will offer a perfect attendance award and prize at the May 2007 meeting. One lucky winner will receive either a Honorary Local Membership (valued at \$45) or \$45 towards National Membership

National Member	153
Regional Members	6
Local Members	4
Total Members	163
C.P.M	51
A.P.P.	6
C.P.I.M.	1

Please welcome our newest member, Alan Barber. Alan works at Nova Gaming.

C.P.M.

The Board would like hear from you if you recently achieved your C.P.M or if you are currently working on your C.P.M. If you are a member in good standing, then the board will pay \$50 towards the framing of your first C.P.M. certificate. Please contact either Linda Parker or Valerie Stark for details.

Chapter History

Anthony Napoli is hard at work on putting together the history of the Upstate chapter. The chapter has been in existence since 1978. If you have been a member for some time and have some history or interesting story related to the Chapter, please forward them to Anthony (anapoli@ghs.org). Stay tuned for more interesting information about the chapter you belong to and support.

See you at the Grainger Plant Tour

Valerie