

PDM Recap: ERP Implementation Lessons with Nick Marten

We had a great turnout for this month's PDM at Maxcess International! Nick Marten spoke about the lessons learned during his most recent ERP implementation. We had a lot of great questions from the audience and really appreciate those of you that came out to support this event, as well as Nick himself who took time out of his busy schedule to share with our chapter. There will be more PDMs scheduled soon, so everyone check their emails and the chapter [website](#). Have a great March!



An Interview with Paul Taylor

This month our very own chapter Secretary, Emily Conrad, was able to interview Mr. Paul Taylor, president and owner of [Taylor Valve](#) in Oklahoma City. Paul has been a long-time supporter of APICS concepts and education within his company, and himself holds a CPIM designation. Below is the Q&A session.

Q: What are your primary responsibilities at your current job?

A: As the president and owner of Taylor Valve Technology, I am ultimately responsible for the performance of the business. The specific areas that I am focusing on this year are our people and our strategy. On the people side, I am being more intentional about connecting with all of our employees and making sure we are a united team focused on our purpose. On the strategy side, I am working with our management team to develop a clear and communicated long-term plan.

Q: How long have you been a part of APICS?

I first started with APICS in 2010 when we had every employee in Taylor Valve go through the Basics of Supply Chain Management CPIM Module which Larry Chadwick taught.

Q: What led you to APICS and ultimately pursue and receive your CPIM certification?

A: What I liked about the APICS education was that it was incredibly relevant for our business. So as I received APICS knowledge, I began to understand the operations at Taylor Valve - things started to make a lot of sense as I saw more and more connections. Also, I am a lifelong learner so being in a classroom excites me and gives me energy.

Q: I understand you have provided several of your employees the opportunity to receive APICS certifications, what difference has this made within the company?

A: Many of the issues we were dealing with in 2010 and even now (like inventory planning and shop floor improvements) are addressed in the APICS curriculum. APICS gives us the tools to understand how to approach these decisions as well as tools to apply as part of the solution. In a way, the education has helped to make these complex decisions simpler and more systematic.

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Our Newest CLTD



We are very pleased to announce that Hiba Kerdy, CPIM, CSCP of Baker Hughes completed all requirements for award of the APICS Certified in Logistics, Transportation and Distribution (CLTD) credential in February.

Hiba is a Global Materials Manager for Baker Hughes and moved to the new facility in Oklahoma City recently after working in Germany.

She now holds all three APICS certifications as well as a Master of Business Administration from St Thomas University in Houston. She speaks five languages: Arabic, English, French, German, and Spanish.

We wish Hiba every success as she begins working in Oklahoma City, and we look forward to her participation in our chapter activities.

Our Newest CPIMs and CSCPs

We would like to congratulate student members Kunal Bhosale, Ajinkya Pangaonkar and Pratik Burkule from Oklahoma State for earning their CPIM credentials! A very impressive accomplishment considering they are already full time students graduating in 2018.

In addition, this week Byron Davis passed his CSCP examination! Byron currently works for JDA Software as a Major Customer Executive and in addition to his new APICS designation also holds a Project Management Professional certification.

Remember, certification prep courses are always being offered in Oklahoma City by a group of experienced instructors. Feel free to contact us at ChapterVPEd@apics-okc.org if you have questions or are interested in this or any other APICS certifications. We are here to help you succeed!



Kunal Bhosale, CPIM, CSSGB



Pratik Burkule, CPIM



Byron Davis, PMP, CSCP



Ajinkya Pangaonkar, CPIM, CSSGB

Oklahoma State Student to Participate in Chuck Nelson Paper Competition

We have learned from Professor Tieming Liu, Ph.D. at OSU that Bailey Whitman, one of the students in his department, is participating in the 2018 Charles K. Nelson Student Paper Contest. As you may have read in previous editions of this newsletter, Chuck Nelson was considered a great leader within APICS, and specifically hailed from the OKC Chapter. Our district coordinates this contest each year in his memory. Bailey's paper will be based on her senior design project with a manufacturing company in Tulsa. Best of luck, Bailey!

Upcoming Events

March 2018:

CPIM Part 1 course begins on 3rd

Strategic Management of Resources begins on 20th

Terra Grande district meeting in San Jose, CA on 23rd & 24th

Certified in Logistics, Transportation and Distribution begins 31st

April 2018:

CPIM Part 2 course begins on 17th

June 2018

APICS OKC Board Elections on 14th

October 2018

50th Anniversary of APICS OKC Chapter event on 18th



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