

May 2018

ISM-Alaska
Calendar of Events 2017-2018

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- **3 Pro-D: Transforming GCI's Procurement Function in Alaska & Beyond**
- Install Officers and Volunteer Recognition
- **ISM National Conference May 6-9, Nashville, TN**
- 16 Board Meeting

CPSM CERTIFICATION

If you are currently studying for an exam or even thinking about certification, please read this carefully. There are several changes coming to the CPSM program. Once the new exam is implemented all new study material will be required and testing under the current version will not be available. **If you are studying under the current 2014 version, you MUST complete testing by the cutoff date.** Here are critical dates presented by ISM as of February 14th.

May 1, 2018 – New study packages available and new exam pre-sale. New study material sold as a package only. Individual items will no longer be available. Price for new packages not yet available.

June 1, 2018 – last day to purchase study materials for the 2014 exam version online. Manual sales offline will be available until inventory runs out.

September 4, 2018 – last day to register for 2014 exams online. Exceptions may be made, for qualified candidates, through February 21, 2019. NOTE: Alaska test sites are already filling up. Probably a good idea to schedule all exams now to secure a date. Make sure to allow time at the end for a re-test if it becomes necessary.

February 28, 2019 – last day to take and pass 2014 exams. Exceptions cannot be made after this date.

Once you pass all 3 exams you will have 4 years from the oldest exam date to meet other qualification criteria and submit your application for the CPSM.

You must complete all 3 exams under the 2014 version. Otherwise you will need to start over under the new 2018 version.

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Director of Education Report
Jared Rennie

**May Professional Development Meeting –
Transforming GCI’s Procurement Function in
Alaska & Beyond**

Please join us on Thursday, May 3 at the *Coast International Hotel* for our final Pro-D Meeting of the 2017-2018 Affiliate year. **Networking commences at 5:30 PM and we’ll kick-off the meeting at 6:00 PM.** We will be joined by special guest speaker, Dan Brogan, Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) at GCI who will discuss the challenges GCI faced while leading the company-wide procurement transformation effort in Alaska and the Lower 48.

Mr. Brogan will discuss how GCI had to implement strategies that led to major long-term improvements to procurement & supply management processes as well as enhance GCI’s activities and relationships. Mr. Brogan’s team works throughout the company to help departments become more efficient and reduce costs. Additional talking points include:

- Hardware, Software and Maintenance negotiations with local, national and global suppliers
- Establishing negotiating strategies that drive P & L savings
- Consolidating the buying channel to optimize how and when you buy to drive savings

Mr. Brogan has more than 20 years of experience leading procurement transformation, strategic

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sourcing initiatives, and technology projects for more than a dozen companies in the U.S. and Canada. Be sure to attend this professional development dinner meeting to expand your thinking and meet fellow supply chain professionals. After this one, we’ll be in summer recess – so make sure you don’t forget to RSVP by Tuesday, May 1. We look forward to seeing you there!

—*Jared*

Director of Membership
Ward W. Wells, C.P.M. (lifetime) CPPB

Greetings from Membership,

Membership with your local ISM affiliate provides access to all corporate benefits from ISM as well as the benefits of the local affiliate, such as reduced costs for trainings, access to local Professional Development meetings (held monthly from September to May each year) as well as networking and advanced notice of job opportunities within the procurement community within Alaska. We also provide a wealth of information in the form of Q & A available through various forms of electronic media such as Linked-in and Facebook.

Please remember to update your membership information on the ISM Alaska Website and take this opportunity to share our vision for life long training with other procurement professionals in

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the supply chain industry. We encourage all levels of the profession from entry level warehouse and inventory control to senior contracting and officers and CEO's to participate in our vision to better equip the supply chain industry with the tools necessary to provide superior performance in our carrier positions.

For those whom have been thinking about membership, the ISM Alaska website makes membership very easy. All payments can be processed online via PayPal through our website:

[http://www.ism-alaska.org/ism-alaska/
Membership.html](http://www.ism-alaska.org/ism-alaska/Membership.html)

Please select "Membership". The annual membership fee is \$160. Plus \$20, initial processing fee via ISM Corporate (renewals do not include this fee). If you have any questions, please contact me at flatheadward@yahoo.com All credit card payments will be made through ISM-

Alaska's PayPal account. Please keep a copy of your PayPal receipt as confirmation of membership payment for your records.

Membership in ISM Alaska, really does make a difference to Supply Chain professionals in Alaska!

Please Welcome New Members:

Marlon Dimatulac: Purchasing Specialist III with Alaska Housing Finance Corp.

Jessica Harpole: Student Member Currently Studying at UAA

Cy Two Elk Student Member Currently Studying at UAA

Kirsten Sikora Procurement & Contracts Administrator, MEA, Eklutna Power Generation

Hope to see you all at the April Pro-D meeting!

Many Thanks

Ward Wells, C.P.M. (lifetime) CPPB

Director of Membership.

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President

Ben R. Milam, CPPM, C.P.M.

I was one of the fortunate ones that attended our most recent seminar on Construction Project Delivery Methods. This was a fantastic seminar for those doing construction contracts and a great resume builder for everyone. Throughout both days I received many comments such as, "Great seminar" or "Great speaker". As a result I conducted an informal survey on the last day and the result was unanimous to bring this speaker back for another seminar. For those that attended the evening presentation on Negotiation, there was

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strong support for a Negotiations seminar. Our speaker, Michael Bevis was a great speaker, but also uniquely qualified having worked several years as an attorney before moving full time into the procurement world. So, we will see what we can arrange for next spring. Congratulations to Mr. Michael Bevis for a great seminar and a great dinner presentation.

SAVE THE DATE! Fall seminar currently scheduled for October 4 & 5, 2018. The topic is not yet finalized, but time to put it on the calendar.

This is a repeat from last month, but critical information. Hopefully several of our members are working toward CPSM certification. If you are currently studying for an exam or even thinking about certification, please read “CPSM Certification” in this newsletter. Critical changes are coming. I can tell you from personal experience the satisfaction of completing the certification process is well worth the effort. If you are serious about your profession, there is still plenty of time to complete everything before the current exam version ends.

May 3rd will be our last Pro-D meeting for the year, however your Board of Directors will meet over a 2-3 day period in May to plan activities

know what changes you would like to see, what topics and speakers you would like to see for Pro-D meetings and potential topics for upcoming seminars. Please don't be bashful; we need your input. You can email me or any of the Board members listed herein.

Hope to see you at the May meeting then take some time off to enjoy the summer.

“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.” -- Benjamin Franklin

Ben

***“TRANSFORMING GCI'S
PROCUREMENT FUNCTION IN
ALASKA & BEYOND”***

***MR. DAN BROGAN
CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER
(CPO) AT GCI***

***MAY PRO- D MEETING
COAST INTERNATIONAL HOTEL
THURSDAY, May 3rd , 2018
DOORS OPEN - 5:30 P.M.
COST - \$30***

Past President’s Report
Marlys Hagen, CPSM, CPPO, C.P.M.
May, 2018

As we prepare for the last Pro-D meeting of the affiliate year, it is appropriate to reflect on the past year and to look forward to the upcoming year as well. We will have more great professional development opportunities starting in September.

Elections

At the May Pro-D meeting we will be doing installation of the below-listed officers and directors. I want to personally thank each and every one of these dedicated volunteers for their service to this organization, and to you, the members.

| Office | Incumbent | Candidate(s) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Past President (1 yr) | Marlys Hagen | Marlys, Hagen |
| President (1 yr) | Ben Milam | Ben Milam |
| Vice President (1 yr) | Michelle Girard | Annie Messer |
| Secretary (1 yr) | Mary Beth Overturf | Mary Beth Overturf |
| Treasurer (2 yrs) | Vacant | Todd Santangelo |
| Director of Communications (2 yrs) | Dan Engelby | Dan Engelby |
| Director at Large (2 yrs) | Lee Thompson | Lee Thompson |
| Director at Large (2 yrs) | Sonja Love-Hestnes | Sonja Love-Hestnes |

Northwest Purchasing Education Council

Nothing new from NPEC this month.

As always, if anyone has any comments/suggestions/concerns/ideas, please let me know.

Have a great summer!!

Marlys