

Time to Renew Your Membership

2007 will be the most important year for this society. We are hosting the national conference and hoping to strengthen the foundation of our Society. Your membership renewal in the Wisconsin Society also includes membership in the American Academy of Certified Public Managers® (AACPM). You will receive correspondence from both organizations on a routine basis.

The purpose of the WSCPM is to improve the quality of managers in the public sector through promotion of comprehensive training, professional growth and high ethical standards of behavior. We also provide service consistent with efficient and effective management practices, along with demonstrating vision and competence in professional management. We are looking for strong active members, who are willing to network with other managers and assist with the planning and presentation of the 2007 AACPM Annual Conference in Madison.

We look forward to your participation!



Congratulations Ron Buchholz!!!

AACPM President-Elect Greg Hyland is pleased to announce that the results of the 2007 AACPM Special Election are in and have been approved by the Elections Committee. "It gives me great pleasure to announce that the 2007 AACPM President is Ron Buchholz, CPM from the Badger state of Wisconsin. Please join me in congratulating Ron".

Thank you Ron for stepping up to the plate and for serving a second term as AACPM President! Your fellow WSCPM members are very proud and excited to have one of our very own preside over the 19th Annual AACPM Conference here in Wisconsin this September!

A Rookie's Tale...

By Rick Higgins, CPM
WSCPM Secretary

As a rookie I attended my first Annual AACPM conference this past September in beautiful Louisville Kentucky. It was a great opportunity to attend as a Board member of the WSCPM and I enjoyed my time at the conference tremendously. I met a lot of fellow CPM's from around the country and made some new contacts for networking etc. Meeting new people, networking, and learning new things is a big part of why I joined the WSCPM.

All of the Wisconsin attendees went on a riverboat dinner cruise on the Ohio River Monday night and enjoyed that 2 hour trip very much. We stayed at the beautiful Galt House Hotel that was recently renovated in downtown Louisville right on the river. We didn't have to go more than 50 yards to board the riverboat from the hotel. I would highly recommend the Galt House if you are ever in Louisville.

There were numerous education sessions on Monday and Tuesday I attended and found them educational, interesting, and fun. The experience of the presenters was very good and well chosen for this conference.

I was a House of Delegates (HOD) member and got to see first hand how that process worked on the final day of the conference. I voted on numerous AACPM issues that were brought to motion and it was a great learning experience. After the HOD meeting several of us from the WSCPM met with AACPM Board members, Kentucky Conference Committee members, and delegates from the next 2 Annual AACPM Conventions from Ohio and Florida to brainstorm about what worked and didn't work as well etc. from the 2006 conference and could be used by the future conference committees. There was very good discussion and the WSCPM took away from this

meeting some good suggestions to consider.

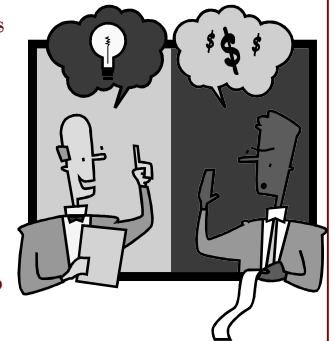
With the WSCPM hosting the 2007 Annual AACPM Conference in Madison, I hope all fellow WSCPM members will be able to attend the conference and have as great a time and experiences as I did at this year's conference!

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Dealing with Negativity

Susan M. Heathfield, human resources writer for About.com offers tips on dealing with Negative Nellys at work:

- Spend as little time as possible with them.
- Don't reinforce the negativity by listening to stories, background and history about a negative person's grievances. "Negativity mongers need a new job, a new company, a new career, a new outlook or counseling. They don't need you".
- Tell the negative co-worker that you prefer to think about your job positively. Avoid providing a sympathetic audience.
- Suggest the negative person talk to HR or the boss.
- If all else fails, Heathfield writes, talk to your own supervisor about this person. He or she may have some suggestions or may be willing to step in.





2007 Membership Application Form

- Certified Member \$60* Individuals with the designation Certified Public Manager ®(CPM) through a management program accredited by the National Certified Public Manager ® Consortium are eligible.
 - (Fee includes your membership in the **American Academy of Certified Public Managers® !!**)

- Associate Member \$15 Individuals who are enrolled in the Wisconsin Certified Public Manager® program are eligible.

- New Member (check here if you have not previously been a member of WSCPM)

- Membership Renewal *(Please make checks payable to W.S.C.P.M.)*

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WSCPM 2006 Accomplishments

1. Continued planning efforts to host the 2007 AACPM National Conference in Madison September 8-12, 2007. Conference will be held at the Madison Concourse Hotel & Governor's Club. Responsibilities were segregated into several subcommittees who have met at various times throughout the year making a great deal of progress.
2. Successfully completed an audit of the 2005 books as submitted by the Treasurer.
3. Presented Society information to the 2006 May CPM graduates and provided lunch on behalf of the Society to promote WSCPM membership.
4. Published four WSCPM newsletters.
5. Created partnerships with the CPM Program and Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association.
6. WSCPM brochures and new member packets were updated.
7. Maintenance and updates to WSCPM web site.
8. Historian continued collection of items and update of History Book.
9. Continued the working relationship with the Oneida Nation and the CPM Program to provide training for which the Society serves as coordinator. Society received \$1500 as of October 5, 2006 for its services as coordinator.
10. Generated \$2355 in membership revenues.
11. Six Society members attended the AACPM annual conference held in Kentucky September 10-13, 2006. The Society provided a Wisconsin basket and made a presentation to attendees to promote the 2007 AACPM Conference being held in Madison, Wisconsin. A booth was also set up to provide information and allow attendees to schedule their lodging for the 2007 conference. As of September 13, 2006 we have received 309 reservations.

Submitted by:

Debra M. Shufelt, Board Member-at-Large



The 2007 Conference Planning Committee of the **Wisconsin Society of Certified Public Managers^a** has been working diligently to prepare a wonderful experience for Wisconsin CPM's and our fellow visiting CPM's from 30 other states, this coming September!

We want to make especially sure that every graduate of our CPM program here in Wisconsin knows about this conference and we are working diligently through our Wisconsin society to get the word out. You can help in 2 ways!

First, we urge you and other WI CPM's you know to book your lodging as soon as possible. Because the IronMan Triathlon will be drawing an additional 20,000 people into Madison the weekend our conference starts, it is critical that anyone who has not done so yet, books their lodging quickly. Although we were able to slightly increase our reserved room block count last fall but our rooms were 60% booked by December. ... So if you still need a room, please call now. You can make your reservation on a credit card over the phone and you will NOT be billed until the conference and you can change your payment plan upon arrival.

Call **1-800-356-8293**, ask for Reservations and then for the AACPM block rooms for Sept.2007; Rates are \$129/139 single/double occupancy (Governor's Club rates \$159/169) + 13.5% tax

When should I be there and how long should I stay? There are 2 things you should consider: “What are the conference dates?” and “Are there other things I should plan to see & do?” The conference schedule plus planned activities for Saturday and Sunday are shown here. In addition, you can visit our Web site at www.wscpm.org and then click on the link for the 2007 AACPM Conference on the left of our Home Page. From there, you will see a link to information on many sites and activities in and around Madison that will help you plan your trip. You may decide (as others already have) to come well before Sept.8th and stay after the conference is over to see and enjoy a bit more of things around Madison, while you are here.

Second, there are lots of things to be done before and during our conference and we can use all the help we can get. Our next Conference Planning meeting will be 8Feb, 11am – 1pm in the C Board Room at United Way, 2059 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI 53704. Parking is free & the room is excellent (& we'll order in pizza from The Glass Nickel Pizza Co. for lunch). We invite you to join us, hear the discussion, chime in & consider where you would like to help. If you can't make that meeting, look over the Subcommittees below and contact any of our Chairs & Co-Chairs to talk with them about their areas of focus and tasks they have lined up this spring.

September 2007	
Sat. Sept.8	Several local tour plans, a golf outing & a beautiful evening on the lake shore
Sun. Sept.9	Visiting local sites, watching the IronMan Triathlon & enjoying an evening Tail-gate Party
Mon. Sept.10	Opening Ceremony in our State Capitol, with a special Native dance presentation by Art Shegonee and a “Wisconsin Fish Boil” themed evening event
Tues. Sept.11	Training sessions and Awards Banquet, WI style
Wed. Sept.12	HOD

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Membership Benefits:

- Recognition of commitment to professional standards
- Association with other professional managers
- Awareness of new developments in theory and practice
- Opportunities to contribute to professional public management projects
- Career development through continuing education
- Membership in the American Academy of Certified Public Managers® (AACPM)

2007 AACPM Conference Planning Committee

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- Mark Evans, Chair
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- Lutfi Shahrani

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- Rick Higgins, Chair
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- Richard Holden, Chair

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at the January 30th, Board Meeting.

The next Board Meeting is January 30th in Madison and we would love to see more members attend.

Please make note of our meeting schedules and conference notes in the remainder of this newsletter. 2007 will be an exciting year for the Wisconsin Society of Certified Public Managers® and we want you to be a part of it. This is the year to become a more active member of the Society!

Hope to see you all soon and stay warm this winter,

Jeff Roemer
President