



# WSCPM News

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## From the President

**Dianne Hughes, CPM**

**May 2005**

### Happy Spring!

With spring comes time for all of us to “clean house” and take care of all those details—all those “things to do” that, perhaps, are on the bottom of what is likely an ever-growing stack of work. But, please, don’t forget about the Wisconsin Society of Certified Public Managers® (WSCPM). Whether you are a new member or someone who has been with us for a while, you are needed! Have you sent in your membership dues for

2005? Have you considered updating your resume and responding to our request to develop a Speakers Bureau? Have you attended a board meeting or training session coordinated by the Society? Have you contacted a board member with your thoughts on what training you would like to have? Let’s not forget about the value of networking and ongoing professional development available to us as members of the Society. There is no better way to continue your professional development than to be affiliated with this organization, which is available only to graduates or individuals

with 75 hours from an accredited school’s management program.

Please take a moment to review the “Upcoming Activities”. You will find several opportunities to get involved with the Society. We continue to talk about the momentum building as we prepare to host the American Academy of Certified Public Managers® (AACPM) conference in Madison in September of 2007. The conference theme “Forward in Public Management” and its incorporation into our logo will be unveiled soon. The Planning Committee

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## Special points of interest:

- *George Torres Promoted*
- *Get to Know Ron Buchholz, CPM*
- *Gift Basket Donations Needed*

## Upcoming Activities

Wednesday, May 4, 2005, 6 pm dinner/7 pm Graduation, CPM/PLEM Class Graduation, State Patrol Academy, Fort McCoy.

Friday, May 13, 2005, 9 am – 12 Noon. WSCPM Board Meeting, Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street, Madison (check electronic board in lobby for room location).

Friday, May 13, 2005, 12 Noon. WSCPM hosts lunch for CPM Graduates at Angelic Brewing Company, 322 West Johnson St., Madison.

Friday, May 13, 2005, 2 pm. Wisconsin CPM Program Graduation Ceremony, Assembly Chambers, State Capitol Building, Madison.

Tuesday, June 7, 2005. CPM/Marathon County Law Enforcement Class Graduation, Time and Place TBD.

Tuesday, August 9, 2005, 8 am-3 pm. 2007 Conference Planning Committee Meeting, Concourse Hotel & Governor’s Club, Madison.

Sunday, September 17- Wednesday, September 21, 2005 17<sup>th</sup> Annual AACPM Professional Development Conference, Manchester, New Hampshire. “Achieve Greatness in Public Management”.

Tuesday, October 4, 10 am. WSCPM Annual Meeting, Rock County Courthouse, Janesville.

### 2004 AACPM Annual Report Published

@ [www.cpmacademy.org](http://www.cpmacademy.org)

- Click on Publications
- Scroll down to "Annual Reports"

## Member News—Ty Letto Deployed to Iraq

WSCPM member, Ty Letto was deployed to Iraq earlier this year where he is serving as the Chief Legal Administrator assigned to the Office of the Deputy Commander for Detainees in Baghdad.

In that role, Ty is responsible for the oversight of all detainee cases referred to the Central Criminal Court of Iraq, the Iraqi Common Court, the Combined Review and Release Board for Detainees and other courts of law. "Basically what this means," Ty explains, "is that I will be responsible for the administrative, logistical, and automation support for cases

being referred to two Iraqi Courts and a review and release board for detainees." It also means supervising a staff comprised of Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine and Iraqi interpreters located at three notable Baghdad addresses: the International Airport, the "Green Zone" and Abu Ghraib Prison.

Prior to Ty's deployment he was Project Management Section Chief in DET's Bureau of Development and Operations for DOA.

When Ty has a few spare moments he writes family and friends back home.

Copies of his most recent newsletters along with photos taken in Iraq are attached to the email message transmitting this newsletter.

We are proud of you Ty and we pray for your safe return!



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### Congratulations!

**George Torres** (class of 2000) has been promoted to Director of the Transportation Division, Department of Parks and Public Infrastructure for Milwaukee County. The division includes Fleet Management, Highway Operations, Transit, General Mitchell International Airport and Transportation Engineering

## President's Message Continued...

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and board will meet at the Conference site in August to tour the facilities we have chosen, the Concourse Hotel & Governor's Club. Subcommittees are meeting to explore ideas for keynote speakers, workshops, entertainment, networking and awards functions. Your ideas and suggestions will be put to use!

We hope you can join us for our Board meeting on May 13. We will have a brief meeting in the morning at the Pyle Center in Madison. Following the meeting we will host a lunch for the students from this year's class whose graduation ceremony is scheduled for 2pm.

You've heard it before but it's worth repeating: Your participation as Society

Members is critical as we continue to grow and work together to establish the direction of the Society for the future. We hope to see you at one of our meetings soon. And, don't forget to visit us at [www.wscpm.org](http://www.wscpm.org).



## Needed A Few Good Members...

The Wisconsin Society of Certified Public Managers® is looking for help! We have a small but dedicated group of our membership serving as of Board of Directors but our resources are being spread too thin. Collectively our membership (this includes you) has a wealth of talent and experience—all of which can benefit our Society.

While we realize it may be hard to serve in a leadership position on the Board of Directors there may be opportunities for you to lend your experience and talent to our Society by serving on a committee or by assisting us with specific tasks.

At the current time we are seeking volunteers to assist us with archiving our grow-

ing inventory of records and to help us create Standard Operating Procedures for the Society.

If either of these areas are of interest to you—please contact President Dianne Hughes at 715-839-6282

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## Join ASPA Today!

The American Academy of Certified Public Managers® (AACPM) has teamed with the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) to provide AACPM members with the opportunity to join ASPA at a special rate. The affiliation enables the Academy to further its goal of providing members with tangible benefits in the areas of continuing education and professional development. See web site at [www.aspanet.org](http://www.aspanet.org) for the Code. Join ASPA today for just \$50 and enjoy the benefits below.

### Online Career Centers

Post resumes, view comprehensive career links, apply for positions, and receive e-mail notifications about job openings. **Solutions for Public Managers**

Explore a variety of resources and submit questions on various work-related topics. Learn what other public administration associations have to offer **The Center for Accountability and Performance (CAP)** Investigate our case studies, workshops, workbooks, symposia and other opportunities. Learn how to manage for greater performance and results.

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### Chapter and Section Membership

Attend lectures, conferences, seminars, luncheons and award banquets via a local chapter or specialized section. Keep in touch with your community.

### Networking Socials

Meet at a restaurant for one of our chapter's or section's regular socials and chat with professionals and public administration leaders. Hone skills, develop a voice and promote through grassroots efforts. Learn from peers.

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## Get To Know Your WSCPM Member—Ron Buchholz

Ron earned his CPM in February 1995 and joined the Society. He currently serves as the Society Historian and as the Past President of the AACPM. He also chairs the Wisconsin CPM Program Policy Board.

Ron is the Deputy Division Administrator for the Division of Safety and Buildings, Wisconsin Department of Commerce. He has worked for the Division for the last 32 years, serving as Deputy Administrator for the last 16 years. Ron was born, raised in Milwaukee, graduating from the UWM School of Architecture and

Urban Planning in December 1972. After graduation, he worked as an appraiser for the American Appraisal Company, Milwaukee before working for the state. He is a Registered Architect in Wisconsin.

Ron and his wife, Mary, will be celebrating their 33rd anniversary this year. They have two grown sons, Lauren and Geof. Lauren graduated from UW-Platteville and has his own computer consulting business in Seattle, Washington. Geof is a graduate of Madison Area Technical College and works at Target in Madison.

Mary works as an accountant for a property management company and has taught piano. Ron and Mary are very involved in their church as both serve as Eucharistic Ministers.

Both Ron and Mary were Scouts in their youth and became Scout Leaders for Lauren and Geof. Ron served as Cubmaster and Scoutmaster and conducted Eagle Scout Board of Reviews for seven years. Ron earned his Eagle Scout Award in Milwaukee and both Lauren and Geof are Eagle Scouts. Ron joined the Society after graduating and has served

as Society President-Elect, President and Past President before assuming the position of Historian. He was named the Society's Manager of the Year in 1999 and has served as a Wisconsin Delegate to four AACPM Conferences. Ron has been a finalist for the AACPM Henning Award. He served as AACPM President in 2004. Ron looks forward to the challenge of the Society hosting a successful national AACPM Conference in Madison in September 2007.

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**CPM Manager of the Year**

Nominations for 2005 WSCPM Manager of the Year are due August 31, 2005 to Jeffrey Roemer. Manager of the Year is an annual award presented to an active member of WSCPM who through his/her efforts has made the greatest contribution to the Society, the State of Wisconsin, or the prestige of the CPM image. Nomination forms and instructions are available at [www.wscpm.com](http://www.wscpm.com), click on "Other WSCPM Documents"

**Gift Basket Donations Needed**

Help us showcase Wisconsin! We need your help in collecting items to fill a "Wisconsin" basket that will be taken to the 2005 AACPM Conference in Manchester, New Hampshire in September.

Please bring items to be donated to one of our upcoming WSCPM meetings or contact Richard Holden at (715)345-5250 or [rholden@village.plover.wi.us](mailto:rholden@village.plover.wi.us) to make arrangements for pick up. THANK YOU!

**The purpose of 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.**

**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)

**WSCPM Speakers Bureau**

We are continuing to move ahead with the creation of a Speakers Bureau made up of WSCPM members. The basic concept is to provide a presentation forum utilizing the many talents of our members. Members would provide presentations on various public management related topics to public management organizations or conferences. There will be a standard cost schedule for these presentations and the member presenting would receive half of this rate and the Society would receive the other half. The Society will manage the coordination and marketing of the Speakers Bureau.

We still need each member to send a list of presentation topics that they can provide. These topics may be in the form of 1 hour, half day, full day or multi-day presentations. Also please

provide a speakers bio along with this information. Please get this information to me as soon as possible. We will be putting together a Speakers Bureau brochure that will be distributed to the various associations throughout the state.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity! Provide the information requested above in written or electronic format to the contact listed below. Please contact me if you have any questions: Jeffrey R. Roemer

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