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December 2017

ISM-Alaska
Calendar of Events 2017-2018

<u>December 2017</u>	<u>January - 2018</u>	<u>February 2018</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 7 Pro-D: Global Supply Chain Security and Management · 13 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 11 Pro-D: Global Supply Chain Security & Mgmt. · 17 Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 1 Pro-D: AK Economic Review · 7 Board Meeting

Did you know...

For more than a century, Institute for Supply Management® (ISM) has impacted supply management and the purchasing profession through best in class education, certification, leadership development and research.

Since 2008, ISM has trained over 60,000 professionals in more than 30 countries. Thousands have received ISM's coveted Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM) and Certified Professional in Supplier Diversity (CPSD) designations.

ISM research impacts the global economy. The ISM Manufacturing *Report On Business*® is one of the most reliable economic indicators available. Published monthly since 1931, the report includes the Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), developed in 1982 with the U.S. Department of Commerce, which measures new orders, production, employment and supplier deliveries. The ISM Non-Manufacturing *Report On Business*® debuted in 1998.

More than 100 years of experience speaks for itself: ISM can help you succeed.

**Director of Education Report
Jared Rennie**

Please join us on Thursday, December 7 at the ***Coast International Hotel*** for our December Pro-D Meeting. **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, Dr. Darren Prokop, Professor of Information Systems and Decision Sciences at UAA. There is an emerging need to find innovative ways to secure company's supply chain, commercial business functions, and logistics operations. Our dinner topic this month will explore this topic and the emerging need for new approaches to security in supply chain management. Be sure to attend this special professional development dinner meeting to arm yourself with the current industry thinking and perhaps even a little holiday cheer as we wrap-up 2017. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jared Rennie
Director of Education
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Spring Seminar: Save the Date – March 1-2, 2018

Preparations are underway for the ISM-AK Spring Training / Seminar. Be sure to circle March 1-2, 2018 on your calendar and keep your eye on our LinkedIn page, our website, and this Newsletter for registration details coming soon!

LEADERSHIP MATTERS. ISM CAN HELP.

Institute for Supply Management® (ISM) is governed by a dedicated group of supply management practitioners and staff who support ISM's mission of helping industry professionals generate positive outcomes.

P#	Office	Term Ends	Candidate
1	Past President (1 yr)	May 2018	Marlys Hagen
2	President (1 yr)	May 2018	Ben Milam
3	Vice President (1 yr)	May 2018	Michelle Girard
4	Secretary (1 yr)	May 2018	Mary Beth Overturf
5	Treasurer (2 yr)	May 2018	Janet Gurrera (2 nd yr)
6	Dir. of Communications (2 yr)	May 2018	Dan Engelby (2 nd yr)
7	Dir of Membership (2 yr)	May 2019	Ward Wells
8	Dir of Education (2 yr)	May 2019	Jared Rennie
9	Director at Large (2 yr)	May 2019	Nicole Fredrick
10	Director at Large (2 yr)	May 2018	Sonja Love-Hestnes 2 nd yr)
11	Director at Large (2 yr)	May 2018	Vacant (vacated by Girard)
12	Director at Large (2 yr)	May 2019	Marina Suslova

Past President's Report

Marlys Hagen, CPSM, CPPO, C.P.M.

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President

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

Great speaker, great seminar, great Pro-D topic and finally a great Thanksgiving dinner. Overall, I would conclude that November was a great month (my Cowboys did not do so well in November, but that is another story). There were a lot of laughs and many takeaways from the seminar, but the takeaway that I cannot forget is the importance for procurement/contract folks to take responsibility for everything in their documents. While someone else may have written the Scope of Work, it is the Contracting Officer that will be on the witness stand if something goes wrong. That interrogation often gets very personal in an effort to discredit our testimony.

In addition to working on the seminar, your Board of Directors has been actively working on ways to provide more value to our members. Part of that depends on what you tell us in the surveys we mentioned last month. We decided to break the survey down into three segments, so if you have not received a copy yet don't worry, additional surveys are coming soon. In the meanwhile, if you have comments or suggestions, please send us an email.

Many of us are more capable than some of us, but none of us is as capable as all of us. Tom Wilson Cartoonist

I don't have a clue what Tom Wilson was referring to, but his words ring true as we work through restructuring YOUR affiliate to increase participation and add value. ISM-Alaska is your affiliate. You elected a Board of Directors to manage day-to-day activities, but we need your help. Please tell us what you expect from your affiliate. Tell us what we need to do to provide value to you. Your needs may be quite different from someone else, but we won't know unless you tell us.

Hope to see you at the next meeting and the next seminar.

Ben

As a reminder we are still looking for people to fill a couple vacant board positions, Director at Large and Treasurer.

If anyone is interested in either of these positions, please contact me. Serving on a board of directors is a great leadership and team building experience that will serve you well in your career advancement. Please consider serving in one of these positions. Either of them can be filled by appointment if we can identify good candidates.

Northwest Purchasing Education Council

No news from NPEC this month.

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

**GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY
AND MANAGEMENT**

**DR. DARREN PROKOP, PROFESSOR OF
INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND DECISION SCIENCES AT UAA**

**DECEMBER PRO - D MEETING
COAST INTERNATIONAL HOTEL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2017
DOORS OPEN - 5:00 P.M.**

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**Director of Membership
Ward W. Wells, C.P.M. (lifetime) CPPB
Greetings and Happy Holidays
from Membership**

As your local affiliate Membership Chairman, I want to take this opportunity to explain the different membership opportunities that you may not be aware of regarding the Institute for Supply Management, (Corporate & Direct) and Membership with your local affiliate, ISM Alaska.

The Institute for Supply Management provides both corporate and direct memberships online on their website. These memberships allow access to all corporate benefits but do not afford the member the benefits of your local affiliate.

Membership with your local affiliate provides both the access to all corporate benefits as well as benefits of the local affiliate such as reduced costs for trainings, access to local Professional Development meetings, held monthly from September to April 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 LinkedIn.

Membership in ISM Alaska really does make a difference to Alaska's Procurement Professionals.

This is the time for membership renewal. The ISM Alaska website makes renewal very easy. If you have not renewed your membership please do so as soon as possible. Timely receipt of your renewals is very important to help maintain our programs and roster. Payments can be processed online through our website:

<http://www.ism-alaska.org/ism-alaska/Membership.html>

Please select "Current Member Renewal". The annual renewal amount is \$160. 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 payment for your records. Your assistance with this is most appreciated.

Please welcome new member:

Anita Baker, of Baker Consulting Services. Anita brings 32+ years of Federal procurement logistics, and 20+ of those years were in federal contracting.

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