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September 2014 **Everything Must Change**

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I was driving today and listening to one of my favorite CDs, by the late O.C. Smith, who had a hit record (remember records?) called, "Little Green Apples". He began singing, "Everything Must Change," written by Bernard Ighner. The song mentions many things that must change. "Winter turns to spring, a wounded heart will heal...the young become the old...nothin' and no one goes unchanged." I have heard these songs numerous times. This time the thought that immediately came to mind was, "I must change."

During the last three years, I have been having a deep spiritual awakening. For a very long time I have wanted others to change. Some time ago, during an impasse with my wife, when I was working on getting her to see things my way, I asked myself, "Why can't I change?" I have never asked that question before. Now I had broken the barrier and made the leap to "I must change."

If everything must change, because nothing stays the same, then I am a part of that truth, because, truly, nothing stays the same. I am reminded of the old saying that you can never step into the same river twice.

You cannot grow and stay young. Everything must change.

Another saying states, "When the student is ready the teacher will appear." We often think of the teacher as being a person. In my case, O.C. Smith was the messenger. The teacher was the simple truth that everything must change. It was so clear and profound I could not escape it in a heartbeat. I had a transformation, liberating experience.

There will be moments of forgetting. However, I have the truth—everything must change—to bring me back immediately.

What are you waiting on? What habit or habits are preventing you from moving forward? What behavior must you change? What value are you receiving from being stubborn and demanding to have your way? Commit to change some part of your behavior today. Fight no longer, Everything must change. Let go now and feel the chains fall to the ground.

Everything must change. Bring on change!

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THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2014

**NAPM-ALASKA
PRO D MEETING**

See Page 5 For More Information

TIME: 5:30 p.m. Networking / 6:00 p.m.

Cost \$28.00* Includes Dinner.

VISA and MasterCard Accepted

No-Shows Billed

**Location: Coast International Inn,
3450 Aviation Avenue. Anchorage Alaska**

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Contact- Pamela Iverson

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no later than 5 P.M. on Tuesday Sept 2, 2014

PRESIDENT MARIANNE BECKHAM

Thank you for the honor of serving as President of NAPM Alaska for this upcoming year. You have my pledge to serve your interests and our organization's to the best of my ability. I look forward to seeing all of you at our professional development dinner meetings, typically held the first Thursday of the month.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m. to network with other members and guests, and then enjoy their company during a delicious meal at 6:00 p.m. After dinner, a notable Speaker begins their presentation about 6:45 p.m. Members are encouraged and always welcome at the board meetings held on the Wednesday following our Thursday Pro-D meeting. Board meetings are generously hosted by Cook Inlet Housing Authority (CIHA), 3510 Spenard Road, corner of 36th Avenue and Spenard, 5:30—7:30 p.m. Please come share your ideas, suggestions, complaints, compliments, etc.

Our first Pro-D meeting this year is September 4 and features Kurt Parkan, Manager of External Affairs with Donlin Creek. He will talk about the multitude of issues related to mineral mining. Kurt's certain to share some real "nuggets of knowledge" when it comes to a gold mine's supply chain matters.

Speaking of nuggets of knowledge, be sure to register for the 2014 Northwest Purchasing Education Committee (NPEC) Conference, October 6, 7, & 8 at the Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, AK. Check out the link on our website www.napmalaska.org for more information and registration forms.

Are you on Linked In? NAPM Alaska has its own Linked In Group page. We have been successful using our Linked In Group page as an additional tool to help promote excellence through Supply Management information and discussions, affiliate updates, and Alaska market job postings. Search for us on Linked In or through the website. It's good to be Linked In!

A stimulating year is planned and your hard working directors seek to know you better. I challenge you to break out of your custom routine and sit with someone new to you.

Carry your business cards and freely exchange with everyone in the room. Increase our exposure by bringing a guest, taking your supervisor, inviting a colleague, or calling a member who hasn't attended in a long time. The more the merrier.

I will be looking for YOU September 4 at the Coast International Inn.

Respectfully,
Marianne Beckham, President

Volunteers Needed for Pacific Northwest Purchasing Conference October 6-8, 2014 Anchorage Hotel Captain Cook

Are you planning on attending the Pacific Northwest Purchasing Conference? If you are, and you wouldn't mind lending a hand on some small tasks, it would be greatly appreciated!

Examples of tasks are:

Room Monitor—introduce speaker, distribute handouts and evaluation forms, collect evaluation forms, be a timekeeper for the speaker, and give the speaker their appreciation gifts at the conclusion of the session. This can be performed by someone who is attending that educational session.

Technical Expert—needs to be a tech savvy individual to help ensure that the speaker gets their presentation to work successfully with the computer and projector. This can also be performed by someone who is attending that educational session.

Other Technology Needs—We also need tech-savvy individuals to assist with setting up the computers and projectors in the educational session rooms in the mornings and to ensure that they get taken out of the rooms in the afternoons and safely stored for the night.

If you are attending the conference and can help out, please contact Marlys Hagen at 269-8666 or via e-mail at marlys.hagen@alaska.gov not later than September 12, 2014. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

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DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP WARD W. WELLS, C.P.M.

Fall is here and school has started and we are getting ready for the Alaska State Fair. Hope your summer was full of great Alaska experiences. While most of us have been enjoying the summer, there has been a group of dedicated NAPM volunteers organizing the upcoming Pacific Northwest Purchasing Conference for October. Please keep October 6-8 open in your schedule for this great event. If you have time available to support as a volunteer, please contact the committee chairs Ben Milam or Marlys Hagen for areas that may support this worthy effort to promote procurement in Alaska.

The startup of a new year always makes me look forward to increasing our rolls in membership. Our organization is one of the most active in the United States and our location in the largest state in the union makes it one of the most challenging to include all participants in all locations of the state. NAPM Alaska and the Board of Directors is aware of these challenges and is actively working to develop improved methods of communication to Procurement professionals statewide.

And to increase membership by including those in outlying communities with little other procurement organizational support. As the membership chair for the affiliate I am interested to field any ideas and/or comments on ways we may better serve our outlying membership and assert our commitment to continue to work towards that end.

You may forward your comments to me at flatheadward@yahoo.com. If you are currently a member and know of others in our profession that would like to become a part of our organization, please contact me for a current membership application.

Hope to see you all at the Professional Development meeting in September and the Pacific Northwest Purchasing Conference on October 6, 7, & 8th!

Ward

**DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
BEN MILAM, CPPM, C.P.M.**

I probably sound like a broken record, but I sure don't remember where the summer went. We hired 5 new people at work so the workload must have lessened some, but it is still hard to detect. I did get to the ISM Conference in Las Vegas and a family reunion in Texas, so that was fun. Hopefully your memory is filled with fun summer activities as well. Be that as it may, it is time to get back to training for the future and finalize our big conference for October.

Your Board of Directors has been busy during the summer preparing for the coming year. We have some great speakers on tap for the October conference, a great seminar early next year and hopefully a fantastic tour. More detailed information will be provided prior to the events.

**PRO-D MEETING AND DINNER
SEPTEMBER 4, 2014.**

Our speaker Mr. Kurt Parkan, with the Donlin Gold Company will talk about "Supply Chain Challenges in the Gold Mining Industry". I can't help from wondering how that will compare with the old gold miner with his pick and shovel on his cantankerous donkey. My problem with the gold industry is I don't have enough money to buy it. While Kurt may not solve my problem, I am sure it will be a very interesting presentation. Please note we are meeting at the Coast International Inn (near the airport) for this meeting and all remaining meetings through May of next year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have several positions open for volunteers to help with the upcoming conference. This is a great opportunity for members and non-members and it can be a lot of fun. Call Marlys Hagen, 269-8666 for additional information.



TIME IS PASSING FAST! YOU NEED TO REGISTER NOW!! 71st Annual Pacific Northwest Purchasing Conference, October 6-8, 2014, Anchorage Alaska. NAPM-Alaska has been selected to host this important conference again in 2014. Hopefully you had as much fun as we did at the conference in 2009. That one will be a hard act to follow, but your Affiliate Officers are striving to improve on that great performance. Our theme for this conference is "*Prospecting for Golden Nuggets of Knowledge*". We will build on that theme to bring you fantastic speakers and fantastic entertainment. See attached insert for further details. Current information is also available on our web site: <http://napmalaska.org>

We still need a couple of vendors for the tradeshow and a couple of speakers. If you know of a great vendor or speaker, please send their contact info to the Conference Co-Chairs Ben Milam via e-mail at whiskers@mtaonline.com or 729-2972; OR to Marlys Hagen via e-mail at marlys.hagen@alaska.gov or 269-8666.

CPSM CERTIFICATION BOOT CAMP

We have negotiated a special deal for our NAPM Alaska members. If you are considering professional certification, this is a great opportunity. Our instructor for this seminar has set a minimum class size so you **MUST REGISTER ASAP**. See the enclosed flyer for registration information and for discount code.

Ben

**PAST PRESIDENT
MARLYS HAGEN, C.P.M., CPPB, CPPO**

Welcome back from your summer endeavors. I hope your freezers are full of fish! Just as a reminder, following is a list of the board members. We were hard at work over the summer to plan our educational events for the upcoming year.

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Northwest Purchasing Education Council

The registration information for the 2014 Pacific Northwest Purchasing Conference is now available. This conference is right around the corner!! The dates are October 6-8, 2014. Please check <http://napmalaska.org> for the latest conference information. Please get those registrations in!! Early registration ends September 12, 2014. It is shaping up to be a really good conference. We have some great topics and speakers lined up.

The NPEC board met in June. The primary reasons for these meetings were to check progress of the 2014 Pacific Northwest Purchasing Conference and to try and find an affiliate to host the 2015 Pacific Northwest Purchasing Conference. As of yet there is no host, but NPEC is still working on it. More info to come on that.

Marlys

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!

**THURSDAY,
4 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**PRO-D MEETING
"SUPPLY CHAIN
CHALLENGES IN THE GOLD
MINING INDUSTRY"**

**COAST INTERNATIONAL INN
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

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