

## APICS Announces New Membership Dues Structure

The APICS Board of Directors approved a new membership dues structure beginning April 1, 2008. The focus for APICS has always been on providing the value that members seek to improve their on-the-job performance, advance in their careers, and thrive as operations management professionals. The new dues structure will provide greater support and resources to APICS partners (chapters, districts, and IAs) who deliver programs locally.

Member association dues will increase from \$110 to \$150 for professional members. Professional members belonging to chapters will pay a flat fee of \$50 for the chapter portion, for a total dues amount of \$200 for professional members. (If a chapter charges more, APICS will collect that amount on behalf of the chapter.)

The dues will change from \$110 to \$200 for domestic members-at-large; from \$130 to \$200 for international members-at-large. The dues amount for retired members will change from \$55 to \$75, plus chapter dues if applicable. There are no changes to academic, student, and international associate fees.

The enterprise membership will change to a tiered structure. Enterprise membership APICS will offer enterprise members the opportunity to add additional members based on a sliding scale (illustration below). The current group membership structure will be phased out and current group members will transition to enterprise members as memberships come up for renewal.

Enterprise Membership/Group Membership (*Effective April 1, 2008*)

Total # of Members	Amount Per Member	APICS Corporate	Local Chapter
5 – 24	\$200	\$150	\$50
25 – 99	190	\$140	\$50
100 >	180	\$130	\$50

The new dues structure support will enhance the capabilities of APICS partners with support from corporate office funded field staff, funding to deliver enhanced member benefits and services locally, and new and enhanced tools and resources for chapter leaders.

APICS will continue to enhance association programs and services. Already, members can take advantage of new and enhanced benefits in 2008. Many of these benefits are accessible online at [www.apics.org/membership](http://www.apics.org/membership).

APICS members benefit from these new and enhanced programs and services:

### Local Chapters

APICS chapters offer localized services, which may include educational programs, certification review courses, career placement opportunities, plant tours, and networking. With greater resources from the new dues structure, chapters will have the opportunity to reinvest in member services.

APICS is pleased to add value to membership with these new and enhanced programs and services for members.

### Educational Programs

### Updated! APICS International Conference & Expo

APICS is revitalizing our annual conference and elevating the experience with more plant tours, integrated learning paths and key industry presenters. Also, new this year, APICS members can ensure they have today's marketable skills with a visit to the new APICS Career Fair. Members save 10 percent off registration. Learn more at [www.apicsconference.org](http://www.apicsconference.org).

#### **New! APICS Live Learning Center**

The APICS Live Learning Center gives APICS members and conference attendees unlimited, complimentary access to presenter manuscripts and PowerPoint presentations from the educational sessions. An audio file compilation of APICS 2007 educational sessions is available for purchase. Members and conference attendees can visit [www.apicsconference.org](http://www.apicsconference.org) or contact an APICS Customer Support associate at (800) 444-2742 or (703) 354-8851 or [service@apics.org](mailto:service@apics.org).

#### **Updated! APICS Webinars**

APICS Webinars provide convenient, online educational opportunities for members. More topics and expanded offerings are available. APICS also presents Webinars for volunteers and chapter leaders. A number of APICS Webinars are available on demand at member savings and free of charge at [www.apics.org/webinars](http://www.apics.org/webinars).

#### **Updated! APICS Career Center**

The APICS Career Center is the online resource for operations management resources. Now the Career Center will host career development Webinars led by recognized career development experts offering practical tips on resume writing, career transition, and professional development. Only members post their résumés for review by potential employers and subscribe to job alerts service. Members also receive discounts on job posting packages. Members have full access to the online APICS Career Center at [www.apicscareercenter.org](http://www.apicscareercenter.org).

#### **Updated! APICS Courseware**

APICS is expanding its APICS-developed course offerings including

- Finance for Operations Managers
- Global Sourcing
- Continually updated APICS courseware
- Major updates to APICS CSCP and APICS CPIM courseware in 2008
- Annual updates from 2008 forward.

#### **New! APICS/SAP Benchmarking Study**

The APICS/SAP Benchmarking Study enables member companies to compare productivity through joint study. Complete the study online at [www.apics.org](http://www.apics.org).

#### **Updated! APICS Webinars**

APICS will provide enhanced APICS Webinars, featuring more APICS Webinars-on-Demand and expanded offerings on current, relevant topics.

#### **New! AMA Business and Management Training**

APICS members can enhance their competitive edge with business and management training through the American Management Association, the leading force in business and management education. APICS members receive up to 30 percent off training along with news and Web site access. Visit [www.apics.org/benefits](http://www.apics.org/benefits).

#### **New! APICS and IBF Sales and Operations Planning Conference**

APICS and IBF will cohost the Sales and Operations Planning Conference, located at the Renaissance Chicago O'Hare Suites Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, on June 19-20, 2008. The comprehensive sales and operations planning conference, "Best of the Best," will offer 10 different sessions for professionals on S&OP topics. Register at [www.apics.org](http://www.apics.org).

#### **Member Benefits**

### **Updated! APICS Magazine**

APICS magazine provides practical, industry-leading information with articles written by award-winning journalists. APICS magazine will introduce a new mix of digital and print content including:

- Seven issues of the magazine during the year, with a greater, enhanced digital presence on the APICS Web site.
- More timely and valuable news updates online and via e-mail in between issues of APICS magazine.
- An enhanced digital version of the magazine that is more visually appealing to those who access the information online, enabling more reliable and timely delivery of the magazine to international members.

APICS magazine features innovative ideas and real-world strategies for inventory, materials, production, and supply chain management; planning and scheduling; purchasing; logistics; warehousing; and e-business solutions for professionals at every level of an organization. Members receive print copies in the mail, and can also read APICS magazine online at [www.apics.org/resources/magazine](http://www.apics.org/resources/magazine).

### **Updated! APICS Dictionary, 12th edition**

APICS members receive a complimentary copy of the *APICS Dictionary*, the standard for terms and definitions in the inventory and supply chain management field. The 12th edition, published October 2007, contains more than 4,000 essential terms. Members can request their copy at [www.apics.org/freedictionary](http://www.apics.org/freedictionary).

### **Updated! APICS Illustrated Dictionary**

Now with 500 new terms, this CD-ROM includes more than 4,000 terms from the *APICS Dictionary* and illustrates more than 2,500 of them. The terms are categorized and cross-referenced for easy access. To order, visit the APICS Bookstore at [www.apics.org](http://www.apics.org).

### **Back by Popular Demand! P&IM Journal**

The *Production and Inventory Management Journal* publishes original research that has a significant affect on operations management. Anticipate more information on the journal in 2008.

### **New! Aberdeen Research**

APICS members have full access to the Aberdeen Research Archive that contains more than 5,000 documents focused on the global value chain (a \$995 value). Research channels include current, relevant information on supply chain, manufacturing, information technology, finance, retail, human resources, and product research and development. Visit [www.apics.org/benefits](http://www.apics.org/benefits).

APICS continues to offer these indispensable professional development resources.

### **APICS Certification**

APICS members pursuing certification enjoy savings averaging 25 percent on certification preparation classes, review materials, and testing fees. Members belonging to chapters can more effectively work through the certification process by taking chapter review courses and participating in study groups.

### **APICS Learning Communities**

APICS Learning Communities are forums where members can gather regularly to share ideas, develop best practices, and find solutions to everyday challenges in operations management. Visit APICS Learning Communities at [www.apics.org/communities](http://www.apics.org/communities).

**APICS Web Site**

APICS members can access exclusive, members-only content on the APICS Web site. Members can use the site to research pressing issues using the searchable [Publications Database](#), stay abreast of industry terms and definitions using the online *APICS Dictionary*, obtain white papers and free APICS Webinars On-Demand on operations management topics, and other valuable industry information.

APICS is committed to ongoing development of membership programs and services and welcomes suggestions for ways to enhance member value.