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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ron Buchholz, WSCPM

This edition is dedicated to the memory of those Americans who lost their lives last week, their families and those involved in rescue and recovery efforts.

It has been a very busy period of time for the Society since the last Newsletter, and it will continue into the fall months as well.

Four Wisconsin representatives (Richard Holden, Jeff Roemer, Robbi Dreifuert, and myself) attended the 13th annual AACPM Training Symposium/Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. The conference was outstanding, the speakers and presenters, including our own Jeff Roemer, were excellent. Many issues were debated and discussed (and a number were resolved) at the House of Delegates and Consortium meetings.

The location for the conference (Radisson Resort) was very beautiful and easily met the needs of the conference. However, it was a tad bit warm when we arrived. We left Wisconsin in the rain at 50 degrees and arrived in Phoenix to a record setting heat wave and a "balmy" 112 degrees (but it was DRY heat!).

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Wisconsin's basket at the AACPM gathering was the BEST!

Reflections on the American Association of Certified Public Managers 13th annual Educational Symposium in Scottsdale, Arizona

By Richard Holden, President-Elect
First, I would like to thank the Society for their support in attending the conference. In addition, my wife Laura also attended the conference as a non-CPM. The resort was an excellent location, even with the temperatures sorrowing over 100 degrees later in the week. This is the second year that I have the privilege to attend.

I found that I came away from this conference with more information that I could incorporate into my workplace. I would like to highlight just two of the speakers from the program.

Phillip Van Hooser, CSP, was the keynote speaker for two days and also had two afternoon sessions, which I attended. Mr. Van Hooser uses "lessons from life" to illustrate "common sense leadership." We thought that he was an excellent presenter and made the conference worthwhile in itself. We purchased his book and my wife won his tape set, which I will make available.

James McMichael, Ph.D., led a session called "The Spiritual Qualities of Leadership: You Have Them; Use Them". It gave me a new perspective about accepting oneself, about strengths and opportunities, and courage to do the things we can.

UPCOMING WSCPM ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, November 13, 2001, 10 a.m., **WSCPM Annual Meeting/Lunch**, Fond du Lac Holiday Inn, 625 Rolling Meadows Drive, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Sunday, April 14 – Thursday, April 18, 2002, **14th Annual AACPM Professional Development Symposium/House of Delegates Meeting/ Consortium Meeting**, Atlantic City, New Jersey

Wednesday/Thursday, May 8-9, 2002, **First annual WSCPM 2-Day Training Conference**, KI Center, Green Bay. Details to follow.

Friday, May 17, 2002, 2 p.m., **CPM Program Graduation**, Assembly Chambers, State Capitol Building, Madison

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One of the “traditions” of the conference is to have each participating state provide a state basket of items from that state. Over the last several years, there has been an informal process to determine the “Best State Basket.” This year, a formal judging of the state baskets was incorporated into the conference. Although Wisconsin had just four voting representatives of the more than 200 at the conference, the Wisconsin state basket was selected “Best of the Show.” The basket was also chosen “The Basket I Would Most Want to Take Home.” It was with great pride that I accepted the recognition on behalf of all the members of our Society!

The Society recently appointed a planning committee to help facilitate the upcoming 2-day WSCPM Managers Conference and to discuss and finalize whether the Society will submit a bid to host the 2007 AACPM Training Symposium/Conference.

The planning team met on August 13 with AACPM Conference Committee Chair Kay Rogers, who also serves as the AACPM President-Elect and the President of the South Carolina CPM Society.

The team will continue to meet to finalize planning and logistics for the May 8-9, 2002, WSCPM Managers Conference and for submitting a bid to host the 2007 AACPM Conference.



From left: Robbi Dreifuerst, Laura Holden, Richard Holden, Mary Buchholz, Ron Buchholz, Jeff Roemer at the 2001 AACPM annual conference in Scottsdale, Arizona

Membership News

The Society achieved a **membership milestone** on May 17, 2001 by reaching 50 members. In fact, the Society currently has 52 members, with several more memberships anticipated. There has been significant growth over the last two years (2000 and 2001) with 50 percent of the current membership joining in those two years. Please acknowledge the efforts of the Society board members and Susan Paddock and Robbi Dreifuerst.

Correction- June 2001 Membership News Roger LaBombard’s name was badly misspelled in the last Newsletter. In addition, Roger’s retirement date from his position as Chief of Police for the City of Marinette, Wisconsin should have been listed as December 31, 2001. As editor, I extend my sincere apology to Roger.

Society Secretary **Don Phillips** was recently promoted to the rank of Captain and made Director of Fire Training for the Green Bay Fire Department. Don was also selected to participate in Executive Leadership Training at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Congratulations Don!!

Society Treasurer **Jeff Roemer** formed a new Public Safety Consulting Corporation entitled “RW Management Group, Incorporated”. The corporation will be headquartered in Menasha, Wisconsin and will continue to provide a full range of public safety consulting and services.

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WSCPM History – Addendum to info in June 2001 Newsletter

The WSCPM was accepted as a member state society by the AACPM on March 8, 1994. Since its acceptance, the Wisconsin Society has sent one or more delegates (or participants) to every AACPM annual Conference from 1994 to the present. The following is a listing of the Wisconsin Delegates to the AACPM annual Conference: 1994 (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma), Milton Howell, Joan McArthur, Thomas Olshanski; 1995 (Little Rock, Arkansas), John Anchor, Norma DeHaven, Joan McArthur; 1996 (Louisville, Kentucky), Steven Hoese; 1997, (Snowbird, Utah), Susan Paddock; 1998, (Biloxi, Mississippi), Ron Buchholz, Steven Hoese, Cathy Williquette; 1999, (Baton Rouge, Louisiana), Steven Hoese, Jeff Roemer; 2000, (Saint Petersburg, Florida), Ron Buchholz, Robbi Dreifuerst, Richard Holden, Kevin Hurst, Jeff Roemer; 2001, (Scottsdale, Arizona), Ron Buchholz, Robbi Dreifuerst, Richard Holden, Jeff Roemer.

Special note to Society Members

Hosting the first Wisconsin WSCPM Managers Conference in May, 2002 and the 2007 AACPM Annual Training Symposium/Conference are major goals for the Society. Both events offer a great opportunity for each Society member to become more active and contribute to our group's success. We will need the active support and participation of every Society member. **Mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual Society Meeting on November 13, 2001 to learn more about these events and what you can do.**

Election 2001 – More candidates needed, new positions

The WSCPM is structured according to the Society By-laws, with five officers - President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Board Member-at-Large. Individuals are elected to two-year terms to the positions. The President-Elect serves a two-year term, and then becomes President for a two-year term.

At the September 13, 2001 Board Meeting, the Board unanimously voted to increase the number of Board Members to seven by adding the immediate Past President of the Society and a second At-large Member to the Board. The new At-Large Member will chair the Society's Communication Committee.

The new (and ongoing) positions will be filled by election at the Nov. 13, 2001 annual Society Meeting.

We are seeking additional candidates for all current offices, except President, especially for the President-Elect, Treasurer, and the new At-Large positions. Our continued success is dependent on having interested and qualified officers and board members.

All Society members are encouraged to forward their ideas and suggestions regarding Society officers to Society President Ron Buchholz.

Report on September 18 Joint Board and Planning Committee meeting provides info on upcoming events

The Society Board and Planning Committee met on Tuesday, September 18 in Appleton. These are the highlights of that meeting.

1. The Board approved an expansion of the current Board membership from five members to seven. The immediate Past President and a second At-Large member will serve on the Board for two year terms.
2. The Society recognized the four Wisconsin winners of the AACPM George F. Askew Award for 2001. Susan Paddock presented Askew Award Medallions to Dean Haen, Susan Faust, Carol Hartford and Mary Beth Johnson, all from Brown County. Our congratulations to the winners!
3. Planning continued for the first WSCPM sponsored Managers Conference to be held May 8-9, 2001 at the KI Center, Green Bay.
4. The Board unanimously approved a motion to submit a bid to the American Academy of Certified Public Managers (AACPM) to host the 2007 AACPM Annual Training Symposium/Conference.

The need for continuing education?

This is a compilation of actual student answers.

1. Ancient Egypt was inhabited by mummies and they all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.
2. The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. One of their children, Cain, asked, "Am I my brother's son?"
3. Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread made without any ingredients. Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments. He died before he ever reached Canada.
4. Solomom had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines.
5. The Greeks were a highly sculptured people, and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a female moth.
6. Actually, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.
7. Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock. After his death, his career suffered a dramatic decline.
8. In the Olympic games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java.
9. Eventually, the Romans conquered the Greeks. History calls people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long.
10. Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out: "Tee hee, Brutus."
11. Nero was a cruel tyranny who would torture his subjects by playing the fiddle to them.
12. Joan of Arc was burnt to a steak and was canonized by Bernard Shaw. Finally Magna Carta provided that no man should be hanged twice for the same offense.
13. In midevil times most people were alliterate. The greatest writer of the futile ages was Chaucer, who wrote many poems and verses and also wrote literature.
14. Another story was William Tell, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head.
15. Queen Elizabeth was the "Virgin Queen." As a queen she was a success. When she exposed herself before her troops they all shouted "hurrah."

16. It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented removable type and the Bible. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes and started smoking. And Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100 foot clipper.

17. The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespeare. He was born in the year 1564, supposedly on his birthday. He never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He wrote tragedies, comedies, and hysterectomies, all in Islamic pentameter. Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couplet. Romeo's last wish was to be laid by Juliet.

18. Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Miguel Cervantes. He wrote Donkey Hote. The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote Paradise Lost. Then his wife died and he wrote Paradise Regained.

19. During the Renaissance America began. Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discovered America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships were called the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Fe.

20. Later, the Pilgrims crossed the ocean, and this was called Pilgrim's Progress. The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the settlers. Many people died and many babies were born. Captain John Smith was responsible for all this.

21. One of the causes of the Revolutionary War was the English put tacks in their tea. Also, the colonists would send their parcels through the post without stamps. Finally the colonists won the War and no longer had to pay for taxis. Delegates from the original 13 states formed the Contented Congress. Thomas Jefferson, a Virgin, and Benjamin Franklin were two singers of the Declaration of Independence. Franklin discovered electricity by rubbing two cats backwards and declared, "A horse divided against itself cannot stand." Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

22. Soon the Constitution of the United States was adopted to secure domestic hostility. Under the constitution the people enjoyed the right to keep bare arms.

23. Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. His mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves by signing the Emasculation Proclamation.

24. Meanwhile in Europe, the enlightenment was a reasonable time. Voltaire invented electricity and also wrote a book called Candy.

25. Gravity was invented by Issac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the autumn when the apples are falling off the trees.

26. Johann Bach wrote a great many musical compositions and had a large number of children. In between he practiced on an old spinster which he kept up in his attic. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Bach was the most famous composer in the world and so was Handel. Handel was half German half Italian and half English. He was very large.

27. Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this.

28. The French Revolution was accomplished before it happened and catapulted into Napoleon. Napoleon wanted an heir to inherit his power, but since Josephine was a baroness, she couldn't have any children.

29. The sun never set on the British Empire because the British Empire is in the East and the sun sets in the West.

30. Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a thorn for 63 years. She was a moral woman who practiced virtue. Her death was the final event, which ended her reign.

31. The nineteenth century was a time of a great many thoughts and inventions. People stopped reproducing by hand and started reproducing by machine. The invention of the steamboat caused a network of rivers to spring up. Cyrus McCormick invented the McCormick reaper, which did the work of a hundred men.

32. Louis Pasteur discovered a cure for rabbits. Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote the Organ of the Species. Madman Curie discovered radio. And Karl Marx became one of the Marx brothers.

33. The First World War, caused by the assignation of the Arch-Duck by an anahist, ushered in a new error in the anals of human history.