



**Upper South Carolina Chapter
Institute of Supply Management**

Website: <http://www.ismscupstate.org/>

Next Chapter Meeting:
Bosses Night... Thursday, September 7th, 2006

Presidents June/July Message: Valerie Stark

Greetings, All!

Can you believe those "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" are actually almost gone? Hope you've all had a truly great summer and were able to get a little of that much needed R & R!

Well, as you're getting ready to pack the children off to school again, don't forget that September also starts the beginning of a brand new year for the Upper SC Chapter of ISM on the first Thursday evening of each month (except January). The 2006-2007 Upstate year will kick off the first meeting on Thursday, Sept. 7th with speaker Carol Marks speaking on the subject of Developing Effective Supply Chain Metric. We have a plant tour planned for October 5th and, back by popular demand, a panel discussion on the purchasing profession. These are just some highlights for 2006-2007. Check out the Upstate website . . . <http://www.ismscupstate.org/> . . . at the end of this month. There will be some exciting changes and upgrades.

Board Members for 2006-2007

Your newly elected, but highly seasoned board members have worked diligently throughout the summer to plan, organize, and prepare for an exciting new year packed with programs and opportunities for networking, educating, and socializing with your supply chain peers. Our theme for this year is "**The three C's . . . Commitment, Communication, and Challenges**" and your new board members for this year:

- Valerie Stark, President
- David Mason, 1st Vice President (Public Relations and Programs)
- Linda Parker, 2nd Vice President (Attendance and Membership)
- Shirley Siegle, Treasurer
- Judy Britt, Secretary
- Anthony Napoli, Program Development
- Ellen Welsh, Past President (Consultant)

The **three C's** are **committed** to you the members and ready to **communicate** with our Supply Chain family in order assist, educate, promote, and tackle the **challenges** of our Supply Chain industry together. So, mark your calendars now and reserve the first Thursday evening of each month for the Institute of Supply Management.

Volunteer!!!!

JFK said it best, "Don't ask what your country can do for you, but what can you do for you country." This same holds true for this chapter. The Upstate Chapter is one of the top successful/active chapters of the Carolina-Virginia Affiliates.

I would like to take this time to recognize last year's board members that have rotated off of the board. Volunteers such as these people keep this chapter operating better than some businesses. Sylvia Huffman, Public Relations, managed to get ISM listed in the business section of Greenville News, Greenville Journal, Spartanburg Herald-Journal and other local newspapers. Jeffrey Shennan, Treasurer, ensured all money/accounts were accurate. Nilza Hollingsworth, Attendance, diligently

worked to ensure attending members were accounted for and updated to the board. David Hendrix, Technical/Employment Services, kept the website efficiently operating and employment notifications flowing to the people who needed/requested this information.

Membership

As of June/July, Upstate Chapter has 153 members. There are 59 CPM and 6 APP with an average of 25 attending each meeting. 2001-2002 the membership was over 300. The reason for the decline is Golden Corner/other chapters spun off, some heavy manufacturing companies decided to support APICS, other leave the purchasing field or just move out the area. I've been involved with NAPM/ISM since 1995 in various parts of the Eastern United States. NAPM/ISM helped me through four downsizings in four years. I educated myself about the purchasing field and networked at every meeting. I believe ISM (NAPM) is one of the best volunteer-based organizations in America with origins dating back to 1915.

**Check out the website when you register for the
September meeting, Bosses Night**

See you at the Marriott on September 7th!