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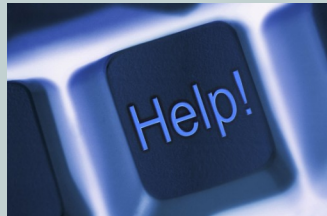
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Message from the President

Are you feeling a little inundated with all the changes in technology?

It's not hard to be overwhelmed these days. From the introduction of Apple's newest 3GS iPhone with over 75,000 apps to choose from to Microsoft's new search engine, Bing, which now includes up to the minute Twitter updates, technology constantly demands us to learn new things.



After several hand-me down laptops, I was blessed this week by my employer with a brand new Dell laptop. As I work to learn the full capabilities of my new computer and software, I'm reminded about the challenges we face in embracing new technologies. If you're trying to keep pace with today's technology in your day-to-day functions as a supply management professional then let me encourage you to attend next week's Chapter meeting.

Next week's guest speaker, Beate Bannon, will focus on using real-world technology tools to effectively drive performance within your supply management processes.

Looking forward to seeing you next week,

Valerie Arnold, President

October Dinner Meeting Information

(Come at 5:30 p.m. to register and socialize with colleagues)

When: October 1, 2009 6:15 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Where: Greenville Hilton, 45 West Orchard Park Drive

Topic: Technology in Purchasing: What is currently being used?

Speaker: Beate Bannon

Ms. Bannon is Senior Investments & Consumable Buyer with BMW Manufacturing Corporation in Greer, South Carolina. She will share with the Chapter how she has developed and implemented change management strategies that resulted in enhancements in software application functionality and creation of purchasing synergies, by utilizing various tools from custom applications, like ARIBA, SAP, Microsoft Office applications and internet resources.

Why: Low-cost CEH opportunity; networking; free ISM products and services

Cost: \$23.00 (Paypal.com)

Dinner Reservations:

Deadline to make reservations: Wednesday, September 30, 2009

To register, visit <http://www.ismscupstate.org/meetingregistration.php>

