



## **ISM-CV Upstate President's Message - Leadership Transition 2010 - 2011**

I would like to introduce myself as your new South Carolina Upstate ISM-CV Chapter President. I am honored to have been elected to this position and look forward to the exciting and challenging year ahead. For the past twenty-one years, until my relocation to the Greenville area in the fall of 2009, I was employed as a Senior Buyer/Supervisor for a plumbing goods manufacturer in the Boston, Massachusetts area. Like many folks, my wife and I were both caught up in company downsizing with our respective companies, and subsequently lost our jobs.

While it is never easy to lose a job, we chose to view it as an opportunity and decided to move to the beautiful Greenville area, confident that our diverse skill sets would serve us well in an upstate company. My wife has since secured employment and I am optimistic that I too will find something in the days ahead. However, the time off has allowed me the opportunity to get involved and network with the membership and to hone my planning and leadership skills in my new role as President.

The Board's and my goal this year is to increase our membership and also to increase the participation of our current membership. I urge all members to help us in this endeavor by making a commitment to invite a colleague to attend a single meeting with you. Attending meetings is an inexpensive way to gain valuable knowledge that can be applied in your every day work life. Time is one of our most limited resources today, particularly in a down economy, when many are doing more work with fewer people; however, these meetings allow you to network with folks who know exactly what you are experiencing.

We have not yet completed our agenda for the 2010 – 2011 term but I can assure you that we will bring in dynamic speakers who will present relevant supply chain subject matter. You will receive the complete agenda in the weeks ahead.

In closing, I would like to thank our outgoing President, Valerie Arnold, for her leadership and the hard work that she and the board members invested in the last two years. I look forward to Valerie's support and mentoring during the course of my term.

I hope that I will get to know many of you in the coming year and look forward to your participation at the membership meetings. Have a great summer and we hope to see you in September!

Best regards,

Mark Devaney, President  
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