

Executive Board Message

As we get deeper into the Fall season, the ISM-Philadelphia programs are starting to heat up. We have a mini mega networking event on October 9th revolving around mentorship with young professionals. We partnered with other organizations to provide an avenue for supply chain professionals to hobnob and expand their network. The aim is to encourage lifelong learning, considering that 10% of all new jobs in the USA over the next decade will be in the Supply Chain profession. The October dinner meeting will focus on the topic of Sourcing Excellence in Category Management. We will get some insight on how to enact Category Management no matter where you are in your career as a Supply Management professional.

Which brings us to the value of the ISM-Philadelphia membership. As you may know, we are in the midst of a renewed membership campaign which will allow us to sustain ourselves over the long term. As a member, ISM-Philadelphia can help you grow in your chosen field. The dinner meetings are one pathway since we invite speakers to discuss topics of interest. We are also planning seminars which will allow members to focus on a particular topic, such as negotiations. In addition, we hold monthly "Network after Work" events which provide opportunities to not only mingle but enlighten in a more relaxed setting. Plus, we are in the midst of rolling out a new and improved website which should enhance the experience of those members visiting our site. As an organization, our goal is to provide the tools that will enable members to improve their skills.

Stay tuned for upcoming events besides our regular dinner meetings. Our mission is to offer the best value when it comes to educational and networking opportunities. We want to help you progress in your career.

I look forward to seeing you at the next dinner meeting.

Thank you and stay in touch,

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