



Association for Supply Chain Management

# Colorado Chapter News MARCH 2026

*Advancing Productivity, Innovation and Competitive Success*

## ASCM Colorado Virtual PDM March 11<sup>th</sup> at **6:00 pm** (MDT)



**Topic: A Graduate-Level Case Study.... Implementing a Supplier Credit Score Model (SCSM) to Manage Critical Supplier Risk**

**Speakers: Estefhanie Nuñez Germosen & Abbod Bensumaidea, CSCP**

**Location:** Virtual PDM  
A log in link will be emailed to all folks



The New Progressive Drawing now stands at **\$300**.  
*You must be an ASCM Colorado member and be present to be a potential winner.*

*Tracy Cheetham you should have been present at the February meeting to win \$200 when your name was drawn*

**ASCM Colorado supports the growth of Students through programs discounted fees for Membership, Dinner Meetings and more..**

**This month we welcome Estefhanie and Abbod to present:  
A Graduate-Level Case Study.... Implementing a Supplier Credit Score Model (SCSM) to Manage Critical Supplier Risk**

This case study examines the development and application of a **Supplier Credit Score Model (SCSM)** to assess and manage risk across a portfolio of **critical suppliers** within a complex supply chain environment.

The client is a **large technology-driven organization in the electronics and digital services sector**, generating **multi-billion-dollar annual revenue** and operating a global supply chain supported by **hundreds of suppliers across multiple regions**. A subset of these suppliers are classified as critical, providing specialized electronic components and technology services with limited substitution options. Due to the scale of operations and high supplier dependency, the organization faces elevated **financial, operational, and concentration risks**, creating a strong need for a structured, data-driven approach to supplier risk management.

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**Register by March 9th at :**

<https://apicscolorado.starchapter.com/meetinginfo.php?id=241>

**Reminder! Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Spring Forward!**

### Schedule

6:00 pm---Networking  
6:30 pm ---Chapter Announcements  
6:45 pm---Speaker

### Fees:

Students: \$0  
Members: \$0  
Guests: \$0

### Virtual Meeting

Keep it Simple!



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### Register Today!

Please register by 03/09/26  
Register by clicking the link on this page.

You can also register by responding to your e-mail invitation  
Or

By calling Colorado ASCM at (303) 421-0797 or on our website at:

[www.colorado.ascm.org](http://www.colorado.ascm.org)

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## **A Graduate-Level Case Study...Implementing a Supplier Credit Score Model (SCSM) to Manage Critical Supplier Risk**

Using client data, the case study focuses on identifying critical suppliers, evaluating multiple risk dimensions, and translating qualitative and quantitative indicators into a structured, repeatable credit scoring framework. The model integrates financial health, operational performance, dependency factors, and risk exposure to support more proactive monitoring and informed decision-making. The approach demonstrates how a scalable SCSM can enhance supplier risk visibility, improve governance, and strengthen supply chain resilience while maintaining full client and supplier confidentiality.

Attendees will gain practical insight into how a **Supplier Credit Score Model (SCSM)** can be designed and applied to proactively identify, assess, and mitigate risk across critical suppliers using a structured, real-world, and scalable approach.

- **Abbod Bensumaidea** - Graduate, M.S. in Supply Chain Management, University of Colorado Boulder

Abbod Bensumaidea is a graduate with an M.S. in Supply Chain Management program at the University of Colorado Boulder and holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. He is a Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) with experience in demand planning, forecasting, inventory management, and operational planning. Abbod is an active volunteer with the ASCM Colorado Chapter BOD where he supports student engagement initiatives and is passionate about applying analytical and risk-based methods to real-world supply chain challenges.

- **Estefhanie Nuñez Germosen**– Graduate, M.S. in Supply Chain Management, University of Colorado Boulder

Estefhanie Nuñez is a supply chain professional with a focus on procurement operations and supplier enablement at Liberty Energy. She graduated from the University of Colorado Boulder with a Master's degree in Supply Chain Management and holds a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering.

Estefhanie brings experience across manufacturing, quality control, supplier management, sourcing, contract negotiation, commercial strategy, and government relations. She is an active member of the CSCMP Young Professionals Committee and currently serves as Leader of the Students and Roundtables Committee, supporting engagement and professional development within the supply chain community.

Interested in learning more about our Student activities? Contact:

### **Abbod Bensumaidea, CSCP**

Director of Students

[Abbod.Bensumaidea@colorado.edu](mailto:Abbod.Bensumaidea@colorado.edu)

### **ASCM COLORADO Launches The University Ambassador Program**

The program appoints selected university students to serve as **ASCM Colorado Chapter Ambassadors** at their respective campuses. Ambassadors act as a bridge between the Chapter and student communities, helping to promote ASCM programs, events, and professional development opportunities.

Ambassadors will work closely with the ASCM Colorado Chapter leadership to support student engagement initiatives throughout the academic year.

#### **Program Objectives**

The University Ambassador Program aims to:

Increase student awareness, Encourage student participation in Chapter Professional Development Meetings (PDMs), tours, and events, Build leadership and communication skills, Strengthen partnerships with universities and faculty across Colorado, and Create a pipeline of future ASCM members and certified professionals.

Contact [Abbod.Bensumaidea@colorado.edu](mailto:Abbod.Bensumaidea@colorado.edu) to learn more



## Coach's Corner



Hello ASCM Colorado! This is March and the Spring Equinox on March 30, 2026! So as of 8:46 am on March 30, 2026, good-bye Winter and it will officially be Spring!

There are 4 months left in the Colorado ASCM FY. Between now and June we have a whole line up of Certification and S&OP courses, Networking in April and June, as well as Dinner Meetings in March and May. The March PDM is Virtual and features a student project that just may help you with your suppliers at your company. The May PDM is in person and virtual and will feature a speaker that is expert in AI for the Supply Chain. This will be held at the Denver Aquarium and we will have access to the Aquarium displays.

Again this year during the summer we will analyze the chapter and our goals and broadcast a "Colorado ASCM Chapter Town Hall" meeting in July.

With both in person and virtual folks, we have had a pretty good year for Networking and PDM attendance. Our Virtual PDM's draw a lot of attendance, with members from other states/countries attending. We have had some feedback about the virtual part of our "in person" meetings and we worked to improve based on the feedback from last year. Current feedback indicates our team has solved any issues with the virtual simulcast audio.

We have had a great team this year on our BOD's! We still need a VP of Programs to coordinate our speakers, PDM's, Tours and Networking events. We need more hands to help us manage this Chapter. If you feel that you want to learn about Chapter management and or give some energy back to the Supply Chain Profession, please let me know. This is the time of year we ask for nominations for our 2026-2027 Chapter Board of Directors. In the coming weeks we will be preparing a slate of officers that we will announce in April. If you want to nominate someone or volunteer yourself, please contact myself or our nominations Chairperson, Lee Contreras at [lee\\_contreras@comcast.net](mailto:lee_contreras@comcast.net)

We are also looking for nominations for Colorado ASCM Member and Company of the year. If you have a nomination in mind please contact Roger Harris at [rharris@mss-technologies.com](mailto:rharris@mss-technologies.com)

Thanks for being part of the Colorado ASCM Chapter. Please let me know if you have questions or need something from our Chapter.

*Roger W. Harris*

Roger Harris, CFPIM, CIRM, C.P.M., PMP, CSCP, CPSM, CLTD, CTSC  
President & Coach, Colorado ASCM / APICS Chapter

"The one thing that I know is that you win with good people."

Don Shula, Miami Dolphins Coach



## Education News



Welcome to blustery March! Typically, the snowiest month of the year here in Colorado! The schedule for public Spring 2026 course offerings is detailed in the following pages of this month's newsletter. Here is what we have planned:

We are pleased to offer our **Sales & Operations Planning** education course again this spring. See the details in the newsletter for the course that begins on March 10th. Please register **as soon as possible** to save your seat in the class.

The Colorado Chapter has the following **certification** courses scheduled.

**CPIM Introduction** has been postponed to a March start to allow additional students to register with the **CPIM** core program beginning in April. **CSCP** is scheduled to begin in March and the **CLTD** and **CTSC** courses are scheduled for a May start.

ASCM HQ increased prices for all certification products this year, however you will see that our Colorado Chapter has not increased our rates for Spring courses. Join us in Spring classes before price increases that may be likely this fall.

I am pleased that we were able to congratulate new CPIM and CSCP certified professionals at our February Professional Development Meeting! See the photos later in this newsletter. Being able to recognize the hard work and effort that these folks invest in their certification journeys is one of the highlights of my position as VP of Education. Be sure to attend a monthly Professional Development Meeting and be acknowledged when you achieve your CPIM, CSCP, CLTD or CTSC certification. I look forward to presenting you with your certification lapel pin and a \$100 reward!

If you are becoming an ASCM member for the first time and plan to take APICS education courses, or if it is time to renew your individual ASCM membership, please remember that the APICS **'Certification Upgrade'** level membership is required and provides education, certification course and exam discounts.

We know that public course schedules may not meet every organization's needs. If it is better for you and your company to hold private classes, please contact me to discuss the options for privately held courses.

As always, if you, or anyone you know, have questions regarding APICS Education, please contact me.

Best Regards,

*Honey Johnson*

Honey Johnson, CFPIM, CIRM, C.P.M., CSCP, CLTD, CTSC  
VP of Education, Past-President  
Colorado ASCM/APICS Chapter  
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**"Knowledge is power."**  
Sir Francis Bacon, Philosopher



## Pricing & Registration

**Register early!** Classes fill quickly and may be canceled if enrollment is low. Saturday classes run 8 hours plus 1 hour for lunch.

📞 Questions? Contact Honey Johnson at (303) 421-0797 or [hjohnson@mss-technologies.com](mailto:hjohnson@mss-technologies.com)


### Registration Options

- **Online:** <https://colorado.ascm.org/Education>
- **Email:** Honey Johnson – [apicsco81@aol.com](mailto:apicsco81@aol.com)
- **Phone:** (303) 421-0797
- **Mail:** Director of Materials C/O APICS P.O. Box 40242 Denver, CO 80204-0242

💳 Pay by Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, Discover, or check payable to APICS Colorado Chapter.

### Course Pricing

Program	Members*	Non-Members	Format
CPIM Full Program (Intro + CPIM + Books/Test/e-learn)	\$3,355	\$3,655	In-Person
CPIM Introduction (Non-Certification)	\$1,300	\$1,600	In-Person
CPIM (Books/Test/e-learn)	\$2,305	\$2,455	In-Person
CSCP Program	\$3,010	\$3,310	Online
CLTD Program	\$2,745	\$3,045	Online
CTSC Program	\$2,700	\$3,000	Online
S&OP Program	\$380	\$480	Online

\*ASCM Certification-level Membership Required  Exam/workbook expenses included for CPIM, CSCP, CLTD, CTSC

### CLASS REGISTRATION FORM:

NAME: (as on Drivers Lic.): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ASCM MEMBER: YES NO Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Day of Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Register online or fill out this form and e-mail it to: Honey Johnson at [apicsco81@aol.com](mailto:apicsco81@aol.com) at least two weeks before the first class.

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## 📅 Spring 2026 Class Schedule

Course	Instructor(s)	Format	Dates	Time
<b>CPIM Introduction</b>	R. Harris / H. Johnson	In-Person (Lakewood, CO)	Mar 21 & 28	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT
<b>CPIM (MPR/DSP/ECO/ SMR)</b>	R. Harris / H. Johnson	In-Person (Lakewood, CO)	Apr 11 & 18 May 9 & 16 Jun 13 & 20 Jul 11 & 18	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT
<b>CSCP</b>	Abeyta / Grigg / Johnson	Online	Mar 14 & 28 Apr 11 & 25 May 2	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT
<b>CLTD</b>	Johnson / Abeyta / Grigg / Harris	Online	May 9, 16, 23 Jun 6, 13, 20	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT
<b>CTSC</b>	J. McQuie	Online	May 16, 23 Jun 6	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT
<b>S&amp;OP</b>	B. Abeyta	Online	Mar 10, 17, 24, 31	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM MT

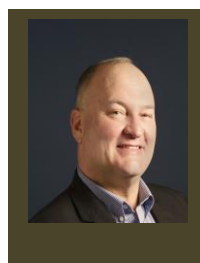
ASCM Colorado is the Leader in Supply Chain Education  
Our experienced, certified instructors provide a an engaging and learning experience.



**Roger Harris,**  
CFPIM, CIRM,  
C.P.M, PMP,  
CSCP, CPSM,  
CLTD, CTSC  
Certified  
Instructor



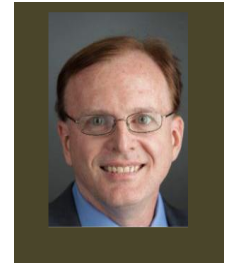
**Honey  
Johnson,**  
CFPIM, CIRM,  
C.P.M, CSCP,  
CLTD, CTSC  
Certified  
Instructor



**Bob Abeyta,**  
CPIM, CSCP,  
CLTD  
Certified  
Instructor



**Joe Grigg,**  
CSCP, CLTD,  
CPIM  
Certified  
Instructor



**Jerry McQuie,**  
CSCP, CPIM,  
CTSC  
Certified  
Instructor



## CPIM - Certified in Planning and Inventory Management

# CPIM

### Certified in Planning and Inventory Management-

Become a candidate of choice by demonstrating your ability to handle demand variation, risk and disruption.



"The value of this Colorado ASCM Chapter CPIM class cannot be overstated. The time, effort and experience that are brought to the class by the instructors brings the material together in a way that is easy to understand and apply and most importantly, commit to memory. The Saturday class was well worth the time investment and that time was respected with a full and fruitful agenda that made the most of it. I highly recommend this class!"

**Stephanie Hensley**  
**Distribution Coordinator III**  
**MKS Instruments**

### Is the CPIM program right for you?

Resilience and agility are what make supply chains thrive. By earning the APICS Certified in Planning and Inventory Management (CPIM) designation, you'll develop competencies to successfully work across all functions of the supply chain. In addition, you'll have the knowledge to effectively manage risks and disruptions, as well as leverage technology to streamline processes.

### CPIM content covers the following key topics:

- Supply Chains and Strategy
- Sales and Operations Planning
- Demand
- Supply
- Detailed Schedules
- Inventory
- Distribution
- Quality, Technology and Continuous Improvement



### Certified in Planning and Inventory Management Program Highlights

- Includes CPIM Introduction + CPIM Certification
- One-time fee covers all materials, exam credit, and e-learning
- **Cost:** \$3,355 (Members), \$3,655 (Non-Members)
- **Location:** MSS Technologies, Lakewood, CO
- **Dates:** Mar 21 & 28; CPIM: Apr 11 & 18; May 9 & 16; Jun 13 & 20; Jul 11 & 18, 2026
- **Time:** Saturdays, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT
- **Register online:** <https://colorado.ascm.org/Education>

Minimum 12 students required. Classes will not be canceled once scheduled.



## CSCP – Certified Supply Chain Professional

# CSCP

### Certified Supply Chain

**Professional**-Gain far-reaching supply chain knowledge to advance your career as you lead the way to superior supply networks.



"Thank you for excellent pace and use of time Well delivered Good subject knowledge. The course was presented in a professional way with opportunity to discuss the scenarios within our working environment. A lot of information to fit into 1 day although all very relevant. I really enjoyed the course. The course met all of my expectations.

**Natalija Farhad**  
**Assistant Supply Chain Planner**  
**CooperVision UK**

### Is the CSCP program right for you?

Now more than ever before, supply chain is essential for businesses to run, consumers to get the goods they need and society to function. APICS Certified Supply Chain Certification (CSCP) is the playbook you need to understand and deliver this critical process.

The comprehensive program covers everything you need to know across the global supply chain, from suppliers to customers and back again. Earning your CSCP designation shows that you have the skills to prepare for and overcome disruption, manage risk, and evaluate and implement modern supply chain technologies.

### CSCP content covers the following key topics:

- Supply Chains, Demand Management and Forecasting
- Global Supply Chain Networks
- Sourcing Products and Services
- Internal Operations and Inventory
- Forward and Reverse Logistics
- Supply Chain Relationships
- Supply Chain Risk
- Optimization, Sustainability and Technology

### CSCP – Certified Supply Chain Professional Program Highlights

- 8 modules covering end-to-end supply chain strategy
- Online instructor-led format
- Saturdays: Mar 14 & 28, Apr 11 & 25, May 2, 2026
- \$3,010 (Members), \$3,310 (Non-Members)
- **Register online:** <https://colorado.ascm.org/Education>



## CLTD – Logistics, Transportation & Distribution

# CLTD

**Certified in Logistics,  
Transportation and  
Distribution** - Optimize all  
aspects of the movement of  
products for more efficient and  
sustainable supply chains.

HunterDouglas 

"I highly recommend the CLTD offered through Colorado ASCM/APICS to any supply chain professional interested in furthering their career. This course offers extensive review of the entire logistics networks, distribution strategies, and supply chain connectivity from demand and supply planning."

**Stephen Robles C.P.M, CPIM, CSCP**  
**Former Director of Materials & Warehouse Operations**  
**Hunter Douglas**

### Is the CLTD program right for you?

Logistics challenges, rising customer demands, and rapid technological advancements are reshaping the supply chain landscape. By earning the CLTD certification, you'll gain the expertise to navigate these complexities and establish yourself as the go-to logistics expert in your organization.

### CLTD content covers the following key topics

- Logistics fundamentals and strategy
- Demand management and supply capacity management
- Customer and order management
- Warehouse distribution and fulfillment center management
- Inventory management
- Transportation management
- Global logistics
- Sustainability, reverse logistics and risk management
- Logistics framework, metrics, network design, transformation and improvement

### CLTD – Logistics, Transportation & Distribution Program Highlights

- Covers global logistics, inventory, transportation, and sustainability
- Online instructor-led format
- Saturdays: May 9, 16, 23, June 6, 13, 20, 2026
- \$2,745 (Members), \$3,045 (Non-Members)

Register online: <https://colorado.ascm.org/Education>



## CTSC – Transformation for Supply Chain

# CTSC

**Certified in Transformation for Supply Chain**- Demonstrate your strategic knowledge and skills to evolve, adapt, and transform supply chains from start to finish.

### **WHY CHOOSE ASCM:**

**Proven Curriculum:**

Our industry-leading training programs are recognized globally and based on the latest trends, research and best practices.

### **Expert Educators:**

Our hands-on instructors are experienced supply chain professionals, approved through our instructor assurance program, who bring real-world knowledge to the classroom.

### **Measurable Results:**

Training goes beyond theoretical – employees can apply what they've learned for true transformational impacts. Track the impact of our training programs on your team's performance and your organization's bottom line.

### **CTSC Body of Knowledge:**

Leverages components of ASCM's globally recognized standards, including SCOR DS, Enterprise Standards for Sustainability and the Digital Capabilities Model (DCM) to:

- Develop, deploy and manage change for a successful supply chain transformation
- Identify risks and opportunities, and select the appropriate philosophies, frameworks, models, and approaches to effect transform
- Apply systems thinking to develop, analyze, verify and validate concept alternatives for transformation
- Manage and align processes and capabilities with strategic transformation goals
- Manage skills, roles, responsibilities, and infrastructure needed for a supply chain transformation
- Identify tools and technologies to enable effective supply chain transformation
- Identify and implement strategies for reinforcing and replicating improvements

### **CTSC Learning System Components:**

The CTSC Learning System is a comprehensive professional development program that will help candidates prepare for the CTSC examination. The learning system is based on the CTSC body of knowledge and features print-based study modules as well as online tools, including an assessment component that enhances the learning experience.

### **CTSC Modules**

- Supply Chain Transformation Overview
- Preparing for Supply Chain Transformation
- Executing Supply Chain Transformation
- Review of Supply Chain Transformation

### **CTSC – Transformation for Supply Chain Program Highlights**

- Focus on change management, digital tools, and strategic transformation
- Online instructor-led format
- Saturdays: May 16, 23, & June 6, 2026
- \$2,700 (Members), \$3,000 (Non-Members)
- **Register online:** <https://colorado.ascm.org/Education>



## S&OP – Sales & Operations Planning

### S&OP – Sales & Operations Planning

Expand your knowledge and understanding with a broad range of topics in Sales & Operations Planning. Improve your skills by learning the latest trends and best practices

### What are people saying about ASCM classes?

"...taught by the APICS Colorado Chapter 81 was outstanding..."

"...knowledge the instructors bring to each class made understanding the material very easy to understand..."

"...class was well put together and closely related to what I do on a daily basis..."

"The instructors are very experienced in the supply chain industry and teach in a way that makes the material easy to understand and fun to learn. The classes have helped me in my current job complete projects with confidence"

### S&OP Topics Include:

- Sales & Operations Planning Overview and Definition, Organizations with Separate and Integrated Business Plans, S&OP: Balancing Act, In the MPC System, Inputs and Outputs, Planning Process
- Determining Product Families, Planning Inputs, Summary of S&OP Outputs
- Understanding the MTS and MTO S&OP Grids, Monthly S&OP Planning Process
- Data Gathering, Demand Planning, Supply Planning, Pre-S&OP Meeting, Executive S&OP Meeting
- Benefits of S&OP, S&OP Summary

### Colorado Chapter Course for S&OP:

- Instructor-led online course
- Class includes Online class instruction and digital student materials/books
- \$380 for ASCM Certification-Level and Colorado Chapter Associate Members, \$480 for All Others

### **S&OP – Sales & Operations Planning Program Highlights**

- Learn planning processes, demand/supply balancing, and executive S&OP
- Online instructor-led format
- Tuesdays: March 10, 17, 21 & 28, 2026
- \$380 (Members), \$480 (Non-Members)
- **Register online:** <https://colorado.ascm.org/Education>

## Ready to Register?

Visit [colorado.ascm.org/Education](https://colorado.ascm.org/Education) or contact **Honey Johnson** at

 (303) 421-0797 or [hjohnson@mss-technologies.com](mailto:hjohnson@mss-technologies.com)

or **Register online:** <https://colorado.ascm.org/Education>



## What are Students saying about APICS Education in Colorado?



"Taking the Colorado Chapter ASCM CPIM course in Spring 2024 was instrumental to my passing the CPIM exam. Honey and Roger spent hours imparting their wealth of knowledge while encouraging open discussions and bringing in real world examples to ensure we understood the material. Their insights were genuinely helpful and I would encourage anyone pursuing their CPIM certification (or another ASCM certification) to take this course. I can't recommend it enough!"

**Molly Mahaney, CPIM, Master Supply Planning Manager, Ball Corporation**



"I signed up for the CSCP course at the end of May where I was going to study on my own and later take the test when I felt ready. As I read about the weekly class, I was a little hesitant at first, but I'm so glad I enrolled in the course held by the Colorado ASCM Chapter. I started at the end of July and took it weekly through November. The class was intuitive, stimulating and I can honestly say it helped me to pass the CSCP exam by December. I highly recommend the class to any aspiring CSCP professional!"

**Anabelen Mendoza, CSCP, JBS USA, International Documentation Specialist**



"I began working toward obtaining my CPIM soon after beginning my career in manufacturing. Everything I have learned from APICS/ASCM has elevated my effectiveness in my job, even before I received the certification. The classes I attended with Colorado Chapter 81 were especially additive in my education, analogizing the often-difficult study concepts to real-world, recognizable organizations and scenarios. If your career has anything to do with supply chains, production, quality, purchasing, etc., you cannot go wrong with CPIM."

**Jason Rhine, CPIM, Production Planner, Gogo Business Aviation**



"I came into the Colorado ASCM Chapter's CSCP course to expand my Supply Chain knowledge after several years in Distribution for CooperVision. It was made very clear to us that course would cover a wide range of Supply Chain topics and take a lot of work and effort from us as students. This was true but the course was very rewarding. We had a large group with a wide and varied background in the organisation and we found that this led to some high value interactions on subjects throughout the course. I've been able to utilise the knowledge in my role as some of my own team also took the course at the same time. This in turn expanded and improved my knowledge and understanding of subject matter. I plan to use the qualification and knowledge in my continuing work managing Supply Chain processes.

**David Bowers, CSCP, Global Logistics Process Manager, CooperVision UK**

**Colorado APICS Education...*Real People, Real Results!!***



# Congratulations to Colorado ASCM's Newest Certified Professionals!

Please join me in congratulating three of our Colorado ASCM Chapter's newest APICS Certified Professionals!

They were presented with their certification lapel pins and a crisp \$100 award by Honey Johnson, Education VP and Roger Harris, President, at the February Professional Development Meeting.

Each recipient spoke about how their certification will enhance their career and add to their personal growth.

## Well Done, Gentlemen!



**Josh Daetz, CSCP**



**Clay Sewald, CSCP**



**Ryan Denman, CPIM**



## Certification Maintenance

To keep your APICS certification valid, you must earn and submit 75 professional development maintenance points every five years (100 points for APICS Fellows).

Maintenance can be fulfilled with many of the educational activities you're already doing to expand your supply chain knowledge and stay up to date on the latest supply chain trends. To learn more about the rules and policies relevant to maintaining your APICS certification, please read the APICS Certification Maintenance Handbook. For more information about how to complete the maintenance application once you are ready to submit your maintenance, review the Maintenance Application Tutorial.

[APICS Certification Maintenance Handbook](#)  
[Maintenance Application Tutorial](#)

Submit your maintenance points now through the Maintenance Application.

[Submit Now](#)

**Earn Maintenance Points by  
Attending Professional Development meetings and more!**

### **RENEWAL REMINDER**

To renew **National Membership** with a local partner:

Log into the National ASCM website ([Association for Supply Chain Management - ASCM](#)).

Go to the Membership & Community tab and click the Renew Membership link to complete your renewal.

Please remember to add the Local Membership Partner to your membership.

To renew **Colorado Associate Membership** Only:

Log into the ASCM Colorado Website ([ASCM Colorado - Home Page](#)) to the Membership tab and click on Associate Membership to complete your renewal.

Only use this link when not renewing at the national level.



## Membership

### Associate Membership



With the uncertainty in the economy these days, a lot of people are thinking is there any way to stay active in my supply chain professional society for less than I am paying now.

Depending on where you are in your career, you may want to consider ASCM Colorado's Associate Membership. Associate Membership is separate from the ASCM national membership. People who have become associate members typically are people in the job hunt, people exploring the possibility of becoming a supply chain professional, or people about to retire or recently retired.

It costs \$10 per year (that is less than the cost of 2 cups of coffee these days) and gives you access to our local activities such as networking meetings and local professional meetings. If you are thinking about becoming an associate member, please contact me and we will get you started.

You may have noticed I did not mention students. There is even a better deal for you until graduation. If you are a university student, you can become a member of both the ASCM national and ASCM Colorado for free. Contact me or any board member to sign up.

[Apply for Your Associate Membership](#)

Jerry McQuie  
VP Membership  
[membership@colorado.ascm.org](mailto:membership@colorado.ascm.org)

### Student Membership

This **NO charge** membership is available to those full time students pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university and engaged in the study of resource management or related fields.

- ASCM Colorado Student Member Benefits
- Promote Professional Development
  - Network with Established Leaders
  - Multiple Learning Opportunities
  - Dedicated Board Support
  - Discounted Meetings
  - Tours
  - And more!

[Apply for Student Membership](#)

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Director of Students





We continue to explore the Power of AI using Copilot as our research assistant

## This month we asked Copilot to summarize the Critical Minerals Initiative

As we have all learned Critical Minerals can have a big impact on our Supply Chains and we wanted to know more.

The Critical Minerals Initiative refers to a set of coordinated efforts by the U.S. government and its allies to secure the supply chains for essential minerals like lithium, cobalt, nickel, and rare earth elements. These materials are vital for advanced technologies, including electric vehicles, defense systems, and telecommunications.

Key components of this initiative include:

- Project Vault: A \$12 billion public-private strategic stockpile designed to protect U.S. manufacturers from supply shocks and market volatility. It is funded by a \$10 billion loan from the [Export-Import Bank of the United States \(EXIM\)](#) and \$1.67 billion in private investment.
- International Alliances: The U.S. has established frameworks with over 50 nations, including the European Union, Japan, and Mexico, to form a "preferential trading zone" or [Critical Minerals Trading Bloc](#). This collaboration aims to reduce global reliance on China's dominant refining capacity.
- Domestic Production Support: The [U.S. Department of Energy \(DOE\)](#) has launched nearly \$1 billion in funding for domestic projects focused on extraction, processing, and recycling. Efforts also include permitting reforms to expedite new mining and energy projects on federal lands.
- Market Stabilization: The initiative proposes using mechanisms like price floors and tariffs to prevent foreign competitors from undercutting prices and to encourage long-term private investment.
- Circular Economy: A growing focus is being placed on recycling technologies to recover minerals from e-waste, mine tailings, and industrial byproducts, which could reduce new mining needs by up to 40% for certain metals by 2050.

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Germanium  
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Lithium  
Manganese  
Neodymium  
Nickel  
Platinum Group Metals  
Rare Earth Elements  
Tantalum  
Tin  
Titanium  
Tungsten  
Zinc



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## Then we asked what impact are Critical Minerals having on Supply Chain careers?

The Critical Minerals Initiative is driving a major workforce expansion to secure domestic and allied supply chains. A newly released Critical Minerals Career Impact document by the Department of Energy (DOE) identifies several high-growth career paths:

### 1. Strategic Sourcing & Procurement

Roles in this category focus on securing raw materials at the "elemental level" to ensure business continuity.

- **Critical Minerals Procurement Leader:** Negotiating long-term offtake agreements and managing supplier relationships for metals like lithium and nickel.
- **Commodity Buyer:** Specializing in rare earth elements and mitigating geopolitical risks in the sourcing process.
- **Strategic Sourcing Manager:** Developing diversified supplier bases to reduce reliance on single-country sources.

### 2. Supply Chain Risk & Compliance

With new international trading blocs and domestic regulations, compliance has become a specialized field.

- **Supply Chain Resilience Manager:** Identifying vulnerabilities, such as price volatility or trade embargoes, and creating "shock-proof" supply models.
- **Supply Chain Compliance Manager:** Ensuring materials are sourced according to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards to avoid regulatory barriers.
- **Defense Industry Analyst:** Evaluating mineral supply chains specifically for their impact on national security and defense technologies.

### 3. Logistics & Operations Management

The initiative supports the development of new refining and processing facilities, creating a need for on-site leadership.

- **Minerals Supply Chain Operations Manager:** Overseeing 24/7 refining operations, including throughput optimization and process stabilization.
- **Logistics Analyst/Operations Research Engineer:** Using AI-driven software to optimize the movement of minerals from mines to domestic manufacturing hubs.
- **Warehouse & Inventory Control Manager:** Managing strategic stockpiles (like those in Project Vault) and ensuring materials are available for uninterrupted production.

### 4. Sustainability & Circular Economy

As the initiative prioritizes recycling and waste recovery, specialized environmental roles are emerging.

- **Supply Chain Sustainability Manager:** Focusing on reducing the carbon footprint of mineral extraction and implementing circular economy practices.
- **Critical Material Recovery Specialist:** Managing the supply chain for recycled materials from e-waste or mine tailings.

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**2026**

**Dinner Meetings, Tours, Networking and More!**

## Mar 2026

- 04 Board of Directors Meeting
- 10 S&OP Begins
- 11 Virtual Professional Development Meeting  
Topic: Implementing a Supplier Credit Score Model (SCSM)  
Speaker: Estefhanie Nuñez Germosen  
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- 14 CSCP Begins
- 21 CPIM Introduction Begins

## Apr 2026

- 01 Board of Directors Meeting
- 08 Networking Session or Tour
- 11 CPIM Section A Begins

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**Topic: A Graduate-Level Case Study.... Implementing a Supplier Credit Score Model (SCSM) to Manage Critical Supplier Risk**

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## May 2026

- 06 Board of Directors Meeting
- 09 CPIM Section B Begins
- 09 CLTD Begins
- 13 Professional Development Meeting  
Topic: Artificial Intelligence in Supply Chain Management  
Speaker: Lorenz Pallhuber
- 16 CTSC Begins

## Jun 2026

- 03 Board of Directors Meeting
- 13 CPIM Section C Begins
- 24 Summer Networking Event (location TBD)

## Jul 2026

- 11 CPIM Section D Begins

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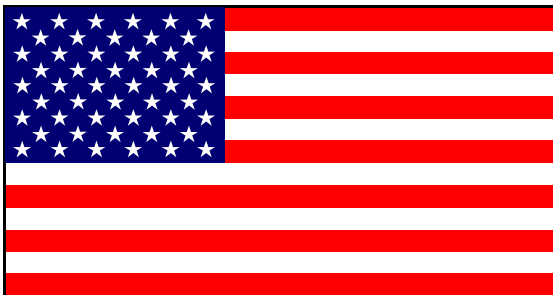
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