

January 2012 e-Blast - Leap into a Remarkable (Leap) Year with the Wisconsin Division!!

Around the Division...

The Deadline for Division Nominations is January 31! Have you considered taking a more active role in IAAP? Have you served at the chapter level and are ready for the next step? Nominations for division officer positions can be submitted to Julie Thomas, CAP-OM anytime up until the 31st. The forms were posted to the Wisconsin Division eGroup on October 23rd, so if anyone is interested, you can find everything you need there. You can also contact Julie or me and we will be happy to email you the forms.

Mark Your Calendars for the Wisconsin Division Annual Meeting and Fall Education Conference:

1. Wisconsin Division Annual Meeting (WDAM) – May 18-19, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point. The division board met on January 14th and we are gearing up to host a remarkable event! Our educational presentations in May will be centered on a “Lean Office – Doing More With Less” theme, so if that appeals to you, make plans to join us! We will again offer online registration, so watch for more information.
2. Fall Education Conference (FEC) – October 19-20, 2012 at the Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the fall conference at the beautiful Osthoff Resort!

Annual Member Survey: The annual member survey will be done through Survey Monkey and the link will be sent out, posted in the e-Group, and included in the newsletter in mid-February. This is a great opportunity for you to provide the board with your honest feedback, questions, suggestions, and concerns. Last year nearly one-third of our membership completed the survey, so we hope to meet or exceed that this year!

On the International Level...

IAAP has a New Executive Director! *Tamra Goodall* is pleased to introduce IAAP's new executive director, Gerald J. “Jay” Donohue, Jr., CAE, CMP. Jay comes to IAAP with an impressive résumé. He's had over 18 years of association experience, having served as executive director/chief administrative officer and chief operations officer for three major national and international membership organizations. His background also includes serving as an executive job coach with the nation's first, oldest and premier outplacement firm, Challenger, Gray and Christmas. Over the years, Jay has been responsible for the operation and services for the International Association of Defense Council, the Academy of General Dentistry and the Professional Convention Management Association. He has implemented new organizational strategic plans and also assisted with the restructuring of administrative and governance systems. He's skillful at finding and implementing creative solutions. Jay is also excellent in developing employee talent and in training.

2012 International EFAM Room Block Now Open: Check the Events page on the International web site at <http://www.iaap-hq.org/events/conferences/efam>.

2012 Spring Conference – Registration is Open: Become a ‘star admin’ by attending the Spring Conference March 4-7, in Las Vegas! Check out the details on the International web site.
<http://www.iaap-hq.org/events/conferences/spring>

Have You Joined the eGroups Yet? IAAP has a remarkable resource that is available to all members – the web community eGroups. There is a wide range of topics and a great way to get answers to your work-related, IAAP-related, and other questions. Check it out! In order to see all of the eGroups, you have to log in; there is a user guide to help you through the process. Follow this link and have fun!
<http://community.iaap-hq.org/egroups/egroupshome/>

News in the Profession...

There’s a New Specialty in IAAP’s Certification Program! You spoke and IAAP listened. For those of you who are already certified, we have a new specialty for you. You’ve told us that keeping up on the latest technology is important and we’re here to help you do just that. Starting this year, IAAP is offering a new specialty: Technology Applications. Complete three [Options Technology modules](#) then pass a Microsoft test in one of those areas and you’re qualified to send in the application and fees for the Technology Applications specialty. Read all about it on [the IAAP public website](#).

Certification Application Deadline is February 15! Just a reminder if you’re considering sitting for the CAP or CAP-OM exam in May. The deadline for sending your application is fast approaching! Here’s the link to everything you need: <http://www.iaap-hq.org/certification>. Northcentral Technical College (NTC) in Wausau will once again be a testing site for the May 2012 CAP and OM exams. The Wausau Chapter hopes several members from other chapters will come to Wausau to sit for the exams (contact Ann Dahlke if you want additional information about the facility or the Wausau area).

Just For Fun...

In 1959, this feature was added to certain clocks. What was it?

Sales of these 2 popular games were down last year for the first time in over a decade. One was Monopoly, what was the other?

68% of Americans say they'd like to see less of this on TV in 2012. What is it?

Think you know the answer(s)? Post in the Wisconsin Division eGroup! Answers will be in the February issue of the Division Dialogue.