



December 2009

Newsletter

President's Points

Greetings Everyone:

I am sure you are all getting ready for the upcoming holiday season. Since 2009 is almost over, it is a good time to reflect on the past year and set goals and expectations for the year to come. In other words, we need to look at "What's in Our Toolbox," and see what we might be missing or how we could enhance our current skills.

This year's Board of Directors continues to plan PDM speakers and plant tours that will be of interest to our members. We are also in the process of finalizing some educational opportunities. We need your help to let us know any of your needs that we might not be addressing. If you are not currently an APICS member, we encourage you to become a member. If you are currently a member, we would like very much to hear from you regarding how well we are meeting your needs. Whether or not you are a member, we strongly encourage you to attend the PDM's and plant tours, and invite your friends and coworkers. These are great educational and networking opportunities, and a good way to introduce APICS to your associates.

The December event will be a plant tour at Mallinckrodt-Baker in Paris on December 8. Although this is a very busy time of year, be sure to mark the date on your calendar, and be watching for the announcement with the details. This should be a very interesting plant tour.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to wish you a Very Happy Holiday Season!

Regards,

Donna NeSmith
President

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Plant Tour: Mallinckrodt-Baker

Mallinckrodt Baker, Inc., based in Phillipsburg, NJ, USA, manufactures and markets high purity fine chemicals under the Mallinckrodt and J.T.Baker brands for the laboratory, biopharmaceutical, microelectronic, and industrial markets.

The Paris facility specializes in the testing and subdivision of solvents, acids, and dry salts. The facility also produces solutions and purifies solvents. It distributes to a worldwide network of customers.

Join us on Tuesday, Dec. 8th, for an opportunity to learn more about process-oriented manufacturing at Mallinckrodt-Baker.

Directions:

Drive toward Paris (away from Lexington) on US-27 (Paris Pike) about thirteen miles

Turn left on US-27/US-68 Bypass (By-pass Road)

Proceed about 3.7 miles

Mallinckrodt is on the left. It's easy to miss so keep your eyes peeled.

If you find yourself back at US-68 you've missed it. Turn around. Go back. We'll wait for you. It'll be on the right this time.

Location

Mallinckrodt-Baker
7001 By-pass Rd.
Paris, KY 40361

Menu

Boxed dinner

Agenda

5:30 – 6:00pm - Registration – Networking

6:00 – 6:45pm - Dinner

6:45 – 7:00pm - Business Meeting – Door Prizes

7:00 – 8:00pm - Plant Tour

Cost \$10.00

VISA and Mastercard accepted

Registrations must be made no later than 5 pm Monday, December 7th.

Contact Monty Northcutt - Phone: (859) 285-7620

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You can now register online at www.bluegrassapics.org

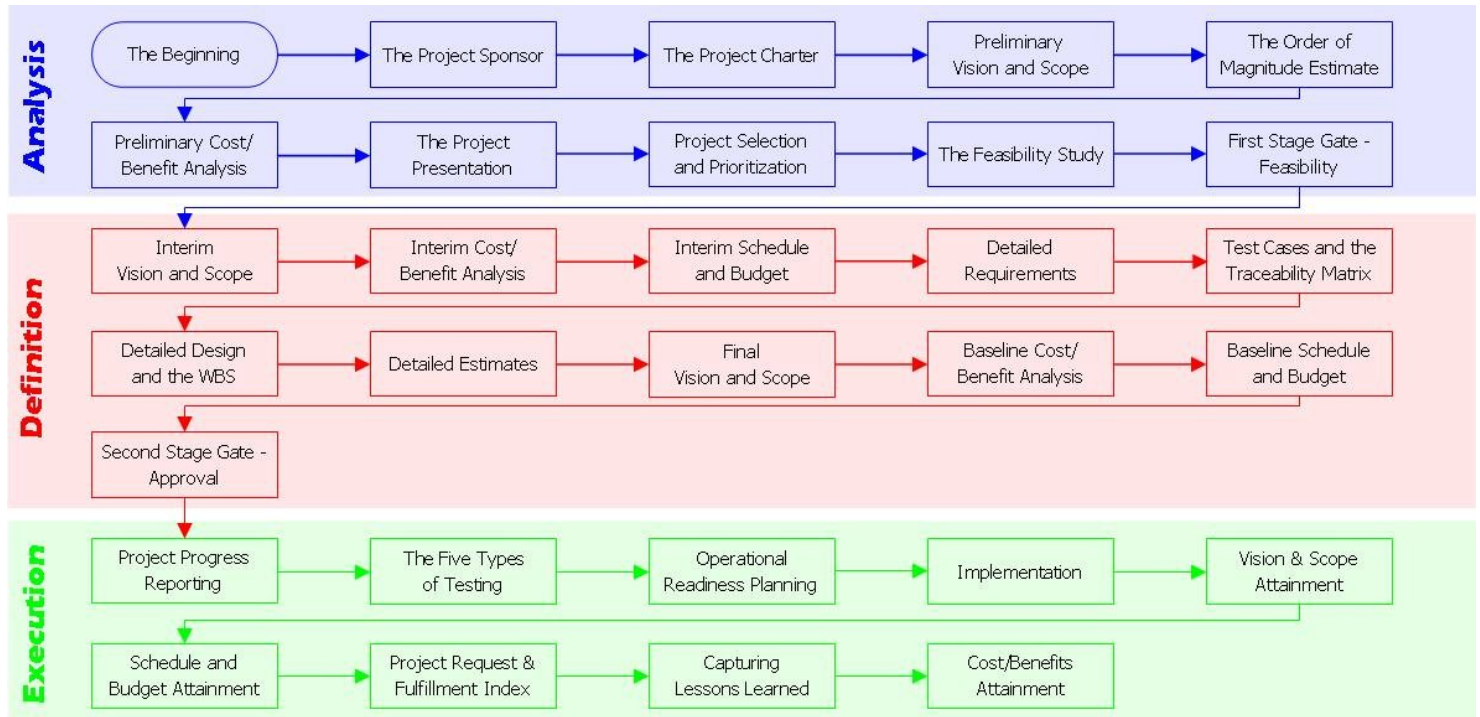


January 12 - Bill Monroe, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP, CMQ/OE,

Topic - "Project Portfolio Excellence"

Project Portfolio Excellence is a new model for the evaluation, selection, prioritization, and management of enterprise software and software-related projects. Bill will present the tools, strategy, and methodology of Project Portfolio Excellence, some of which were featured in the May/June 2009 issue of APICS Magazine.

The Logical Lifecycle: The Process Auditing Tool of Project Portfolio Excellence



The Logical Lifecycle is a map of the points during the course of most software projects where new information may be available for evaluation and analysis. These represent opportunities to corroborate the ongoing viability, or probability for success, for the project. The goal is to verify, as early as possible, whether we're headed in the wrong direction or whether unforeseen circumstances warrant changing our plans.

It's not necessary to stop at each point and make an assessment of your progress. The map is intended more as a guide to the points at which new knowledge may be available and new insights possible. In this respect The Logical Lifecycle is more an auditing tool than an operational model for project execution.

February 18 - Joint meeting with ASQ and NAPMCK.

Each February we have a joint meeting with the local chapters of The American Society for Quality and The Institute for Supply Management. Hosting duties rotate every year, and this year our meeting is being hosted by ASQ. Details will be forthcoming.

Plan to come out and join us. It's a good opportunity to meet some new folks.



Links of Interest

There are many sources of APICS information available to you:

Bluegrass Chapter website:

<http://www.bluegrassapics.org>

APICS Southeast District website:

<http://www.apicssoutheast.org>

APICS HQ website:

<http://www.apics.org>

Read the latest news about APICS:

<http://www.apics.org/About/PressRoom/default.htm>

Check out our new website!

Bluegrass Education Program

One of the most valuable benefits of APICS membership is our educational opportunities. The Bluegrass Chapter has always had a strong educational program, and it's available to you right now.

Find out about how we can help you achieve your educational and career goals.

Bluegrass APICS education program:

<http://www.bluegrassapics.org/education/default.aspx>

To get more information about the Bluegrass Chapter's educational opportunities contact the chapter VP of Education John Damm at - jdamm@lexmark.com

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