

APICS Communities of Practice

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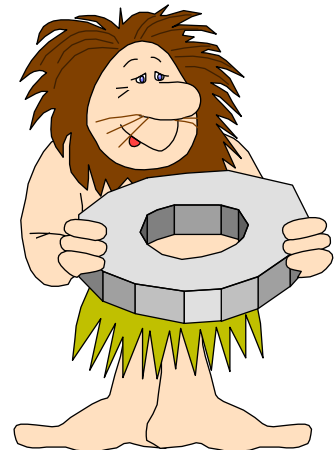
Some FAQ stuff



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What?

- **A new member benefit, APICS Learning Communities are online forums where members can come together regularly to share and develop ideas, practices, and solutions in the field of operations management.**
- **APICS Learning Communities are free to members and accessible through the APICS Web site. Within the communities, members will be able to participate in a variety of discussions on emerging issues, create new discussion topics, and attend online events.**
- **The community acts as a repository of knowledge where members may develop and submit new resource material for reference, research topics, or link to other useful sites. Each community will be led by a volunteer facilitator and an APICS staff administrator.**

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- **Lean Community of Practice (LeanCoP)**
 - Vision: Connect lean professionals to create, develop, and share best practices to facilitate their personal and enterprise success in eliminating waste.
 - Facilitated by Sam Tomas
- **Project Oriented Operations Community of Practice (POOCoP)**
 - Vision: Connect project-oriented professionals to create, develop, and share best practices to facilitate their personal and enterprise success.
 - Facilitated by Don Frank
- **Theory of Constraints Community of Practice (TOCCoP)**
 - Watch of announcement

Differentiating CoPs from SIGs and Listservs

- **SIGs were Volunteer Steering Committee driven and were no longer attracting a wide audience**
- **Listservs were just highly cluttered email communication tools**
- **CoPs will be participant driven and have:**
 - Category sub-grouping to focus members on what is really of interest to them
 - Member email information and query exchange
 - Chat rooms
 - FAQ capability
 - Resources (attachments) such as important relevant articles
 - Links to appropriate websites
 - Polls
 - Scheduled event calendar
 - A Volunteer facilitator

How To?

- **Go to APICS home page www.apics.org**
- **Sign in using your normal log-in and password**
 - If you don't remember this stuff, send email to HQ and they will send it back to you
- **Click on <Resources> then <Communities> then <www.apics.org/communities> and log in**
 - Once you are logged in, X-out & don't log off. You won't have to log on again each time you access the communities
- **You will see the “APICS Main” Community displayed and in this window you can drop down to the other available communities**
 - You must join to participate
 - Remember it is free to all APICS members in good standing
- **Recommendations:**
 - Create a Chapter CoP Coordinator to keep the chapter abreast of what is happening
 - Tout the CoPs in your chapter newsletter and on your website
 - Encourage members to have at least one person in each company join the CoPs of interest to that company
- **Remember: CoP success is dependent on your participation and your contributing to their value added to yourself and your company**

Come Join the Communities

