

District Meeting in Nashville, TN – 16 & 17 June 2017



Key Takeaways from Nashville

More than 60 APICS volunteer leaders and supply chain professionals gathered in Nashville, TN in June 2017 for our APICS Southeast District Meeting. We enjoyed two days of professional and leadership development, APICS community updates; and case studies in driving change from leadership team members from Tractor Supply Company and Caleres. As we wrapped up the District Meeting, we polled participants on their key takeaways. The following represents some of the feedback we received:

- Enjoyed the Cell Phone Game, one of APICS new STEM activities (more info here: [click here](#))
- Valued the business presentations, including the following points made:
 - “If you dislike change, you’re going to dislike irrelevance even more” – General Eric Shinseki
 - Value of engaging floor level employees
 - Focus on customer engagement & input
 - “We can have the best strategy & plenty of capacity - - but if we don’t have the right people, nothing happens” – David Medline, Tractor Supply Company
 - “What is the difference between Bigfoot and accurate forecasting? There have actually been sightings of Bigfoot.”
- Liked the Technology Update, which covered items such as: Google Voice, IoT, Blockchain and more
- Struck by the amount of effort needed for Instructor certification
- CPIM reconfiguration (more info here: [click here](#))
- How to reach out to other members for membership needs survey
- Promote Webinar to the chapter members:
 - September 13th: “4 Demand Planning Resolutions for 2018” – more info here: [click here](#)
 - October 17th: “The Magical World of Supply Chain Sensors” – more info here: [click here](#)
- We should be getting APICS Body of Knowledge out more effectively and in use to our customers
- Chapters should consider alternative PDM meetings other than the standard PDM meetings
- Renewed energy from District Meeting
- Find a way to demonstrative the "value for the Customer"
- Really enjoyed the industry networking and meeting new APICS colleagues
- It is imperative that we help the younger generation on Supply Chain

We hope to see you in Savannah on 15 & 16 September for our next District Meeting. [More info](#)