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## MAY 2008 ISM-CI DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

### AGENDA:

**5:00 p.m.**      **Early Bird Seminar; "Building Success with Supplier Development Programs" Panel Discussion of a presentation from the 94th ISM International Conference by ISM-CI members, Susan Modeland, C.P.M., Gerry Van Dyke and Robert Kemp, Ph.D., C.P.M.**

**6:00 p.m.**      **Dinner**  
**7:00 p.m.**      **Office Politics Presentation**

### OUR DINNER MEETING PROGRAM:

#### *"What do you mean, 'I started it'?"*

You've been there. You know you have. You're plugging along, doing your job, making progress, and then all of a sudden... BAM! You feel like the victim of a hit-and-run (and to some extent, you are). You've just been nailed by office politics.

Many will tuck their tails between their legs, chalk it up to a bad experience, and try to salvage what they can. Those who bother to investigate may hear the accusation that they themselves started the whole mess. This is where the real confusion begins. You ask yourself how one could be both the victim AND perpetrator of office politics.

During this presentation, Timothy Johnson will share the process of using GUST to understand your office politics situations better. You'll see how much control you have over the GAME, learn the importance of UNDERSTANDING the players and motives, determine the best STRATEGY for addressing your specific situation, and then figure out how to TAKE ACTION without compromising your integrity.

We all face office politics situations, from bullies who overstep their bounds to office prima donas who think everything revolves around their egos, from passive-aggressive types to saboteurs, you'll see new approaches for framing and handling your office politics situations. The real value is learning how to treat office politics as a proactive strategic tool rather than a reactive weapon.

After his presentation, Timothy will have copies of both of his books, *Race Through The Forest – A Project Management Fable* and *GUST – The "Tale" Wind of Office Politics*, for sale and he will be signing copies for those who wish.

### About the Speaker:

**Timothy L Johnson** is Chief Accomplishment Officer of Carpe Factum, Inc. (Latin for "seize the accomplishment"). He has almost two decades of highly successful experience in project and program management, business solutioning, creativity, executive and management coaching, and strategic facilitation. His clients include Harley-Davidson, ING, Principal Financial Group, Wells Fargo, and numerous small businesses and not-for-profit organizations. He is also an adjunct professor in the MBA program at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, teaching classes in Project Management, Creativity for Business, Leadership Development, and Managing Office Politics. His first book, *Race Through the Forest – A Project Management Fable*, was published in 2006. His second book, *GUST – The "Tale" Wind of Office Politics*, was released in April, 2007. He is a contributing writer on [www.office-politics.com](http://www.office-politics.com), an online advice column for office politics situations, as well as [www.iowabiz.com](http://www.iowabiz.com), a resource for small business.

### MAY 2008 MEETING INFORMATION

**DATE:** May 13, 2008

**LOCATION:** Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino  
Meadows Events & Conference Center – Altoona, IA

#### **DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION:**

Exit I-80 at exit 142, highway 6 South towards Altoona. Turn left at Adventureland Drive. Prairie Meadows is on the right past the Adventureland Inn.

**TO REGISTER:** Visit <http://www.ism-ci.org/meetings.html>  
Please register by **May 6, 2008**

**MEETING COSTS: ISM-CI Members** - NO COST (included in annual dues)  
**Non-Members** - \$20 per person for non-members

**PLEASE NOTE:** ISM-CI is obligated to pay for all meals served. If you are unable to find a substitute, please call Jane Burger at 515-276-1254.

### UPCOMING EVENTS -

**Mark your calendars for these special events**

#### **May 4-7 International Conference**

St. Louis

#### **ISM-CI Dinner Meeting - Tuesday, May 13, 2008**

Office Politics with Tim Johnson, Prairie Meadows

#### **ISM-CI Dinner Meeting - Wednesday, June 11, 2008**

Contract negotiations with Tom Patton, Prairie Meadows

#### **C.P.S.M. Training - June, 2008**

#### **ISM-CI Dinner Meeting - Tuesday, September 9, 2008**

TBD-Dr. Russell Morey, Prairie Meadows

### Timothy L. Johnson's Recent Speaking Engagements:

- Information Systems Audit and Control Association – Iowa Chapter
- PMI Minnesota Chapter
- PMI Eastern Iowa Chapter
- PMI Quad Cities Chapter
- PMI Central Ohio Chapter
- PMI Sioux Empire Chapter
- PMI Northeast Wisconsin Chapter
- IFMA Northeast Wisconsin Chapter
- PMI North Carolina Chapter
- PMI Greater New Orleans Chapter
- Drake Business Link
- Client Sales Conference Keynote Speaker: Harnessing Creativity
- Midwest Underwriters Association: Managing Effective Meetings
- Iowa Christian Convention: Project management for churches