

Welcome to the new CSCMP!

Below are answers to some questions you may have about your new organization.

Why is CLM becoming CSCMP?

The decision to become CSCMP was made for one reason – to meet the changing needs of members like you. You now have an expanded and more critical role within your company than you did ten or even five years ago, and you want to continue to increase your visibility. You interact with more people within...and outside...your organization. And you demand more information than ever before to stay up to date. Your role has evolved...and so has your profession's premier association to reflect what's happening in the supply chain.

What's in it for me?

With a broader emphasis on the entire supply chain, CSCMP will provide you with enhanced content that incorporates the whole supply chain...logistics, procurement, manufacturing operations, sales/marketing...to help you deal more effectively with the broad requirements of your profession. As a CSCMP member, you'll be involved in an organization with more voices and different perspectives that will give you the tools you need to do your job more effectively, as well as enhanced networking opportunities.

Who decided to change the name and focus of the association?

Over the years, an increasing number of members have asked for supply chain-based products and programming that truly reflected the changing nature of their positions. As a result, CLM first sought to establish an official definition of supply chain management, which it completed in 2003. From there, a committee of members representing the range of CLM membership was formed to explore the idea of refocusing the association, develop name ideas, and recommend programming changes. Ultimately, CLM's Executive Committee voted to adopt the new name and focus in early 2004.

Is this the first time the organization has evolved?

No. In 1985, the association, which was called the National Council of Physical Distribution Management (NCPDM), became the Council of Logistics Management for the same reason that CLM is now becoming CSCMP. At that time, it was recognized that members' responsibilities had evolved to encompass the broader field of logistics.

Will CSCMP continue to serve the needs of someone solely involved in logistics management?

Absolutely. As defined by CLM in 2003, "logistics management" is a large and integral part of "supply chain management." Of course, because of its major role within the supply chain, logistics management will continue to be a major focus of the new CSCMP.

Why was the term “Professionals” added to the name?

The term is meant to solidify the association’s status as an individual membership organization dedicated to enhancing the careers of supply chain professionals, as well as advancing the overall profession.

When does CLM officially become CSCMP?

January 1, 2005.

How will current educational programs and other products change?

Educational events, such as the Annual Conference and other seminars, in many ways, have already evolved to include a broader supply chain focus, as have books and research reports. Over the years, a greater number of supply chain-related tracks have been added to the Annual Conference, including procurement/purchasing and manufacturing. And recent CLM seminars, books, and research reports have directly targeted supply chain management. This trend will continue with increased attention to the entire supply chain.

What products and member benefits will stay the same?

Much of what you’ve come to expect from CLM – access to career-development products and services, visibility through the member directory, member discounts on books and educational events – will stay the same. CSCMP will continue to focus on enhancing your career and advancing your profession.

Will local Roundtables still exist?

Yes. The current local Roundtable structure, which is the lifeblood of the association, will not change. With a broader supply chain emphasis, Roundtable participation will increase and the diversity of its programming, as well as its participants, will be enhanced.

Will my membership dues increase?

CLM becoming CSCMP will not result in a membership dues increase.

What will the new CSCMP web site address be?

The new CSCMP web site address will be www.cscmp.org. It will go live January 1, 2005.

Will my member ID and web site access still be the same?

Yes, your member ID will remain the same, as will the way in which you access members-only benefits on the web site.

