

Welcome Message from the Sponsorship Chair

This has indeed been a tough year for schools and corporations to offer sponsorship support. In spite of that several schools in the POMS community have stepped up with premier sponsorships to offset the drop in corporate support. In particular the Gold sponsorship from Babcock Graduate School of Management, *Wake Forest University* and Bronze sponsorships from B-Schools at *McGill University*, *University of Minnesota*, *University of Texas at Dallas*, and *University of Oregon* have provided a strong impetus for the POMS 2008 sponsorship drive. We greatly appreciate the Silver level support from APICS/E&R to sponsor the program book.



We are thankful to numerous schools that despite tight budgets have championed support for POMS and have sponsored tracks, coffee breaks, and special events. We also greatly appreciate the support of the exhibitors and advertisers. Special thanks to Cheryl Kiser for coordinating with the conference hotel to meet infrastructural and logistics needs of the exhibitors.

Lastly, we would like to recognize valuable leads and guidance offered by Sushil Gupta and Tim Smunt that helped us maximize the value proposition for the sponsors and in turn secure critical funds that help defray some of the cost of providing a high quality experience for all the attendees at the meeting.

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