



# The NCMA VOICE

January 2004



## The President's Corner.....

One of NCMA's most significant changes to its organization occurred this month. The governance structure was changed dramatically by the Board of Directors at its December 6, 2003 meeting. The information below was reported by National President Gary Zura.

In summary, the following changes will be effective on July 1, 2004: The European Region will merge with the mid-Atlantic Region, Chapter-based National Directors will be eliminated, and there will be an increased role for Chapter Presidents and/or other elected chapter officers.

The Board of Directors will be restructured to a twenty-four member Board consisting of four National Officers, the Past National President, fourteen Directors (two elected from each of 7 Regions), four At – Large Directors and the Non-Voting Executive Director. It will continue to convene at least three times per year or more frequently, if necessary, by telecommunications methods. Minutes of all meetings will be published promptly.

Directors from the Regions will be nominated by two Chapter Presidents within the Region and elected by Chapter Presidents within the Region, one vote per President. These will be annual elections, for staggered two-year terms and the two regional Directors may not be from the same chapter. The Directors will

### NCMA WORKSHOP

**Where:** Doubletree Hotel, Board Room

**When:** January 7, 2004, 9:30 a.m.

**Topic:** NCMA Certification Study Groups

**Seating is limited**

### NCMA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Where:** Doubletree Hotel

**Social Hour begins at 11:30 a.m.**  
**Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m.**

**Cost:** \$12 Members, \$15 Non-Members

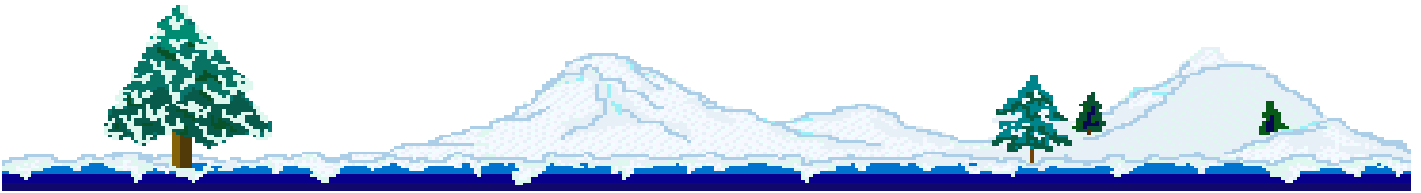
**Topic:** ORAU Contracting and Subcontracting Methods

**Speaker:** Mr. Tony Lester, ORAU Business Development Manager

**Menu:** Fresh Tossed Garden Salad, with Ranch and Honey Dijon Dressing, Chicken Amandine, Baby Carrots, Long Grain Wild Rice, Chef's Choice Dessert, Yeast Rolls with Butter, Coffee, Decafe, Iced Tea and Water

**RSVP:** Call Vicki Dyer at 483-9332 or fax to 483-0241.

**NOTE:** Please make reservations by 5:00 p.m., Friday January 2, 2004.



be limited to two consecutive two-year terms. For FY 05, the current National Vice President Elects for the Regions will assume a one-year term position to foster the transition to staggered terms.

The four At-Large Directors are expected to be senior level professionals, nominated by a Nominations Committee and elected by the Board of Directors. They will also serve two year staggered terms. In PY 05, two will have two-year and two will have one-year terms.

As is the case now, any NCMA member can be a candidate for a National Officer position. The Nominations Committee of the Board will provide nominations to the Chapter Presidents for election. The President, as in the past, will accede from President Elect, with a one-year term and no consecutive terms, unless there is a two-year break. The Secretary and Treasurer will also serve a one-year term; however, an additional consecutive term is permitted, and either may be re-elected after a break equal to time served in that office.

Membership meetings will continue annually, or more frequently at option of the Board. They will be in a “Town Hall” format and will provide the forum for any member or chapter leader to provide input and ask questions regarding the Association. National Leadership Summits will continue to be held annually, now in June of each program year, for the purpose of training and informing Chapter leaders for their terms in office. The Regional Directors will retain the responsibility for communications between the Board and Chapter leaders in their respective Regions and for the orchestration of Regional Mid-Year Leadership Conferences.

The Board’s decision to update the forty-year-old governance structure of the Association will save the Association, its volunteers, and its stakeholders approximately \$225,000 annually in travel, facilities, and staffing costs. More importantly, however, will be the increased agility and flexibility afforded to the Board in its deliberations and decision-making. With its more manageable size, the Board will be able to take advantage of technology more readily (conference calls, web pages, etc), work more seamlessly with the HQ staff, and deal directly with the strategic issues that are the domain of the Board.

*Bob Lynch*

### **About The Program.....**

Our Chapter kicks off the New Year with a presentation from Tony Lester, Business Development Manager for Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU). ORAU manages the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) for the Department of Energy. The ORISE facility focuses on scientific initiatives to research health risks from occupation hazards, assess environmental cleanup, respond to radiation medical emergencies, support national security and emergency preparedness, and provide education to the next generation of scientists. The ORISE initiatives were mentioned in Charles Crowe’s presentation as one area of Oak Ridge expertise that is expected to grow in coming years.

Tony’s presentation will focus on the ORAU growth initiatives and he will discuss contracting/subcontracting methods to achieve the ORISE goals. Please join us at 11:30 on January 7<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree to kick off this new year of opportunities.

*Barbara Turner*

## **About The Speaker.....**

Tony Lester is the Director of Business Development for Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU). He directs marketing, partnering arrangements, and proposals. Previous positions include Regional Manager (Albuquerque) and Senior Program Manager. Notable projects include the Y-12 Federal knowledge preservation program and the DOE technical qualifications and business management oversight programs.

Tony has a BS (Training) from the University of Tennessee and a MS (Management) from Regis University. He is currently working on a Doctorate at UT and is conducting research on collaboration in business.

*Barbara Turner*

## **CFCM Study Group.....**

The third CFCM Study Group session will be held the morning of January 7, 2004 from 9:30 until 11:30. The facilitator will be Dick Absher. While studying the material, if you find you have a particular topic or question that you would like Dick to address, you can reach him at [rla944@prodigy.net](mailto:rla944@prodigy.net). The material will cover FAR Parts 10 -12, Section 3 of the Federal Knowledge Study Guide, and Chapter 3 of the General Business Knowledge Study Guide.

We are going to try to reserve the large Salon (A) that we used for the first session; however, if it is unavailable, the session will be held in the Doubletree Boardroom (same location as the session in December). Please contact me at [mary.berry@jacobs.com](mailto:mary.berry@jacobs.com) or 220-4959 if you have any questions.

*Mary Berry*

## **Treasurer's Report.....**

As of November 30, 2003, there was \$9,346.38 in checking, \$530.57 in savings, \$30 in cash, and \$5,854.42 in a CD for a total of \$15,761.37.

*Laura Davis*

## **Master's Certificate in Commercial Contracting.....**

The first course in the program to obtain a Master's Certificate in Commercial Contracting will be held the week of January 12, 2004 in Oak Ridge at 701 Scarboro Road (SNS Project Office). The course is entitled Commercial Contracting – The Basics. This unique course design provides classes every day, Monday thru Friday, for half the day. You may choose morning (8-12) or afternoon (1-5). The course is only offered to NCMA members and the procurement staff of ORNL. The price for this five day training program is \$1,092.50. Successful completion of seven courses in 3 years results in a Master's Certificate in Commercial Contracting from George Mason University. If you participated in the Master's program we offered last time, but did not complete it, you may be able to get credit for those courses under this program. If you are interested in attending or have questions, contact Joel Pearman, ORNL Contracts Division, at 865.241.5305 or [pearmanje@ornl.gov](mailto:pearmanje@ornl.gov).

*Joel Pearman*

# *Last Meeting*

