



NCMA Voice

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50TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

Where: Oak Ridge Associated Universities
(ORAU)

Pollard Technology Center Lobby
210 Badger Avenue
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

When: **Wednesday**
June 11, 2009

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to thank everyone for their outstanding efforts in support of NCMA this year!!! It has been a great success and is by far the best board that I have ever sat on.

Thanks to the amazing efforts of our Membership Committee and our NCMA members, we ended the year with 46 more members than when we started. That's an increase of 36%, which I believe is pretty amazing.

Thanks to the enormous efforts of our Education and NES Committees, we were able to reach out and educate more than 90 members/non-members and to provide an opportunity for open discussion through our "Second Cup of Coffee" Book Club.

Thanks to the conspicuously excellent efforts of our Programs Committee, Social Committee, Newsletter Committee, Public Relations & Webmaster, Volunteer Recruiter, and Honors & Awards Committee, we were able to provide networking and recognition opportunities for an average of 60 members/non-members each month of the program year.

Thanks to the incredible hardworking efforts of our Scholarship and Community Relations Committee and Employment Committee, we have reached out to the community and gotten young people involved in Contract Management like I have never seen before. We are even looking into working with Roane State Community College to develop a course related to the Basics of Contract Management. And, did I mention the scholarships? They provide members of the community with opportunities that they may not have had otherwise.

Thanks to the hardworking, never giving up efforts of our Nominations & Elections committee, we have elected a new Leadership Team for the 2009-2010 program year that will carry on the torch for NCMA and continue to break down barriers and bring new light to National Contract Management Association and the Contract Management Profession.

Last, but definitely not least, thanks to the immeasurable, inexhaustible, and unlimited efforts of our 2008-2009 Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chapter Advisor. Without your support and diligence, the organization could not operate and be successful. So Thank You.

You are all invaluable to me and I truly appreciate all that you have done. You have not only helped NCMA to grow and flourish, you have been there for me while I pursue my Master's Degree and any other hurdle that has been in my path. You have all been mentors to me in some way or another, and for that I am grateful.

I look forward to seeing you all at the NCMA 50th Anniversary Reception and future NCMA Meetings.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Crowe

(SOON TO BE 2009-2010 CHAPTER ADVISOR ☺)

HONORS & AWARDS

Congratulations to the following people on their many years of NCMA Membership!!

25 YEARS

Charles Crowe
Bob Dykes
Steve Hodges
William Taylor

30 YEARS

Stuart Phillips
Charles Samuels

35 YEARS

Robert Lynch

40 YEARS

Edwin Whiting

25 YEAR FELLOW

Carrol Dee

30 YEAR FELLOW

Richard Absher
Neil Lentz
William Painter

TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH 07/01/08	\$ 21,451.15
INCOME JULY 2008-APRIL 2009	\$ 23,176.07
EXPENSES JULY 2008-APRIL 2009	\$ 22,674.11
CASH 04/30/09	\$ 21,953.11

MEMBERSHIP

HOW TO UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH NCMA

Have you moved or gotten promoted? Would you like to get your Contract Management magazine at home instead of work? You can update your personal information online with NCMA HQs.

First log on to www.ncmahq.org . At the top left, you can enter your information. If you've forgotten it, don't worry. You can search for your user name and password by entering your e-mail address under the 'forgot password' link. If you are still lost, e-mail me and I will help.

Once you log in, simply click the link to 'Update my profile' and you can edit your e-mail, mailing address, title, nickname, etc.

To change the e-mail address that the East Tennessee Chapter (www.ncmaet.com) uses to send reminders, simply e-mail or call me at kingmanj@oro.doe.gov or 576-0798.

Jud Kingman and Tim Melton
MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS



New NCMA Certification Requirements Frequently Asked Questions

The Education Committee recently announced our initiative to start a certification study group during the 2009 to 2010 Program Year. Remember, if you're interested in joining the study group, please contact a member of the Education Committee.

Why is NCMA changing its certification program?

We based the change upon the input we received from focus groups, along with informal comments from certified and uncertified members. Also, we formed an internal ad hoc committee to analyze our program. This committee recommended changes be made and offered these guiding principles to follow:

- Retain the current program strengths: Using the Contract Management Body of Knowledge (CMBOK) as its foundation, continue with competency-based, psychometrically sound, legally defensible, and available on demand exams
- Incorporate the legacy (pre-2002) program strengths: There should be one exam leading to one certification. The CPCM, CFCM, and CCCM will be independent certifications
- There is room for multiple certifications. The CPCM, CFCM, and CCCM should be retained

When will it be effective?

The CFCM and CCCM requirements are effective immediately. The CPCM testing will begin at the World Congress on April 8, 2009, and will be available at our test centers on April 9, 2009. However, the new CPCM application is available online now to start the process.

What is the most significant change?

There will be one exam per certification. Candidates will no longer need to earn the CFCM and CCCM to achieve the CPCM.

What type of questions can I expect on each of the exams?

The CFCM questions will be based on the Federal Acquisition Regulation, the CCCM questions will be based on the Uniform Commercial Code, and the CPCM questions will cover all aspects of contract management. The intense 180-question exam will not be biased toward federal or commercial practices; that's what the CFCM and CCCM certifications will do.

What is the level of education required to become certified?

For all three certifications, you will need an undergraduate degree of any type from a regionally accredited college or university (or global equivalent).

What is the work experience required to become certified?

For the CFCM and CCCM, you will need one year of contract management (or related career field) experience. For the CPCM, you will need five years of contract management (or related career field) experience.

What is the training required to become certified?

For the CFCM and CCCM, you will need 80 CPE of contract management training. For the CPCM, you will need 120 CPE of contract management training.

Is there still a requirement for general business?

There is no GB requirement for the CFCM or CCCM, but there is for the CPCM. However, the 180-question CPCM exam will have a mix of 70% contracting and 30% GB questions.

For additional FAQs visit www.ncmahq.org.



East TN NCMA

Meeting Pictures

May 2009





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