



NCMA Voice

May 2009

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Where:** DoubleTree Hotel
- When:** **Wednesday**
May 06, 2009
- Social:** 11:30 am
- Lunch:** 11:45 am
- Cost:** \$15.00 for Members
\$16.00 for Non-Members
- Speaker:** **Ms. JAMIE KEITH**
- Topic:** **TODAY'S ACQUISITION INDUSTRY**
- Menu:** Fresh Garden Salad w/Ranch
or Honey Dijon Dressings
Penne Pasta w/Grilled Chicken
and Marinara Sauce
Green Beans
Assort. Dinner Rolls w/Butter
Dessert – Chef's Choice
Coffee, Decafe, Iced Tea, Water

PLEASE PAY AT THE DOOR WITH
CASH, PERSONAL CHECK, OR
COMPANY CHECK ONLY

See You There!!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The 2008-2009 National Education Seminar was a huge success thanks to our presenter, Mike Criss, our volunteers, and all of those who attended. We were at capacity with 80 attendees and a waiting list that was being filled even as the seminar began. Special thanks to Faye Orick, Laura Davis, Vicki Dyer, the Doubletree Hotel Staff, and the NCMA Board for all that they did in making sure that everything was in place. Mr. Criss believe that it was the largest Chapter Hosted NES in all of NCMA and complimented us on our great success.

We look forward to seeing new and familiar faces at our May Membership Luncheon and encourage you to bring a friend or co-worker to attend. I would also like to personally welcome all of our new members who have joined either individually or as part of their NES Registration. I look forward to meeting each of you.

Rebecca Crowe

SPEAKER

Ms. Jamie Keith

Jamie Elliott Keith is a department manager in Supply Chain at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). With 28 years with TVA, she has experience in information management, systems development, benefits management and supply chain and has directed a number of companywide projects. She oversees the contract management activities supporting TVA's River Operations and TVA's Office of Environment and Research. In this role, she and her department were quickly pulled in following the Ash Pond Slide Incident at TVA's Kingston Fossil Plant on December 22, 2008, to provide for immediate emergency support. The group continues in the support of the supply chain needs of the Kingston remediation efforts.

Keith has recently directed TVA's Supplier Diversity and Development staff which coordinates opportunities for qualified small, minority-owned, and woman-owned businesses through the supplier inquiry process, advocacy and outreach activities. In promoting of joint ventures, partnerships, subcontracting relationships and a supplier mentoring program, this staff works to grow diversity in TVA's supplier base and support the TVA mission of economic development. Keith has a Bachelor of Arts from Mount Holyoke College and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She is a member of the TMSDC's Knoxville Advisory Board and a member of the Outcome Based Investment Committee group of the United Way of Greater Knoxville.

HONORS & AWARDS

Congratulations to the following people on their 20 years of NCMA Membership!!

Richard Glenn	Freda Hopper
J. Michael Graham	Barbara Jackson
Al Guidry	Ed Langston
Ronnie Marie Harrison	Paul Whittingham
Jerome Hicks	

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER MEMBER SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



We are proud to announce that Markesha McCants was selected to participate in the 2009-2010 NCMA Contract Management Leadership Development Program (CMLDP). Of the 117 applications received, 20 members were selected for the program this year. The CMLDP is designed to help

develop the next generation of contract management leaders through an intensive year-long educational experience. As a participant, Markesha will receive 180 hours of top quality training in fundamental leadership, soft skills, and contract management.

Markesha is a Contract Specialist with the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Oak Ridge Office (ORO). In this role, she is responsible for performing a complete range of government contracting activities.

She has served as the chapter's Education Chair since 2006 and spearheaded the chapter's first book discussion club, Second Cup of Coffee, a neutral forum to provide contract management professionals an opportunity to openly exchange ideas about a business-related book, network, and learn from one another's experiences. Markesha is a member of her alma mater's, Berea College's Young Alumni Advisory Council and serves on the DOE ORO Federal Women's Program Committee. She has also been active in the Knox County Big Brother Big Sister Program. Markesha holds a B.S. from Berea College in Business Administration with dual concentrations in Marketing and Management and an M.B.A from the University of Tennessee. Markesha resides in Farragut with her husband Ricardo.

Let's congratulate Markesha on a job well done!

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

SCHOLARSHIP & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

One of the Scholarship and Community Relations goals in 2009 is to continue communication with our scholarship recipients throughout the year. The committee tracks the students yearly scholastic and community involvement, and makes them aware of seminars and activities to keep them abreast of procurement and contracting resources. This month, Catrina Adams a 2008 scholarship recipient and Natalie Crippen, a 2007 recipient share some insights on school life.

Catrina Ann Adams is attends Pellissippi State Technical Community College in pursuit of a Associates Degree with an emphasis in International Relations while also working towards an Enterprise Management Degree with UTK. She currently is employed with Starbucks Coffee Company at Turkey Creek as a Certified Barista and supports the elevation of education standards and student/faculty/business integration in Tennessee.

Catrina humbly admits that when she received notification that she was awarded the NCMA scholarship, she was in tears. Her journey toward gaining her college education began over 28 years ago and was abruptly interrupted by her husband's company going out of business; leaving him unemployed. Years later, divorced with two beautiful yet disillusioned teen daughters, Catrina could not fathom being given another chance ~ yet she was.

Catrina has written the following:

At the NCMA scholarship luncheon, Sallee Reynolds of the Hardin Valley Academy spoke to our group. My daughters and two closest friends were in attendance with me. It was there that my daughters' passion for their continuing education flared to a brilliant flame. Now, they are both making concerted and courageous efforts to become all they can be. In helping me, you help my daughters; by helping my daughters, you help me. THANK YOU!!

Thank you National Contract Management members for providing me the opportunity to learn more about contracting and procurement, attending the business luncheons has encouraged me to pursue a career in the discipline and will also be an asset in fine tuning those courses related to the area.

Rose Weaver

TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH 07/01/08	\$ 21,451.15
REVENUE	\$ 8,891.07
EXPENSES	\$ 11,299.72
CASH 10/31/08	\$ 19,042.50



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

Program Schedule

2008 - 2009

September 03, 2008	Membership Meeting 11:30 am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speakers: Jill Albaugh Contracting Officer, DOE-NNSA YSO Judy Wilson Director, Procurement & Contracts DOE - Oak Ridge Office
September 17, 2008	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales, Inc.</i>	
October 01, 2008	Membership Meeting 11:30 am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speaker: Charles "Chuck" Williams Small Business Specialist, NASA
October 22, 2008	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales, Inc.</i>	
November 05, 2008	Membership Meeting 11:30 am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speaker: Sandra Jackson Senior Area Manager, U. S. Small Business Administration
November 19, 2008	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales, Inc.</i>	
December 03, 2008	Membership Meeting 11:30 am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speaker: Bill Wilcox Oak Ridge Historian
December 17, 2008	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales, Inc.</i>	
January 07, 2009	Membership Meeting 11:30 am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speaker: Mary Dagley Copeland Attorney, Contracts and General Law, DOE-ORO
January 21, 2009	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales, Inc.</i>	
February 04, 2009	Membership Meeting 11:30 am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speaker: Panel Senior Contract Manager Table
February 18, 2009	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales, Inc.</i>	

March 04, 2009	Membership Meeting 11:30 am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speaker: Steve McCracken Assistant Manager, Environmental Management
March 18, 2009	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales, Inc..</i>	
April 01, 2009	NES 8:00 am - 4:00 pm <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Topic: Cost Estimating & Contract Pricing
April 15, 2009	Board Meeting 11:30 am <i>Scientific Sales, Inc.</i>	
May 06, 2009	Membership Meeting 11:30 am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speaker: Ms. Jamie Keith
May 20, 2009	Board Meeting 11:30 am Scientific Sales, Inc.	
June 03, 2009	Membership Meeting 11:30 am <i>DoubleTree Hotel</i>	Speaker: TBA