

NCMA Board Elections!!

NCMA Election time has arrived! We have five open elected offices for the 2012-2013 program year which runs from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The five open elective offices are Executive VP, Administrative VP, Education VP, Treasurer and Secretary. Below is the schedule for elected offices. If you are interested in, or would like to nominate a colleague for, an elected office or one of the chair positions please send a nomination to President, Jason Sperling.

- 03/08 Call for Members to Run for Elective Office
- 03/22 Reminder Call to Members
- 03/29 Nominations are Due to the President**
- 04/02 Ballots Distributed Electronically
- 04/09 Ballots Due
- 04/16 Ballots Talled and Election Results Determined
- 04/23 Announcement of Officers
- 04/30 Election Results Reported to Headquarters

The board has all enjoyed serving in 2011-2012. Please feel free to contact any of us for further information.

Position	Nominee	Phone	E-Mail
President	Jason Sperling	372-9818	jbsperli@wch-rcc.com
Exec. VP	Bridget Canazaro	372-4711	bridget.canazaro@pnnl.gov
Admin VP	Carol MacInnis	375-2951	carol.macinnis@pnnl.gov
Education VP	Julie Rottinghaus	438-6300	jrotffin@wch-rcc.com
Secretary	Tess Klatt	372-9522	Tess A Klatt@rl.gov
Treasurer	Monica Chavez	375-2158	monica.chavez@pnnl.gov
Membership Chair	Laurie Cortez	372-9234	lcortez@wch-rcc.com
Awards/Honors Chair	Amber Ames	375-5733	amber.ames@pnnl.gov
Certification/Study Group Chair	Noelle Michaelson	371-2340	nmichael@bechtel.com
Fellows Chair	Paula Miller	375-2685	paula.miller@pnnl.gov
Graalman Chair	Susan Johnson	373-7914	Susan C Johnson@orp.doe.gov

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The NCMA newsletter welcomes your feedback! Please send comments, messages, articles of interest, or letters to the editor: bridget.canazaro@pnnl.gov

Recognition

Want to brag about yourself, a fellow NCMA member, or your contracts team? We do too! Please send information to me at bridget.canazaro@pnnl.gov.

In January, Amber Ames and Paula Miller represented the Columbia Basin NCMA at the Mid Year Leadership Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Amber and Paula brought home the Chapter's Silver Award for the 2011 Graalman submittal! Once again thank you to all of our members who continuously make this chapter shine!



Education News

NCMA Professional Certification – Are you Standing Out Among Your Peers?

The contracting field is growing rapidly—it is imperative that you take the steps now to distinguish yourself from your peers.

Earn a certification from the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) to give new life to your career and set yourself apart from everyone else. NCMA's Certification Program, in existence since 1975, is nationally recognized as the premier certification program for contract professionals.

NCMA Certification....
Validates Your Knowledge of the Field
Increases Your Earning Potential
Enhances Your Professional Stature

NCMA offers a host of text resources to help you in your everyday function, and also to prepare you to take your certification exam. Be sure to visit the online store to view the books available to you.

The next Columbia Basin Chapter CFCM exam is scheduled for May 11, 2012 at 9:15 a.m. at 2435 Stevens Center Place. The exam fee is \$50. Contact Certification Chair, Noelle Michaelson.



Education News

The 2012 CFCM Study Group will have its first meeting, Wednesday, March 14th.

Time: 4:45 p.m.

At: 2435 Stevens Center Place (Bechtel Project Office)

Conference Room 4000

Badges can be obtained by going to the Reception Desk during office hours.

For information, contact our Certification Chair, Noelle Michaelson nmichael@bechtel.com

Upcoming Local Events

March Monthly Meeting

Please attend the Columbia Basin National Contract Management Association (NCMA) general Chapter meeting on **March 8, 2012** at the Richland Red Lion - Hanford House. Our speaker is Alan Rither, assistant general legal counsel for Battelle/PNNL. Alan will be speaking on the topic of Business Ethics. The meeting includes lunch and begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$16 for NCMA members or \$18 for Non-Members. Bring a friend!!

Source Selection: The Best Value Process

March 26-29, 2012 – ESI International will hold this course at Washington State University in Richland. This course is the first in a series of 7 classes that lead to a Master's Certificate in Government Contracting from The George Washington University. To register, contact Brian Phelps at 703-558-3085 or bphelps@esi-intl.com.

April Seminar and Reception - Don't Miss Out!!

April 11, 2012 - 5:30 to 7:30 PM – Reception with Jim Nagle – Open discussion, Q&A session at Chandler Reach Winery in Benton City. Cost: Member: \$20, Nonmember: \$25, and includes wine and appetizers. This is a unique opportunity to get one on one time with one of the authorities on government contracting. The reception is limited to 30 people – Register today!!!

April 12, 2012 – All day Seminar at the Richland Red Lion - Hanford House on "Small Business Contracting" - Government contracting involves small business, both as a prime and subcontractor. The rules on small business contracting are voluminous, complex, and have recently been substantially changed. Come learn about this dynamic and important area. This seminar will be taught by Seattle attorney James F. Nagle, Partner in the law firm Oles, Morrison, Rinker & Baker, LLC. His area of practice includes Construction Law; Contract Preparation, Negotiation, and Administration; Government Contracts; and Commercial Litigation. He has authored numerous books on government contracting and construction contracting and the co-author of the classic Nash Cibinic & Nagle, Fourth Edition, Administration of Government Contracts, just published in 2006. Jim is a frequent lecturer nationwide and for our chapter. Jim is a Former member of the NCMA Board of Directors and a good friend of the Columbia Basin Chapter. This is a chance to get an amazing education experience for the low price of \$200 for members and \$300 for non-members.

Registration for both events is through Education VP, Julie Rottinghaus – flyers will be sent this week!

What's Ethical about Business Ethics? And Lean Manufacturing IMA Seminar

May 19, 2012 – The Association of Accountants and Financial Professional in Business (IMA) is extending NCMA members the IMA rate of \$50 for this Saturday morning, 4 CPE Seminar held at PNNL and Areva. See the attached flyer for registration!

National Events

FAR/DFARS Update – Virtual Conference

March 15, 2012 - Did you miss NCMA's January webinar focused on the FAR/DFAR updates? If so, next week we are bringing you another opportunity to bring your questions to our presenter. Member cost is \$189 and you can register online at the NCMA website.

The Bid Protest Frenzy: Is the GAO still the Best Forum – Virtual Conference

March 26, 2012 - In this webinar, Professors Nash and Schooner, together with their special guest, Ralph White, Managing Associate General Counsel for Procurement Law at the GAO, will address the cutting-edge issues regarding GAO protests. Register for this seminar or the whole hot topic series at <http://www.cvent.com>.

Performance Based Acquisition – Virtual Conference

March 28, 2012 - 3PM to 7PM - A great PBA strategy is vital to contracting success and they know this event will deliver exactly what they need. What are your PBA objectives? Whatever they may be, don't let this event go on without you! Member cost is \$225 and you can register online at the NCMA website.

Aerospace + Defense Management Conference 2012

March 22-23, Austin Texas - This year's conference focuses on "Acquisition Leadership and Collaboration - Navigating through the Storm of Adversity & Challenge." The current situation of budget/deficit, wartime, and adversity issues will each be addressed. Member cost is \$775 and you can register online at the NCMA website.

Leadership Summit and NCMA World Congress 2012 – Register NOW online at the NCMA website

July 28, 2012 - Join us for Leadership Summit, held in conjunction with World Congress! Come meet and learn from your peers, network with national leaders, and obtain chapter management advice!

July 29–August 1, 2012 - This premier conference focuses on the most critical challenges of the professionals from both government and industry. High-profile panelists and speakers, invaluable education sessions, and a truly inspirational networking community provide attendees with innovative ideas they can use back in the office!

