



NCMA Newsletter

Columbia Basin Chapter – April 2015

2015 – 2016 Election for NCMA Board

As we approach and prepare for the end of the 2014 – 2015 NCMA program year, we must also look ahead to next year.

There are five open elective offices:

1. Executive VP – Shadows the President to assume duties as President in the following program year, and to act as President during the President’s absence.
2. Administrative VP – Arranges for speakers for the monthly meetings, handles logistical arrangements for all Chapter meetings, and maintains the current member address roster.
3. Education VP – Arranges for all educational speakers, seminars, and events. (This is an extremely important Chapter function as education activities are our principal revenue generator.)
4. Treasurer – Maintains the Chapter’s books of account and makes all payment obligations of the Chapter.
5. Secretary – Makes all permanent records of the Chapter Board of Directors meetings and decisions.

The election schedule is as follows:

- 03/11/15 Call for Members to Run for Elective Office
- 03/18/15 Reminder Call to Members
- 03/25/15 Nominations are Due to the President
- 04/06/15 Ballots Distributed Electronically
- 04/20/15 Ballots Due
- 04/27/15 Ballots Talled and Election Results Determined
- 04/30/15 Announcement of Officers
- 04/30/15 Election Results Reported to Headquarters

You don’t have to be an elected Board Member in order to be involved! We need people to serve as Committee Chairs for Membership, Graalman, Newsletter, Webmaster, Awards/Honors, or Fellows. If you’re interested in serving as a Committee Chair for the 2015 – 2016 program year or would like more info, please contact Monica Chavez at Monica.Chavez@pnnl.gov.



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

NCMA's Professional Certification Programs

Are you looking for a way to boast your career potential and earn the recognition you deserve? NCMA offers several Professional Certification Programs, which are outlined below. The CPCM, CFCM, and CCCM are certifications awarded to candidates who meet rigorous standards, including experience, education, training, and knowledge. They are professional destinations of distinction, and carry the respect of their peers in the profession. The NCMA professional certification program is designed to elevate professional standards, enhance individual performance, and distinguish those who demonstrate knowledge essential to the practice of contract management.

Certified Professional Contracts Manager (CPCM) certification demonstrates that you have met NCMA's highest standards for education, training, and experience, and have demonstrated your knowledge of the contract management competencies in the Contract Management Body of Knowledge. It's NCMA's senior and most prestigious certification.

Certified Federal Contracts Manager (CFCM) certification validates your education, training, experience and your knowledge of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

Certified Commercial Contracts Manager (CCCM) certification validates your education, training, experience and your knowledge of the Uniform Commercial Code.

For more information, check out the NCMA Certification Brochure attached to the newsletter email or visit the NCMA website at <http://www.ncmahq.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/content.cfm?ItemNumber=6086&navItemNumber=9985>.

Gold Graalman Award

While our Board Member Brianna Durkin was attending NCMA's Spring Chapter Leader Summit in Tyson's Corner, VA on March 13th, she was able to accept Columbia Basin's Gold Graalman Award on behalf of the. Congratulations Columbia Basin Chapter Board for 2013 - 2014!

Pictured below: Michael Fischetti, NCMA Executive Director, Brianna Durkin, and Larry Trowel, NCMA Board of Directors 2014-2015, President.



NCMA Pins

NCMA Headquarters will no longer be providing membership pins. However, the Columbia Basin Chapter is looking into providing these pins based on the number of years a person has been a member of NCMA. Look for more information on this in our next newsletter.

NCMA CFCM Mock Exam for Certification

We are providing a mock exam for the Certified Federal Contracts Manager (CFCM) certification. This certification validates your education, training, experience and your knowledge of the Federal Acquisition Regulations. The mock exam will take place on Friday, May 8, 2015 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm, with check in and seating arrangement starting at 12:45pm in the CSF Conference Room Mural, Room 1508 on the PNNL campus (3300 Stevens Drive, Richland, WA 99354). Please make sure to be prompt.

If you are interested in participating in the mock exam, please send your RSVP to Katie Dickenson at katie.dickenson@pnnl.gov by Friday, May 1, 2015.

Note from Brianna Durkin on NCMA event Subcontract Management Training Forum.

I again had the opportunity of attending one of NCMA's newest events last month, the Subcontract Management Training Forum (SMTF), held in Tyson's Corner, VA on March 12 and 13, 2015. This event was recently created out of an apparent demand for professional subcontract management training with an emphasis on how this is a growing area of the contract management field. Several keynote addresses were provided as well exemplary executive panels. Of particular note was the an address by Lieutenant General Wendy Masiello, United States Air Force, of the Defense Contract Management Association and a particularly timely (and fun!) presentation by an organizational leadership duo who brought to light the issue of generational gaps in the workforce and ways in which both the Baby Boomers and Millennials can work to overcome and bridge the gap.

As always, the breakout sessions provided excellent information, though this time on a variety of topics surrounding subcontract management only (although all still in alignment with NCMA's Contract Management Body of Knowledge). Highlights of the breakout sessions included a deep dive into understanding contractor purchasing system reviews, steps to conducting successful strategic sourcing, and understanding FAR flow downs to subcontractors. I knew this would be of particular interest to many across the variety of our Columbia Basin membership body as this is what many of you do! When and what clauses to flow down is always a tricky subject to navigate (instructions for downloading this presentation material below). There was a wealth of knowledge shared at these sessions from both the experts presenting and those from industry and government sector of contract management. I am amazed by the talent we have working in this field – seeing the cross sharing of information at this event was so inspiring.

I highly encourage you to take a look at the NCMA website for the event and download the presentation slides for each of the sessions - they are free for NCMA members! You can do this just by logging in, going to the SMTF event webpage (under the "Events" tab), finding the session you're interested in, and then clicking on the little PDF icon next to the session name.

Next up for the NCMA 2015 events is World Congress in July in Dallas, TX! Hope to see you there!

New Memberships

If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a NCMA member, make sure to grab an application for them to fill out. The Columbia Basin Chapter gets \$25 for every new membership submitted by us.

Your name will be entered into a drawing for every person you refer and who signs up for a membership. The drawing will take place at the end of the year event and the winner will receive a \$50 cash gift card!

Nonmember Participation

You don't have to be a NCMA member to participate in the meetings, trainings, and events that NCMA organizes.

If you have a coworker or work associate that would like to receive NCMA email notifications, they can contact Angie Gagnon at Angelita.Gagnon@rl.gov to be added to the distribution list.



Upcoming Local Events

April 2015 Educational Meeting

Join NCMA Columbia Basin Chapter for our Educational Meeting on “Compliance Hot Topics: Small Business Subcontracting Plans and Representations and Certifications” that will take place on **Thursday, April 23, 2015**.

The meeting includes lunch and begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 for NCMA members or \$20 for Non-Members (cash or check only please). Send RSVP by Noon on 04/21/2015 to Katie.Dickenson@pnnl.gov.

The presentation “Compliance Hot Topics” is designed for industry professionals and will keep them abreast of significant developments in small business subcontracting plans to include updates on penalties and plan requirements. Also covered are current developments in representations and certifications affecting both company compliance plans and Agency contracting officer’s oversight responsibilities.

Speaker: Howard Roth

Howard Roth has 25 years of government contract law experience. He advises contractors on how to win contracts and resolve disputes. He represents clients on a broad range of government contracts and related litigation matters, including bid protests, contract disputes, claims preparation and litigation, rights in technical data, internal investigations and audits, as well as maritime contract and ship repair matters. He is a former president of the Norfolk NCMA Chapter. Howard’s experience ranges from serving as Commissioner at the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals to private practice, and most recently service as Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at the Army’s Regional Support Command (RSC) in California. At the RSC, he resolved matters for contracting officers on RFPs, contract negotiations and discussions, protests, claims, and contractor compliance. Howard also served as Chief Government Contract Law for a nationwide military command. He was recalled to active Army Judge Advocate General duty in 2000 as a trial team chief at the Army Contract Appeals Division litigating bid protests and contract appeals. Prior to being recalled to active duty, Howard was in private practice representing government contractors in the maritime, construction, and professional services industries. He is a Lieutenant Colonel, Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps, USA (Retired).

May 2015 Educational Meeting

The May 2015 educational meeting will be on the State of the Hanford VIT Plant Project and will be presented by staff from WTP (Bechtel National, Inc). So make sure to save the date, May 14, 2015.

NCMA Columbia Basin Chapter End of the Year Celebration

Save the date for the Columbia Basin Chapter end of the year celebration. The event will take place on Thursday, June 25, 2015. More details to come soon!



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and Expo – Expand your network!*
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