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A Message From The President

BRIDGET CANAZARO



Dear Columbia Basin Members,

I am absolutely thrilled to serve as the Chapter President for 2012-2013! The Columbia Basin Chapter of NCMA is one of the strongest in the nation and the board and I will work to build upon that outstanding history.

A little bit about me... I hail from, well, Bechtel basically! I grew up in the Bechtel family and called California, Maryland, Mississippi, Florida, and Oregon home. As many of the Bechtel children I became an employee in 2003, having no idea what my role as procurement specialist meant or would hold for me. Fortuitously, it was my start on a rewarding and diverse career. After 2 ½ years at Bechtel and 3 ½ years at Oregon Iron Works, I ended up at my current position in the International Programs at Battelle/Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. My 3 years at PNNL have been exciting and rewarding including travel to all over the globe and working with some of the most talented people I have ever encountered.

I am an extremely proud and fanatic Florida State Seminole and a loyal 49er, Eagle, and Seahawk fan (long story). Because of that fall is my absolutely favorite time of the year and I can't wait for September!

You will notice this year we are mixing things up a bit. We are going to try different times, locations, and events to create some diversity and reach more of our members. On that note, Dennis Miller has created a membership survey available via e-mail or online at <http://ncmacolumbiabasin.com/>. Please take a few moments to fill out. WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!!

Speaking of the website, the talented Jennifer Ogren has updated it and it looks fabulous, check it out!

I sincerely hope that you will enjoy this year of the chapter and come to as many of the meetings and events as your busy schedules allow. See you all soon!!

~Bridget

Recent news that you can use for contracting professionals

U.S. Government Joins False Claims Act Lawsuit Against the Gallup Organization

“The United States has joined a whistleblower lawsuit against The Gallup Organization, the Justice Department announced today. The lawsuit was filed by Michael Lindley, a former Gallup employee, who alleges that Gallup violated the False Claims Act by making false claims for payment under contracts with the U.S. Mint, the State Department and other federal agencies to provide polling services for various government programs.

According to the whistleblower’s complaint, Gallup violated the False Claims Act by giving the government inflated estimates of the number of hours that it would take to perform its services, even though it had separate and lower internal estimates of the number of hours that would be required.

The complaint further alleges that the government paid Gallup based on the inflated estimates, rather than Gallup’s lower internal estimates. The government intervened in the lawsuit with respect to Gallup’s contracts with the Mint and the State Department.”

Read more about the complaint at: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2012/August/12-civ-1036.html>

Department of Energy Inquiry Into the Y-12 National Security Complex, IG-0868

“We initiated this inquiry to identify the circumstances surrounding the Y-12 National Security Complex breach because of the importance of ensuring the safe and secure storage of nuclear materials. Our review found that the Y-12 security incident represented multiple system failures on several levels. We identified troubling displays of ineptitude in responding to alarms, failures to maintain critical security equipment, over reliance on compensatory measures, misunderstanding of security protocols, poor communications, and weaknesses in contract and resource management.

Contractor governance and Federal oversight failed to identify and correct early indicators of these multiple system breakdowns. When combined, these issues directly contributed to an atmosphere in which the trespassers could gain access to the protected security area directly adjacent to one of the Nation’s most critically important and highly secured weapons-related facilities. We noted that following the incident, Y-12 and the National Nuclear Security Administration took a number of actions designed to improve security at the site. However, the successful intrusion at Y-12 raised serious questions about the overall security approach at the facility.”

Read the entire IG Report at: <http://energy.gov/ig/downloads/inquiry-security-breach-national-nuclear-security-administrations-y-12-national>



EDUCATION NEWS

CFCM, CCCM, CPCM

The Columbia Basin Chapter has scheduled Group Study Sessions for members interested in testing for the following certifications.

There is a CFCM testing scheduled for Saturday, December 1st at the Bechtel Project Office (2435 Stevens Center Place) for a proctored exam for anyone who submits and has their CFCM application approved.

For meeting times, group availability, or testing locations contact Noelle Michaelson.

UPCOMING EVENT

Don't be shy...JOIN US!

**Thursday, September 13, 2012: Commercial Grade Dedication
11am at O'Callahan's Restaurant (Shilo Inn)**

Join us for our first event of the 2012-2013 year! The board is pleased to welcome our guest speaker, Mr. David Faulkner. David Faulkner has over thirty seven years in nuclear operations, maintenance, quality assurance, and engineering in government and commercial nuclear facilities, and in the naval nuclear program. He has extensive experience in project management, field assessment, operations and operations oversight, start-up of nuclear facilities and activities, nuclear safety work processes, conduct of engineering, authorization basis development and approval, quality assurance, and the development and presentation of classroom training. Mr. Faulkner is a recognized expert in conduct of operations, facility maintenance, quality assurance, commercial grade dedication, and nuclear safety management processes.

Visit <http://ncmacolumbiabasin.com/events.html> for all the event details

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VIA E-MAIL OR IN PERSON

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Scan in a copy and e-mail to ncmacolumbiabasin@yahoo.com
or bring your completed survey to the next member's meeting



ON THE WEB

Anonymous survey access by clicking on the link below:

[https://
www.surveymonkey.com/s/
NCMACY12MemberSurvey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NCMACY12MemberSurvey)

No login, no account, no names, nothing required to give your candid feedback.

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)



Presented by Michael McLean, CFE, CGFM, CITP, CMA, CPA is an entrepreneur, educator, and business valuator. He is CFO of an electronics firm in San Jose. Mr. McLean's business experience spans 35 years of running troubled businesses, with 15 successful turnarounds, and 35 years of Controllership and CFO experience, both contractor to the federal government & commercial companies. Mr. McLean has been an instructor in IMA's REAP program since its inception, and he ran a successful CMA/CFM review course that was offered in 26 cities twice a year in the 1980's and 1990's. More recently, he is an associate professor in the Atkinson Graduate School at Willamette University, where he teaches finance and accounting, since 1979.

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8 hours of Continuing Professional Education Credits

Tuesday, **November 13**, 2012

Red Lion Hotel Hanford House Richland, 802 George Washington Way,
Richland, WA 99352 (phone 509-946-7611)

(If staying the night, request **IMA group rate**, which is government per diem \$93 +tax)

Learn:

- **International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)-at the journal entry level not the usual 40,000' view**
- **Joint IFRS & FASB project (new balance sheet that doesn't balance, income statement looks like statement of cash flows, and the soon to be required 4th reconciling statement)**
- **New review & compilation language, and requirements to perform audit steps**

7am	Registration, Full Breakfast, network/socialize
8am	Morning session
12/noon	Lunch
1pm	Afternoon session
4:30pm	Seminar Ends

VISA & Master Card Accepted

(If paying by Credit Card, please contact Lisa Copeland at 509-371-6623 or Lisa.Copeland@pnnl.gov)

Questions: **Dawnelle Donovan-Copeman** (509) **372-6123** or dawnelle.donovan-copeman@pnnl.gov

REGISTRATION FORM (Register by October 29):

IMA/IIA Member: \$245

Non-IMA/IIA Member: \$300 (w/\$50 discount on IMA membership if join within 30 days)

Student/unemployed/retired Member: \$70; Non-member \$120.

Half day (w/ lunch): \$180 member, \$240 non-member, \$50 student member, \$100 student non-member

Payable to: **Institute of Management Accountants**

Mail to: IMA Seminar, P.O. Box 457, Richland, WA 99352

Name w/certifications: _____ Telephone: _____
(Enter name as you would like it to appear on your nametag + certification initials)

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