



Welcome Note from 2015 – 2016 President, Dolly Richards

Welcome to Program Year 2015-2016! This year is going to be a great year! As a member of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) since 2005, I have come to expect great things from this Chapter and, as your new President, I look forward continuing in that tradition. With the help of the Executive Board and Chapter Committees, we plan to bring you useful, insightful, educational information through various luncheons, networking events, and seminars.

The Columbia Basin Chapter is here to serve our members and I want to make sure that you are getting everything you expect from this organization. It is my belief that as a professional organization it takes not only the Executive Board and Committee Members, but also the input and expertise of our entire membership to garner the biggest benefit to all. With that said, I welcome any suggestions or recommendations that you may have for our chapter. I can be contacted by email at dolly.a.richards@hotmail.com.

Finally, I invite you to plan to attend our monthly events. The complete calendar of events will be posted on our website.

Dolly Richards



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

Message from Outgoing President Monica Chavez

As I reflect back on the past couple of years as Executive Vice President and President, I'm completely delighted and confident that as chapter, we are heading in a positive direction to support contracts professionals in our area. This is something we should be proud of as leaders of this organization because without the involvement that each of you have given we could not have this success. I feel truly honored to have had the opportunity of being president of the chapter this last year and serving on the board the previous three years. I have had the opportunity to work alongside such wonderful and professional individuals to bring meaningful content to our membership. As a team we are offering networking that works, educational programs for all levels of careers, and an environment that is welcoming to new members. As we look to the future, it is my hope that we all continue to reach out to those who may not understand the benefits of becoming involved and mentor them so that they are able to experience all of the benefits of not only the chapter, but the benefits of NCMA in general. Thank you so much for your continued support and hope to see you at a future event.

Monica Chavez

Why Be a Member?

NCMA provides contract professionals in the private and public sectors, buying and selling worlds, the knowledge and connections that offer lifetime career management through Webinars, Professional Certification Programs, Chapter Affiliation, National Educational Seminars as well as Networking Opportunities with Industry Leaders. If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a member refer them to the following link:

<http://ncmacolumbiabasin.com/membershipapplication.pdf>

2015 – 2016 NCMA Columbia Basin Chapter Board Members

President

- Dolly Richards

Executive VP

- Brianna Durkin

Administrative VP

- Claudia Carson

Education VP

- Erin Phillips

Treasurer

- Kenneth Blaine

Secretary

- Angie Gagnon

2015 – 2016 NCMA Columbia Basin Chapter Chair Positions

Membership Chair

- Robert McNaughton

Membership Assistant Chair

- Dennis Miller

Administrative & Education VP Chair

- Abby Sanchez

Media/Newsletter Chair/Registration Desk Chair/Collections

- Katie Dickenson

Certifications Chair

- Noelle Michaelson

Webmaster Chair

- Garrett Hyatt

Graalman Chair

- Ashley Coronado

Fellows/Honors/Awards Chair

- Monica Chavez

Memo to: Columbia Basin Chapter President and Annual Report Preparers

Date: September 14, 2015

Subject: Walter R. Graalman Award Announcement


The Awards and Honors Working Group reviewed your Chapter Annual Report (CAR) for the Program Year July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. On behalf of NCMA's Awards and Honors Working Group and the Graalman Review Team, I am pleased to congratulate you for your work as reflected in your CAR submission. As a result of your timely and complete submittal, as well as the Review Team's overall assessment, you have qualified to receive a **Gold Graalman Award**. The award will be presented at an award ceremony at the Fall Chapter Leader Summit on Sunday evening, December 13, 2015 at The Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC.

The Graalman Award recognizes chapters that provide the best value to members, taking into account the demographics and unique aspects of the chapter. In completing the CAR, NCMA's goals and objectives were considered in connecting the chapter and NCMA. The Graalman Award serves as recognition for chapter excellence and the demonstration of effective chapter operations.

Congratulations in your work toward the National Objectives as reflected in your CAR, which clearly shows you have worked toward bringing value to your membership and the association as a whole. The Graalman criteria established early in NCMA's history serves as a good tool to plan and report on accomplishments.

We look forward to seeing you continue your excellent work in the coming year.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL P. FISCHETTI, J.D., CPCM, FELLOW
NCMA Executive Director

Special HAPPY HOUR Networking Event Thursday, Oct 1st

Come celebrate the end of Fiscal Year 2015 and mingle with members of the Chapter while relaxing with some appetizers – on the house from your NCMA board! The event takes place at [That Place](#) from 5pm to 6:30pm.

Please send your RSVP by Noon on September 30, 2015 to

Katie.Dickenson@pnnl.gov.

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.



NCMA CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

CFCM	CCCM	CPCM
Certified Federal Contracts Manager	Certified Commercial Contracts Manager	Certified Professional Contracts Manager
Bachelor's Degree 1-year CM experience 80 hours CPE Non-degreed needs 10 years contract management experience Certification Application Cost \$150 member/non-member \$325 (incl. 1-year complimentary membership)	Bachelor's Degree 1-year CM experience 80 hours CPE Non-degreed needs 10 years contract management experience Certification Application Cost \$150 member/non-member \$325 (incl. 1-year complimentary membership)	Bachelor's Degree 5-year CM experience 120 hours CPE No waiver of education requirement Certification Application Cost \$199 member/non-member \$375 (incl. 1-year complimentary membership)

Link to NCMA Certification program:

<http://www.ncmahq.org/learn-and-advance/certification>

Alternatives to taking exams at Kryterion Learning Centers (incl. Vivid Learning Center – Richland)

- NCMA will continue to offer exams on site at its annual World Congress, at the Aerospace and Defense Conference in the spring, at the Government Contract Management Conference in the fall, and at other selected locations. There is no cost for exams for candidates who have an approved and paid application.
- Local NCMA chapters may request authorization to host exams on site. The Columbia Basin Chapter is authorized to host exams on site for \$50, payable to NCMAHQ.
Contact : Noelle Michaelson (Certification Chair) - nmichael@bechtel.com

Upcoming Local Events

Mark your calendar! You don't want to miss these events!

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October Educational Luncheon Meeting – Thursday, October 15, 2015

First Program Year Luncheon

Trust - The Biggest Liability of All: Techniques to develop price objectives without relying on contractor supplied data presented by Mike Terrell at the Richland Community Center. More info to follow.

November Educational Luncheon Meeting – Thursday, November 12, 2015

Greening Your Purchases– How to Stay Compliant with Federal Sustainable Acquisitions Requirements presented by Brianna Durkin on the PNNL campus - EMSL Rm 1075. More info to follow.

Holiday Networking Social with ISM – Friday, December 4, 2015

There will be a short presentation on Career Development presented by Brad Edwards at the Meadow Springs Country Club. More info to follow.