

## From Our President

NCMA JAX Team,

There is a lot going on within NCMA. Our CFCM study group is up and running, new programs are coming together for the monthly events, and membership continues to grow. Thanks to these offerings NCMA JAX is providing opportunities for you to grow in your career. I learned something new about the month of January and it's something that is alive and well at NCMA JAX. This activity may not be something we offer officially within NCMA as a program or a service, but I believe it certainly happens in an informal setting as our members develop professional relationships with one another. This is "mentoring" and January is recognized as National Mentoring Month, a chance to shine a spotlight on the importance of relationships and the impact of mentoring, both inside and outside of the workplace.

Mentorship is important to us within NCMA JAX, and I am absolutely certain that members are drawn to our group in search of mentors to help them navigate various aspects of federal contracting, business development, and compliance. I am proud of the programs we offer that facilitate this engagement and often lead to more permanent mentor-mentee relationships within our chapter. The relationship is not based on seniority within the chapter or career experience, but anyone can find themselves in this position to provide a level of expertise, experience, energy or empathy to a fellow chapter

## Calendar

**02/08/2023 @ 11:45 AM**

NCMA Space Coast

Chapter Webinar

[Marketing Tips for Federal Contractors](#)

**02/09/2023 @ 12:00 PM**

NCMA HQ Webinar

[International Contracting](#)

[Pt 1: Special](#)

[Considerations](#)

**02/23/2023 @ 11:30AM**

NCMA JAX Webinar

[Managing Workplace](#)

[Stress with Emotional](#)

[Intelligence](#)

**03/08/2023 @ 12:00 PM**

NCMA HQ Webinar

[Overview of NCMA](#)

[Certification](#)

**03/29/2023 - 03/30/2023**

NCMA HQ Live Event

Arlington, VA

[SubCon Training](#)

[Workshops](#)

## New

member. I would encourage this outreach. So maybe this month is your month to reach out, maybe even tomorrow, and give someone a call that you have not touched base with in some time and offer your assistance or advice. It is the quality of our engagements within the chapter that make us whole and more unified as a group. In my time in NCMA, I'd call out a few of you for sure, but maybe Jim Krause is a stand out. Don't everyone call him at once though. Jim is a mentor to many in my opinion.

As the New Year unfolds, start thinking about the plans you made or the goals you set for 2023. Are they going to materialize? Will you reach your objectives? Are your initiatives clear and concise? If you are unsure or need some follow-up, use the chapter's diverse network to help you achieve your desired end-state in your career, your business endeavors, or your personal life. Facilitate that mentor-mentee relationship. This is the month!

As always, thank you for your continued support and contributions to the Chapter. We make a difference together!



**Michael Scuteri, CFCM**  
Chapter President

## Members

Welcome to our newest chapter members:

- Jill Baughman
- Madison Harrell
- Amy Honey
- Parvez Moksudor

## Member Milestones

Congratulations to NCMA Jacksonville members celebrating membership anniversaries.

- Leigh Brandy - 1
- Dawn Brown - 19
- Jennifer Carter - 1
- Shirley Courtney - 16
- Susan Dela Cruz - 16
- John Griffin - 1
- Rita Lyons - 2
- Victor Mercado - 16
- Charles Pourciau - 3
- Stephanie Sompotan - 13
- Molleka Swain - 8
- Shelly Vongchanta - 2
- Brittany Wakefield - 1

# Next Webinar: February 23, 2023



## WEBINAR: MANAGING WORKPLACE STRESS WITH EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

**February 23, 2023**

11:30AM - 1:00PM; Meeting via Zoom Call

Join us for a discussion on how to manage workplace stress using Emotional Intelligence.

A study conducted in 2012 analyzed the correlation between job stress and emotional intelligence. The study proved there was an inverse correlation between the total score of EI and the level of job stress. Amongst the factors of EI, self-awareness and self-management scores had a major inverse relationship with the levels of job stress. Ultimately, people with high emotional intelligence have less stress.

The good news is that emotional intelligence can be taught, so no need to live with the stress!

**Tom Koponen** is a Subcontracts Manager at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He served as the NCMA San Gabriel Valley Chapter President for 3 years and currently the Chapter Advisor. Tom was the Distinguished Graduate of the NCMA Contract Management Leadership Development Program (CMLDP) class of 2020. He began his acquisition career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 2010 after graduating from San Diego State University. He is DAWIA certified in Purchasing, Acquisitions, Contracts Management and Program Management from the Defense Acquisition University.

Tom is an NCMA Certified Federal Contracts Manager (CFCM). Tom's studies of Acting, Film, Psychology and Leadership enable him to understand why people make certain decisions and respond in certain ways based on their emotions. His high emotional intelligence has helped him to understand and manage his reactions and build strong relationships both within his career and personal life.



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## More NCMA JAX Members Earn Certifications

Congratulations to NCMA JAX member **Ashley Mann** for passing her CFCM certification exam last week. Also, congratulations to **Shelly Vongchanta** who earned her CPCM certification in December. Way to go!

## OFPP Adopts NCMA's CMS as Foundation for New Contractor Training System

Congratulations to NCMA HQ on the adoption of its [Contract Management Standard™](#) by the [Office of Federal Procurement Policy \(OFPP\)](#) as the foundation of a new contracting training and development system for civilian agencies! OFPP joins the Department of Defense and many companies in adopting the ANSI-approved CMS™.

NCMA worked long and hard and expended considerable resources to obtain American National Standards Institute (ANSI) approval for the CMS™ and ANSI accreditation for the Certified Professional Contract Manager™ (CPCM™), Certified Contract Management Associate (CCMA), and Certified Federal Contract Manager™ (CFCM™) certifications. The CCMA is the ANSI-accredited exam for the CMS™ and is gaining recognition as the professional certification for those entering our profession.

Adoption of the NCMA CMS™ as the foundation for all federal contract management training and development is a huge step toward a common language for practice and allows greater talent mobility across Government agencies. The entire NCMA community should be proud of their vision and investment in a standard that has won such widespread adoption and endorsement.