



From Our President

Greetings, NCMA Jacksonville!

The Jacksonville Chapter has served as the “face of NCMA” for Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia for over 38 years. Through workshops, training programs, volunteerism, certification support, and more, the chapter has embodied a culture of excellence in advancing the contract management profession. With that in mind, it is my genuine honor and privilege to serve as this program year’s chapter President. Thank you for this opportunity.

Additionally, I would like to offer heartfelt thanks to Mike Groeger for his diligence and commitment in service as chapter President for the past two years. Under Mike’s leadership, the chapter has flourished, new leaders have emerged, and countless members provided education, training and certifications.

Further, I am appreciative to those individuals who have volunteered to serve as members of the 2020-2021 Executive Council. Most are continuing multiple years of service; their experience, coupled with the fresh ideas of our new council members, will undoubtedly continue to elevate the quality of offerings to all members.

These are truly atypical times under which we begin this program year. Challenges and opportunities in the way we all do business require agility, ingenuity, and decisiveness. This is no less the case with our chapter. I look forward to working

Calendar

07/01/2020 - 08/31/2020

[NCMA JAX Member Survey](#) open for responses

08/05/2020 - 12/02/2020

NCMA JAX CFCM Study Group (via Zoom)
See details below

08/13/2020, 12:00PM

[Webinar: Buy American Act/Trade Agreements Act](#)
NCMA National Event

10/13/2020

[Construction Law in FL Webcast](#) (non-NCMA)
The Seminar Group

Member Milestones

Congratulations to our NCMA JAX members celebrating membership anniversaries:

- Rosemary Clemons (4)
- Margaret Florez (2)
- Frank Lorentzen (8)
- John Nash (2)

with the Executive Council to find innovative ways to present events and education that continue to positively impact the association and organizations of each member. Given that, I kindly ask that you consider two contributions:

- Melissa Parker (2)
- Carla Riley (6)
- Dolly Sedwick (8)

1. Share your program needs and requests via the [Annual Membership Survey](#) before August 31, 2020.
2. Commit to **chapter involvement** to the extent possible. Share your ideas, attend events, volunteer to present, join a study group. Numerous opportunities exist to make a difference—our continued success depends on the involvement of our members.

Looking forward to another remarkable year!

Wanda Wallace; CPCM, CFCM

Chapter President

Contract Management Competency Assessment - MEMBER BENEFIT AT NO COST!

Do you need learning recommendations for beginner, intermediate, or advanced levels of your continuous learning journey? Do you know your level of competency in contract management?

Both can now be determined through NCMA's newly launched [Contract Management Competency Assessment](#), a complimentary online tool available exclusively to NCMA members!

CFCM Study Group Goes Virtual

The local Certified Federal Contract Manager (CFCM) study group will be held online this year. Classes begin 8/5/2020 and will continue meeting every two weeks through 12/2/2020. Sessions will start at 6:30PM (ET) and go no longer than 8:30PM (ET). Please contact VP (Education / Certification) Linda Hosey, CFCM at lindahosey1@gmail.com to sign up for the study group or for additional information.

2020-21 Membership Survey Is Live!

Jacksonville Chapter leaders use the Annual Membership Survey to develop and execute meaningful programs, educational activities, and networking opportunities each Program Year. Chapter programs and other events are intended to educate, train, inform, and/or entertain members. We need some basic information about YOU to tailor events and activities to your individual needs. This year's Survey will be available on-line only. Your response should take no longer than 5 minutes and can be anonymous.



NCMA JAX Membership - Not Just for Locals



This month's honoree is Lucia Woods, who has been an NCMA member since 2011. She currently works as a Project Manager for APTIM Federal Services in Agana, Guam (Where America's Day Begins). Her project involves hardening the POL infrastructure for the Guam main base. Prior to that effort, she was Project Manager on another project at Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. She says she didn't know anyone on Guam when she

arrived two years ago. She quickly became active in the local contracting community and now serves on the Board of Directors of the [Guam Contractors Association](#) and as an officer in the [National Association of Women in Construction \(NAWC\) Guam](#).

Although there is no active NCMA chapter on Guam, Lucia shares [Contract Management Magazine](#) and other NCMA resources with her co-workers, as well as other contractors in the area. For most contractors, this is the first time they they will ever hear of NCMA and what it can do for their businesses. Her best advice is to invest in your workforce; encourage and empower your employees to make themselves better. Put yourself out there! In her free time, she enjoys SCUBA diving and participating as an active member of the Lions Club of America.

Florida 8(a) Alliance - Is It Right for You?

Are you a business owner or manager? Does your firm do business with the federal or state government, or would you like to? NCMA Jacksonville Chapter currently partners with several other educational and training activities in the local area to supplement our own programs and events. One partner is the Florida 8(a) Alliance, a non-profit organization with a mission to strengthen, train, educate, and promote 8(a) and other small businesses in Florida. Whether it's learning about getting 8(a) certified, doing business in the Federal Marketplace, or just looking for networking opportunities, the Florida 8(a) Alliance supports all businesses. Industry experts from government agencies, large business partners, consultants, universities, and other small businesses are continually cultivated to share their knowledge in a variety of training environments.

NCMA JAX Chapter will partner with the Florida 8(a) Alliance in the coming year to provide a wider assortment of training, education, and networking. Learn more at Info@florida8a.org. Look for links to Alliance newsletters and other events in our monthly newsletters.

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