



## From Our President

Dear Members,

Thank you to everyone that participated in this year's Member Survey. The survey ends on August 31<sup>st</sup>, and we are looking forward to reviewing and incorporating your responses in the chapter's plans. The survey may have ended, but we still want to hear from you. Your ideas, needs, and suggestions for improvement are welcomed throughout the program year. Please feel free to reach out to me directly or to any member of the chapter's Executive Council.

NCMA hosted its first Virtual World Congress on July 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Despite the short period in which the transition was made from an in-person format, the event was well organized, educational and rewarding. Feel free to click the following link for my notes from the sessions attended:

[Notes from World Congress 2020.docx](#)

I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to have been in attendance and highly recommend future virtual national events should they become necessary.

Study group sessions for the Certified Federal Contracts Manager (CFCM) examination began on August 5<sup>th</sup>, with five eager participants and a 6<sup>th</sup> joining by the second week. Special thanks are extended to Linda Hosey, CFCM, for quickly organizing the classes and to the volunteer facilitators giving of their time to assist our future CFCMs. There's still time for a couple more students, if anyone is interested in joining.

## Calendar

**08/27/2020 - Webinar FL 8(A) Alliance: [HUBZone Certification - Benefits for a Small Business Owner](#) (Free)**

**08/28/2020 - Zoom Call [NCMA JAX Kickoff Mixer](#)**

**10/13/2020**  
[Construction Law in FL Webcast](#) (non-NCMA)  
The Seminar Group

## New Members

Welcome to our newest chapter members:

- Leigh Bandy  
(Transfer from Battlefield Dulles Chapter)
- Joan Demers

Please note: The chapter now has a new LinkedIn page: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/ncma-jacksonville-chapter>

Please follow us there and on Twitter, and "Like Us" on Facebook to stay on top of events! Let's stay connected and keep striving for excellence in the contracting community!

**Wanda Wallace; CPCM, CFCM**

Chapter President

## Member Milestones

Congratulations to our NCMA JAX members celebrating membership anniversaries:

Paige Blechinger (6)   Libia Cristancho (1)   Thresa Giles (5)   Heather Lovejoy (5)  
Kathleen Moorman (8)   Jennifer Otero, (4)   Andrew Page (4)   William Soutar (8)  
Trey Tackling (3)   Stephen Toloczko (4)

## 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 Leigh Bandy, CFCM, who has been an NCMA member (off and on) for over 15 years but continuously since 2012. He explained his breaks in membership by noting several overseas assignments to areas without any NCMA presence. He comes to us from Battlefield-Dulles Chapter and currently works for US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Savannah District where he has been Deputy Chief of Contracting / Business Operations Branch Chief for the past three years. He admits that working remotely and managing others presents a unique challenge. His previous employer was USACE Transatlantic Division in Winchester, VA where he was a Senior Procurement Analyst.

Leigh's NCMA history includes a term as Chapter Vice President where he was a mentor and encouraged members to participate in one of the NCMA Certification programs. He said "Don't wait to go for your certifications! It's amazing how fast time slips by when you let life get in the way." His off-duty interests include being a lifelong car fanatic, biking, gardening, traveling, and serving as his Home Owners' Association Vice President.