

From Our President

Hello, NCMA JAX Members!

I was excited to start this year with our annual Kick-Off Meeting on August 21, on JAX Beach, starting with a community service clean up project, followed by lunch at Joe's Crab Shack. As the new program year fires up, I am honored to serve NCMA and be amongst some of the best contracting professionals I know. Remember the chapter leaders are here to serve you as we aspire to continually elevate our chapter, our knowledge and this great profession and its practices. Like many of you, I ask myself what's next for me in NCMA, or maybe some ask "why am I here?" or "what can I do?" If the answers are not quite clear, that is "OK." Feel free to express yourself anytime, talk to fellow members, raise your ideas, and the chapter leadership will respond. We value your contributions and look forward to meeting your needs in the upcoming year.

There is a lot going on within the chapter and we are fortunate to have active members willing to execute the tasks at hand. I am going to call out a few here... Amy Halter, our Media Manager continues to keep things on track with newsletter, announcements and regularly updates the chapter website. Michael Groeger is hard at work planning the program year and already has a solid plan set forth that will bring us together monthly for webinars and other key events in early stages of concept development. We may change to face-to-face luncheons

Calendar

09/09/2021

NCMA HQ Webinar

[CPSR Strategic Trends and Tips](#)

09/16/2021

FREE NCMA HQ Webinar

[Sustainable US Gov't Procurement: Current State](#)

09/23/2021

FREE NCMA JAX Webinar

[DCAA Audit Overview](#)

10/21/2021

FREE NCMA JAX Webinar

[Contracting Pitfalls](#)

New Members

Welcome to our newest chapter member:

- Antonio Merrick
- Sabrina Raibon
- Latonya Thompson

again once we get a better indication of the COVID situation in Jacksonville. Bill Swan, our “Sage” as I refer to him, continues to work his chapter magic updating policies, coaching and mentoring new leaders, engaging “Nationals” and spearheading the chapter grant application and year-end reporting. There are others as well, but a little extra thanks to these members this month for all they do. Recognition is important so please nominate chapter members for recognition when deserving. There can never be enough, whether for the efforts and accomplishments within the chapter, the workplace, or the community. We’d like to hear about it. Thanks for all you do!

Member Milestones

Congratulations to NCMA JAX members celebrating membership anniversaries:

- Paige Blechinger (7)
- Heather Lovejoy (6)
- Sara Million (5)
- Kathleen Moorman (9)
- Jennifer Otero (5)
- Andrew Page (5)
- William Soutar (9)
- Lauren Sydnor (1)
- Stephen Toloczko (5)

One initiative I would like to introduce to the chapter in the 1st quarter of the new program year is the “Balanced Scorecard” approach to strategic planning. We can build this Strategic Plan from the great foundation that already exists within this chapter utilizing the experience of the team and even more ideas from all our members to build upon our strengths, to address our weaknesses, explore opportunities and mitigate any threats. We are an excellent chapter, and I know a solid strategic plan can make us even better. The end state is a chapter fully aware of who is doing what, what is planned, and when it is happening all characteristics of a solid schedule. The NCMA JAX strategy helps ensure we achieve our goals in support of our NCMA mission.



I am continually amazed at the skills, commitment, and dedication contracting professionals display daily and it’s my duty as president to ensure we showcase our efforts, ensure we are achieving favorable outcomes for the membership at large, and grow as an organization. Of course, I encourage you to be curiously engaged this year so we all can benefit from our collaboration, commitment, and community. All the way with NCMA!

Michael Scuteri, CFCM
Chapter President

NCMA World Congress 2021 Highlights

Since joining NCMA in 2017, attending national events (when possible) has been one of my highlights of every year. If you haven't taken advantage of this opportunity for connection, engagement, education, and career advancement, I highly recommend considering it! I recently had the privilege of attending World Congress 2021 in Denver, Colorado, and it did not disappoint. Along with the opportunity to (finally!) reconnect with old friends and CMLDP alumni, sessions offered were instructive and enlightening. It was clear that many hours and significant effort were expended in planning what was a highly successful event.

One noteworthy feature was being present to see our very own **Susan Thibodeaux** honored with the Fellow designation, recognizing her many years of dedication to the contracting profession and NCMA. Congratulations, Susan!



NCMA JAX Past President Susan Thibodeaux receives her Fellow designation at NCMA World Congress 2021.

During the Chapter Leader Summit, many helpful tips were offered to assist chapter leaders in effectively developing successors, discovering members' interests, and providing high quality programs and educational offerings to members. Our chapter assisted in developing one portion of the program, focused on the 3 Rs of membership engagement—Recruitment, Retention and Rewarding.

Of the myriad of workshop topics offered, one that I found particularly enlightening and beneficial was “CMMC Impacts on Contracting,” presented by Matt Gilbert. An overview of CMMC was shared, along with numerous insights on adjusting proposals, contract administration and supply chain management to ensure compliance and avoid pitfalls.

An additional highlight was the session, “Proposal Audits—The Next Chapter,” presented by Jeff Shapiro offered a detailed discussion on certified cost or pricing data and what contractors can expect during proposal audits.

Michelle Currier, always a popular speaker at national events, facilitated the discussion, “Crisis or Opportunity: Turning Organization Telework into a Thriving Social Capital Culture.” Audience members shared suggestions and best practices to create engaged, innovative and inclusive remote work environments.

Next year’s World Congress will be held in Chicago, Illinois. Hopefully more chapter members will make plans to be there—look forward to seeing you!

Wanda Wallace, CFCM, CPCM

NCMA JAX Immediate Past President

Wallace Named to NCMA National Committee



NCMA JAX Immediate Past President **Wanda Wallace, CFCM, CPCM** (fourth from left,

front row) was asked to serve on the NCMA Member Engagement Committee for the national board. The committee's work over the next year will focus on reviewing chapter engagement to include support of struggling and inactive chapters, increasing existing individual member engagement, refining and elevating the awards program and other objectives. This selection is a testament to the success of the Jacksonville chapter and the exemplary work of its leaders. Congratulations, Wanda!

Online CFCM Study Group Starting Soon

Certified Federal Contract Manager (CFCM) Virtual Study Group - 10 Weeks

September 14, 2021 – November 16, 2021; 7:30pm - 8:30pm EST

Offered through NCMA Space Coast Chapter

The study group will be conducted remotely, with group member collaboration and participation through interactive discussions and weekly preparation activities that will validate your contract training, experience, and your knowledge in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). The study group will be conducted remotely, with group member collaboration and participation through interactive discussions and weekly preparation activities that will validate your contract training, experience, and your knowledge in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). The CFCM™ is awarded to candidates who meet rigorous standards, including experience, education, training, and understanding.

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