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President's Message

Richard Cambra,
McLaughlin Research Corporation

It's no surprise our second newsletter is packed with interesting upcoming events. Again I would like to thank the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) Rhode Island Chapter Executive Board, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members for another very successful year.

It was just announced that our chapter has been recognized by NCMA as a Silver Graalman Award winner. The Graalman Award serves as recognition for chapter excellence and the demonstration of effective chapter operations. This is our second silver and one gold award in four years.

Also, I'm pleased to announce the following new Chapter Officers and Board Members. The President Elect, Ken Haner, Rite Solutions, VP, Membership, Scott Paulin, NG&G Facility Services Int'l, and Treasurer, Aram Smith, Copper River. Congratulations and thank you very much for volunteering.

This year we are planning several opportunities for growth and continued learning. Our luncheon series will start again soon offering interesting speakers. In addition we are planning a large scale educational event and the Small Business Round Table has already hit the ground running.

With the NCMA-RI Program Year 2014-2015 in full swing, let me quickly update you on our events so far:

- Hosted a members connect at our Annual Summer Social July 22, 2014 at Kempaenaar's Clambake – the lobsters were a hit!
- Participated in RDML Duryea's discussion on Innovation August 27, 2014
- Supported the second NUWCDIVNPT Small Business Product Vendor Industry Day, October 21, 2014
- Sponsored, along with the RI PTAC and the Newport County Chamber of Commerce, the Service Disabled and Veterans Owned Small Business 8th Annual Matchmaking Event and Training Conference, hosted by NUWCDIVNPT at the Officer's Club in Newport. November 5, 2014
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I hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter regarding the success of the above events. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining and supporting your local chapter.

Richard Cambra,
President National Contract Management Association Rhode Island Chapter

Secretary's Message

Elizabeth Goetz, SEA CORP

With the seasons changing and the days getting shorter, it can only mean that we are approaching the holiday season in New England! While the holidays are full of fun and cheer, it is also a great time to review the laws and regulations surrounding gift giving.

Laws governing a contractor's actions include the federal Bribery Statute, 18 USCA § 201(b) as well as the federal Gratuity Statute, 18 USCA § 201(c). Violators face stiff penalties which include fines up to $500,000 per organization and $250,000 per individual as well as imprisonment up to 15 years, contract termination and debarment.

Laws governing a government official's acceptance of a gift are codified in CFR 2635 Subpart B. There you'll find a list of standards that prohibit an employee from soliciting or accepting gifts from a prohibited source unless the item is excluded from the definition of a gift or falls within one of the exceptions set forth therein.

In addition to the laws and regulations we must adhere to, it is equally important that we remain committed to maintaining the high ethical standards set forth by our employers by actively participating in their mandatory annual ethics training as well as being familiar with and dutifully following the ethics policies and procedures put in place. Should you see or suspect any inappropriate behavior, please contact your designated human resources officer or ethics officer for help. In the event you are unable to get assistance through your employer, the Department of Defense has a Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline. For more information on the DoD's hotline, please visit www.dodig.mil/hotline.

Dying to read CFR 2635.201 as a poem? Contact me at lizgoetz@outlook.com and I'll send you a link!

Treasurer's Message

Chuck French, IR Technologies

I am pleased to announce that we are soon to release an upgrade to our web site that will include a new reservation/credit card payment program this is integrated to the person making the reservation to enter up to five reservations with one entry into our new website. If you would like to pay by credit card, the number of reservations you have listed will be automatically transferred into the PayPal system and the total price calculated. The person authorized to use the credit card and making the reservations does not have to be one of the people attending the event.

If you wish to pay at the door, we will have the names of all of the people from your company that plan to attend and can make an accurate head count for food and refreshments. I believe this new system will make it easier for you to make reservations and will make it easier for us to tell the venue the number of people we expect.

If you should have any questions as you start to use this new system, feel free to contact me at *chuck@ir-tech.com*.

December

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Thursday

Small Business Round Table
Seaport-e Council Meeting
8 December 2014
0900-1100 EST
NUWCDIVNPT Building 80

Small Business Round Table Coordinator: Tony Hill, BAH Lead Associate at hill_charles@bah.com (tel) 401-845-6822

Education and Training

Mike Mahony, Netsimco Inc.

The Education and Training Committee is hard at work to make 2015 a year to remember. With unanimous approval from the NCMA Board of Directors, we are forming a Training and Education Super Committee. The purpose of the ***Super Committee*** is to develop, prepare and execute the first biennial "**NCMA Ocean State Workshop"** on 10 JUNE 2015.

The vision is to hold this one day event on the Industry Day off year, while applying the same rigor to each event annually. This locally held, day-long event promises to be an educational, networking, and professional development opportunity you won't want to miss. Stay tuned on the Chapter's website for more Workshop agenda, courses and speaker updates. All volunteers interested in joining the NCMA Rhode Island Chapter Education and Training Super Committee are welcome! Please email us at ncmarichapter@gmail.com.

Certifications: The CPCM, CFCM, and CCCM are certifications awarded to candidates who meet rigorous standards, including experience, education, training, and knowledge. They are professional designations of distinction, and carry the respect of their peers in the profession. The NCMA professional certification program is designed to elevate professional standards, enhance individual performance, and distinguish those who demonstrate knowledge essential to the practice of contract management. Our Committee plans on providing easier access to these courses and tracking the various requirements for certification.

Upcoming Events:

December 3, 2014	**A Year in Protests**
January 28, 2015	**Surviving a CPSR: Practical Tips to Achieve Success** *Webinar*

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FIRST BI-ANNUAL OCEAN STATE WORKSHOP! WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015

April

TBD

2015

Small Business Round Table:

Small Business to Large Business Reverse Matchmaking

Small business overview presentations / introductions followed by a lunch and networking event.

Small Business Round Table Coordinator: Tony Hill, BAH Lead Associate at hill_charles@bah.com (tel) 401-845-6822

Marketing

Amy Burrell, Patrona Corporation

Have you ever thought…

"If only NCMA-RI focused on _____"

or

"NCMA-RI would be more effective if they just _____"

We want to hear your thoughts and opinions! This year we have a dedicated focus to improvement and we want your input. We are currently looking at:

- Adding more Luncheons on topics and with speakers that interest the NCMA-RI community
- We are going to have a large education and training event this summer
- We are combining our efforts with NUWC Newport and the RI PTAC to bring you various industry and networking events
- Re-vamping our website to make joining our events that much easier! and we still have the energy for more! All we need is your input!

Please provide us your feedback via e-mail to ncmarichapter@gmail.com or through our LinkedIn Page (NCMA RI Chapter).

We are always looking for individuals and companies to help us with our mission. If you have some marketing ideas or want to join our team, please contact Amy Burrell at Aburrell@PatronaCorp.com (603.516.0363).

Website Development

Kathy O'Donnell, Naval Undersea Warfare Center

We are planning big changes for our website. A complete redesign is underway and will be in place very soon. The new website will be more interactive. Among the new features are links to social media, an RSS feed, and sign-ups for email alerts. We also have pages for job listings, internship opportunities, and scholarships. Of course we will still include the popular online NCMA-RI Small Business Round Table Online Matchmaker functionality.

Our event registration process will be improved. We will have the ability to register several attendees for an event with a single payment. This has been a challenge in the past, given the old design. Now the user will select an event, complete the registration form and either Submit or Add More attendees. Once all attendees are registered the user will press the Submit button and be prompted for payment information.

We believe this new design will be easier to navigate, provide information on upcoming and past events and be more pleasing to the eye. So be sure to check out http://www.NCMA-RI.org in the near future.

June

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Wednesday

Ocean State Workshop

Educational, Networking, and Professional Development Opportunity

VP of Education and Training: Mike Mahony, Netsimco at michael.mahony@netsimco.com (tel) 401-835-3448

Programs

David Horne, Applied Physical Sciences Corp.

2014 Industry Day Re-Cap

The Rhode Island Chapter of the National Contract Management Association hosted the Bi-Annual NCMA RI Industry Day on June 25th, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza at the Crossings, Warwick, RI. Over 250 people from industry and government were in attendance at the day-long event that included:

- Presentations by NUWC Division Newport leadership, and senior managers from every technical department.
- 2-year forecast of anticipated procurements for each department
- An opportunity for attendees to meet one-on-one with Department Heads (or designee), and Technical Department Acquisition Advocates after their presentations
- RDML David M. Duryea, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Commander as our Keynote Speaker
- An important message from the Honorable Senator from Rhode Island Senator Jack Reed

A big thank you to all committee members and volunteers who made this one of the most successful Industry Day's in years. And thanks again to our sponsors:

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- Patrona Corporation
- SAIC

We look forward to seeing you all at Industry Day 2016.

Luncheon Meetings

We will be providing a number of NCMA luncheon presentations in 2014-2015. Several speakers have already expressed an interest and we are looking for more. Topics we hope to cover include:

- Negotiation Strategies (Tuesday December 9th Atlantic Beach Club, Newport RI)
- Contract Closeouts
- Government Property and IUID Reporting
- Managing Subcontracts

National Office Liaison

Richard Ferro, RLF Management Services

Contract Management Resource Directory: Find a good nationwide research tool at http://ncma.webvent.tv/profiles

Fellows Community Group: Are you an NCMA Fellow? If so, here's a professional and networking opportunity. This group was just recently established, August 19, 2014. Currently there are 142 members. Consider Joining to enhance your professional reach!

- http://www.ncmahq.org/Membership/Content
- http://www.linkedin.com/groups/NCMA-Fellows-Community

The Contract Management Leadership Development Program: is a great opportunity to get into a leadership and support role locally and nationally. Check it out at http://www.ncmahq.org/ProfessionalDevelopment

Send me an email if you may be interested in applying for the program at rlfms@cox.net

Small Business Round Table (SBRT)

Tony Hill, Booze Allen Hamilton

The Small Business Round Table (SBRT) Committee is working to better inform the small business community with the following events:

- Dec 8, 2014: SeaPort-e Council Meeting
- April TBD, 2015: SBRT Event "Reverse Matchmaker"

These one day local events are meant to provide networking, professional development, and educational opportunities to all in attendance. We are looking for input from the small business community for additional topics as well as volunteers to make these events happen.

Please provide your ideas via email at ncmarichapter@gmail.com.

The SBRT and NUWCDIVNPT's current schedule is at: http://www.navsea.navy.mil/nuwc/newport/pages/ElectronicReadingRoom.aspx

2015 NCMA Board of Director and Committee Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in joining our innovative Board of Directors, please contact Richard Ferro, Elections and Nominations Chair, NCMA RI at rlfms@cox.net or e-mail us at ncmarichapter@gmail.com

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