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Meet the Board

Your new 2011-2012 Board Members

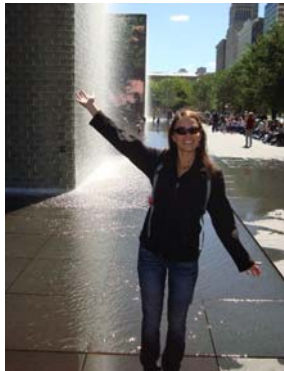
As we begin our first newsletter of the 2011-2012 year here at NCMA Pikes Peak, we thought it might be fun to introduce our new board members. Contact information for each board member is on the last page of the newsletter. Here is a little bit of information that they shared with our newsletter editors (photos were shared reluctantly):

Scott Lamphear – President



An NCMA Pikes Peak Chapter Board Member since 2009, Scott Lamphear is currently the Controller for TechWise, an 8(a) small business headquartered in Colorado Springs. As Controller, Scott manages the departments responsible for finance, accounting, contract management, export compliance, security compliance and pricing. He entered the contract management profession in 2006 after completing his MBA at UCCS and having been a soccer coach at Colorado College since 2001. When not working, which, like everyone else, is not all that often, Scott spends time with his wife and four-year-old son hiking, biking, playing super heroes, etc. Scott’s favorite movie is a toss-up between Gladiator and 300. His favorite food (ice cream) is currently on the do not eat list, and he is an avid Wisconsin Badger fan and says he doesn’t have a great deal of respect for anyone who isn’t (he didn’t really say that...out loud). Connect with Scott on LinkedIn.

Rebecca Graham – President Elect



Rebecca came to the Air Force Academy in February 2009 through an MBA internship (UCCS!). Rebecca is currently a USAF Copper Cap, a Toastmaster, and in the Contract Management Leadership Development Program (CMLDP). Not sure what those are? Feel free to ask her about them!

Prior to government contracting, she worked as a contractor to the El Paso County Department of Human Services, as an English teacher in Henan, China and as a discharge planner at Cedar Springs Hospital. Rebecca enjoys government contracting, most things outdoors, and watching UFC. But most importantly, she enjoys spending time with her handsome husband and dog Plato.

Kelly Hopper – Secretary



Kelly Hopper serves as Secretary in the Pikes Peak Chapter of NCMA. She is new to contracting, beginning her career at the Air Force Academy in September of 2011. She graduated from UCCS with her MBA with an emphasis in Finance in May of 2011 and was offered an internship at USAFA shortly after graduation. Before contracting, Kelly was a stay at home mother of three. She enjoys skiing, hiking and spending time with her family.

Jason Rupinski – Membership



Jason L. Rupinski serves the Pikes Peak Chapter of NCMA Vice President of Membership and in his professional role as a Principal Pricing Analyst specializing in Price-to-Win for SAIC. In this role Jason engages in and leads all aspects of the cradle-to-grave strategic development of complex, large dollar value pricing solutions for proposals. Currently residing in Colorado Springs, CO, Jason completed his B.S. in Management from Kansas State University in 1994. He received his Certificate in Contracts and Procurement Management from University of Virginia in 2000 and completed his M.B.A. from George Washington University in 2003. In his spare time, Jason enjoys running, working out, hiking, camping, skiing, motorcycling and being with family.

Jenny Paradis – Programs



Jenny Paradis is a Contract Specialist with Colorado Springs School District 11 who holds both the CFCM and CPPO certifications. Both her Master of Arts in Management from College of Notre Dame of Maryland and her Master of Education help her create high performing contracts for the students and staff of District 11. She appreciates hearing from chapter members any suggestions for future topics or speakers.

Chris Merritt – Treasurer



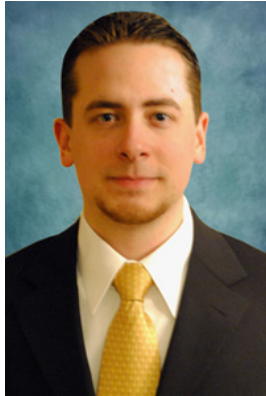
Chris Merritt is the current treasurer of Pikes Peak NCMA. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Environmental Engineering and from the University of Colorado with a MBA in finance. She started her career sampling sludge in a Texas refinery, went on to help the OMB Circular process A-76 and then finally 10 years in Government Cost Accounting and finance. She now owns a consulting company helping small businesses with the requirements of Government Contracting and Accounting. Chris enjoys spending time with her husband and two beautiful daughters experiencing the Colorado scenery with photography, biking, hiking and camping.

Bryan Rasmussen – Newsletter



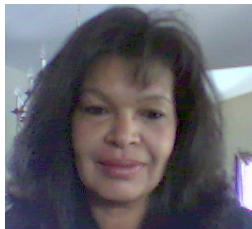
Bryan Rasmussen is the VP of Operations at NSI, a small veteran-owned business headquartered in Boston, MA. In this role, he oversees all of the business operations for the company including finance, accounting, contracts, and admin functions. Bryan began his career as an analyst at the GAO and then jumped over to the private sector as a project control analyst at SAIC. He received his MPA from George Washington University in 2001. Working out of a home office for NSI, Bryan could live anywhere in the US and chose to be near the beautiful mountains of Colorado Springs. He enjoys spending time outdoors with his wife and two kids. His hobbies include photography, skiing, hiking, and sports.

Michael Romano – Website



Michael has over six years of Contract Management experience in the Colorado Springs area. He recently joined McNew & Associates as a Contract Administrator and is looking forward to what he can contribute to the team. Before his Contracting career, Michael headed up the Marketing Department at a major golf manufacturer out of Chicago, IL. Michael enjoys anything outdoors, including hiking and backpacking and is an avid downhill skier.

Luci Cruz-Laporte – Employment Chair



Member of NCMA since 2001. Served as VP Logistics for 2 terms, Treasurer for 2 terms, Scholarship and Employment Chair Person since then. Luci has been in the government services business for over 20 years. Her career in Contracts Administration started at GE Government Services, continued with Lockheed Martin, CSC, ITT and is currently employed with CHMHill as the Business Operations Division Manager at the USAFA. In this role, Luci has responsibility for the Contracts, Human Resources, Procurement, Property and Finance Departments. Free time is spent enjoying travel, gardening, reading, wine making and being a member of NCMA!

Pikes Peak Chapter On The Web

<http://intranet.ncmahq.org/pi kespeak/default.aspx>

Volunteer

NCMA, Pikes Peak Chapter is in recurring need of volunteers for a variety of efforts. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Scott Lamphear, at slamphear@techwise.com

Get Connected!

What are contract managers talking about? What do you want to talk about? What is NCMA doing right now? You've heard about social media, and so has your association. Find the answers to these questions and ask some of your own on:



JOIN!

Thinking of joining the Pikes Peak Chapter? What is stopping you? Visit www.ncmahq.org for more information on how to become a member. Check out the Student and discounted rates!

- New job? Different email? Changed names? Don't forget to update your NCMA profile! Simply visit www.ncmahq.org and log in to your account using the box on the top, left corner of the screen.
- Can't get enough NCMA? Please check out our sister-chapter in Denver: <http://www.ncmadenver.org/>
- If you have any inputs for the newsletter (events, photos, etc.)? Please contact Bryan Rasmussen at bryanras@msn.com

Local Chapter Events:

December Luncheon:

- **Speaker:** Charles Lucy, Attorney with Holland and Hart
- **Topic:** Recent Ethics Regulations
- **Location:** Serco Inc., 1050 North Newport Road, near the intersection of Aeroplaza and Powers.
- **Date:** 15 December 2011
- **Time:** 1130-1300
- **Cost:** \$6 members & \$9 non-members
- **Register Online:**
<https://pikespeakncma.webconnex.com/charleslucy>

**Please note the date/location changes for our January and February meetings.

January Luncheon:

- **Speaker:** Matt Ruane
- **Topic:** Overview of Significant 2011 Court and GAO Federal Procurement Cases
- **Location:** Serco Inc., 1050 North Newport Road, near the intersection of Aeroplaza and Powers.
- **Date:** 26 January 2012
- **Time:** 1130-1300
- **Cost:** \$6 members & \$9 non-members

Matthew J. "Matt" Ruane is the civilian legal counsel for the Space Command and Control and Surveillance Division of the Electronic Systems Center. As such, he advises on acquisition strategy, fiscal law, and other legal aspects to acquire mission-critical systems in support of combatant commands and allied nations.

Mr. Ruane is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. He initially served as a Navigator/Electronic Warfare Officer with over 2,000 flying hours. He earned his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1995 and his Master of Laws degree in 2002, subsequently serving in a variety of key U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate positions, including: Chief Commercial and Fiscal Law, Air Force Space Command; Staff Judge Advocate, Arnold Air Force Base; Staff Judge Advocate, Office of Security Cooperation - Afghanistan; and Chief of Technology and Operational Contract Law at Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as a Strategic Program Development Senior Manager for an international aerospace company.

Mr. Ruane published articles in the Board of Contract Appeals Bar Association Journal and the Air Force Law Review, and received the prestigious Board of Contract Appeals Bar Association Writing Award. He is a guest lecturer for the University of Nebraska Space and Telecom Law program. Mr. Ruane was named Air Force Materiel Command Law Office's outstanding attorney and outstanding supervisory attorney.



Mr. Lucy joined Holland & Hart in 2002. He has 20 plus years of diverse federal regulatory, business and litigation experience. Mr. Lucy has technical experience in federal/state procurement and acquisition matters, bid protests, Contract Disputes Act appeals, government contract audits and fiscal law issues, commercial space law, university/government technology transfer programs, homeland defense, and small business government contracting.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Mr. Lucy worked as an Air Force Judge Advocate until his retirement as a Colonel in 2001. He has served as the General Counsel for the United States Air Force Academy, Air Force Space Command (20th Air Force), and the Field Operations Directorate of the Air Force Inspector General. Mr. Lucy has been the legal advisor for a \$50 million RFP to privatize all utilities for the Air Force Academy. He has also provided legal counsel to an 800-member faculty for all research and development programs, which included patent/copyright issues.

**Our February meeting will be on the normal third Thursday (February 16th) however, we'll be meeting at Webster University (5475 Tech Center Dr. Ste. 110).

National NCMA Events:

Mid-Year Leadership Conference 2012

<http://www.ncmahq.org/Events/conference.cfm?ItemNumber=10768&navItemNumber=10825>

January 20-21
Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

Are you an NCMA chapter leader or interested in becoming one? Do you want your chapter to shine?

Attend NCMA's Mid-Year Leadership Conference 2012, where we will come together to *Cast Your Role in Chapter Leadership!* Learn how to produce an even better NCMA chapter from current NCMA chapter "stars."

National NCMA Webinars:

- January 31: DFAR/FAR Updates

<http://www.ncmahq.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/webinardetail.cfm?navItemNumber=6234&itemnumber=10950>

Other News

CPCM and CFCM Help

New CPCM Study Group: Natalia Buchanan is a local chapter member who is starting to study for the CPCM. She is interested in starting up an informal study group. If interested, please contact her at Natalia.buchanan@peterson.af.mil.

Calling all CPCM's: This is for those of you who have already taken the certification test. If you are willing to answer a few questions and provide occasional direction for our new study group, please email Rebecca Graham at rebecca.graham@usafa.af.mil.

CPCM/CFCM Materials: The Pikes Peak chapter has various books/materials relating to CPCM and CFCM (no study guides as of yet). If you would like to borrow any of these materials or are just interested in what is available, please email Rebecca Graham at rebecca.graham@usafa.af.mil.

Survey Says...

We are paying attention to your feedback on the kinds of topics you would like to see in our meetings/luncheons. With the Vern Edwards training in October we were able to train on the FAR. In November, Roland Wick conducted training on DCAA audits. We look forward to hearing from Charlie Lucy on ethics in December. For the spring we'll be working on other requested topics such as the relationship between project management and contract administration; government and industry relations; and suggestions for quality debriefings. If you have suggestions for speakers or topics, please send them to Jenny.Paradis@D11.org.

A Note about Membership



If you are not already a member, please contact us to get information about becoming a part of our local chapter. Another option is to visit the national NCMA website (www.ncmahq.org) and click the JOIN NOW box in the top, right-hand corner. Other ways you can continue to sharpen your skills: you can come to our monthly (third-Thursdays) luncheons; purchase NCMA webinars; or contact Webster University for a Masters in Procurement or Level II certification.



If you have an opening you would like posted, please contact:

Luci Cruz-Laporte
Employment Chair
NCMA Pikes Peak Chapter
lcruzlaporte@ch2mhillacademyservices.com

Please include a brief description of the position, requirements, when needed, and a point of contact for more information.

Proposal Manager

Braxton Technologies, LLC is seeking a Proposal Manager to be instrumental in ensuring quality proposal development to maintain company win rate and profits in accordance with company capture plans and communications plan. This position is located at our office in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

If you are interested in working in a cutting-edge, fast-paced atmosphere, please submit your résumé for further consideration through the Braxton Technologies website under the "Contact Us" tab. Indicate the position applied for as Proposal Manager. Résumés submitted by any other method will not be considered for the position. Direct submission link: http://www.braxtontech.com/modules/liaise/?form_id=2

Responsibilities:

- Develop company proposals in accordance with company capture plans and communications plan, assess solicitations; transition information from the business development phase; prepare materials for bid/no-bid decisions; plan and schedule proposal development; identify proposal resources; hold proposal kickoff meetings; manage proposal generation; ensure proposals are boarded through management representatives; and deliver proposals.
- Coordinate subcontractor participation in proposal development and delivery. Adapt our processes as needed to fit within those of any external prime contractor(s) during proposal development and delivery, ensuring our inputs are provided as needed.
- Manage company consultants participating in proposal development and delivery, as applicable.
- Contribute to the company's business development pipeline
- Update the pipeline regularly with information gathered from proposal assessment and development.
- Develop and maintain proposal processes. Participate in process improvement activities and process action teams (PATs). Maintain standard past performance citations for current and past programs.
- Assist with marketing and business development activities, as time permits.
- Assist with company internal and external communications
- Serve as document reviewer and editor, upon request. Validate communications themes and strategies against those documented in proposals.

Preferred Skills:

Proposal/program management, planning, scheduling, written communications, visual communications, facilitation

Tools:

Experienced in Microsoft Office® product suite and web browser use. Adobe Creative Suite 4 product experience is a plus.

Education:

Bachelor's degree is required.

Experience: 7-10 years

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Since 1994, Braxton Technologies has provided reliable command and control products and services to ensure customer and mission success. Our record of performance and commitment to meeting customer cost and schedule targets make us a trusted leader in the command and control market. You will find Braxton products in a wide variety of critical applications, from commanding the GPS satellite constellation, to distributing and analyzing weather satellite telemetry, to controlling research and development weapon systems. Braxton also offers high performance professional services through both our Services and Products divisions. We specialize in software engineering and rapid prototyping, and provide a wide range of development, sustainment, operations and support services. Our company has offices nationwide and is continuously growing. Braxton offers competitive pay, a robust benefits package, and is a fun, energetic, family-oriented company that prides itself on its amazing employees.

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