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Hello NCMA Denver, I am sitting here today writing this month's Presidents Corner article and it is 55 degrees in Denver in January. As the eternal optimist I try to be, I am really hoping this mild weather holds out for another few weeks increasing my confidence that we are entering the spring season! Thank you to Gary Frazer for a great presentation on internal controls!

I am really looking forward to spring because our chapter board members have been working diligently to put together an outstanding 2012. First, we have our February breakfast meeting, which will be held at Café del Sol. Karla Whittenburg will explore common

errors encountered in external financial reporting under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Taylor Menlove (Education Chair) is putting together a certification study program, which will begin near the end of February. Anyone interested should send an email to Taylor. The program will help prepare individuals to take the NCMA Certification exams. Certification can be a catalyst in the professional growth of a Contract Manager's career path.

Upcoming in March we will be hosting our spring evening seminar with the incredibly knowledgeable Tom Lemmer. The seminar will be held at United Launch Alliance to discuss TINA and OCI and the risks involved. The seminar will be an interac-

tive platform covering the basics and discussing cutting edge issues and best practices increasing the likelihood of successful contract performance.

Lastly, spring marks the call for interested candidates for the Contract Management Leadership Development Program (CMLDP). This is a great program that will help accelerate the leadership skills of our young professionals. Last year two of our Denver Chapter members graduated from this prestigious program. We are hoping to continue to represent the Denver Chapter with CMLDP students. Please, contact Erin Stewart (Leadership Chair) for information regarding this outstanding program.

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HAPPY HOUR!

The NCMA Denver Member and Alumni Traveling Happy Hour: February 9, 2012, 5:30 p.m. at Baker Street Pub Grill

Back in October last year, the first NCMA Traveling Happy Hour was held. When spreading the word, we had promised the happy hour would happen on roughly a monthly basis. As you can see, we really meant roughly! But, for those of you who might have lost hope, the second installment of the NCMA Traveling Happy Hour will be held on February 9th, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Baker Street Pub Grill, 7260 West Alaska Drive, Lakewood. Both current and former NCMA members (our alumni) are invited and are very welcome to join us. In fact, what the heck, feel free to bring your colleagues too (even if not NCMA'ers) as this is a great opportunity to network, make new friends, or reconnect with acquaintances from years past.



UPCOMING NCMA MEETINGS

Avoiding Errors in Accounting and Reporting Under CAS, FAR and GAAP: February 14, 2012, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Café del Sol

Speaker: Karla Whittenburg is a certified public accountant. She is a partner in the audit service area of EKS&H and has been involved in public accounting since 1993. She provides audit and business consulting services to privately-held companies in a wide variety of industries, including government contractors, high-tech and software, retail, distribution, manufacturing and services.

The presentation will explore common errors encountered in external financial reporting under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). We will discuss the relationship between the Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), and GAAP. The presentation will include a discussion on why GAAP financial statements are required and how these audits differ from regulatory audits, such as those conducted by the DCAA. We will also explore the areas with the greatest risk of material misstatement under GAAP and how to mitigate those risks.

Agenda – February 14, 2012: registration/networking at 7:30 a.m.; breakfast buffet beginning at 7:45 a.m.; speaker at 8:15 a.m.; conclusion at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Café del Sol, 608 Garrison Street, Lakewood, CO
Cost/registration: \$16.00; register at <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=cthck> by February 10, 2012

OCIs and TINA: March 21, 2012, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at United Launch Alliance, LLC
Speaker: Tom Lemmer, Partner, McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP

Organizational conflicts of interest (“OCIs”) and Truth in Negotiations Act (“TINA”) requirements are key to making many acquisitions a success for both the government and the contractor. Properly managing OCI allows the government to ensure that a level playing field exists, while having access to the right contractors, and allows contractors to maximize their procurement opportunities. Properly managing TINA requirements allows the negotiation of a mutually accepted price that is not subject to after the fact reductions and disputes. These two important areas will be discussed on an interactive basis to cover the basics and to discuss cutting edge issues and best practices.

Agenda – March 21, 2012: registration/networking at 5:00 p.m. (boxed meal provided); session runs from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: United Launch Alliance, LLC, Centennial, CO
Cost/registration: \$50 per member; \$65 per nonmember; register by March 16, 2012, at <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=ctcdq>

Networking - Increase Your netWORTH™: April 10, 2012, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Brooklyns Restaurant

Speaker: Sarah Michel is a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP) awarded by the National Speakers Association for her ability to consistently deliver her message with high energy, humor and inspiration which motivates audiences to take action. Sarah currently serves on the board of directors for the National Speakers Association (NSA). She is an active volunteer in her community serving on several non-profit boards in Colorado Springs.

Sarah is a graduate of Central Michigan University and worked in healthcare for several major hospital systems

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and for international career management firms in Texas and Colorado. She is currently an adjunct faculty member of both the Eastern and Western Management Development Centers for the United States government in Colorado and West Virginia.

Sarah is a networking expert who helps people increase their netWORTH™. She works with individuals, associations and organizations to strengthen their connections and communicate their value to anyone, anywhere, anytime. Her powerful Perfecting Connecting© strategies promote personal and professional success.

Agenda – April 10, 2012: registration/networking at 7:30 a.m.; breakfast buffet beginning at 7:45 a.m.; speaker at 8:15 a.m.; conclusion at 9:00 a.m.
Location: Brooklyns Restaurant, 901 Auraria Parkway, Denver, CO
Cost/registration: \$16.00; register at <https://www.123signup.com/event?id=cthbxy> by April 6, 2012



Alyssa

Westfall is one of our NCMA Denver Chapter Members. I got in touch with her this month to learn a little about Alyssa both personally and professionally. I hope you enjoy the interview!

BLS: Tell us a little about your background.

AW: I graduated from Colorado State University (CSU) with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. I also studied Economics and Entrepreneurship. I worked as a Program Manager at the CSU Center for Entrepreneurship in the College of Business for three years, and was hired back as a consultant after graduation off and on for an additional two years.

As a Program Manager I was in charge of setting up various entrepreneurial programs from concept through completion, this included managing the budget, negotiating contracts, etc. After working as a Program Manager, I went to work for the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) as a Contract Administrator. I was recently promoted within DCMA to an Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO). As an ACO, I am responsible for

administering a wide variety of contracts. I am also responsible for monitoring and evaluating contractor performance, business systems, and policies and procedures.

BLS: What made you decide to participate in the Denver NCMA Chapter? What do you hope to gain from your time with the Chapter?

AW: I heard good things about NCMA from my DCMA management chain and mentors. These people encouraged me to join and participate in the events. I became interested because of the breadth of information that is presented, as well as the NCMA certifications. I hope to continue to grow my knowledge and network, as well as obtain at least one NCMA certification.

BLS: Where did you grow up?

AW: I grew up in a small town just West of Colorado Springs, called Woodland Park.

BLS: What's your favorite thing about living in Colorado?

AW: I like all the sunny days and dramatic weather changes. I also like that I live close to my family, and my future in-laws.

BLS: What are your favorite hobbies?

AW: I like being active, and going on adventures. My favorite adventure was hiking down the Virgin River at Zion National Park. I also enjoy

being crafty (knitting, scrapbooking, etc.), cooking, and baking.

BLS: If you could vacation anywhere where would you go and why?

AW: I would go to somewhere warm and remote. I enjoy getting away from the hustle and bustle and being disconnected from technology every now and then.

BLS: What's your favorite movie?

AW: I don't have one favorite movie; I like comedy, action, and drama movies.

BLS: What toppings would be on your perfect pizza?

AW: Chicken with diced tomatoes.

BLS: What advice would you give someone who is new to the contracting world and thinking about participating in NCMA?

AW: NCMA is a strong professional organization. There seems to be something always happening within the NCMA Denver organization. While attending the 2011 World Congress, I was surprised that there is a strong mix of government employees and contractor employees; so don't assume it is just for one group or the other. Not only do NCMA events help expand your knowledge base, but they also help grow your professional network. You can get out of it whatever you decide to put into it.

NCMA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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CERTIFICATION STUDY GROUP

Taylor Menlove, our Education Chair, is seeking input on individuals interested in participating in a chapter study group for NCMA's Certified Federal Contract Management (CFCM) or Certified Professional Contract Management (CPCM) programs. If there is sufficient interest, the chapter will sponsor a study group in early 2012. Please contact Taylor at 303-460-2256 or taylor.menlove@ball.com if you have any questions or are interested.