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## 2020 Spring/Summer Newsletter

Greetings!

So many things have gone virtual this year, like World Congress and member meetings. We look forward to scheduling Chapter programs in the future. The new Program Year 2021 begins July 1.

### **Incoming St. Louis Gateway Chapter Officers**

President	Dina Glasper
Vice President	Lisa Below
Treasurer	Rose Fletcher
Secretary	Victoria Reed
Membership	Lucien Gaston

Programming	Carolyn Brasfield
Certification	Milva Finnegan
Excellence Award	Merri Jeffries
Marketing	Trenetia Young-Hammond
Web/Newsletter	Laurinda Hardy
NES Chair	Suzanne Sontag

***Thank you to outgoing Officers: Melissa Herres and Barbara Raymer***

## **Upcoming Events**

### **National Education Seminar (NES) TBA**

Due to the pandemic the March 2020 NES co-hosted with Scott AFB Chapter was postponed. The new date will be announced soon. The NES is a full day educational event with a national level speaker. This year's topic is, "Leadership Strategies for Contracting Professionals" and attendees can earn 7 CPE/CLP credits.

### **Membership Social and Guest Speaker Events**

Two grants were received for PY 20 to partially fund a membership social and a guest speaker event. Plans were made in January for these events to take place in spring and summer but both were postponed. We will share more information when it is available. A big thank you to NCMA HQ for the grant funds and for extending the deadline for use of the grant funds.

## **Review of Program Year 2020**

We had a full year from July 2019-June 2020 (PY 20) of programming and member involvement! A Meet Your Officers Chapter social was held at Syberg's on Oct. 24th. Also, a member survey was conducted in November to gain feedback. Here's a quick look at some of the year's events.

### **All Member Meetings Go Virtual**

Several membership meetings were held on Zoom lead by the Chapter President. Thanks to all who attended!

### **Certification Information Session**

The Chapter held an online Certification Information Session on March 12 to answer questions about the certification process. The event was lead by Milva Finnegan, CPCM, CCCM, CFCM, Fellow, Contract Manager & CEO Karhu Consulting. The objective was to provide an overview of

the NCMA certifications offered, prerequisites and available study materials.

### **Chapter Sponsored Lunch and Learn Webinars**

The Chapter held quarterly webinars free to members and non-members. The webinars foster communication and learning among attendees who can earn 1.5 CPE/CLP credits.

#### **2019-2020 Past Presented Webinars:**

- [March 12, 2019](#): Intellectual Property Issues in Government Contracts and Grants
- [Sept. 18, 2019](#): FAR and DFARS Update
- [Oct. 24, 2019](#): CPSR Update - Sponsored by DCMA St. Louis
- [Jan. 9, 2020](#): When Government Property Gets Lost
- [April 2020](#): Canceled

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## **NCMA HQ National Event News**

### **Online Summer Certification Prep Courses**

Get prepared in 10 weeks with NCMA's Online Prep Courses. The Summer Session begins June 29 and is designed for the busy professional who benefits from self-paced learning through reading, videos, assignments and discussion forums. Participants can earn 40 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours that can be used toward the credits needed to sit for the exam. Click [here](#) to check out all the course details. [Learn more.](#)

### **Free Webinar June 30: Reexamining Commercial Contract Terms and Risks in the Pandemic - Presenter: Michael Levy, Esq.**

NCMA HQ is hosting a free 90 minute webinar for members. Register [here](#). This live webinar will be 60-minute lecture with a 30-minute Q&A. Participants earn 1.5 CPEs/1.5 CLPs/0.15 CEUs. [Click here to see NCMA's repository of resources on COVID-19.](#)

### **Virtual World Congress July 27-29, 2020**

NCMA's largest event is now virtual for three half days. Attendees can earn up to 30 CPEs. There will be live content, ways to replay sessions and networking to remotely connect with peers. Pricing is \$450 member and \$575 nonmember. Contact [meetings@ncmahq.org](mailto:meetings@ncmahq.org) for group discount. **LINK:** [World Congress](#)

### **Contract Management Competency Assessment**

A new free NCMA HQ Contract Management Competency Assessment is available only to NCMA members. It uses NCMA's ANSI-accredited standards. To access, add it to your shopping cart as a no cost transaction to receive a link.

LINK: <https://www.ncmahq.org/learning/e-learning/competency-assessment>

## **Annual GCMS Training Event**

The 38th Annual Government Contract Management Symposium (GCMS) was held December 9-10, 2019 in Arlington, Virginia. The two-day symposium was hosted by Major General Cameron Holt (USAF) and featured keynote speaker Palmer Luckey, founder of Anduril Industries and inventor of the Oculus Rift. Attendees earned up to 14 CPEs. This year's [39th Annual event](#) is December 3-4, 2020, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC.

## **2021 World Congress - Save the Date**

World Congress 2021

July 25-28, 2021

Denver, CO

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## **Other Training**

### **SLU Contract Management Certificate Program**

Earn a certificate in contract management at Saint Louis University's School for Professional Studies. In the program, students gain the knowledge and skills needed for procuring, negotiating, and administering contracts with suppliers, distributors, and end-product users. This program was awarded Joint Certificate of Completion status by NCMA and is entirely online in eight-week terms. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Thompson Coburn LLC Educational Webinars**

These webinars are a great way for non-legal professionals to stay on top of current legal topics affecting their businesses and industries. To view available presentations, click [here](#).

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## **Stay Connected with the NCMA St. Louis Chapter**

**Questions or Comments? Email [ncmastl@gmail.com](mailto:ncmastl@gmail.com)**

### ***Follow the Chapter on LinkedIn***

Upcoming events are posted on the LinkedIn page - [click here](#) and click the follow button.

### ***NCMA Collaborate***

NCMA has a forum available to members as a networking tool to help you connect with thousands of members. This forum helps get questions answered on all things contract management. Click [here](#).

### ***Volunteer on a Chapter Committee***

Behind every great chapter are hardworking committees! Volunteering is a great way to get involved at the local level. Reply to this email ([ncmastl@gmail.com](mailto:ncmastl@gmail.com)) to find out more.

### ***Join NCMA***

There are 100+ chapters in the country. To join the St. Louis Gateway Chapter, first join NCMA and then select St. Louis Gateway as your chapter. [Click here for more information about joining NCMA.](#)

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## **NCMA Links:**

- [Contract Management Magazine](#) – monthly subscription and online access to articles
- [Collaborate](#) - NCMA Online Forum
- [Education Conferences](#) – attend one of NCMA's annual education conferences
- [Professional Certifications](#) – earn your CPCM, CFCM, or CCCM
- [E-Courses](#) – education at your fingertips
- [National Education Seminars](#) (NES) – intensive one-day seminars for CPEs
- [Webinars](#) – 90-minute web-based seminars for CPEs
- [Job Opportunities](#) – NCMA Career Center
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