



## 2021 Spring/Summer Newsletter

Spring is just around the corner! We hope to see you in person again soon. Read on for news on upcoming NCMA training and events.

### **Sign Up Now for the 4 W's on Overcoming Overregulation**

We have an exciting new interactive virtual event on April 27 at 5:00 PM called the 4 W's. What is the 4 W's? That would be **Wisdom, Wine, Whiskey and Water!** The 4 W's is a new format on Zoom that is informal like a social happy hour centered around topics pertinent to Contracting Professionals. This event is FREE for Chapter Members and Non-Members. See the [flyer](#). Email [ncmastl@gmail.com](mailto:ncmastl@gmail.com) for the Zoom meeting information today.

### **Self-Nominations for Officer Elections**

The next Program Year starts July 1 and Chapter Officer elections are held in early May. Nominate yourself or someone else now by COB 5/3 for this amazing leadership opportunity. Fill out the [form](#) and email to [ncmastl@gmail.com](mailto:ncmastl@gmail.com) today.

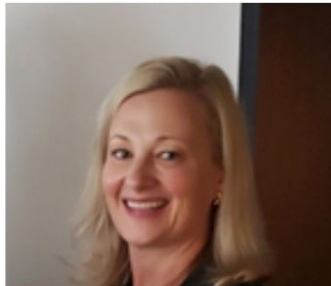
## **Gateway Chapter Turns 55 in Fall**

The Gateway Chapter's 55th anniversary is coming up in September! There may not be an opportunity for an in person celebration this year, but we will plan to mark this milestone when large gatherings are allowable in the coming year to then hold an in person celebration. Join the planning committee today by emailing your interest to [ncmastl@gmail.com](mailto:ncmastl@gmail.com).

## **Virtual NES in March Big Success**

The NES virtual training jointly sponsored by the Gateway and Scott AFB Chapters on March 10, 2021, was a big success! There were two amazing speakers and excellent interaction among the 80+ participants on the 8 hour Zoom meeting. This was the first virtual NES for the two chapters and it proved that a great topic and national level speakers can deliver quality training virtually. A big thank you to NCMA HQ and the two live speakers, **Heidi Timmerman and Glenn Richardson**, who had also collaborated and developed this new NES training topic: *Leadership Strategies for Contracting Professionals*. This NES topic with Heidi and Glenn was actually ready to go in March 2020 as an in person NES at Thompson Coburn LLP in downtown St. Louis but was postponed due to the pandemic shelter in place order for the St. Louis metro area. Again, a thank you for making the NES a big success!

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[Heidi Timmerman, CPCM, Fellow, Director]



[Glenn Richardson]

## **Spotlight on Outstanding Chapter Volunteer Award**

One of the three Outstanding Chapter Volunteer awardees announced at the December GCMS was to Gateway Chapter member **Laurinda Hardy, CFCM, CCCM**. We caught up with her to ask about this experience:

### **What does this NCMA recognition mean to you?**

I am honored to be awarded as one of the NCMA Outstanding Chapter Volunteers at the national level by being nominated by the St. Louis Gateway Chapter. It was a complete surprise! It validates my enthusiasm and continued efforts to further the NCMA mission and the Chapter. Thank you!

### **What do you enjoy about Contracts?**

The overall big picture of the contracts process and the collaboration with other teams and functions. Contracts can be anything but routine with every day being different.

### **How are you active in the local chapter?**

I joined the St. Louis Gateway Chapter in 2015 to be a part of the certification study team for the CFCM. I quickly felt like I belonged and that I could get involved on a committee and contribute. I have since stayed involved as an officer for the last 5 years and plan to continue my involvement in supporting NCMA and the Gateway Chapter. See you at the next Chapter event!

## **BE THE NEXT MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

*If you'd like to stand in the spotlight for just a few of the great things you're doing, email [ncmastl@gmail.com](mailto:ncmastl@gmail.com) to be considered for an upcoming publication. Share a new promotion, a recent award, a recent board appointment or a rewarding community project.*

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## **NCMA HQ Upcoming Webinars**

**Apr 22:** Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC): Breaking Down Recent DoD Announcements

**Apr 29:** Super Solvers: Inside Stories of Successful Contract-Program Management Collaboration (FREE TO NCMA MEMBERS)

**May 5:** NCMA Certifications: Navigating the Program & Introducing the New Certification (FREE)

**May 13:** Using Market Research Information to Conduct Price Analysis

**May 27:** Setting the Table: An Industry Perspective of Negotiation Preparation

**Jun 10:** Accounting Compliance for Contracting Professionals

**Jun 16:** Making the Most of Your NCMA Membership (FREE)

**Jun 24:** CMMC and Cybersecurity in the Trenches: How to Monitor Sellers in the Supply Chain - Contractual Requirements and How to Prepare

**Jul 08:** FARS/DFARS Update

**Aug 18:** Making the Most of Your NCMA Membership (FREE)

More Information at: <https://www.ncmahq.org/learning/e-learning/live-webinars>

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## **NCMA HQ National News**

### **CPCM Is Now ANSI-Accredited**

NCMA has earned accreditation from The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for the [Certified Professional Contract Manager™ \(CPCM™\) certification](#). The CPCM™ certification is granted to professionals who have met all requirements and have demonstrated mastery of the competencies that comprise the [Contract Management Body of Knowledge \(CMBOK\)®](#). ANSI accreditation is based on full and strict compliance with the International Organization for Standards' (ISO) ISO/IEC 17024 ("Conformity Assessment—General Requirements for Bodies Operating Certification of Persons").

### **July 25-28 is World Congress - Earn CPEs**

This year's World Congress is a 3-day integrated, in-person, and virtual event from July 25-28. The theme is **Crisis to Creativity: What's Next on the Path to Resilience**. Attendees can earn over 30 CPEs/CLPs through live and on-demand. For more info and to register: <https://www.ncmahq.org/VWC>

Group registration discounts are available for groups of **FIVE or more** from the same organization, regardless of NCMA membership status. If you would like to volunteer for World Congress, please visit [here](#) for more information and to submit your application by **June 11, 2021**.

### **Local Member Shares Why Attend World Congress**

A Gateway member attended the 2018 conference in person and shares this advice:

- Can you sum up the World Congress in one word? ***Energizing!***

- What was the best part of the World Congress you attended? ***Getting real time and relevant information from leaders in the contracting profession that you can use today.***
- What should a first time attendee of World Congress know? ***Be social, even if virtual.***
- What was the most fun thing at World Congress? ***Networking with other contracting professionals.***

### **New Option to Take Your NCMA Certification Exam**

Online Proctored (OLP) NCMA certification exams are now available. They provide flexibility and convenience for test takers. Learn more: <https://www.ncmahq.org/certification/certification-exams>

### **The CMBOK® is Now Available as an eBook**

The eBook version of the Contract Management Body of Knowledge® (CMBOK®) gives readers the ability to experience the CMBOK® using all the features of an e-reader: [Purchase today.](#)

### **Contract Management Competency Assessment**

A free NCMA HQ Contract Management Competency Assessment is available only to NCMA members. 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>

### **Free NCMA CMBOK Abbreviations and Acronyms**

NCMA created a free downloadable PDF for reference on the Abbreviations and Acronyms commonly used in the contract management profession.

Download the PDF at: <https://www.ncmahq.org/insights/store>

### **2022 and 2023 World Congress Save the Date!**

World Congress July 10-13, 2022 - Chicago, IL - Hyatt Regency Chicago

World Congress July 23-27, 2023 - Nashville, TN - Gaylord Opryland

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## **Other Training**

### **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](#).

### **Free PCI Webinar Use Code: NoCreditFree**

The Public Contracting Institute (PCI) advertised the below free webinars. The webinars can viewed free by typing **NoCreditFree** in the Discount Code box and selecting APPLY.

#### ***Buy American - New Objectives for the Federal Government's Buy American Program***

Live Free Webinar

April 22, 2021

11:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CDT)

Link - <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6508511116442767371>

#### ***Requests for Equitable Adjustments and Contract Claims***

Live Free Webinar

April 27, 2021

11:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CDT)

Link - <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7979745635294641936>

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## **Stay Connected**

***NEW Facebook Group:*** [https://www.facebook.com/pg/ncmastl/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/ncmastl/posts/?ref=page_internal)

#### ***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 80+ 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.](#)

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

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## **Share This Newsletter**

We want to expand our membership base! The more members we have the more information and networking opportunities we have. The chapter adds value by providing opportunities to members for networking, information on the profession, and educational forums that lead to career enhancement, in a local setting, tailored to local needs. Become an active part of a contract management community!

## **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) – An intensive one-day seminars for CPEs
- [Webinars](#) – 90-minute web-based seminars for CPEs
- [Job Opportunities](#) – NCMA Career Center
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