

# ChaptersConnect



October 2017



**LEADERSHIP  
MASTERCLASS**  
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*Leadership Development for NCMA Chapters*

## **Congratulations Kathrine Higley: Winner of a Free Leadership Master Class**

Kathrine Higley of the Old Dominion Chapter was selected as the winner of the recent NCMA Collaborate competition in the "chapter leaders" community. She asked other chapter leaders how they are attracting younger members to events. Katharine will receive a free registration for the 2018 Leadership Master Class, which will be held before the Government Contract Management Symposium (GCMS) on December 3.

This year's **Leadership Master Class** will explore the qualities of "Emotional Intelligence Leadership" with John Wilkinson, and will feature a look at "Redefining the Local Connection" with Peggy Hoffman. Those who attend will receive 4 CPE credits.

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## **Special Programs at the Government Contract Management Symposium (GCMS)**

Did you know that this year's GCMS will feature a **Defense Forum**? This special event covers defense-specific acquisition changes and challenges. The forum's theme, "Speed to Need," is centered on in-depth discussions between the contracting and acquisition communities on real solutions to speed up the DOD acquisition process to help warfighters get what they need to accomplish the mission.

Also new to GCMS this year is a special mentoring program developed by the NCMA Tyson's Chapter's "Women in Leadership." This one-hour event on December 4 is an excellent opportunity for women to build a network, receive valuable tips for professional growth, and gain ideas for career transition from esteemed leaders in the contract management field. Space is limited, so reserve a spot early. Contact Rachita Varma-Jain at [rachita.varmajain@gmail.com](mailto:rachita.varmajain@gmail.com) to register.

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## **October Collaborate Contest**

Until October 18, NCMA is running a special contest on Collaborate. Members who create a new profile before the contest closes will be entered to win a free webinar. Creating a profile takes just minutes. In fact, you can download the information from LinkedIn. Those who attended last month's webinar introduction to Collaborate will be familiar with the steps for creating a profile, or you may want to view the recording [here](#).

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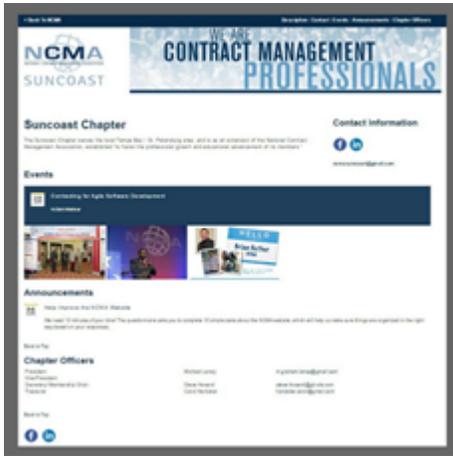
## **C2C: Chapter Basics and Winter Leadership Master Class Sneak Peek**

Our upcoming webinar on October 25 will cover where to find everything you need for a successful program year. Get a sneak peek at this year's Leadership Master Class featuring John Wilkinson, and discover how developing your emotional intelligence will help you in both your role as a volunteer leader and in your career.

If you have specific questions, or would like to share your experience from the Leadership Master Class held in July in Chicago, please email [chapterrelations@ncmahq.org](mailto:chapterrelations@ncmahq.org) by Monday, October 23.

**Register today to join us!**

## Chapter Operations



### Chapter Splash Pages Are Up!

Congratulations to the 44 chapters with new splash pages! We know your members and visitors will love the colorful new look and find it easier to learn about your events.

The new pages will be maintained by NCMA HQ staff. You will find the "Splash Page Updates" form under "Marketing and Public Relations" in the **Chapter Leader Resources** section of the website. Events, announcements, new photos, and other updates should be sent in by the 15th of the month and splash pages will be updated by the first of the month.

## Grant Applications Notifications

Thank you to everyone who submitted a grant application. Grant awards will be announced—and chapters will be notified if their application was approved—by the end of October. The checks will be mailed to chapters in November.

## Member Involvement

### Upcoming Awards Deadlines

#### Fellow Award: December 1

NCMA's Fellow designation awards those who have made significant contributions to the field of contract management and NCMA. It is the second-highest award given by the association.

#### Lifetime Achievement Award: December 15

NCMA's highest award is presented to a nationally renowned and distinguished contracting professional who has made significant contributions to the profession and NCMA.



## Member Services

### Looking for a Guest Speaker for Your Chapter?

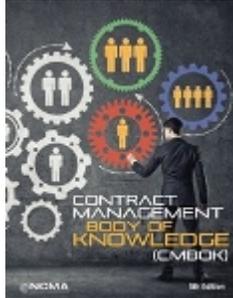
If you haven't reviewed the speaker list recently, you will find a large selection to choose from. All of the available speakers are listed on the website under **Speaker Roster**.

### Two Weeks Left to Save: Book an National Education Seminar (NES) by October 31

Chapters can save money while providing training to their members by hosting a one-day, 7-CPE-hour NES. If your chapter commits to hosting an NES by October 31, you will save \$10 per attendee. Contact [learningcenter@ncmahq.org](mailto:learningcenter@ncmahq.org) for more information!

## Sign Up Now for a Free Live Webinar or Two Webinars On-Demand

Looking for ways to engage and retain members? Take advantage of your chapter's free live webinar, or schedule two webinars on-demand free of charge. **Pick your live webinar here** or select a **webinar on-demand here**, then email your request to [chapterrelations@ncmahq.org](mailto:chapterrelations@ncmahq.org). Please include the full title of the webinar along with the product code.



### Certified Professional Contracts Manager (CPCM) Exam Preparation Materials

*The CPCM Study Guide (3rd edition)* is sold out and NCMA will not print additional copies. In the future, the new fifth edition of the *Contract Management Body of Knowledge (CMBOK)* will be the only book needed for CPCM exam preparation. Those testing before January should continue to use the *CPCM Study Guide* along with the *CMBOK* to prepare. If there are members of your chapter who plan to take the CPCM exam before January who do not already have a *CPCM Study Guide*, please encourage inter-chapter book sharing!

The exam will be changed in January 2018.

## Chapter Presidents Corner



### Steven Woo Featured in *Contract Management Magazine*

In October, Steven Woo of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter was featured in *Contract Management Magazine*. Steven shared his love of "personally introduc(ing) college students or recent graduates to the other members of our chapter" and how he finds the chapter provides excellent opportunities to network in a safe and non-threatening environment.

San Gabriel Valley has also been successful in partnering with local colleges and universities for job shadowing opportunities, which has resulted in a number of benefits for members—including quite a few job offers.

Learn more about Steven's thoughts on future opportunities and trends in the profession in the [article](#).

## Reminders

We want to know what our chapters are doing! Please be sure to include [chapterrelations@ncmahq.org](mailto:chapterrelations@ncmahq.org) in your newsletter mailing lists. Email [chapterrelations@ncmahq.org](mailto:chapterrelations@ncmahq.org) to add your chapter event to the HQ calendar. Be sure to include the date, time, location, title, and registration link.

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