

# Washington Metro Chapter Newsletter



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## President's Message



As the leaves turn and begin to fall, we've decided to re-establish

the Washington Metro Chapter newsletter. Since this is our first issue, we are still formulating the content that members would find informative on a regular basis. As part of our kickoff, we would like to ask members for suggestions for a name for the newsletter. Please contact Meghan Kennedy, our secretary and newsletter editor, at [Secretary@washingtonscea.com](mailto:Secretary@washingtonscea.com) if you have any ideas.

I would like to welcome the recently elected board members. Some have served in different positions for the chapter

and some are new faces. To see more on each board member, please read the article that details the biography of each officer.

We continue to hold monthly luncheons with guest speakers and had a very large crowd at the October 21<sup>st</sup> luncheon — thanks to CAPT Barratta from NCCA for speaking and Technomics for hosting. Our next luncheon is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> at Booz Allen Hamilton in McLean, VA. For more information, refer to Tim Anderson's article on page 4 of our website.

In addition to monthly luncheons, we are working on plans to hold all-day training sessions on topics of interest to our members. David Stem,

our chapter Vice President, is soliciting ideas and speakers who can teach topics for our membership. Please contact him at [VicePresident@Washingtonscea.com](mailto:VicePresident@Washingtonscea.com) with your suggestions.

Besides our normal chapter activities, my goals for the next two years are the following :

- Increase the benefit of our monthly meetings
- Add new members
- Start a certification study group
- Nurture the next generation of cost estimators

Thanks again for your membership and we look forward to invigorating the Washington cost estimating community this coming year.

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### Chapter Activities:

- *Monthly Luncheons*
- *Training*
- *Conferences*
- *Quarterly Newsletter*

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## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 18, 2009 — Nov.

*Luncheon at Booz Allen Hamilton HQ, McLean, VA: "Incorporating Financial Sustainability Considerations into the Planning and Design of New Facilities in the National Parks"*

- Dec. 1, 2009 — Abstracts due for 2010 SCEA Conference

- Feb. 16-19, 2010 — DoDCAS, Williamsburg, VA

- Mar. 27, 2010 — SCEA Certification Exam, Application due Feb. 12, 2010

- Jun. 8-11, 2010 — ISPA/SCEA Joint Conference

## Meet the 2009-2011 Chapter Executive Board

A new Washington chapter board was elected this past June. Out of 485 total chapter members, there were 88 votes cast, just over an 18% participation rate. All board members were elected to a 24 month term, beginning on July 1, 2009. Most of those elected are returning, either in the same position or a different one, but some are new. Get to know them by reading their bios below.

**Jeffrey Moore, President**, is a Senior Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton where he serves as the lead for the Marine Corps Economic and Business Analysis team. He has fourteen years of experience in performing cost estimating and analysis. He received a B.A. in Mathematics from West Virginia University and a M.S. in Mathematics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, where he not only studied mathematical theory and applications but also had a great opportunity to teach others as an instructor for numerous courses. Jeffrey has supporting numerous Marine Corps acquisition programs throughout his career to include several large programs such as the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) and Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV). He led the team recognized for their outstanding contributions with awards such as the 2008 DoN Cost & Management Sciences Team Award and the 2008 Marine Corps Systems Command Commander's Honorary Team Award for Excellence in Operations Research/Systems Analysis.

Jeffrey is a Certified Cost Estimator/Analyst (CCE/A) and as been active at SCEA conferences with annual attendance and participation in booth displays. He has served as a track chair and on the paper committee. Jeffrey has served on the Washington Chapter SCEA Board in several position to include Membership Chair, Secretary and Vice President. His experience includes life-cycle cost estimates, program office estimates, economic analysis, cost-benefit analysis and earned value management techniques. He is responsible for cost estimating relationship development in direct support of cost estimates and budget requirements.

**David Stem, Vice President**, is a Cost Analyst at the Air Force Cost Analysis Agency. Since joining AFCAA, Dave has worked on cost estimating for major programs such as the Joint Strike Fighter and B-2 avionics modernization upgrades. Prior to working for AFCAA, he researched various aircraft acquisition topics with a focus on cost implications while working for the RAND corporation. His studies include a report on the lessons learned from the development of the F/A-22 and F/A-18E/F programs, estimating methods for predicting the costs of systems engineering and program management, cost issues for aircraft avionics and radars, and several specific program cost studies for the Air Force. Before joining RAND, Dave worked as a Staff Specialist at the Office of Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics) on weapons, cargo, and tactical aircraft programs. Previous to this assignment, he worked as a cost analyst at the Naval Center for Cost Analysis leading the development of independent estimates on the F/A-18E/F and the Advanced Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) programs. He also performed several independent cost analyses of support aircraft and avionics program. Dave began his career at the Naval Air Systems Command working in the cost department developing early program estimates for the Joint Strike Fighter and the Joint Standoff Weapon systems. He holds a masters degree in business administration with a finance concentration and a BS in aerospace engineering from Virginia Tech.

## Meet the 2009-2011 Chapter Executive Board

**Christopher Sheng, Treasurer**, is an Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton on the Economic and Business Analysis Team where he serves as a task lead for Marine Corps projects. He has six years of overall work experience. He received a B.A. in Economics from Johns Hopkins University, an M.A. in International Commerce and Policy from George Mason University, and is currently pursuing his M.B.A. with a concentration in Finance from Duke University.

Chris is a Certified Cost Estimator/Analyst (CCE/A) and most recently served as the IT Chair for the Washington Chapter of SCEA. He brings experience working on life-cycle cost estimates, decision analyses and economic analyses.

**Meghan Kennedy, Secretary**, is a Cost Analyst at the Air Force Cost Analysis Agency. Meghan graduated from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, receiving bachelors of arts degrees with honors in both mathematics and history. After graduation, Meghan joined the Air Force Cost Analysis Agency as a PALACE Acquire intern in 2005. In April of 2008, she graduated from the PALACE Acquire program. Meghan has worked on a variety of aircraft programs such as B-2 upgrades, Global Hawk, and the Joint Strike Fighter and is a Professional Cost Estimator/Analyst (PCEA).

**Timothy P. Anderson, Program Chair**, is a Technical Manager for MCR, LLC's Corporate Technical Directorate, and a professional cost analyst and operations research analyst with over fourteen years experience, primarily in the context of Department of Defense (DoD) weapon systems and national security space acquisition. Prior to arriving at MCR, Tim was a senior project leader at The Aerospace Corporation. His areas of interest are cost analysis, cost uncertainty analysis, operations research, and decision analysis. Mr. Anderson served for 20 years in the U.S. Navy and began working in the cost estimating field in 1994 while assigned to the Naval Center for Cost Analysis. From there he was assigned as a military professor at the Naval Postgraduate School, teaching cost estimation, operations research, and other technical courses. He retired from the Navy in June 2001. Mr. Anderson has a B.S. in Industrial and Operations Engineering from the University of Michigan, and an M.S. in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School. He is a SCEA certified cost estimator/analyst; an elected Program Chair for the Washington D.C. Area chapter of SCEA; an adjunct professor in the Systems Engineering/Operations Research Department at George Mason University; an adjunct professor of Engineering Economics and Cost Estimation for the Naval Postgraduate School (Distributed Learning Programs); and a frequent presenter of topics related to cost estimating and cost uncertainty analysis at forums including the Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis (SCEA), the Military Operations Research Society (MORS), the DoD Cost Analysis Symposium (DoDCAS) and the Space Systems Cost Analysis Group (SSCAG).

**Michelle Enwright, Membership Chair**, is a Senior Business/Economic Analyst at MITRE, and has over 5 years experience in cost analysis and economic modeling for the Department of Defense and other government agencies. She currently supports a classified DoD program as a cost analyst. Michelle has performed cost analysis to support many other offices within the Department of Defense including the Navy, Army, and Marine Corps. She earned her BS degree in Industrial and System Engineering at Virginia Tech.

## Washington Area Luncheon News

Facilitating discussions and providing a venue for cost analysts to network and share ideas are two of the most important objectives of SCEA. To provide such opportunities to its members, the Washington Metro Chapter holds luncheons every month in which presenters give a talk about a subject that is of interest to Washington Area Chapter SCEA members.

CAPT James Baratta, Deputy Director of the Naval Center for Cost Analysis, was the speaker at the October luncheon. His talk was entitled, "Update on the Latest Policy and Process Changes in Department of the Navy and their Impact on the Cost Community." This was a very well-attended luncheon with nearly 40 attendees. In CAPT Baratta's presentation, he gave an overview of the latest policy and process changes in the Department of the Navy, addressing cost growth and the implications of the Weapons Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009. His presentation also focused on the Navy's Gate

Review Board process and the related Probability of Program Success performance metric system, concentrating on changes to the cost estimating performance measure. Finally, CAPT Baratta described the Navy's new Cost Review Board process and Service Cost Position policy, and other initiatives that the Navy is implementing to improve cost estimating insight to program oversight decision makers.

The September luncheon had to be cancelled due to a fire in the building in which the presentation was to be held. It was rescheduled for November 18, 2009 and will feature Fred Richardson and Matt Tetreault of Booz Allen with a talk entitled, "Incorporating Financial Sustain-



*Washington Metro SCEA October Luncheon at Technomics*



*CAPT James Barratta, USN and Tim Anderson, Washington Metro SCEA Program Chair*

ability Considerations into the Planning and Design of New Facilities in the National Parks." It will be held at Booz Allen Hamilton headquarters in McLean, VA.

The Washington Area Chapter Luncheon Series continues to be a very popular venue in the Washington, D.C. area. If you are a member of the Washington Area Chapter, be on the lookout for monthly invitations in your e-mail inbox. If you are not receiving invitations, be sure to go to the chapter website, [www.washingtonscea.com](http://www.washingtonscea.com), and enter your e-mail address in our database.



## Expand Your Own Body of Knowledge

Are you planning on taking the new SCEA certification exam or interested in improving your cost estimating skills? The Washington Metro Chapter of SCEA is planning training sessions to assist members in gaining the necessary knowledge to succeed in SCEA certification exams. Usually, these training events are held on a Saturday at George Mason University in Ar-

lington. A nominal fee is charged to cover the costs of materials, refreshments, and the facility.

We are interested in soliciting members' ideas for topic areas for training. Also, we would like to find qualified cost experts who are interested in developing and providing training at these events. Trainers not only get the opportunity to help other members gain valuable knowledge,

but are recognized by the chapter with awards of appreciation.

We send out invitations about upcoming training events and post training information on our website at [www.washingtonscea.com](http://www.washingtonscea.com). If you want to contribute training topics or volunteer to be a trainer, please contact our chapter Vice President at [VicePresident@Washingtonscea.com](mailto:VicePresident@Washingtonscea.com).

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*If you have comments, ideas, or would like to contribute an article to the newsletter, please contact Meghan Kennedy at [Secretary@Washingtonscea.com](mailto:Secretary@Washingtonscea.com).*



## Name Our Newsletter!

Our new newsletter needs a name! Have some ideas? Send them to Meghan Kennedy at [Secretary@Washingtonscea.com](mailto:Secretary@Washingtonscea.com) by Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. An impartial panel of judges (the Washington Metro Chapter Executive Board) will choose the most original to be the official name of the Washington Metro Chapter's newsletter, and the winner will receive a Washington Metro Chapter SCEA coin.

