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Message from the President

I am excited about the goals of this year's GSMC. The February business meeting resulted in decisions that formed a structure for our direction in 2001.

- **Committees** are gearing up by setting goals and assigning duties.

- An aggressive **Membership Campaign** with high expectations is underway.

- Several members have expressed their intent to achieve a higher level of **NPMA Certification**.

- UT-Battelle and BWXY-12 now support **NPMA Memberships** for employees (see related article on page 2).

The year's first **Executive Board Meeting** focused on the process for amending **Chapter by-laws**. Previously submitted suggestions for revision were discussed, and Board members concurred that each resolution for amendment should be sub-

mitted in writing by its author and presented for discussion at a business meeting. Approval for revision requires a majority vote of the membership.

For the first time in our brief history, GSMC Committees are formally submitting a **budget** for expected expenses for the year. Treasurer **Mary Brooks** is utilizing an Excel spreadsheet to record budget requests, which will be presented, discussed, and approved at an upcoming business meeting. Mary will maintain the spreadsheet and make disbursements as authorized by written requests received from committee chairpersons.

I'd like to add one final word about the GSMC petition for the **2000 Chapter of the Year Award**, which was mailed ahead of schedule to meet the March 9 deadline. Chapter thanks go to **Judy Rosenberg**, who served as

chairperson of the Award Committee and kept us focused on our goal of not just turning in a petition but rather producing a narrative justification on the merits and worth of GSMC accomplishments in 2000. Committee members associated with this effort are proud of the completed project and can take great satisfaction in accomplishing so much in a short period of time. I believe our 2000 Petition can serve as a model for future efforts in this area.

As spring appears on our beautiful mountains, I invite you to spring into the exciting world of the Property professional and attend our next gathering on **April 18**. Hope to see you there!

by
Anna Martin
UT-Battelle

Calendar

Apr. 18	GSMC Spring Luncheon for New and Prospective Members
May 16	GSMC Meeting—Bill Keanaaina, UT "State Disposal of UT Property"
Jun. 22-28	National Education Seminar, Houston
Nov. 9-10	Eastern Region Seminar, Jacksonville



For meeting details see
www.ornl.gov/npma

Who Wants to go to Florida in November?

Thanks to the Eastern Region NPMA, you're never too old to win a scholarship. And this one will send you to Jacksonville in November!

The **ER 2001 Scholarship** awards up to \$1,000 for registration fee, hotel room, and transportation to this event. *Now* is the perfect time to set your sights on this goal.

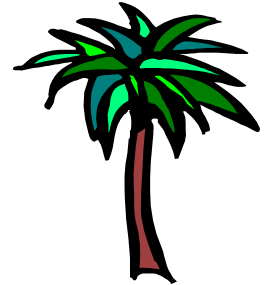
Assuming you are an NPMA member in good standing and that you did not win this award last year, here's all you have to do:

1. Write a paragraph describing your property-related experience, certification(s) held, previous awards, etc. (worth 20 points).
2. Write a description of your NPMA activities and contributions (at any level) during the past 12 months (worth 20 points).
3. Write a description (about three quarters of a page) of your involvement in property-related projects over the past 12 months (worth 60 points).
4. Ask your supervisor to write a memo authorizing your attendance at the seminar.
5. Attach the above to the ER Seminar registration form, which is downloadable on the ER website, and send it in prior to the **August 10** deadline.

The ER Awards Committee will review all applications and forward its recommendation to the ER Vice President, who will make the final selection prior to September 10. The name of the recipient will be announced at Chapter meetings and posted on the National, Regional, and Chapter websites.

An early start will improve your chances of submitting a quality application. And who knows—you just may end up spending a few November days in the Sunshine State!

2001 Eastern
Region Seminar
Jacksonville
Nov. 9-10



by
Judy Rosenberg
UT-Battelle

On the Road Again

Not that I'm complaining, but I've been on the road 3 times in the past 5 weeks!

Marcia Whitson and I went to **Aiken**, South Carolina, in January and each addressed the **CSRA Chapter** on our respective roles on the NPMA Executive Board. I was also honored to install their 2001 officers. We spent a second day benchmarking at the Savannah River site—for as we all know, ideas do not have to be original to be good.

On February 3 it was off to **Albuquerque** for the week-long **DOE/NNSA Conference**. Representatives of five ORO Contractors (BWXT Y-12, BJC, ORAU, UT-B, and WSI) were among 200-plus DOE and Contractor Property professionals. If you could travel just once a year, this annual event would be a great choice. Workshop slides may be downloaded from www.sandia.gov/cpmt/training.htm.

My most recent travels (Feb. 21-25) took me to the **Western Region Seminar** (over 200 attendees) and an Executive Board Meeting in **Los Angeles**. A significant event at the latter was Bonnie Schlag's decision to rescind her resignation as Executive Director. VP presentations at the former point to many new programs (membership, training, certification, and communication) on the horizon.

Marcia and I were typical Beverly Hills and Hollywood tourists. Check out our photos of the "stars homes" on the GSMC website Photo Gallery!

by
Cheri Cross
UT-Battelle

Good News for Employees of DOE-ORO Prime Contractors

UT-Battelle has approved payment of dues for 10 employees with an NPMA Level 1 Group Membership (5 to 50 members), saving 10 percent of the \$60 individual member rate.

The dues of **DOE-ORO** employees are covered under an NPMA Level 2 Group Membership (more than 50 employees) for all DOE employees.

Ron Cox explains that at Y-12 professional membership dues are processed according to **BWXT Y-12** Procedure Y30-305INS. Employees need only complete and submit Form UNC-15452 for approval.

The **BJC** procedure, according to **Bill Teer**, requires that an employee pay the dues and then submit an expense report for reimbursement.

Bill Price informs that the HR policy at **ORAU** provides for payment of dues in a "recognized professional organization."

NPMA dues are also covered by **WSI** and **Jefferson Lab**. Whatever the process, it's nice to work for an enterprise that supports the professional development of its employees.

—JR



NPMA Group Memberships are just one more reason to recruit NPMA members from within your organization!

There's Life after Marines for NPMA Member

The year 2000 was a monumental one for me. I joined NPMA! There were, of course, other events that made the year something to remember.

I made it through Y2K without a hitch (yawn) and decided there were worlds to conquer beyond the highly structured, ultra-conservative life I had lived in the Marine Corps. I received the CO's blessing (i.e., my wife agreed) and began the search for alternative ways to make a living.

I realized that 20 years in the Corps had done more for me than just afford opportunities to drink foreign beer in foreign lands. In addition to learning discipline, tolerance, and diplomacy, I realized I also knew a

lot about taking care of *stuff*. Once you have taken care of explosives, fleets of motor vehicles, tons of food, and enough weapons to outfit a third-world country, the task of ensuring that someone's assets don't get up and walk away doesn't seem that daunting. And it didn't hurt that I had picked up computer skills along the way.

I sent out several resumes, scored 100% on an MS Office test, and landed an interview in Wilmington, North Carolina, with a company looking for a logistics manager with strong computer skills. Off I went to Tyndall Creek Furniture, purveyor of fine solid wood rocking chairs, porch swings, and bar stools.

After a 30-minute interview that lasted an hour, my future boss and I decided we needed each other. I never dreamed I'd be in the rocking chair business, but here I am.

I now handle the production scheduling, ocean freight of our product, contract negotiations, and oversight of warehousing and distribution. I am pretty much involved in the entire supply chain from the time the tree is cut down until that fine hardwood rocking chair is delivered to your door. What you do with it then is up to you.

I must admit my first six months were tough; there was just so much to learn. But the discipline and work ethic I developed in the Corp, coupled

with my property and supply chain management experience, allowed me to succeed.

I loved the Corps, but I must say, this private sector stuff is pretty good!



by
Brent Crane
Tyndall Creek
Furniture

Up Close and Personal

Brent Crane retired from the Marines as a Gunnery Sergeant on Friday, June 23, 2000, and went to work at Tyndall Creek the following Monday.

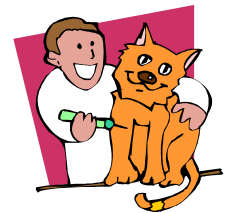
He is pursuing a degree in Computer Information Systems at Campbell University (on

the President's List with a 4.0) and is on track to graduate in December 2002.

Brent's family includes wife Marilyn (RN after May graduation and NC state test); daughters Stephanie (16) and Samantha (12); and son Andrew (15).

The former Marine loves golfing, hunting, and is "pretty fond of fishing."

Born in Arkansas and raised in Missouri, Brent says he just may grow old in North Carolina, "unless I find a great job in East Tennessee." —J.R.



*I have 5 cats,
4 dogs, a bird, and a vet
with a new boat.
—B.C.*

NPMA Chapter Meeting Highlights

Date: March 21, 2001

Program: "Subcontract Closeout Process" presented by **James Dee** (GeoQuill, Inc.)

Attendance: 16 including 3 guests and 13 members (32%)

Old Business

- April Membership Lunch
- Revision of GMSC By-laws

New Business

- Certification Training
- Annual Drawing
- GSMC Member Updates
- Newsletter Suggestion

View February
and March
Minutes online



Acronyms

CSRA	Central Savannah River Area
BJC	Bechtel Jacobs Company
BWXT	BWX Technologies
NNSA	National Nuclear Security Agency
ORAU	Oak Ridge Associated Universities
UT-Battelle	University of Tennessee-Battelle
WSI	Wackenhut Services, Inc.
Y-12	Y-12 National Security Complex

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