

Houston/Clear Lake Chapter Society of Cost Estimating & Analysis (SCEA) Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

We met on February 20 for a Chapter meeting at the Oriental Gourmet Restaurant for a buffet lunch. We had four new people from Boeing along with current members who did some networking and listened to a brief presentation from the President on current happenings. For those not in attendance here is a recap:

We are having a contest to design a logo for T-shirts, which we can sell to generate some income. The SCEA logo from National needs to be incorporated into the design. Entries are due by March 30 so we can vote at the April meeting.

Chapter meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each month so you can plan ahead now for future meetings. Please put these dates on your calendar so your reminder pops up and you don't miss opportunities to network, learn and have some fun.

We will be having a guest speaker in the very near future – more details later.

One of our prospective members has expressed an interest in heading up our Education and Training program. You will be hearing more on this as it firms up.

Membership drive is underway.

Local SCEA Chapter Membership is Now Available

The newly formed Houston/Clear Lake Chapter of SCEA now makes SCEA membership more personal and useful. The Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis (SCEA) has established a new chapter in the Houston and south Texas area. The society focuses on developing personal qualifications and on furthering the effectiveness and efficiency of cost estimating and analysis. Local membership provides the opportunity for personal training and for meeting other cost estimating and analysis professionals. In order to bring the new chapter to the attention of the community and to solicit membership of interested individuals, we will begin contacting various businesses and organizations. You can make a key contribution to our success by providing the names and contact information for companies or organizations that we might contact. In addition, we would appreciate the names of individuals who you believe might be interested in SCEA. We will be happy to make contact or accompany you in contacting these folks. Your provided information will be the basis for our beginning to network across the community. Please send your information to any Board member or to Randy Parker at qparker@aol.com or call 281.333.3703 ext 121.

Members should have received “Exam Policy and Schedule for Exams for 2007” from national SCEA office. We have a proctor and will be ready to offer testing on April 14, location TBD at this time. So interested parties must get busy and follow the requirements to be able to test.

Don't forget about the upcoming ISPA/SCEA International Conference from Jun 12-15 in New Orleans, LA. Details are available on the SCEA web site. Great opportunities for education, training as well as networking.

Parting Thought: This Chapter is yours, we will make it successful by generating ideas, actively participating in activities and taking a personal interest in its success. Its people define an organization – people make things happen, not organizations.

Please let us hear from you. Your ideas, what you like, what you would like, and even what you don't like or changes you think would improve our organization.

Oh, one more thing, we are looking for an editor for our newsletter. Interested parties contact Ella Hrabar at e-mail listed on Chapter site.

Sincerely, Current Editor: Ella Hrabar