



## Welcome to the Renewed Baltimore Chapter of the Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis

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#### Baltimore Chapter

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#### We'd Love to Hear from You!

- What do you think of this newsletter?
- How has SCEA helped you professionally?

After months of planning to revive the Baltimore SCEA chapter...it has finally come to fruition! The SCEA Board of Directors (BoD) voted in favor of the Baltimore chapter during its June 2009 BoD meeting. The Chapter boundaries have been defined to include the 30 mile radius around Baltimore city. Although the majority of Baltimore SCEA chapter members are currently located in Harford County, Maryland, recently there has been an increased interest in chapter from all across the region.

Thanks to the national SCEA office, Baltimore Chapter is also on the web. Our Chapter's Bylaws and Constitution will be made available online and we will try to keep you informed about what is going on via periodical Newsletter.

The Chapter had adjourned for the summer but chapters' officers had been meeting regularly on a monthly basis to discuss important chapter information.

During the last meeting we have decided that these monthly officers' meeting will be open to all members (emails will be sent with enough notice in advance) and will occur during the first week of each month. Agenda for these meetings will be current business of the Chapter to include finances, organization of events, membership, etc.

Later in the month, we will be hosting an event at a local restaurant with some prominent speakers. If you are not a chapter member, but interested in getting involved or attending one of our events, please contact one of chapter officers.

The next SCEA PCEA & CCEA exam is scheduled for 31 October 2009. One of the benefits of the chapter includes hosting certification exams locally. In addition, the Baltimore SCEA Chapter currently can offer a great group discount for SCEA's CeBok, given we have enough interest. Our chapter will make plans to host the exam in October term depending on the number of members interested.

Please note that there are many ways you can benefit from participating in local SCEA chapters. Chapter events are great ways to network and develop contacts. Local chapters can also organize training and help you prepare for the certification exam. There is a growing interest in SCEA certification in both government organizations and corporate industries. If this is something you consider to pursue, the Baltimore SCEA chapter can help you in this process!

Sincerely,

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The President, Baltimore SCEA Chapter