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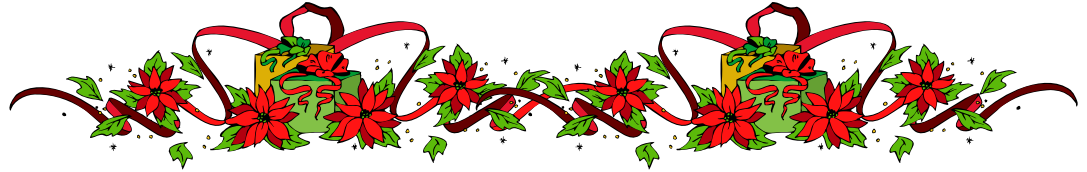
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President's Thoughts

Seasons Greetings!

Thanks to all of you that attended the Fall Booster Estimating seminar led by Dr. Smart and Mr. Bell. It was very informative and a great opportunity to gain insight into this important topic area. I would also like to extend a special thank you to our Education Chairman, Vice President, and our Secretary for their hard work in making this event possible. We are also planning another seminar for Spring 07. Stay tuned for more information in our newsletters and meetings.

Our annual Holiday Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 11th, at the SAIC Patriot Room, 6725 Odyssey Drive. Please make plans now to attend by contacting Jenny Hunkapiller 256.842.8037 or you can email your reservations to jenny.hunkapiller@msl.army.mil. There will be great food, door prizes, and an opportunity to meet & greet other SCEA members!

As you know, the Greater Alabama Chapter has a great tradition of community service and this year, our Christmas project will be to collect donations of cash and useful items to benefit the Downtown Rescue Mission. I'm sure that most of you are familiar with this great organization. Please bring your donations to the December luncheon. We will send out a separate email notice regarding the items that we will be collecting.

We have some great speakers and events lined up for the rest of the year. Please pass the word to your employees, co-workers, and friends about our organization. I would like to thank all of for your continued support of this successful Chapter.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our December meeting!

*Dean Kimmel, President
Greater Alabama SCEA Chapter*



December Luncheon

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Speaker: No speaker, just great food and conversation!

Topic: Food!

Location: HSV-OD2 Gemini Room, SAIC Bldg, 6723 Odyssey Dr, Huntsville, AL

Cost: \$15 per person (luncheon & meal)

Reservations deadline is **4:00 p.m., Monday, December 10th.**

Call Jenny Hunkapiller 256.842.8037 or you can email your reservations to Jenny at jenny.hunkapiller@msl.army.mil

IMPORTANT: Please be aware that if you make reservations and do not attend, you will be invoiced for your meal. Substitutes are allowed or cancellations must be made 24 hours before the reservation deadline. Please let the treasurer know at the luncheon if you are a substitute for someone who made a reservation.

Bonus Door Prize Ticket

Name: _____



Dollars and \$ense

Beginning Balance	
(As of October 1, 2007)	\$ 6,202.32
Income	\$ 265 .00
Disbursements	<u>\$ 337.79</u>
Ending Balance	
(As of October 31, 2007)	\$ 6,129.53

Donna Pitts,
Treasurer

Please Keep Us Posted So We Can Update Our Records!!

If any of your contact information (mailing address, phone number, email address, etc.) has changed please submit new information to Membership Industry Chair, David Cowart david.r.cowart@saic.com or Membership Government Chair Donna Rigsby, donna.rigsby@amd.army.mil.

REMINDER:
Renew Your Dues Today!

Contact David Cowart, (705-8696) Industry, or Donna Rigsby, (313-3021) Government, if you have questions.





Chapter News/ Announcements

Certified Professional Cost Estimator Certification Training Sessions (January – March 2008)

It is good advice to plan early when considering a significant undertaking. I challenge those of you reading this Newsletter to start planning to register for the SCEA Certified Cost Estimator / Analyst (CCE/A) 2008 Certification Training Sessions. Continuing education is a vital aspect of your career field and the SCEA Greater Alabama Chapter annually schedules a series of five core classes (2.5 hours each) to train / refresh Huntsville area analysts (cost, budget, finance, program management) in the understanding and skillful use of the tools of their profession. Up to three additional classes are planned for those applying for certification testing which is normally scheduled in mid-April. Plan now to accept this challenge in 2008. Look for more information in the next couple of months, and if you have questions you can contact :

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2008 ISPA-SCEA Annual Domestic Joint Conference & Training Workshop, 24-27 June 2008

Next year is shaping up to be an exciting one highlighted by the upcoming 2008 SCEA/ISPA Joint Annual Conference & Training Workshop in Industry Hills, CA. The conference will be held June 24 - 27, 2008 at the beautiful Pacific Palms Conference Resort. Come and join your cost estimating colleagues for professional paper presentations, panel discussions, and keynote speeches on issues pertaining to the cost estimating profession, and improve your skills at the comprehensive Training Workshops. It's going to be an exciting conference program in a topnotch learning environment with outstanding recreational amenities, and an experience you won't want to miss! Hotel accommodations will be available at the conference rate of \$110 per night, plus taxes. Please visit the SCEA website, www.sceaonline.org, for additional program details as they develop.



2008 ISPA-SCEA International Annual Joint Conference & Training Workshop, 12-14 May 2008

The 30th Annual Conference of the International Society of Parametric Analysts will bring the cost community together in Noordwijk, Netherlands next May. SCEA and ISPA members should have received preliminary information on the conference already, and additional information and registration details will be provided in future SCEA monthly newsletters.



Member Profile

If you would like to recommend someone for a future member spotlight, email Scott Hillstead at scott.hillstead.ctr@mda.mil

Professional Community News

Have you or somebody you know received an award, been published, been promoted, changed company or office? If so, we'd like to share the news with the rest of the SCEA community. Please contact David Cowart, Industry Membership Committee Chairman at david.r.cowart@saic.com or Donna Rigsby, Government Membership Committee Chairman at donna.rigsby@amd.army.mil.

Note: SCEA membership is not a requirement for inclusion in the Professional Community News column.

Member Highlights

Do you have news you would like to share? A new job, promotion, or re-location? Let us know so we can share with your fellow members!

SCEA Board Members

Contact information for all of the 2007-2008 SCEA Board members is provided below. Please feel free to contact them with your suggestions, questions, or comments.

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