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President's Thoughts

Happy New Year! We have a very exciting year planned. Besides our monthly luncheons, we have our certification classes being scheduled and another seminar being planned. I would like to remind all of you that the 2008 Joint ISPA-SCEA conference will be held on June 24-28 at the Pacific Palms Conference Resort - Industry Hills, CA. For more information, please use the link provided.

(<http://www.sceaonline.org/events/conference/conferences.cfm>). Also, in February, the DoD Cost Analysis Symposium (DoDCAS) will be holding their 41st Event in Williamsburg, VA. For additional information, please use this link. (www.ra.pae.osd.mil/adodcas/)

As you plan out your year, take time to enhance your skill set. One way is to attend the certification training coming in the next couple of months. The dates and content are being determined and an e-mail is imminent. We also offer the opportunity to take the certification exam following this training. Another way to become certified in cost estimating and cost analysis is to test during the Joint ISPA-SCEA Conference.

All of the activities planned allow us the opportunity to network with our fellow professionals. This organization has members from MDA, NASA, AMCOM, SMDC, PEOs, Industry, Contractors, and many other local businesses, which helps expand our professional capabilities as well as share information--not to mention the great friendships being developed. We had a great networking session during our holiday luncheon, and we had several nice door prizes given away.

Our guest speaker this month is Dr. Sam Cooke from Paradigm Technologies, Inc. He will be speaking on the future changes to the SCEA certification process as well as the upcoming training sessions being held by the Greater Alabama Chapter. Mark your calendars to attend the January luncheon on the 15th at SAIC Patriot Room.

Thank you again for your contributions to the SAPP shelter. The staff was very grateful. They are always taking donations, so if you did not get a chance to make your donation, please let me know. We would be glad to take your donation to their office. I am looking forward to seeing all of you next week.

Have a wonderful year!

*Dean Kimmel, President
Greater Alabama SCEA Chapter*

January Luncheon

Time: 11:30 a.m.
Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2008
Speaker: Dr. H. Samuel Cooke, Paradigm Technologies, Inc.
Topic: SCEA Professional Certification
Location: HSV-OD1 Patriot Room, SAIC Bldg, 6723 Odyssey Dr, Huntsville, AL
Cost: \$15 per person (luncheon & meal)

Reservations deadline is **3:00 p.m., Monday, January 14th.**

Call Jenny Hunkapiller 256.842.8037 or you can email your reservations to Jenny at jenny.hunkapiller@mssl.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: _____

Luncheon Speaker Biography

Dr. Sam Cooke currently serves the Missile Defense Agency DOBE, Directorate for Cost Estimating and Analysis, as the lead Systems Engineering and Technical Assistance (SETA) contractor. Dr. Cooke has extensive cost analysis and systems engineering experience in U. S. Army missile defense Project Offices, Air and Missile Research, Development, Engineering Center (AMRDEC)- Prototype Integration Facility, and with PEO Aviation. He led cost estimating/analysis teams supporting most of the (previous) Missile Command (MICOM) Project Offices from 1973 – 2003. Dr Cooke is an Army veteran and served as a U.S. Army Field Artillery Officer in Viet Nam 1969 – 70 as a forward observer and as a fire direction officer with C Battery, 6th Battalion of the 27th Artillery.

Cost Estimating / Analysis Certifications:

Certified Cost Estimator / Analyst (CCE/A), Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis (SCEA), Certificate Number 354, since 1991; recertification in 1996, 2001, 2006 (thru 2011)
Certified Cost Analyst (CCA), Institute of Cost Analysis, Certification Number 2056, 1988
Professional Designation in Cost Analysis and Price Analysis, Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT), School of Systems and Logistics, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, 1985

Adjunct Professor / Teaching Experience (Six Educational Institutions):

University of Alabama in Huntsville (Continuing Education, Cost Estimating / Analysis)
University of Alabama at Birmingham (Guest Lecturer, International Business)
Southeastern Institute of Technology (Statistics, Micro Economics, Mgt. Accounting)
John C. Calhoun Community College, Decatur Alabama (Labor Relations, Personnel)
Hua Dong University, Shanghai, China (Cost Management, Scheduling)
Motorolo University, Beijing, China (Cost Management, Scheduling,)

Dollars and \$ense

Beginning Balance	
(As of December 1, 2007)	\$ 4,740.64
Income	\$ 535.00
Disbursements	\$ <u>937.40</u>
Ending Balance	
(As of December 31, 2007)	\$4,338.24

Donna Pitts,
Treasurer

Future SCEA Monthly Luncheon Dates

Mark your calendars! Here are the dates for upcoming monthly SCEA luncheons:

Date	Time	Location
1/15/2008	11:30 PM	SAIC - PATRIOT ROOM
2/12/2008	11:30 PM	SAIC - PATRIOT ROOM
4/15/2008	11:30 PM	SAIC - PATRIOT ROOM
5/20/2008	11:30 PM	SAIC - PATRIOT ROOM

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.

Chapter News/ Announcements

Certified Professional Cost Estimator Certification Training Sessions (February – 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

REMINDER:

Renew Your Dues Today!

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

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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

**Send Member News to
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**Contact any of your
SCEA Board Members
for information
concerning your local
chapter of SCEA.**

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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