



The Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis

Houston/Clear Lake Chapter

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Hi Everyone,

The chapter meeting will be the third Wednesday of every other month. Our next meeting will be July 16. Please see notice posted on the web for details. Hope to see you there.

Certification Exam - The Houston/Clear Lake Chapter hosted a certification exam on Saturday, June 28, 2008. **Ann Sylvester/NASA** was the proctor for that exam. Thanks Ann for a job well done. Comments about the exam were felt they did well on the exam (waiting on the results), the examples on the National SCEA web site are representative of what is on the exam and studying CostProf was good preparation (consider harder) in order to pass the exam. Remember certification and exam criteria are under consideration for change so you might want to consider taking the test this year.

Study Group - Our Study Group continues to meet. **RK Jain/Boeing** is teaching/mentoring the class. We meet every other Thursday. Times are from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. at United Space Alliance, 600 Gemini in the Supplier Conference Room located in the main lobby by door 10. Next session will be July 10. For information or directions, please contact Ella Hrabar (ella.c.hrabar@usa-spaceops.com).

Networking - I recently attended a NCMA lunch/meeting where Networking was talked about. The speaker acknowledged networking was very important as it offered the opportunity to meet people who might be able to provide valuable assistance when you need it the most. The example provided – a person needed to make a presentation to their company Board of Directors and CEO at 7:30 a.m. the next morning and didn't have a great deal of insight into the subject. They contacted a person met through networking that specialized in that subject. Four individuals with expertise on the subject were in turn contacted and provided, within two hours, four different approaches of how they would present the subject. The outcome was a successful presentation made to the CEO and BOD utilizing the material provided. Not only is networking important for building business relationships but also leads to learning more about people and their companies, different tools used to perform similar tasks that might be useful to you and your company, grow your communication skill in new situations, and so much more. It's all about the effort each individual chooses to put forth to build a relationship.

Opportunity to Grow and Organization and Become a Leader - February 2009 will be the two year anniversary of the Houston/Clear Lake Chapter of SCEA. Are you interested in the opportunity to run a small organization and gain experience you can use in your future quest as you grow in your profession. What better way to gain experience that can further your career than becoming the next President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Houston/Clear Lake Chapter of SCEA. Also if you have ideas or want to head up a committee to help our chapter grow, we would love to hear from you. Interested parties contact Ella Hrabar via e-mail at Ella.C.Hrabar@usa-spaceops.com .

Sincerely, Editor: Ella Hrabar