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## President's Message: Ross Jackson



How is 2009 going for you? I imagine that you are very busy working on the important cost estimates associated with providing our nation war-winning capabilities on time and on cost. Based on the activity of our local chapter, things are going well for SCEA. From a very successful holiday charity event to a substantial redesign of the SCEA certification

examination, this year is marked by progress and change at both the local and national levels. This newsletter contains a brief summary of some of the major SCEA events.

In this newsletter, Eric Nardi provides an overview of two important charity events. The Adopt-a-Family event was a huge success thanks to Eric's effort and the charitable spirit of our members. Also, please note the upcoming Bowl for Kids' Sake. This is a great opportunity to have fun and help children in the process. I hope to see you at the lanes.

Scott Boyd's article deals with the restructuring of the SCEA examination. Several Dayton SCEA members will be taking the Beta exam to help refine the test. There are some major changes associated

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## Upcoming Chapter Events

**Bowl for Kids' Sake ..... 14 March 2009**  
**SCEA/ASMC Luncheon ..... 19 March 2009**

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## *President's Message (continued)*

with this new certification exam. Be sure to check out Scott's article for all the details.

It is never too early to start thinking about running for a SCEA leadership position. This is a great way to serve the community, and develop one's leadership skills in the process. The chapter has both elected and appointed positions. Information that is more specific will be sent to our members as we approach the election, but this might be a good time to ponder how you can best serve the organization.

If you have ideas for presentations, articles, social activities, or any other suggestion on how we can make our SCEA chapter better please let me know. Please email me directly at [ross.jackson@wpafb.af.mil](mailto:ross.jackson@wpafb.af.mil), or contact our newsletter editor Ms. Amy Smith at [amy.smith4@wpafb.af.mil](mailto:amy.smith4@wpafb.af.mil).

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### SCEA Greater Dayton Chapter Charity Events

By  
Eric Nardi

#### Adopt-a-Family 2008

Thank you to all the many people who generously donated to the 2008 Adopt-a-Family program. We raised an astounding amount, \$648, and with that we were able to purchase gifts for two families in need. Along with the gifts SCEA purchased, Epiphany Lutheran Church provided groceries for each family, providing a supplement to their holiday celebration. Thank you again for the amazing support we received for these families. Our ability to help those in need from our surrounding community once again proved itself excellent.



#### Bowl for Kids' Sake 2009

It is again nearing time for the annual Bowl for Kids' Sake event. This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 14, at Poelking Lanes South, behind the Dayton Mall. Please contact Eric Nardi at [Eric.Nardi@wpafb.af.mil](mailto:Eric.Nardi@wpafb.af.mil) or (937) 656-5001 if you are interested in joining a team. SCEA will have 10 teams, with a maximum of five people per team. The minimum amount to raise is \$25, and prizes will be given to those who raise more. We look forward to the usual excellent turnout for this event. Hope to see you there!

## Dayton SCEA Chapter Members Taking the Beta CCEA Exam

**By**  
**Scott Boyd**

Several members of our chapter are taking the Beta version of the SCEA CCEA exam. SCEA national hosted a series of web conferences between 9-13 February to review the structure of the new exam and outline some test taking strategies. The new exam has two parts. The first part is for analysts with less than five years of experience and those who pass it are granted the Professional Cost Estimator/Analyst (PCEA) designation. The second part is for analysts with more than five years of experience and passing both parts carries the full CCEA designation. Examinees are given 2 hours for part 1 and 3 hours for part 2. Those taking both parts of the new exam get a break for lunch. Part 1 of the exam is further broken into two sections, one focuses on foundational knowledge and provides 15 points, and one focuses on practical application and provides 35 points. Examinees have to achieve 35 points out of the possible 50 to pass part 1. Part 2 of the exam is also further broken into two sections, one focuses on advanced analysis (multiple choice with partial credit) and the second uses a case study with multiple choice and short essays to test the examinees knowledge. Examinees have to achieve 70 points out of the possible 100 to pass part 2.

SCEA went through a rigorous process to develop the new exam that first identified 605 specific testable topics and developed the exam with three levels of knowledge for each topic. The three levels are recall, application, and developmental. The recall level asks basic questions about a topic and tests for basic knowledge. The application level asks more in-depth questions that test for actual skills, and the developmental level tests the skill that the examinee possesses to apply knowledge and skill to a solve a problem.

SCEA has worked on the new exam for over a year with a professional exam developer. The new exam, along with the new Cost Estimating Body of Knowledge (CEBoK) training tool takes SCEA to a new level of professionalism. Attaining the CCEA certificate provides a true measure of success and recognizes those who possess it as professionals.

## Upcoming SCEA/ASMC Luncheon

**By**  
**Amy Smith**

The Dayton chapters of SCEA and ASMC will be holding a joint luncheon on Thursday, March 19, at the Wright-Patt Club. MGen Michael Mushula (Ret) and Mr. Ed Weeks, Principal, Booz Allen Hamilton, will present “Financial Management and Program Management Team”. Social hour begins at 11:15 am, and lunch will be served at 11:30 am. If you’re interested, please contact one of the ticket reps below before March 13, 2009. Hope to see you there!

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