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Message from the President

2001 was a great year! When the Great Smoky Mountain Chapter was announced as *Chapter of the Year* at the NPMA National Education Seminar in Houston, I looked around at other members in attendance and saw that same look of pride as **Anna Martin** stepped up to accept the award on behalf of our chapter. I thought of the members who unselfishly gave of their time and expertise to compile our accomplishments into a marvelous presentation. Humble is okay, but I can tell you we deserved the honor.

Tracy Baber, Vice President and Program and Special Events Committee chairperson, suggests *Come Expecting the Best in 2002* as this year's motto and is working to provide entertaining, diverse, and informative programs that will offer new perspectives on age-old property management (PM) issues.

Marcia Whitson and **Cheri Cross**, each with a wealth of experience and knowledge in PM and the workings of NPMA, will co-chair the Professional Development Com-

mittee and support members in every way possible to raise certification levels and expand PM knowledge.

Last year's large increase in membership resulted from the tireless work of the Membership Committee and Anna Martin; and under the leadership of **Anna** and **Linda Gattuso**, this level of growth is destined to continue.

Kathy Davidson, who does an exemplary job with our Web site, will lead the 2002 Communications Committee. Look for the addition of a Web page called *Years in Review* that will document our chapter's history.

Also on the table is "DOE Today," which will appear in the next issue of *Smoky Mountain Signals*. This regular contribution by our DOE counterparts will focus on timely topics relevant to PM.

Larry Osborne will lead the Nomination Committee in its all-important assignment of coming up with a slate of officers for our 2003 leaders.

David Mikeska will head a

by
Bill Price, CPPA
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By-Laws and Constitution Committee to review our by-laws, an essential task for the health of an organization beginning its seventh year. Change is inevitable, and we don't want the restrictions of by-laws that no longer fit our needs or permit us to grow.

Mary Brooks is chairperson of the Finance Committee. Her experience and success in dealing with GSMC income and outgo in 2001 make her a valuable asset in overseeing the financial health of the chapter in 2002.

With a dynamic and diverse membership, the Great Smoky Mountain Chapter is still #1—but each of us needs to be a part of the chapter's growth, development, and success by actively participating on a committee, contributing ideas, and challenging the GSMC to new heights. **You** are vital to the chapter!

Calendar

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| Feb. 7-8 | Western Region Seminar Las Vegas, Nevada |
| Feb. 20 | GSMC Meeting 1099 Commerce Park, Room N29 |
| Jun. 14-20 | National Education Seminar San Diego, California |



*Come Expecting
the Best in 2002*

GSMC Members Get Involved

Several GSMC members have “taken the plunge” and become involved in national and regional NPMA business:

- As National Vice President (VP) of Communications and Marketing, **Marcia Whitson** is responsible for all communications and marketing aspects of the NPMA, including the National Web site, *The NPMA Digest*, advertising, and marketing brochures.
- Eastern Region (ER) VP **Cheri Cross** represents the region on the National Executive Board and develops programs and tools to assist regional chapters.
- As ER Director of Internet Communications, **Kathy Davidson** maintains the ER Web site and assists regional chapters with their Web sites.
- ER Editor **Judy Rosenberg** edits all regional submissions to *The Property Professional* and the *NPMA Digest* and assists in the selection of annual literary awards.
- As a member of the ER Awards Committee, **Rebecca Whitehead** reviews applications for regional Chapter and Property Person of the Year and works with the NPMA Director of Awards to select and submit ER winners for national

award consideration.

- GSMC National Delegate **J. D. Huddleston** represents the GSMC at all regional and national board meetings, casts GSMC votes regarding all required voting issues, and keeps the GSMC membership informed of national developments.
- As GSMC President, **Bill Price** additionally performs the above functions.

Expanding your NPMA horizons beyond the GSMC is a great opportunity for individual growth, which nurtures our chapter as well.



by
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That Was the Year That Was*

On the heels of the 2000 Chapter of the Year Award, **2001** was yet another outstanding year for the Great Smoky Mountain Chapter. The following is a recap of the year's activities and accomplishments:

The **Professional Development and Education** Committee sponsored federal NPMA certification classes in October at which participants trained and tested at the CPPS, CPPA and CPPM levels. **Andy Anderson** (CPPM, CF) traveled from San Jose, California, to conduct the training. Nine GSMC members and one member from the Magnolia Chapter (Jackson, Mississippi) earned certifications.

The **Membership Committee** hosted spring and fall luncheons at which we shared pizza, drinks, and cookies with 17 prospective members. **Marcia Whitson** (CPPM, CF), VP of Communications and Marketing, promoted the benefits of NPMA at the

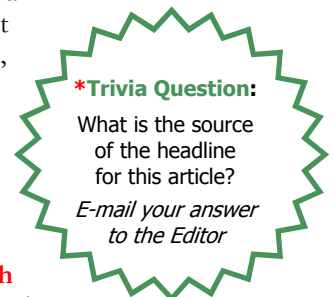
April event, where a door prize was awarded to guest **Julia Landreth** (BWXT Y-12). In October, members and six guests heard **Andy Anderson** describe the life cycle of being an NPMA member. A drawing for a year's NPMA membership went to **James Lovin-good** (Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.). The chapter gained seven members as the result of these events, and membership increased 30 percent for the year. Now *that's* an impressive statistic.

The 2001 **Program and Events Committee** scheduled interesting and informed speakers for the first half of the 60-minute meetings (held over the lunch hour). GSMC member **Jim Dee** provided two sessions, one on Contract Close-out and another on Electronic Resumes. **Bill Keanaaina**, from the University of Tennessee (UT), presented a program on State Disposal of UT Prop-

erty. **Roderick Ott** (DOE-ORO) spoke on the Energy-Related Laboratory Equipment (ERLE) system of property reutilization. And Home Depot employee **Jerry Kastler** provided a session on Inventory methods at the store in Oak Ridge.

To round out the year, the chapter enjoyed its traditional **Christmas Get-together** at Calhoun's on Lake Loudon, where dinner awards (to **David Mikeska, Judy Rosenberg, and Kathy Davidson**); Outstanding Achievement awards (to **Judy Rosenberg, Debbie Ferguson, Jim Dee, Dinah Gray, and Anna Martin**); and the Chapter Person of the Year award (to **David Mikeska**) were presented (please see the December 19, 2001, Minutes for details).

And that was the year that was!



***Trivia Question:**
What is the source of the headline for this article?
E-mail your answer to the Editor

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Up Close and Personal

It was the 1990 closing of a five-and-dime—F. W. Woolworth Co.—in Richmond, Virginia, that brought its manager of 14 years, **Bill Price**, and his family to East Tennessee.

Bill first worked as Parts and Service Director at East Tennessee Ford and then as Service Manager for Clayton Nissan before joining Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) in 1993.

As Property Management Coordinator at ORAU, Bill is responsible for tracking and auditing the property inventory and “completing all our wonderful reports, along with every-

thing else associated with personal property management.”

He is also in charge of maintaining the ORAU vehicle fleet, along with acquisition and disposition. “And I’m responsible for internal moves at ORAU. As you all know, there are numerous ancillary duties that always accompany the official ones.”

Bill grew up in Florida (Ft. Lauderdale and Jacksonville) and graduated from Georgia Southern University with a B.S. in Biology. He and **Carol**, his wife of 24 years (whom he describes as his “first and only”), have raised a son and a daugh-

ter—**John** is a paramedic with Anderson County Emergency Medical Service, and **Jennifer** attends Roane State Community College.

No replacement yet for **Missy**, the family’s cocker spaniel of 16 years who passed away last year.

As for his hobbies and special interests, “I really like to read and fish—and I enjoy traveling to and seeing new places, as well as revisiting places and friends from my past.” From this up-close-and-personal look at Bill, that “past” includes most of the Southeast!

—J.R.



Bill Price, CPPA, brings a wealth of experience to his leadership position as chapter President.

A GSMC charter member, he has served as Treasurer and been active on the Finance and Membership committees.

NPMA Meeting Highlights

- **Date:** Jan. 17, 2002
- **Program:** Installation of 2002 GSMC Officers
- **Attendance:** 19 members, 1 guest
- **Report** of 2002 Committee Chairpersons and Champions
- **Formation** of ad hoc Committee to Review GMSC By-laws
- **GSMC Goals**—2002 and beyond

View complete Minutes at <http://www.ornl.gov/npma/meetings>



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As we start out 2002 with newly elected GSMC officers, let's look for the new officers and remember the past!

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