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Message from the President

In the words of GSMC member Cheri Cross, "It's hard to go back and describe the National Education Seminar . . . You have to be there and experience it."

Here are the highlights:

- Eastern Region Chapter of the Year Award to GSMC
- **National Chapter of the Year Award** to GSMC
- NPMA Literary Awards to Cheri Cross, J.D. Huddleston, and Marcia Whitson
- Outstanding Member Awards to Mary Brooks and J.D. Huddleston
- Consulting Fellow (CF) Certification earned by Marcia Whitson
- CPPS Certification earned by Dewayne Raines
- "Innovative Sales Processes" Workshop conducted by Cheri Cross and Marcia Whitson
- Auction to raise money for NPMA Foundation Grant

conducted by Cheri Cross and Marcia Whitson

- 56 workshops held
- Keynote speaker NASA Astronaut John W. Young
- Tour of Space Center Houston
- Over \$6,000 raised from the NPMA Foundation drawing
- NPMA dinner and Property Challenge (won by the Eastern Region for the 8th year in a row)
- 591 NPMA members in attendance, 8 from GSMC

I would like to take time to reflect on the Chapter of the Year Award. The words I heard at the NES were to "Aim high—and if you aim high, expect it to be hard."

When our Chapter decided to petition for this award, we believed we deserved it. But then came the hard part of proving it, which was placed in the hands of a dedicated

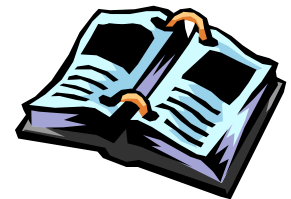
committee of 14 kept on track by Judy Rosenberg. This group shared a belief, and all champions will tell you that you have to *believe* you can win *before* you can win. The end result was a professional narrative illustrating the accomplishments of the Great Smoky Mountain Chapter in the year 2000.

It takes more than a committee to win this award: it takes members working as a team to accomplish its goals. From the beginning, I had a dream that we would win the NPMA Chapter of the Year Award. A dream has come true, and each member of the GSMC can take great pride in this honor.

by
Anna Martin
CPPM

Calendar

Aug. 15	GSMC Meeting—Roderick Ott "Energy-Related Laboratory Equipment (ERLE)"
Sept. 19	GSMC Meeting —Christina Hutto, CPPA "Benefits of the NPMA"
Oct. 29-30	NPMA Certification Training, Oak Ridge Andy Anderson, CPPM, CF
Nov. 9-10	Eastern Region Seminar, Jacksonville



Meeting details are posted at
www.ornl.gov/npma

GSMC Members Return to Earth After Houston High

Here's how GSMC members who attended the 2001 NES report on their experience:

How did attending the NES benefit you as a Property professional?

Gerald Fritts: "The networking, I've made more than a few contacts at these seminars; each year I seem to make more."

Cheri Cross: "Without a doubt, networking!"

David Mikeska: "Networking with other professionals and the latest information on the FAR 45 Rewrite."

Marcia Whitson: "The networking and contacts I made at NES are invaluable. Being able to glean information and learn new things from other Property professionals helps me become a more valuable employee."

Dewayne Raines: "As a first-time attendee, I saw first hand

how dedicated the NPMA staff is. No matter how small or trivial the question, they would answer it. No one was exempt from this thought process of helping others. It was networking at its best.

"Taking advice from others, I attended a couple of seminars outside my area (federal), and the information has already proven useful. It never hurts to think out of the box."

Anna Martin: "Words cannot express the benefits of the many excellent meetings, workshop/training, and networking involving 600 Property professionals. . ."

What one piece of information or idea gleaned from the NES can you share so others can benefit from your experience?

Gerald: "I like the idea of Property standards. It's encour-

aging to see that the Federal side of property management is taking these standards to heart and looking to incorporate them into everyday business."

Cheri: "Online NPMA training will soon be available."

David: "The ASTM property standards provide a base on which to build for Physical Inventory, Terminology, and LDDs."

Marcia: "Become involved in NPMA! Participating as an officer on any level provides opportunities for knowledge and growth. I met many Property professionals whose faces were filled with excitement because of experiences and information received at the NES."

Dewayne: "The best piece of information that I personally received was *the wheel has been invented*. A lot of situations arise



in your day-to-day job that you feel are overwhelming and unobtainable; yet if you ask around, a solution and process are usually already available."

Anna: "NPMA members should set attainable goals—and then stretch a little further."

by
Judy Rosenberg
CPPS

Cheri Cross is First Word Search Winner

Cheri Cross submitted the best time in solving last issue's **Word Search**. As promised, she received *extreme recognition* at the June 13 chapter meeting, which consisted of a prize (a deck of

Mind-Bending Puzzles) and certificate.

It's a new puzzle and a new challenge: E-mail your time for solving this edition of **Word**

Search to the Editor to compete for *extreme recognition*.

Be precise...be honest...and be quick! Deadline is **Aug. 15**.



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Word Search

by
Debbie
Ferguson

Halt!

Do not begin this puzzle until you read the related article!

USA-FEPP Web Site Is a Favorite

When a call went out to GSMC members for their favorite work-related Web sites, **Anna Martin** wasted no time in citing the **Users and Screeners Association Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP)** site.

Anna poses the question, "What other Web page has this amount of information about federal excess property and includes the NPMA?"

Here's a sample of topics addressed from the menu bar "How Do I...":

- Screen at a DRMO?
- Screen at a federal Civilian Agency?

- Learn about property policy?
- Find electronic versions of the SF-122, SF-120, etc.?
- Get access to GSA's FEDS/Screen system?
- Learn about Federal Stock Classes?
- Learn about available property from NASA?
- Learn about NPMA?
- Find out what condition codes mean?
- Complete SF-122 & SF-120?
- Download the FEPP "Electronic Tool Kit"?
- Differentiate between Federal Stock Class (FSC) and

Federal Stock Group (FSG)?

- Learn about National Item Identification Numbers (NIINs)?
- Learn about Demilitarization (Demil) Codes?
- Differentiate between "Excess" and "Surplus"?
- Learn about DOE Energy-Related Laboratory Equipment (ERLE)?
- Determine what my role is as a federal property generator, user, screener, or manager?

Log onto <http://www.usa-fepp.org/> and check out this well-organized Web site!

—J. R.



Additional Web sites recommended by GSMC members are listed on the **Back Page**.

Do you have a favorite site you'd like to share? Please e-mail the URL and a brief description to the Editor!

Up Close and Personal

NPMA Consulting Fellow (CF) **Marcia Whitson** shares her life with **Larry** ("my very funny husband of 21 years") and two daughters.

Jessica, 18, begins college this fall to study Music Therapy and give her folks a taste of the empty nest ("or is it empty pocket?") syndrome.

Laura, 16, a junior at Powell High School, "loves Art, Band, the Flute, and Coco, our cat."

Marcia and **Larry** are part of a team that works each week with over 100 children at their church, performing skits, puppetry, and music. "We really just love acting like kids, as well as being with them."

Marcia's **career** in Property Management has led to developing Web sites, becoming an auctioneer, and serving as an NPMA national officer.

This recently recognized **CF** has owned two businesses and four horses—and in her present life confesses to a love of romantic books and movies.



I admit that I am an eternal optimist who views every challenge as an opportunity and every opportunity a blessing from God.
—M.W.

NPMA Meeting Highlights

Date: July 18, 2001

Location: Super China Buffet

Program: Celebration Luncheon and NES Presentations and News (Cheri Cross, Anna Martin, David Mikeska, Marcia Whitson)

Attendance: 23 members (47% of membership) and 2 guests

Special Presentations

- New Member Certificates
- Outstanding Member Awards
- NPMA CF Certificate

Old Business

- GSMC Grant Subsidy
- GSMC Membership Losses
- GSMC 2001 Budget

New Business (none)



Acronyms Appearing in This Issue

DRMO	Defense Reutilization and Marketing Offices
FEDS	Federal Disposal System
GSA	General Services Administration
LDD	Loss, Damage, or Destruction of Government Property
SF	Standard Form

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National Contracts Management Association	"I specifically like the Watercooler Q&A Forum."	http://www.ncmahq.org/exec-bin/cooler.pl	Jim Dee
Acronyms and Abbreviations	Abbreviations, acronyms, and initialisms frequently used by Oak Ridge contractors	http://www.y12.doe.gov/acronyms/	Dinah Gray
Directory of Government Web sites	Designed to connect the world to all U.S. Government information and services	http://www.firstgov.gov/	Dinah Gray
Federal Acquisition Regulations	Electronic library of regs and forms; discussion and document forums	http://farsite.hill.af.mil/	Anna Martin
GSA Property Sales	GSA incorporates online advertising and sales into the property disposal process	http://propertydisposal.gsa.gov/property/	Anna Martin

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