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Message from the President

By Anna Martin, CPPM

While the **NPMA 2001 Eastern Region Seminar** was not a large gathering of property professionals, there were people I have come to know with whom I found it useful to renew connections. Also there were new individuals that I had the opportunity to meet and network with. I will say this was a very worthwhile seminar.

Eighteen workshops (some of the best I have ever attended) were offered; and I ended up with a folder full of presentations to share with our Chapter, as well as an opportunity to learn about other organizations and how they handle property issues.

Our keynote speaker was **Captain M.E. Schaefer**, Director of Facilities and Environmental, Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Georgia. Please visit their Web site at <http://www.subasekb.navy>.

You will find all the information presented to the attendees of the Eastern Region Seminar, plus many other interesting facts about the only Navy base capable of supporting the Trident II (D-5) missile. A picture of the USS Louisiana appears on the home page, and a picture of the **USS Tennessee** can be viewed by clicking on **Welcome . . .**

One interesting fact that you will not find on their Web page is that the Russians have signed a treaty with the United States and are allowed to inspect the warheads. The first thing the Russians do when they arrive at Kings Bay is visit Wal-Mart, where they use the layaway plan to select items that are picked up on their next visit. This just goes to show that *everyone* likes "Wally World."

Relaxing times included Joe's

Crab Shack (a fun place to visit and eat what is considered by the locals to be the best seafood in Jacksonville) and sitting in the hotel restaurant eating delicious desserts and playing telephone tag. We were also very fortunate to have a very tired **Dr. Doug Goetz** play the piano, rendering a song that one member thought he composed as he played.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the NPMA Eastern Region for awarding me a scholarship and to the Great Smoky Mountain Chapter members for their support.



Calendar

Dec. 19	Christmas Get-Together (11:30—1:00) Buffet—\$8.59 (includes gratuity and tax)	Calhoun's on the Marina Directions are posted at www.ornl.gov/npma
Jan. 17	GSMC Meeting (11:00—1:00) Installation of 2002 Officers	1099 Commerce Park N29 Conference Room
Jun 14-20	National Education Seminar	San Diego, California

Smoky Mountain Signals: Year in Review

By Judy Rosenberg, CPPA

This month marks the one-year anniversary of *Smoky Mountain Signals*, whose creation was primarily in response to our Chapter's somewhat belated but highly successful efforts to submit a petition for the 2000 NPMA Chapter of the Year award. "Chapter Newsletter" was category 13, for which I assumed responsibility and hoped that no numerological significance was at play. As a former high school English teacher and publications adviser, I looked forward to drawing on some old skills and learning new ones in the area of desktop publishing—so this was a challenge I welcomed.

The bimonthly publication schedule has provided sufficient time to solicit contributions, assign articles, edit copy, and create the newsletter. My personal favorite to date is the October issue, which was hastily revised with poignant contributions that addressed the events

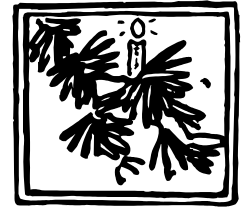
of **September 11**. But I believe each issue has succeeded in recording the main GSMC events of the past 12 months. And while we didn't begin with a mission statement as such, I now believe that one of the primary goals of a Chapter newsletter should be to document the chapter's activities during the course of the year for historical purposes. Our Web site is excellent for timely, up-to-date information. But a newsletter in print format is "forever."

The lead article in the December 2000 issue reported the results of the GSMC member survey that solicited suggestions and ideas for a Chapter newsletter. Those responses still offer untapped resources for subsequent issues, and I urge each member to re-read that article and make a commitment to contribute to the *Signals* in 2002.

These folks made it possible to

publish the first seven issues:

- **Anna Martin** faithfully contributed her thoughts and insights in each of six "Message From the President" columns. She responded to my many requests for guidance and information and proofread each issue with her "eagle eye."
- **Kathy Davidson** unfailingly caught the mistakes that eluded Anna and me prior to her posting of the publication on the GSMC Web site, which she has so skillfully designed and maintained. I believe that the synergy that results from these two channels of communication benefits our membership.
- **Debbie Ferguson** offered the first "Word Search" in the June issue, and her continuing input adds an element of fun to our publication.



- The following contributed at least one article of substance to the first seven issues: **Andy Anderson** (guest contributor), **Cheri Cross**, **Brent Crane**, **Kathy Davidson**, **Jim Dee**, **Dinah Gray**, **David Mikeska**, **Frank Vail**, and **Marcia Whitson**.
- The following permitted an "Up Close and Personal" look into their lives: **Bruce Bailey**, **Brent Crane**, **David Mikeska**, **George Proffitt**, **Rebecca Whitehead**, and **Marcia Whitson**.

Thanks to each of you for making a lasting contribution to the annals of our Chapter.

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Christ	N	Z	N	S	E	V	L	E	O	W	A
Decorations	E	R	A	T	S	Q	U	F	Y	O	D
Elves	S	X	M	H	A	P	P	Y	T	N	I
Family	E	R	E	E	D	N	I	E	R	S	L
Food	R	T	N	Y	M	A	N	G	E	R	O
Friends	P	S	T	H	G	I	L	Y	E	Z	H
Giving	P	M	S	D	N	E	I	R	F	U	V
Happy	N	O	I	T	A	R	B	E	L	E	C
Holiday	B	D	R	E	I	X	Q	U	F	T	H
Lights	O	J	H	F	A	M	I	L	Y	E	D
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Presents											
Reindeer											
Rudolph											
Santa											
Snow											
Star											
Tree											



Word Search
by
Debbie Ferguson
CPPA



How Do You Define Active?

Effective Nov. 14, minutes of the GSMC meetings will record the names of members and guests in attendance as well as excused absences. This information is listed in the **Record of Attendance** at the end of the minutes.

The Membership Committee tracks Chapter meeting attendance as one of its metrics in selecting a **Chapter Person of the**

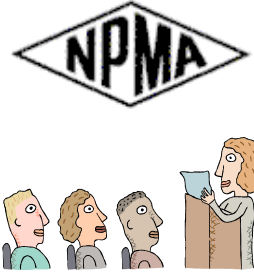
Year. (Criteria for this award are posted on the GSMC Web site—click on **Members** and then **Awards & Criteria.**)

In addition, a quorum at Chapter meetings is determined by how many *active* members are in attendance. And all candidates for Chapter officers must be active members in good standing.

For these reasons, it behooves us to know just what qualifies one as an active member.

GSMC Chapter By-laws address this issue in **Article XI, Quorum, Section 2**, which is summarized on page 4 of this newsletter. Please review this important information!

—JR



Up Close and Personal

Editor's Note: *Frank Vail left the area around this time last year after helping to launch efforts for the 2000 Chapter of the Year Award Petition. I contacted Frank to see what he was up to. Here's his response:*

I was transferred to the **Aberdeen Proving Grounds** (Maryland) to help build a facility to dispose of the agent used to make mustard gas (shades of World War I). In the Bechtel world, moves are a way of life unless you do M&O contracts like the labs.

As this is a cross between a construction project (usually in-and-out quick) and an operation project (long term with ongoing inventories), the "out-of-the-box" property management approach needed some significant modification.

My official title is Sr. Project Material Supervisor for the ABCDF Project (named by co-workers of

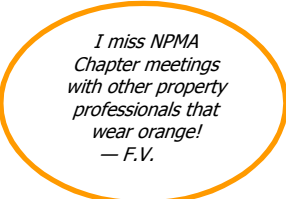
those that came up with the projects K-25, Y-12, and X-10). In between "kicking-n-counting," I mentor this project's Property Administrator (brand new to property) and provide technical support for several other Bechtel projects (mostly DoD, EPA, and NASA contracts).

My wife is the Deputy Project Procurement Manager for the same project, so we carpool most days. We are living in a townhouse in the small town of Bel Air, Maryland, along with her dog and her cat. All of the Vols games have been televised here, so we get to watch the games. (And after the Georgia game on Oct. 6, I was highly motivated to travel back to Tennessee to deflate the tires of Dick Weldon's Ford pickup.) Right now we are on cable, but with the Lady Vols

season now underway, we will be switching to Direct TV so that we can watch those games. **Go Vols!**

At work by 6:15 and home around 6:15 doesn't leave much time to do things during the week—but there's a lot to see on weekends. Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia; Annapolis; and multiple battlefield sites are within an hour and a half's drive. Baltimore and the Amish country are just up or down the road; and New York City, Atlantic City, and Ocean Beach are also within reach.

Planning to return to Vol country, I have maintained my membership with the Great Smoky Mountain Chapter rather than transfer. I miss Oak Ridge—and after this assignment, I really hope that returning is one of my options.



by
Frank Vail
CPPA



NPMA Meeting Highlights

Date: Nov. 14

Program: "Property Inventory," **Jerry Kastler** (Inventory Management Associate, Home Depot)

Attendance: 22 members,

2 guests

- New member and NPMA certification presentations
- **Election of 2002 Officers** (listed on page 4)

Old Business (none)

New Business

- Vote to ratify amendment to **Article VIII** of GSMC By-laws

Minutes are posted on the Web

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URL	Topic	Comments / Description	A Favorite of
http://www.bartleby.com/61/	Online Reference Tools	This incredible site hosts a pull-down menu that includes The American Heritage® Dictionary, Roget's Thesaurus, Bartlett's Quotations, The King James Bible, Oxford Shakespeare, Gray's Anatomy, Farmer's Cookbook, a host of anthologies, and much more.	Judy Rosenberg
http://www.dogpile.com/	Search Engine	A "meta" search engine that searches all the other search engines	Doeg Goetz
http://web.deskbook.osd.mil/default.asp?AFMCORG=AFMC	DoD Reference	Defense Acquisition Deskbook ("The DAD") includes research references (e.g., links to FAR) and acronyms	Doeg Goetz
http://www.webopedia.com/	Computer and Internet Technology	Online dictionary and search engine for computer and Internet technology, including "Top 15 Terms"	Judy Rosenberg



Active NPMA Member Defined

An **active** NPMA member of the GSMC

- is in good standing,
- has attended at least half of the Chapter meetings during the past 12 months (or during the member's term of membership, whichever is less), and
- has not missed any three consecutive meetings without approval of the President or the Executive Board.

An **inactive** member will regain active status

- by attending three consecutive Chapter meetings or
- by presenting a valid excuse to the President or the Executive Board.

These provisions do not apply to members living outside the normal commuting area to the meeting place, as determined by the Executive Board.

Source: Article XI - Quorum, Section 2, of the GSMC By-laws

2001 NPMA Certifications Earned by GSMC Members

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- Tracye Baber
- Debbie Ferguson
- W. Terry Humphrys
- DeWayne Raines
- Rexalene Steve
- Jeffery Wilcox

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- Debbie Ferguson
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