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NCMA Space Coast Chapter Members,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 program year! I am honored to serve as the Space Coast Chapter President this year; thank you in advance for this opportunity. I am excited to work with all of you to make this a valuable year.

In the rearview:

Despite the global pandemic, the Space Coast Chapter had a successful 2020-2021 program year. I have highlighted a few of these accomplishments below. It is because of members like you that we were able to act quickly to implement many changes that our Chapter had not experienced in its history. Thanks to each of you and to my fellow Board of Directors and volunteers for making such a challenging year turn out so beautifully!

2020-2021 Program Year in Review:

- Moved to all virtual meetings via Zoom, with outstanding guest speakers and local charities; and all Zoom meetings were offered completely free to both members and non-members.
- Chapter voted in favor of changing its name from Cape Canaveral Chapter to Space Coast Chapter.
- Hosted a virtual multi-chapter spring education event, where we partnered with various in-state and out-of-state NCMA chapters. We were able to donate a significant portion of the total fees collected for this event to four local Brevard County charities.
- Held an in-person social where we met Brevard County Sheriff's Office Canine Unit.

Looking ahead:

What now, you ask? The Chapter Board of Directors have been busy this summer developing another great program year, while considering the global pandemic is still a threat.

As you experienced last year, the monthly meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month. It is our plan to have a mix between virtual and in-person events, along with a holiday party in December and the National Education Seminar (NES) and Spring Education Event in the Spring. We hope to schedule some of the monthly meetings during the lunch-hour in response to your feedback from last year. Stay tuned to your email for those invitations. We will also post the schedule and important details on the website.

Our first meeting will be a virtual meeting on Wednesday, September 8th via Zoom. There will be no charge for this meeting and non-members are invited as well. This is a good opportunity to invite your peers and other contract management professionals to learn more about NCMA. The Board is discussing a potential Referral Program as well – so start thinking of who you can recruit!

How you can help:

We will continue to look for top-notch speakers to bring training, meaningful discussions, and value to our members. As we start sourcing these great speakers, we look to you to understand what is important to you. Please let us know what interests you have so we can ensure we have the right topics and speakers for this program year. If you know of someone, local or not, who may be interested in speaking please let me know!

Furthermore, this year the Board is looking at ways to increase our membership, as well as volunteer participation and attendance rates. One way we will achieve this is through awareness and outreach to organizations and universities in our area. Please help us spread the word by inviting peers to check out our Chapter. Your ideas are always welcome so please keep them coming!

I hope you are as excited as we are for this program year. As we continue to implement the initiatives described above, we will share with you over the course of this program year more details for what is in store for our valued members.

Here's to a great program year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Parker".

Jamie Parker
President, NCMA Space Coast Chapter