

## **CPM TENNESSEE VALLEY (CPMTV) CHAPTER QUARTERLY MEETING – JUNE 2, 2015**

By Norman Dean

The CPMTV chapter held its summer quarterly meeting on Tuesday, June 2 in Huntsville, Alabama. Over 30 individuals attended the meeting with representation from industry, government and education. The meeting was graciously hosted by Deltek and Defense Acquisition University (DAU) with Deltek providing speakers and refreshments and DAU providing the meeting space at their training facility. The meeting was emceed by Bob Wasser of BCF Solutions with presentations by Kerry Brunson, Dan Demangos, Ken Poole and Jimmy Black.

Bob Wasser kicked off the meeting and Judd Fussell, DAU Professor of Earned Value, welcomed everyone to the facility and made some administrative remarks. Mr. Wasser then thanked DAU and Deltek for sponsoring the meeting, and he discussed CPMTV receiving approval from CPM national to become a full-fledged chapter. He continued by encouraging those in attendance to consider joining CPM and volunteering for CPMTV officer positions. He concluded by mentioning the CPMTV need for an Executive VP and a VP of Meetings and Events, thanking Norman Dean and Reuben Russell for their service as officers, and polling the audience about future CPMTV quarterly meeting times with the majority of the audience agreeing that a 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM time worked best for them.

Kim Koster, Senior Director of Integrated Program Management (IPM) at Deltek, opened the presentations by discussing her experience working with Science and Engineering Services, inc (SES) to develop a paperless EVMS process. She then introduced Kerry Brunson, Vice President and General Manager of the Logistics Support Facility at SES, who gave an enlightening talk on SES's decision to pursue a paperless earned value system and the benefits that have resulted from the transition.

Dan Demangos, Deltek, followed with an interesting discussion "Project GPS: 6 Characteristics of a Great EAC". In this presentation Mr. Demangos discussed the need for a reliable EAC, described the six characteristics of a good EAC, and showed how Deltek's tools can be used to generate an accurate EAC.

Ken Pool and Jimmy Black, both with NASA, partnered for a presentation of NASA's Schedule Test and Assessment Tool (STAT). Highlights of their discussion included giving a brief history of STAT, showcasing the functionality of the tool, and noting the new features included in the next release.

Bob Owen, Chief of Program Evaluation at Lower Tier Project Office, then led a brief discussion about Earned Value as applied to FPIF contracts. He gave a quick review of the current the FPIF EVM situation, recapped some of the latest happenings in this area, and opened up the floor for discussion.

Bob Wasser closed the meeting by thanking the presenters, Deltek, and DAU. He also reminded meeting attendees to let him know if they are interested in speaking at or sponsoring a future CPMTV meeting.

The next CPMTV quarterly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1 from 2:00-5:00 and is being sponsored by forProject. More details will follow.