

CPM TENNESSEE VALLEY (CPMTV) CHAPTER QUARTERLY MEETING – June 7, 2016

By Norman Dean

The CPMTV chapter held its summer quarterly meeting on Tuesday, June 7 in Huntsville, Alabama. With good representation from industry, education, and government, over 30 individuals attended the meeting. The meeting was graciously hosted by Encore Analytics and Defense Acquisition University (DAU) with Encore Analytics providing speakers and refreshments and DAU providing the meeting space at their Huntsville facility. The meeting was emceed by Bob Wasser of BCF Solutions with presentations by Gary Troop and Truman Carroll.

Bob Wasser kicked things off by thanking Encore Analytics and DAU for sponsoring the meeting, and he presented the chapter by-laws for a vote; they were approved by the 10+ voting members. He continued by introducing a motion to amend the by-laws to include Vice President of Meetings and Events as a new officer position. The motion was approved, and Ms. Julie Ruston volunteered and was voted into the new position by all 10+ present CPM members. Mr. Wasser concluded his opening remarks by welcoming Mr. Gary Troop.

Gary Troop, President and CEO of Encore Analytics, opened the presentations by giving an overview and demonstration of Encore's Empower software tool. It was a very interesting discussion as Mr. Troop was able to draw upon his years of experience and technical expertise to showcase Empower's many features. His talk included both examples utilizing the software and tips for engaging all levels of management in the proactive use of project performance data.

Truman Carroll, SAIC analyst supporting NASA's Space Launch System Program Planning and Control office, then gave an enlightening presentation entitled "Over Target Baseline: Lessons Learned from the NASA SLS Booster". Mr. Carroll first explained the definition, purpose, and application of an Over Target Baseline (OTB). He then shared his actual experiences implementing an OTB on NASA's Space Launch System Booster Element and concluded by discussing lessons learned and presenting key resources for understanding OTB situations.

Bob Wasser closed the meeting by thanking the presenters, Encore Analytics, and DAU. He then encouraged meeting attendees to join CPM and reminded everyone about the fall CPM quarterly meeting, and the CPM Meeting in October in Bethesda MD and encouraged participation. He also mentioned a special EVM discussion panel CPM will host on Tuesday, November 8 from 3:00-5:00. Lastly, he invited everyone in attendance to the post-meeting reception.

The next CPMTV quarterly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6 from 3:00-5:00. More details will follow.