

CPM TENNESSEE VALLEY (CPMTV) CHAPTER QUARTERLY MEETING – MARCH 1, 2016

By Norman Dean

The CPMTV chapter held its spring quarterly meeting on Tuesday, March 1 in Huntsville, Alabama. With good representation from industry and government, over 30 individuals attended the meeting. The meeting was graciously hosted by Deltek and SAIC with Deltek providing speakers and refreshments and SAIC providing the meeting space at their Odyssey Drive facility. The meeting was emceed by Bob Wasser of BCF Solutions with presentations by Tom Polen and Dan Demangos.

Bob Wasser kicked things off by thanking SAIC and Deltek for sponsoring the meeting, and he discussed CPMTV become a full-fledged chapter. He continued by asking for sponsors and speakers for future meetings and for officers to serve on the CPMTV board. Mr. Wasser then noted Encore and ClearPlan will sponsor the June 7th and September 6th quarterly meeting, respectively. Mr. Wasser concluded his opening remarks by welcoming Deltek guests Tom Polen, Dan Demangos, and Sara Segrist.

Tom Polen, Solution Engineer at Deltek, opened the presentations by discussing schedule quality. It was a very informative discussion as Mr. Polen was able to draw upon his years of experience to share useful methods to analyze the quality and usefulness of a schedule. His talk included a discussion on useful schedule analytic metrics and a presentation of Deltek's Acumen software.

Dan Demangos, Solution Engineer at Deltek, then presented an interesting overview of PM Compass, Deltek's command center software. Mr. Demangos explained that PM Compass is designed to sit on top of Deltek's other products such as Open Plan, Acumen, Cobra, and wInsight and present program managers with useful, integrated dashboard views of the underlying data. Mr. Demangos concluded by showing examples of many of the powerful features of PM Compass.

Bob Wasser closed the meeting by thanking the presenters, SAIC, and Deltek. He also invited everyone in attendance to the post-meeting reception.

The next CPMTV quarterly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7 from 3:00-5:00. More details will follow.