

CPM TENNESSEE VALLEY (CPMTV) CHAPTER QUARTERLY MEETING – February 12, 2019

By Norman Dean

The CPMTV chapter held its winter quarterly meeting on Tuesday, February 12 in Huntsville, Alabama. With good representation from industry, education, and government, 30 individuals attended the meeting. The meeting was graciously hosted by Encore Analytics and Defense Acquisition University (DAU) with Encore providing refreshments and DAU providing the meeting space at their Huntsville facility. The meeting was emceed by Bob Wasser, CPMTV President, and contained a presentation from Gary Troop.

Bob Wasser kicked things off by welcoming meeting attendees, presenting the meeting agenda, and inviting those present to attend a follow on reception hosted by Mr. Troop. He continued by encouraging people to join CPM and reminded members to vote for officers in the upcoming election. Mr. Wasser then discussed 2019 officer elections, encouraged those present to consider running for office, and noted the current slate of nominations. Mr. Wasser concluded his opening remarks by encouraging those present to “consider presenting their EVM story” at a future Quarterly Meeting, asking for future meeting sponsors, and introducing the speaker.

Before Mr. Troop began, Debbie Schumann, Vice President of Meeting and Events for the CPMTV chapter, reminded everyone of the upcoming DAU Winter Acquisition Update and the upcoming EVM Training Day with John McGregor and DoD Acquisition Analytics and Policy. She concluded by asking for volunteers to staff the CPMTV display table at the Winter Acquisition Update.

Gary Troop, President of Encore Analytics, gave an engaging and enlightening presentation covering everything from his outlook on the current state of EVM to the new features included with Empower, Encore’s premier earned value analysis tool. Mr. Troop began his talk by giving his overview of the current state of EVM including the increased interest at the Department of Energy and noting the challenges EVM is facing within the Department of Defense community. He then discussed ways they EVM community could better market itself including ensuring EVM is presented as a program management tool and not simply a reporting mechanism. Mr. Troop concluded his talk by demonstrating the power of Empower to quickly and effectively analyze Earned Value data, discussing software updates since the last Empower User’s Group (EUG), and presenting upcoming Earned Value training events.

Bob Wasser closed the meeting by thanking the presenter, Encore Analytics, and DAU. The next CPMTV quarterly meeting will feature Mr. Neil Albert, President of Advanced Concepts and Technologies International. More details regarding the next meeting will be forthcoming.