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## President's Message: Jeremy Mitchell



Now that the holiday season has passed and the new year has arrived, it is time to start thinking about your professional development. Are you happy with where you are in your career? Have others passed you by? Are you getting the information and experiences that you need to keep up with the ever changing profession of cost estimating? The Greater Dayton Chapter of SCEA is dedicated to help you with professional development in 2006.

The 13th Annual National Conference and Training Workshop will be held this year near Washington, D.C. This is the premier cost estimating event for all cost professionals and a great way to refine your estimating skills and develop yourself professionally. The conference will be held on 13 – 16 June at the Sheraton Premier Hotel at Tysons Corner in Vienna,

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## Upcoming Chapter Events

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## *President's Message (continued)*

Virginia. This event is worth the training dollars and the time investment. I hope to see a great turnout from the Greater Dayton Chapter. You can obtain more information on the conference at <http://www.sceaonline.net/content.asp?contentid=125>.

Closer to home, we hope that you will participate in the many events that we are planning for the Greater Dayton Chapter. We are rescheduling our membership mixer that was cancelled due to inclement weather in December. That's right, free beer and food. Best of all, you'll have an opportunity to network with other cost analysts in the local area. It's not always what you know; sometimes it's who you know. Look for information regarding the time and the place for the mixer within the next few weeks. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

We are also revamping our education program. In year's past we have provided educational opportunities that have focused on the basics. While that type of training will still be available on an as-needed basis, look for new education programs that focus more on the theory, rather than the mechanics, of what we do. It is important as cost estimators that we have a strong theoretical understanding of our costing concepts. I am looking forward to see the products and experience the new classes for myself. Our new Director of Education, Ross Jackson, will be leading this effort.

Finally, perhaps the best way to grow professionally is to become active in the local chapter. We have numerous opportunities, both immediate and for the next SCEA year. I encourage you to run for office in the next SCEA election or volunteer for a director position. This could be your opportunity to help shape the future of cost estimating in the Greater Dayton area. If you wish to run for office this Spring, keep your eye out for the nomination call in the next few months. If you wish to volunteer for a director position, we currently have vacancies which we need to fill. Contact me (656-5500) or Linda Turner (656-6114) if you would like more information on any SCEA opportunities.

I hope that each of you has a wonderful new year and that the Greater Dayton Chapter of SCEA can help you achieve your professional development goals.

### *Spotlight: Ryan Rueve, Secretary*



I hold the Secretary position on the SCEA Greater Dayton board and would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I have served the Air Force now for almost eight years. After spending nearly six of those years on active duty, I transitioned to the reserves and accepted a position with Booz Allen Hamilton. I am a graduate of the AFIT cost analysis master's degree program, a Certified Cost Estimator/Analyst (CCE/A), and a Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM). Prior acquisition assignments include O&S cost estimator for the C-17 program, production financial manager for the F-22A program, production and modernization cost estimator for the F-22A program, and chief of the F-22A cost branch. In my current position with Booz Allen, I support several programs in the Reconnaissance Systems Wing as well as various cost benefit and business case analyses in AFRL. As a reservist, I support the F-22A program financial management division with various financial and cost estimating tasks. Overall, I have been extremely fortunate in that I have had great mentors, great co-workers, and training from some of the best cost estimators and financial professionals around!

Outside of work I enjoy running, hiking, golfing, and of course spending time with my lovely wife, Marie. We have been married for over four years and live a quiet life in Centerville with our two miniature Dachshunds. As mentioned above, I currently hold the Secretary position on the Greater Dayton board and have enjoyed serving you over the past several months. Although I have been a certified cost estimator for about four years, this is my first year being involved with the local SCEA chapter. If I can do anything to enhance your membership experience with the SCEA Greater Dayton Chapter, please let me know.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### **A Happy Family....** **By** **Janet Marshall**

In December 2005, the Dayton Chapter of SCEA provided a local family a wonderful and memorable Christmas. Due to your great generosity, the SCEA Charity committee purchased, wrapped, and delivered over 50 gifts to this family of 5. From clothes to toys to pots/pans, every need was taken care of with your donations. Truly amazing!

During this time of hardship for this family, a bright star appeared—and that was each of you who contributed dollars and gifts to this needy family. The family's reaction was heartwarming and touching. From the grandmother to the littlest child, they couldn't stop talking about all the gifts they received and what a wonderful gesture this was. The kids clamored about the toys and the mother was emotionally thrilled about the much-needed household items received.

This family is eternally grateful to SCEA for taking the time and donating the money to make a family of strangers happy during the holidays. SCEA also thanks you for your participation and hopes you all had a nice holiday season.

### **SCEA Awards** **By** **Bob Novak**

The annual call for nominations will be coming out in February. The award categories are: Management, Technical Achievement, Education, Service to the Society, as well as a Lifetime Achievement Award. Nominations should detail the individual's contribution to improve cost estimating and analysis in government and industry as well as to enhance the professional competence and achievements of SCEA's members.

Local winners will be recognized by the Dayton Chapter and will compete at the National Level. Let's recognize our best! Contact Bob Novak, 257-8987 for more information.

## SCEA Networking Luncheons – More Coming Your Way!

By  
Linda Turner

In an effort to provide added opportunities for cost estimators, analysts and educators to get together and discuss topics of the day, the Greater Dayton chapter of SCEA is hosting quarterly Networking Luncheons. The intent of the luncheons is to provide an informal setting where estimators and financial managers can get together with the Dayton SCEA Board members. The networking discussions are a great way to improve communications across the entire FM community at Wright-Patterson.

The first lunch was held at Fuddruckers in Beavercreek, in mid-November, with around 25 attendees. Organizations represented included ASC Cost Staff, F-22, DAU, F-16 and the A-10, with approximately 25 people in attendance. Ms. McDermott, the ASC Comptroller, and Col Nocera, the ASC Deputy Comptroller also attended, providing an excellent opportunity for some of the junior members of the cost estimating community to meet ASC's Financial Management leadership.

Be on the look-out for the next SCEA Networking luncheon announcement coming in March or April – if you have any favorite restaurants you would like to frequent, send your suggestions to Carrie Leber at [carrie.leber@wpafb.af.mil](mailto:carrie.leber@wpafb.af.mil).



**Welcome Ross Jackson, SCEA Greater Dayton Chapter Education Director**  
**By**  
**Amy Balsamo**

The SCEA Greater Dayton Chapter is pleased that Ross Jackson will serve as the Education Director for the 2005-2006 term. Ross is currently a Cost Analyst in the Aeronautical Systems Center, Acquisition Cost Division (ASC/FMCE). In addition to working as a cost analyst, he is the Economics Area Chair for the University of Phoenix, Cincinnati/Dayton campus. Ross has completed the course work associated with a Ph.D. in Applied Management and Decision Sciences through Walden University. He is currently working on his dissertation, *A Quantitative Analysis of Senior Leadership Tenures within the Department of the Air Force from 1947 to 2005*. We look forward to working with Ross to enhance education opportunities for the Dayton chapter. If there is a particular topic that you are interested in, please contact Ross Jackson at 656-5482. Welcome Ross!

**ASC/FM Reservist of the Year**

At the ASC/FM Fall Awards Banquet, Ryan Rueve won the honor of Reservist of the Year.  
Congratulations Ryan!

**Bowl for Kids' Sake**  
**By**  
**Janet Marshall**



It's that time again for the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of the Greater Miami Valley's annual Bowl for Kids' Sake Fundraising Campaign for 2006! As you know, BBBS is best known for its excellence in mentoring children who need a positive influence in their lives.

The Charity Committee of the Dayton Chapter of SCEA needs your help in making this a successful event and contributing to local children through this great program. The BBBS does not receive any federal or state funding to support them, so this event is their largest income maker of the year. We need to do our part to support this organization and our local community children!

The Bowling Event will take place in its usual place at:

[Poelking Lanes South, 8871 Kingsridge Drive \(Behind the Dayton Mall\)](#) Saturday, March 11, 2006  
14:00 – 16:00 (2 games will be played)

We are looking for at least ten 5-member teams to participate this year. A minimum pledge of \$30 per bowler is required, but if you pledge \$50, you get a t-shirt and if you pledge \$100 your name is put into the hat for great door prizes. The shoes are free and each team gets a free Papa John's pizza and soda. All you have to do is show up and have fun!

Please start rounding up your teams and email [Janet Marshall](mailto:janet.marshall@wpafb.af.mil) at [janet.marshall@wpafb.af.mil](mailto:janet.marshall@wpafb.af.mil) NLT 24 Feb 06 with your team captain and team members' names. More details will be given to each team in early March.

## February 2006 SCEA Luncheon

Please join us at the next SCEA Greater Dayton Chapter luncheon.

28 February 2006  
1100 Social, 1130 Lunch  
Wright-Patt Club and Banquet Center  
Dr. Edward "Tony" D. White III  
Associate Professor of Statistics  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics  
Air Force Institute of Technology

## Wanted:

**Ways and Means Focal Point**

**Greater Dayton Chapter of SCEA**

**Duties: Lead the effort of identifying and coordinating fundraising activities for the Greater Dayton Chapter of the Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis.**

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