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*President's Message: Jeremy Mitchell*

It's been an exciting year to this point and I am looking forward to what the rest of this ICEAA year holds (the ICEAA year runs from July – June). I thought that I would spend a few minutes recapping what we have done this year to date and preview some of the things that are on the horizon.

So far this ICEAA year we have held four luncheons, released two quarterly newsletters, supported two charity events, and provided a networking opportunity via our Fall Social Membership Mixer. If you have not made it to any of the events yet, you are truly missing out. The goal of the local board is to provide the chapter with meaningful professional development opportunities. The year has been stacked to date with high quality professional development events and certainly has been rewarding to the active members of this organization. I encourage you to find an event to attend and benefit from the opportunities that are being provided.

We will be holding another luncheon in the very near future. On 10 March, we will be hosting our annual AFIT Thesis Luncheon. This luncheon provides our upcoming AFIT graduates with the opportunity to give their thesis results to the local cost community.

This has become a very valuable event for the cost students as well as those in attendance. More information about this event will be

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*Upcoming Chapter Events*

AFIT Thesis Luncheon ..... 10 March 2016

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## *President's Message: (Continued)*

forthcoming, but make sure that you sign up early to get a reservation for this limited seating event. And did I mention that ICEAA will be providing free pizza for those who attend?

We don't have much time left in the year, so it is time to start thinking about what role you would like to play in ICEAA next year. Soon you will be seeing an email soliciting nominees for the elected board positions for the 2016 – 2017 term. Three positions on the Greater Dayton ICEAA Board are elected positions: Treasurer, Secretary, and President-Elect. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact Bryan Daly at [daly\\_bryan@bah.com](mailto:daly_bryan@bah.com). There are also several other opportunities to lead or participate on a committee that do not require running for office. I am sure that incoming President Donna Gravely would welcome your interest in a position. Please contact her at [donna.gravely@us.af.mil](mailto:donna.gravely@us.af.mil) if you are interested in participating.

The capstone of the ICEAA year is the 2016 Professional Development & Training Workshop which will be held this year in Atlanta, Georgia. This workshop is the premier cost estimating event for all cost professionals and a great way to refine your estimating skills and develop yourself professionally. This conference will provide you with the opportunity to refine your cost estimating skills, gain knowledge on current news and research, network with other members of the society, and obtain certification. The conference will be held on 7 – 10 June at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead. 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.iceaaonline.com/atlanta2016/>.

As always, I encourage you to participate in the local chapter. We have a lot of great ideas, but not always the manpower to carry those ideas through. As we progress through the rest of this year and begin to plan for next year, consider running for office or volunteering for a non-elected position. Both you and the organization will benefit from your generosity.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### **ICEAA Pets for Vets Fundraiser By Laura Pittman**

It was great to see such a turn out for the ICEAA/ASMC January luncheon with Ms. Sowers. During the luncheon, ICEAA was able to present this year's fundraising foundation of choice, Pets for Vets. As Costers thinking outside the box, ICEAA assembled various size doggie treat bags for people to purchase and a jar to accept monetary donations, if preferred. ICEAA was able to raise \$78 during this luncheon. We will have similar bags and accept monetary donations at our different ICEAA outings to raise funds this year. Any participation is greatly appreciated.

ICEAA-Greater Dayton Chapter is raising funds to donate to the Pets for Vets ([www.petsforvets.com](http://www.petsforvets.com)) Columbus, Ohio Chapter this winter/spring. Our soldiers have been brave but many of them have returned

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## **ICEAA Pets for Vets Fundraiser (Continued)**

with physical and emotional injuries that have made it difficult to transition back to civilian life. Some estimates state that as many as 20% of returning military veterans suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Pets for Vets is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which gives shelter dogs a second chance at life while giving our returning soldiers a second chance at a health and happiness. These funds will go towards professional animal trainers rehabilitating the dogs and teaching them good manners to fit into the veteran's lifestyle. Training can also include desensitization to wheel chairs or crutches as well as recognizing panic or anxiety disorder behaviors. The bond that is formed between man and animal have the ability to ease the suffering of our troops when they are returning from overseas.

Opportunities to purchase a doggie treat bag or donate to this worthy cause will be available at all of our future ICEAA events.

## **ICEAA Luncheon Highlights**

**By**

**Donna Rosenbaum**

The Dayton Chapter was pleased to have Ms. Kathryn Sowers, Director, Financial Management and Comptroller, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center address both ICEAA and the Aviation Chapter of ASMC on the topic of "Program Management and Financial Management, Similar of Different ?" at the organizations' joint luncheon on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Speaking to a crowd of over 100 comptrollers, Ms. Sowers shared her experiences both as a comptroller and then as a program manager and as a deputy Program Executive Officer (PEO). Because of her broad acquisition experience Ms. Sowers was able to share how closely FM and PM need to be aligned for successful program execution. Discussing comptrollership and program management overlap in terms of critical thinking, program execution, teamwork and credibility Ms. Sowers clearly identified the similarities in the two career fields. She talked from the FM perspective about the need for comptrollers to provide decision support to the program managers so that the program manager's decisions can be built on factual information. In conclusion, Ms. Sowers noted that as a Deputy PEO, a significant amount of her work required financial expertise and that good program managers understand the budget process and financial rules. She commented that informed decision making and Financial Manager insights are what drive the program to success.

At the February meeting of the Dayton Chapter of ICEAA, Ms. Sabrina Turner from the Air Force Cost Analysis Agency (AFCAA) presented "Air Force Total Ownership Cost (AFTOC) 101." Ms. Turner walked through why AFTOC exists, the type of data in the data base and how to access/request the information. Ms. Turner also talked about how the data is kept current through updates and remapping of existing data as lines of accounting or CAIG elements change. There is an on-going effort to keep the database current and useful for cost estimating.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> AFIT will have three presenters describing their thesis work to the Dayton Chapter of ICEAA. Those presenters and their topics are:

- Capt Chris Jimenez      Predicting Schedule Duration for Defense Acquisition Programs:  
Program Initiation to Initial Operational Capability

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## ICEAA/ASMC January Luncheon (Continued)

- Capt Scott Kozlak      Predicting Cost Growth Using Program Reviews and Milestones for DoD Aircraft
- 1Lt Tom Lamb      Cost Analysis Reform: Where Do We Go From Here? A Delphi Study of Views of Leading Experts

The presentations will be held in Area B, Building 16, Conference Room 141 and will start at 1200. Lunch will be provided by ICEAA (drinks on your own) but reservations must be made. Additional information and a request to respond will be forth coming via email.

## ICEAA 2016 Professional Development & Training Workshop

ICEAA's annual Professional Development & Training Workshop brings together professionals from government, industry, and academic cost communities for an intensive 3 1/2-day program dedicated to developing the understanding and appreciation of using data-driven estimating and analysis techniques.

The 2016 workshop will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, from June 7-10.

Further details, including a schedule outline and registration information can be found at the ICEAA website at <http://www.iceaaonline.com/atlanta2016/>.

## ICEAA Greater Dayton Chapter Website

Visit the ICEAA Greater Dayton Chapter website at: <http://www.iceaaonline.com/chapters/greaterdayton/>



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