What Chapter Members have to Say about NMA

“NMA is a true ‘leadership lab’ that provides members with opportunities to lead in various chapter officer and director positions. I have witnessed many individuals ‘blossom’ in these roles that help them get noticed by executives in their company, that resulted in promotions and new opportunities for these experienced leaders.”

Gary Waits, CM
United Space Alliance, Houston, TX

“Being a computer programmer in a non-leadership role, opportunities for listening to discussions surrounding leadership development are always of great value for me. I cannot express enough of how NMA has grown me professionally in exponential ways that would never have occurred during my day-to-day work activities. Many of my close NMA friends can testify to my growth from NMA. It is truly a great association and I am very proud to be a part of it!”

Tracy L. Welch, Senior Analyst - WCM Delivery Support Service
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

“NMA created the opportunity for self improvement and growth which gave me an avenue to complete my dissertation for my doctorate degree.”

Dr. Johnny B. Clark, CM
Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company
Kennedy Space Center, FL

“I feel NMA is a very worthwhile organization, especially if you participate. Being a member doesn’t benefit you, or the organization, at all, if you don’t utilize the people, the resources and the activities available to you and give something of yourself in return. There is enough variety in the chapter activities and functions for there to be at least one thing to interest everyone. I joined NMA for two reasons. First, working at a different plant I wanted to meet others in our company and to be able to put some faces to names. Being able to take classes sponsored by NMA was the second reason. By being an officer I have been able to attend leadership and annual conferences all over the country. In addition to being very worthwhile and educational, the conferences are a lot of fun. You are able to meet and share information and ideas with NMA members from all over. I have become friends with so many people that I would never even have met otherwise.”

Janet Wendland
Energy Northwest
Richland, WA
Our NMA chapter, Lockheed Martin Leadership Association, has given me a high quality, low risk platform to hone my leadership skills in multiple areas including people management, public speaking, and community engagement. In addition, it has aided in my professional development including enhancing my financial acumen. I am proud to be part of a well-rounded organization like LMLA.

Kiran Dambala, CM, PMP
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics
Fort Worth, TX

“Our NMA chapter provides community members a mechanism from which to network, share business models and ideas, and showcase leadership. This benefits both our members and the community. NMA provides our chapter the structure and support necessary to be a well-run and respectable organization.”

Rob Schroeder
Analytical and Chemistry Services Manager
ATL Corporation.

“NMA has provided me the opportunities to meet many people from various occupations and companies. Having a recent discussion with a group comprising a nuclear chemist, an aerospace engineer, a chief executive officer, and a machinist, illustrates the diversity among the interactions that occur through NMA. I can point to the new knowledge and new networks that I established through NMA that I credit with fulfilling a successful career.”

William Kitchen, CM
Facility Planning Manager
Washington River Protection Solutions

“The City of San Diego is a huge organization with thousands of employees. The NMA Chapter was sometimes the only place where a diverse group of individuals from many different City departments and with many different backgrounds could come together and think about providing leadership opportunities for City employees. Working with such a diverse group of volunteers taught me to ‘think outside the box’ on many occasions, especially when I was the President of the Chapter. If I wanted to have a successful chapter and get people to help me, I had to step outside of my own comfort zone at times. NMA has allowed me to feel proud of myself and have a sense of accomplishment, outside my normal work environment. My NMA experiences have allowed me to have a bigger network of colleagues and develop some long-term close friendships.

Anita Chopra Pyle
MBA Supervising Management Analyst
City of San Diego, Environmental Services Dept.

“As VP of Community Service, I have the opportunity to hone my leadership skills and it has given me the opportunity to reach out and work directly with people from all across my community.”

Karen Joost, Asset Control
Yakima Facilities Management