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THE FACE OF REGIONALISM: PRACTITIONERS ORGANIZE FOR JOINT PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY INITIATIVES

HRQMC hosted a summit meeting of regional professional society leadership on May 27th at the Ship's Cabin in Norfolk. Twenty associations were represented from across Hampton Roads, for an agenda of regional strategy. Spokespersons of the chapters introduced themselves to the group with briefs on objectives and goals for the near term. Discussion then framed a road ahead to improve membership and develop regional engagement.

Speakers agreed on the need for planning to develop means for practical collaboration among the associations. A facilitated workshop will be scheduled to draft recommendations for regional initiatives.

It was agreed that a common calendar would be established to improve communications and facilitate deconfliction of activities. A joint meeting for all of the associations is scheduled for 10 September, to focus on issues of regional performance.

Keynote speaker at this forum will be Captain Kiestler, Commander, Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Workshops will provide tracks for Leadership and Practitioners on the issues of regional engagement and organizational performance.

In sum, the summit demonstrated significant interest in collaborative activities for benefit of the associations as well as the region overall. There is clearly a large potential for engagement: plans need professional and committed practitioners to deploy supporting initiatives.

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Director, HRQMC

List of societies

AFCEA	Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association
AGA	Association of Government Auditors
APICS	Association for Operations Management
ASMC	American Society of Military Comptrollers

ASNE	American Society of Naval Engineers
ASQ	American Society for Quality
HRMFAA	Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance
IMA	Institute of Management Accountants
INCOSE	International Council on Systems Engineering
NAPM	National Association of Purchasing Management
NCMA	National Contract Management Association
ODU	ODU Business Gateway
PMI	Project Management Institute
RCA	Resource Consumption Accounting Institute
SCEA	Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis
SME	Society of Manufacturing Engineers
TASC	Tidewater Association of Service Contractors
TGIC	Tidewater Government/Industry Council
WID	Women In Defense
AME	Association of Manufacturing Engineers
HRP	Hampton Roads Partnership



Joe Barto, HRQMC, standing moderated the presentations. At the near table: Bob Granata and Tom Chamberlin, SME and Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, Doug Smith, HRQMC and NNSY, and Tom Ostasiewaki, PMI.



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