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Present and past Section Officers and Directors meet at Cross Creek Café on July 13, 2004 to forge the framework for 2004-2005.

Join us this coming Wednesday, September 8, our new meeting day and at our new meeting location - the Cross Creek Café, for our first meeting of the year

In store for you, along with renewing friendships from last year and beginning others anew, is guest presenter Wade Martin of US Cost on the subject of Valve Engineering. (See page 3).

To help make the dinner process trouble free and timely, we are asking that you RSVP to us (See details on Page 3).

Want to help the Atlanta Section with minimal effort and promote your organization or charity at the same time? Please see page 4.

To make life easier for our members by not having to travel out of town for the Certification Exam, the Atlanta Section has hosted the Exam for many years. This year we will again host the Exam on the national test date of December 4. Contact Certification Director Joe Bruscia for details.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

6:00 – 6:30 PM – Social

6:30 – 8:15 PM - Dinner/Business/Program

RSVP to Atlanta Section Communication Director by September 7

Cross Creek Café

1221 Cross Creek Parkway

Atlanta, Georgia 30327

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www.crosscreekcafe.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am honored to be elected as the President of the Atlanta Section. I wish to thank you for all your support. It was my pleasure to serve as Regional Director last year, it gave me the opportunity to make a contribution to a great organization and make more friends.

A couple of weeks ago in Athens, Greece, they said, "Let the games begin". No games here but let the new AACE program year begin with you attending the first membership meeting on Wednesday, September 8.

What ways can AACE-Atlanta Section become more relevant for you. Well, success depends on our ability to stay a step ahead. Knowledge is a key step in today's world and sharing knowledge at monthly meetings by peer-to-peer communications is one of those steps. Your Board met on July 13 and discussed several actions and a number of programs intended to serve you. While we have a good deal of effort to put in at the Section level in terms of providing professional development and activities for members, it is an effort we are undertaking to further increase and share specific knowledge with all members and to assist any member in obtaining AACE Certification or Recertification.

Our organization is focused, energized and leaning forward. With your continued loyal, dedicated support of the Section this year, we'll keep pulling and pushing and together we will get there. Your rewards will come from your commitment to the purpose of AACE, from your support, and from your genuine friendship. Your participation in the Atlanta Section strengthens you and me and the cost engineering community at large.

See you on September 8 at Cross Creek Cafe.

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***** 2004-2005 PROGRAM SCHEDULE *****

Monthly Meetings

Date	Speaker	Organization	Topic
September 8, 2004	Wade Martin	US Cost	Value Engineering
October 13, 2004	Mark Rypel	Georgia Retaining Walls, Inc.	Estimating
November 10, 2004	Pete Bredehoeft	CH2MHill	Atlanta Sewage Project
December 8, 2004	N/A	N/A	AACE Atlanta Section Holiday Social
January 12, 2005	Forrest White	Heery International	SPLOST Program, Forsyth County, GA
February 9, 2005	TBD	Georgia Power	Environmental Care
March 9, 2005		TDT	MHJ Int'l Terminal
April 13, 2005	Dr. Khalid Siddiqi	Southern Polytechnic University	Cost Management/Cost Engineering
May 11, 2005	David Buford	Alpha-Omega Visual Systems	3D Time, Cost and Asset Management

September Guest Speaker
Wade Martin
US Cost
Topic: Value Engineering

NEW MEETING LOCATION

The meeting location for the 2004-2005 program year is the *Cross Creek Café* at 1221 Cross Creek Parkway, Atlanta on the 2nd Wednesday of each month September thru May excluding December. ***Reservations are NOT mandatory but are strongly requested to assist in making proper arrangements for space and service.*** Please RSVP to: **Chris Schamel @ 404-946-2446 or cschamel@heery.com**. If you were not planning on coming to a meeting, but late in the afternoon you find you can attend, do not hesitate to attend. **Please come to the meeting.**

Directions to *Cross Creek Café* can be found on their website – www.crosscreekcafe.com.

Alternate directions traveling from downtown Atlanta: *Cross Creek Café* is located just north of the I-75/I-85 intersection at Brookwood/Atlantic Station – Take I-75 North to exit 252B (Howell Mill Road). Turn right at the exit of I-75 and Howell Mill Road and travel 0.5 miles north on Howell Mill Road to Collier Road. Turn left (west) at the first traffic signal onto Collier Road. Follow Collier Road, crossing under I-75, approximately 1.3 miles until you reach Defoors Ferry Road. Just past the *Citgo* Station on Collier Road, bear right onto Defoors Ferry Road and travel 0.4 mile to Bohler Road. (This is a ‘T’ intersection with speed bumps) Turn right on Bohler Road and travel approximately 1.0 mile to Cross Creek Parkway. Turn right on Cross Creek Parkway and the Café will be on your left.

Reminder: Sign In at Meetings for Certification Credit

The sign-in log, available at Section meetings, is the official record of attendance and is submitted to HQ for attendance credits for certified members. Don't forget to sign in

LIFE - LONG LEARNING

In the world of increasing complexity, where change occurs in days and weeks, it is essential that we, as professionals, keep up with the changes and the demands that are occurring around us. We expect others, from auto mechanics to physicians, to remain current in their profession; no less should be expected of those who practice cost engineering.

Programs in continuing professional development provide the means to maintain this currency.

Promotion is often keyed to successful completion of a series of courses or schools that progressively develop needed capabilities. You may not be required to participate in mandatory programs but voluntary participation in continuing professional development represents a visible commitment to life-long learning.

Participation in continuing professional development activities will not only benefit you as an individual member of AAACE but will also enhance the Associations' reputation as a learning organization. Thus, both individual and AAACE will be well prepared to deal with the complexities of the 21st century.

A high mark in this visible commitment to life-long learning is professional certification. Reaching this certification in your professional field is a significant milestone. You can be proud of attaining that goal.

AAACE International offers state-of-the art distance learning by several delivery methods including CD's, the Internet, traditional correspondence courses as well as acting as an agent for courses offered by third parties. Obtaining certification as a Certified Cost Consultant (CCC/Certified Cost Engineer (CCE)/Interim Cost Consultant (ICC) or as a specialized Planning & Scheduling Professional (PSP) will demonstrate your high standard of performance in your profession.

More information on the Distance Learning Program and Certification Program is only a click away at www.aacei.org. Your Atlanta Section is currently working to bring additional professional development programs locally to ensure the continued growth and success of our membership.

“Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Want to help the Atlanta Section? Send us your business card or logo and sponsor a monthly issue of the Atlanta Section for only \$25. The money will be used to offset our website cost with the remainder of any money going to our scholarship program. There are only eight more opportunities so please act now. Contact Chris Schamel @ 404-946-2446 or email cschamel@heery.com

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