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(l to r) AACEI Scholarship winner Adam Fleming with Atlanta Section Vice-President Gary Odivilas CCE

Atlanta Section Vice-President **Gary Odivilas CCE** presented Georgia Tech graduate student **Adam Fleming** with the 2004 AACEI-Atlanta Section Scholarship Award at the *Georgia Engineering Foundation* (GEF) awards dinner in November 2004. **Jan Hunt**, GEF Resource Director, sent **Albert Kwong CCE**, Atlanta Section President, a thank you letter thanking Gary for his presentation of the award at the dinner and the Atlanta Section for its continued interest and support of engineering education. Also being recognized by GEF for their involvement with the Scholarship Program are Atlanta Section members **Dave Cowan CCC** and **Michael Horwitz CCE**.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, January 12, 2005

6:00 – 6:30 PM – Social

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

RSVP to Atlanta Section Communication Director by January 11

Cross Creek Café

1221 Cross Creek Parkway

Atlanta, Georgia 30327

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www.crosscreekcafe.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I trust your Holiday was filled with family, friends and joyous events. As the New Year begins, I trust one of your New Year's resolutions is to become more involved with AACEI-Atlanta Section. Make the commitment to your profession, to your career and to yourself.

*My thanks to AMEC E&C Services for opening their offices to host, **Gene Reed CCE**, **Christine Gallo CCE** and **Elena Cuartas-Villegas CCE** for proctoring, the 4th Quarter Certification Examination on December 4. It's members volunteering their time and knowledge that make the Atlanta Section grow.*

*And speaking of thanks, on behalf of the Atlanta Section, I wish to thank **Mike** and **Marilou Ray** for their warm and wonderful hospitality hosting the Section Christmas Party in their home on December 9.*

Get the New Year started on the right foot and join me and your fellow Atlanta Section members at our next membership meeting on January 12. If you are contemplating professional certification this summer, no better time than right now to make that commitment and start your preparation. Your Atlanta Section is working hard on establishing a study program for late spring that will help you in your pursuit.

Best Wishes for a Very Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you at Cross Creek Café.

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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

**January Guest Speaker
Forrest White
HEERY International
Topic: SPLOST Projects**

Mr. Forrest White's 23 years of experience has focused on Project Management, Architectural Design and Telecommunications. Mr. White has gained his expertise in project management, estimating, scheduling, procurement, contract negotiations, plan application approval, status meetings methodologies through comprehensive program and project experience, developing and implementing these methodologies for, small, large, and multi-tasked projects. Through this practical experience, along with his education in construction management from Southern Polytechnic State University, Mr. White offers a unique perspective in solving client needs. As a HEERY International project manager, his current assignment is managing the Forsyth County (GA) Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) program.

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

Why be AACEI Certified?

Being certified will give you the confidence of knowing that your ideas and actions are recognized as being correct and in an acceptable way in our profession. Certification is a tangible demonstration of qualifications. Certification gives you credibility in a highly competitive market. It will give you satisfaction that “I’m doing it right”. How many times have you shed away from an issue or problem because you weren’t sure of yourself? How many times has this hurt your career?

With certification, you’ll belong to a select and highly respected group of professionals known for their comprehensive knowledge of cost management.

“AACEI Atlanta Section Hot Mail”

Earlier this month, the Atlanta Section initiated an email service to provide time sensitive messages to AACEI members in the Atlanta Section. The first offering was an employment opportunity *with Boyken International*. Thanks to **Simon Mortimer CCE** with *Boyken International* for offering to provide the ‘first’ message.

Future messages will carry the “AACEI Atlanta Section Hot Mail” in the email subject line.

“Few things are impossible to diligence and skill.
Great works are performed not by strength, but perseverance.”
Samuel Johnson 1709-1784

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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 seven more opportunities so please act now. Contact Chris Schamel @ 404-946-2446 or email cschamel@heery.com

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