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Congratulations to our newly elected Officers and Directors for the upcoming 2005-2006 Program Year. They include: (l to r) **Christine Gallo CCE** - Communication Director, **George Bradshaw PE** - Secretary, **Bob Hannan CCE** - Certification Director, **Don Green CCC** - Vice-President, **Mike Pritchett CCE** - President and **Albert Kwong CCE** - Regional Director. Not pictured are **Susan Rogers** - Membership Director, **Dave Cowan CCC** - Treasurer and **Mike Horwitz CCE** - Scholarship Director. Thank you for serving the Atlanta Section.

Atlanta Section members involved with the upcoming Annual Meeting include **Pete Bredehoeft** presenting a paper on "Controlling Non-Construction Costs" and **Trevor Crawford** who is *Co-Chairman for the Annual Meetings Committee for AACE*.

*As we break for the summer, to all Atlanta Section members and friends,
Have a Happy and Safe Summer!*

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 2005

6:00 - 6:30 PM - Social

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

**Watch your email for the September 2005 Section Newsletter
for location and day**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's time to close the Atlanta Section regular meeting schedule for the 2005-2006 program year, issue my last President's Message and start packing for the Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

*We end this program year with the election of new Section Officers and Directors for 2005-2006; with the completion of our first Certification Workshop in April; with meeting **Dr. Khaldi Siddiqi PhD** and initiating the establishment of a Student Chapter at Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) and with increasing the level of networking with our neighboring AACE Sections. We are successful in accomplishing the goals we set for the Section at the beginning of the year. Due to meeting facilities availability, we even survived the temporary change of our meeting day this year.*

*Even with the summer break from monthly meetings, the Atlanta Section will continue to be busy with members attending the 2005 Annual Meeting including several participating with the organization and presentation ends of the event; in hosting the 2nd Quarter Certification Examination; continuing work with **Dr. Siddiqi**, newly elected President **Mike Pritchett CCE** and Membership Director **Susan Rogers** continue our involvement with the formation of a Student Chapter At SPSU as well as holding a Board of Directors meeting to start the wheels in motion for our first membership meeting in September.*

There is a common thread in all the activities the Section engages in year round. That common thread is the volunteer participant. You, volunteering to work in Section or national AACE activities, are our life's blood. One definition of voluntary work is that it is unpaid, for the benefit of a group, and done of one's own free will. Can't do anything about the 'unpaid', but what are the benefits you gain from volunteering for this unpaid time? Any particular volunteer role may bring different benefits depending on your own life experiences and your need at the time. There is flexibility and freedom of a kind that is rarely found in paid employment. Volunteering makes a difference, it is different. Benefits include being part of a team, where your contribution is valued, expand your horizons, further the advancement of cost engineering, gain additional knowledge, an opportunity to use or update experience/skills and meet new people. The huge benefit for the Section, AACE and all of us is that each of us, as a volunteer, brings a different insight, perception and energy.

I leave the President's role with one request of you. When September rolls around and our new program year starts, please get involved with the Section. The easiest first step is simply to come to the meeting. Once a month, it's a couple of hours at the end of a day that can have ever lasting benefit. Share your successes, knowledge and experiences with your peers and increase your visibility in our profession.

*And finally, **Thank You** for allowing me to be your Atlanta Section President this program year.*

Regards,

Albert Kwong CCE

To The Unsung Heroes
Who Volunteer
Their Time And Talent
To The Atlanta Section

THANK YOU

*Special Thanks to Nelson Salabarria and U.S. Cost for their continued support of the Atlanta Section and funding of our website. In this technological age, their generous support has allowed information seekers immediate information on the Atlanta Section. **Thank you Nelson and U.S. Cost!***

*Special Thanks to Ying Ysu at U.S. Cost who has served as our webmaster all year. Ying revamp the website at the beginning of the program year and has updated the site with current newsletters and other posting moments after he has received them. **Thank you Ying!***

*Special Thanks to Pete Bredehoeft and CH2M Hill for the use of their facilities for our Certification Workshop. **Thank you Pete and CH2M Hill!***

*Special Thanks to Gary Odivilias CCE for a great job in organizing the workshop and instructors John Larson PE, CCE, Gary Odivilia CCE, George Bradshaw PE and Albert Kwong CCE. **Thank you Gary, John, George and Albert!***

*Special Thanks to Mike Ray CCE and his wife Marilou for hosting the Atlanta Section annual Holiday Party. **Thank you Marilou and Mike!***

*Special Thanks to Gene Reed CCE and AMEC E&C Services for hosting our 4th Quarter Certification Examination and proctors Christine Gallo CCE and Elena Cuartas-Villegas CCE. **Thank you Gene, Christine, Elena and AMEC E&C Services!***

*Special Thanks to the Atlanta Section Officers and Directors for 2004-2005; Albert Kwong – President, Gary Odivilias CCE – Vice President, Warren Llado – Secretary, Dave Cowan CCC – Treasurer, Gene Reed CCE Regional Director, Michael Horwitz CCE – Membership Director Hossein Nankali CCE – Membership Director, Joe Bruscia CCE – Certification Director and Chris Schamel CCC – Communication Director. **Thank you Albert, Gary, Warren, Dave, Gene, Hossein, Michael, Joe and Chris!***

Last, but not least, a very heart felt THANK YOU to all the Atlanta Section members who took time from your busy schedules to attended the meetings and support the activities of the Atlanta Section.