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Pictured (l-to-r) at the April Atlanta Section meeting are: **Mike Pritchett CCE**, **Albert Kwong CCE**, **Dr. Khalid Siddiqi PhD** and **Gary Odivilas CCE**.

Dr. Khalid Siddiqi, PhD, Construction Department Chair for the School of Architecture, Civil Engineering Technology and Construction at Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) met with Atlanta Section members at our April membership meeting to discuss the link of potential continued professional development for our membership with mentoring and networking for their students and faculty. By the conclusion of the meeting, the Section was already working with Dr. Siddiqi to further enhance the range of joint accomplishments by discussing the formation of a AAACEI Student Chapter at SPSU.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

6:00 – 6:30 PM – Social

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

RSVP to Atlanta Section Communication Director by May 10

Cross Creek Café

1221 Cross Creek Parkway

Atlanta, Georgia 30327

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the summer hiatus from monthly Section meetings looms on the horizon, your Atlanta Section Board met on April 26 to adjust the 2004-2005 plans and carry the Section into the summer when the new Board will assume its responsibilities. Please see 'Questionnaire' on page 5. Even though we are about to break from regular monthly meetings, activity for the Section continues year-round.

*The day after the Board meeting, **Mike Pritchett CCE** and I journeyed to Marietta and met with **Dr. Siddiqi** at Southern Poly to continue the discussions on creating a Student Chapter at SPSU. Unable to attend due to an out-of-town assignment, Scholarship Director **Mike Horwitz CCE** corresponded with the Board, via email, as to possible scenarios of handling our scholarship award to directly benefit a deserving SPSU student pursuing a career in the project controls field. Liaison between the Student Chapter and Section will be under the Membership Director. Here is an opportunity for SPSU alumni to work with their Alma Mater. Anyone interested in assisting the Director with the Student Chapter is asked to contact the newly elected Membership Director after the May 11 elections.*

Speaking of elections, the election for 2005-2006 Officers and Directors will be held at our next regular membership meeting on May 11. There is a slate of nominees (see next page) but if you have an interest in serving the Section and wish to seek election, floor nominations will be taken at the meeting.

Also note that two women are seeking Directorships in the upcoming election. As AACE develops the 'Women in Project Controls' initiative, your Atlanta Section remains among the forefront with women participating in Section activities. From serving on the Board over the years to proctoring Certification Exams to serving on committees, the support of all Atlanta Section women members has been invaluable.

*The growing interest in certification had a dozen plus members attending our first Certification Workshop that concluded the end of April. Congratulations to **Gary Odivilias CCE** for a great job in organizing the workshop. Joining me as instructors for the event were **John Larson PE, CCE, Gary Odivilia CCE** and **George Bradshaw PE**. Section member **Pete Bredehoeft** and CH2M Hill arranged the accommodations for the workshop. **Many Thanks to all!** Outgoing Certification Director **Joe Bruscia CCE** will be coordinating the July certification exam, hosted by Heery International, with the new Certification Director to be elected May 11. The July exam has all the indicators of being the largest every group to take the exam in the Atlanta.*

A final reminder that it is not too late to make plans to attend AAACEI Annual Meeting this June 26-29 in New Orleans. Click on the AAACEI website and register now at www.aacei.org.

See you at Cross Creek Café on May 11.

Albert Kwong CCE

Shown below is Sample Ballot with current nominees for Atlanta Section elected Officers and Directors. Prior to the election on May 11, nominations from the floor will be accepted for any and all positions. Any member of the Atlanta Section is eligible to seek election. No nomination will be accepted without consent of the nominee.

ATLANTA SECTION

AACEI OFFICERS

******* SAMPLE BALLOT *******

2005-2006

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****** SAMPLE
BALLOT ******

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Albert Kwong, CCE

Certification Director

Bob Hannan, CCE

Membership Director

Susan Rogers

Scholarship Director

Michael Horwitz, CCE

Communication Director

Christine Gallo, CCE

******* 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	Tom Broadwell	Georgia Power Company	Environmental Care
March 9, 2005	Anthony Dixon	IAG	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

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.

Reminder: Sign In at Meetings for Recertification 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

We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.



Women in Project Controls & Project Management

In the April 2005 Atlanta Section newsletter, we carried an article concerning the AACE Task Force Committee on 'Women in Project Controls & Project Management'. A reminder that if you are interested in becoming a committee member of this task force and working to increase women membership in AACE while at the same time developing objectives going forward for our women members, please email **Pat Galloway** at patnwg@aol.com

If your time is short for volunteering for this committee, one way to help both AACE and the Atlanta Section grow is to simply bring one of your women project controls or project manager co-workers to our May membership meeting.

With the greater base of our membership, the greater number of peer-to-peer exchanges, a greater level of professional development is achieved. The greater number of people seeking AACE Certification only raises the bar higher for us as individuals and our profession, a goal worth achieving. Yes, we would like to you to start now, but if you need more time, by next September you will have no excuse because you will have had plenty of time to encourage her to attend. If you need some help recruiting, contact the Section Membership Director.



***** QUESTIONNAIRE *****

A reoccurring question, and the toughest question every year, is time and place for our monthly membership meetings. You followed the developments at the beginning of the 2004-2005 program year that led to moving our meeting date to Wednesdays. To give the incoming Board as much information as we can for their summer Board meeting as they set the guidelines for the 2005-2006 program year, once again we wish to survey our membership for input as to time, day and place for the monthly meeting.

While the consensus last fall supported the move to Wednesday, the mid-week day proved more difficult than anticipated by years' end. The Cross Creek Café has proven to be a very nice mid-Metro location meeting place and excellent facility for our group. What is your opinion?

Please send any/all comments regarding this subject to either:

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