

# Atlanta Section

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Pictured are some of the early arrivals to the Atlanta Section Certification Workshop held on Saturday, October 29. **George Bradshaw CCE PE** and **Bob Hannan CCE** led the first group of attendees including **April Fordam, David Ambrose, Dan Jamison, Jay Carson, Robert McTeague,** and **Bettie Gebara**. A total of sixteen people, representing six different companies, have signed-up for the 4-session course to help prepare them for the December 3 Certification Examination.

It's a challenging examination but success places you in a select and highly respected group of professionals known for their comprehensive knowledge of cost management.

Best wishes to all on the up coming examination! The Atlanta Section looks forward to announcing your well earned AACE Certification in an up coming newsletter.

## NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**November 15, 2005**

**6:00 – 6:30 PM – Social**

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

RSVP by November 14 to  
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**Cross Creek Café**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have recently returned for the AACE board meeting in Morgantown, WV and have the following facts, figures and dates to share with you:

## Membership

The membership as of 9-30-05 stands at 4,719. That's up by 245 members in the last quarter.

## Certification

As of 10-14-05 there are a total of 1,118 active certified individuals. As you can see we have only about 25% of our membership certified. The certifications breakdown as follows:

CCE – 509  
CCC – 311  
PSP – 151  
ICC – 134  
EVP - 13

There are 43 individuals with multiple certifications. With the addition of the Planning and Scheduling certification and the Earned Value certification, I believe we will see the certification numbers grow. I encourage those of you members who are not certified to consider doing so.

## Annual Meetings

2006 Las Vegas, NV (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

2007 Nashville, TN

2008 Toronto, ON

2009 Seattle, WA

2010 Site has not been chosen. Atlanta is under consideration along with Houston, Chicago, and Philadelphia.

I hope to see another good turnout this next meeting. We had some new faces and the return of some members that we had not seen in a while. Please make every effort to attend.

Thanks for your continued support.

*Michael*

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR  
AACE CERTIFICATION**

**Glen Colaco CCE**  
of Jordan, Jones & Goulding



The October Section Meeting featured **Perry Reiter**, of *Reither and Company*, and his presentation on Timberline Cost Modeling. No ballpark, conceptual estimate with this software. The result is a remarkably precise conceptual estimate, because the assumptions you make about a project are backed up by details. Costs, quantities, crews, hours, waste factors—everything you need to support your estimate is there in black and white.

With the every changing and rapid changing construction technology in cost controls, and many times with different clients specifying which software program they prefer, a great way to keep current with what is out there is to attend the Section meetings and meet the local representatives of this ever changing technology.



**FROM YOUR  
ATLANTA SECTION OFFICERS  
AND  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NOVEMBER 24, 2005**



## **Guest Speaker Schedule 2005 - 2006**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Topic</b>
September 20, 2005	H. Jay Enck	Commissioning & Green Building Services	Costs Associated with Sustainability
October 18, 2005	Perry Reiter	Timberline	Cost Modeling with Timberline
November 15, 2005	John Lawrence	ATC Associates	Testing – IBC 2000
December 20, 2005	N/A	N/A	AAE Atlanta Section Holiday Social
January 17, 2006	Matt Wheelis	Constructware	Cost Control on Construction Projects
February 21, 2006	Bill East	Lift U	Solutions for Accessibility
March 21, 2006	Brent Darnell	Brent Darnell & Associates	Emotional Intelligence
April 18, 2006	Deane Evans	Evans Technology	Primavera Contractor Scheduling Software
May 16, 2006	TBD	Evans Technology	Fully Integrated CM Solution

### **GUEST SPEAKER – NOVEMBER 2005**

#### **JOHN LAWRENCE**

Mr. Lawrence is a principal engineer in ATC's Atlanta office, and is the Manager of Engineering Services. He has accumulated over 24 years of experience in the fields of geotechnical engineering, construction materials testing and engineering, and environmental-related services since 1981. His experience includes projects within the Piedmont, Coastal Plain, and Ridge and Valley Physiographic Provinces of the southeastern United States. He has also conducted geotechnical explorations at overseas locations. He has provided geotechnical consulting services for many prominent developments in Atlanta, including the new 5<sup>th</sup> Runway Embankment at Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the new Georgia Aquarium, and a number of visible high-rise developments in Buckhead and Midtown.

Mr. Lawrence has been active in the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) for most of his career and has served in several positions within that organization, including Treasurer and Vice President of the Georgia Section, and the Chairman of the Geotechnical Committee. In addition, Mr. Lawrence has been a part-time professor of soil mechanics at Southern Polytechnic University in Marietta, Georgia.

*For an outline of Mr. Lawrence's presentation, please see page 6 of this newsletter.*

## DOOR PRIZE

Everyone attending the regular monthly meetings will have a chance to win AACE embroidered apparel. We will be pulling one business card out of the “hat” each meeting so make sure you attend and bring a business card. We will award the winner their choice of an embroidered polo shirt or ball cap. The odds are good but only if you show up.

With the large attendance at the October meeting, two drawings were held. The AACE polo shirt was chosen by Ron Winter and the ball cap was chosen by Gary Odivilas.

Be there in November and the choice might be yours!

## MEETING LOCATION

The meeting location for the 2005-2006 program year is the *Cross Creek Café* at 1221 Cross Creek Parkway, Atlanta on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 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](mailto: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.**

### **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



**Start Making Your  
Plans Today To Attend**

**AACE International's  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Meeting**

**Las Vegas, Nevada**

**Monday, June 19 -  
Thursday, June 22, 2006**

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hurricanes need  
your help now...**

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For our 2005 Annual Meeting Host City of New Orleans and their Gulf State neighbors

### November Guest Speaker Presentation Outline

The Special Inspections provisions (Chapter 17) of the International Building Code 2000 (IBC 2000) have a wide-ranging impact on construction projects. The provisions give special emphasis to quality control testing. They are designed to improve communication between design and contracting personnel and mandate certain levels of field testing. You might consider the new code requirements as “testing on steroids.”

The presentation will briefly review the history of code-driven testing services on construction projects, and then discuss the cost implications of these programs. Historical data will be used to project typical testing costs for various types of projects.



This excellent reference contains 93 technical papers featured at the 2005 AACE International Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, covering topics such as:

*Claims and Dispute Resolution - IT/IM in Project and Cost Management - Cost/Schedule Control - Project Management - Estimating Planning and Scheduling - Global Projects - Decision and Risk Management*

To obtain a copy, please see AACE website at [www.aacei.org](http://www.aacei.org)

## Volunteerism and the Atlanta Section

Following a very successful first time Atlanta Section Certification Workshop last year, **George Bradshaw CCE PE** and **Bob Hannan CCE** are heading the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2005 Atlanta Section Workshop. Hosting the effort between October 29 and November 19, at their corporate offices, is AACE Corporate Sponsor Project Time & Cost.

With George and Bob are **Albert Kwong CCE**, **Bruce Dixon CCC**, **John Larson CCE** and **Buck Filbey** in presenter roles with the sessions broken down into 4 parts to match the Certification exam. Each session includes a practice test and discussion/answer periods.

As our profession grows in need of professionals known for their comprehensive knowledge of cost management and as our Section grows in membership, greater opportunities are created to be both teacher and student. We each bring something different to the table and by sharing your time and talent with others; you too will be exposed to the time and talent from the person across the table. Learning about yourself is also one of the greatest benefits a volunteer receives, self satisfaction and personal growth come from taking the time to give a bit of yourself to help others

As the above mentioned individuals offer their time and talents to help co-workers become better in their chosen field, opportunities exist in the Atlanta Section to help students form an AACE Student Chapter (Contact membership Director **Susan Rodgers**) at Southern Polytechnic State University, become guest speakers for graduate classes at SPSU (Contact President **Mike Pritchett CCE**) or serve on committees either with the Atlanta Section or on a national level with AAACEI. Interested in proctoring the December 3 Certification Exam or being a presenter at the next Section Workshop, please contact Certification Director **Bob Hannan CCE**.