

# Atlanta Section



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(l to r) Joe Bruscia CCE and Section President Mike Pritchett CCE

To encourage Section members to participate in the National Board Elections, Atlanta Section President Mike Pritchett CCE, with *Faithful+Gould*, conducted a drawing for an AACE polo shirt at the March Section meeting. To be eligible for the AACE apparel, members submitted the top portion of their ballot receipt for the drawing. Joe Bruscia CCE, with *Bovis Lend Lease*, won the shirt with all the members being winners by having taken an active role in the national elections.

And a reminder that in April, the Atlanta Section will be electing officers and board members for the 2006-2007 program year. If you would like to serve the Section, please contact Section President Mike Pritchett or any Board member (See President's Message).

## NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**April 18, 2006**

**6:00 – 6:30 PM – Social**

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

RSVP by April 17

to Chris Schamel at

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***Cross Creek Café***

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# President's Message

Well it's that time of year again. No I'm not speaking of the dreaded yellow pollen; it's time to elect new Atlanta Section Officers and Directors for 2006-2007.

See the accompanying list for the current nominees and offices.

The role of the nominating committee is to see that we have at least one member willing to serve for each position. This list does not limit anyone from seeking any position. Whether you may need re-certification points or not, if you are interested in adding your name to the list, please let me know. You can email me if you would like to run for an office or I will be taking nominations from the floor at our next meeting on April 18. I will then ask for a motion to close the nominations. At that time we will vote.

Please make every effort to be in attendance to cast your vote on April 18. If you are not able to attend, but wish to participate in the election process, please email me your vote prior to the meeting. We must notify AACE headquarters by May of our new officers.

Thanks for your continued support.

*Michael*

## AAE Atlanta Section Board of Directors 2006 – 2007 Nominations

### **President**

✓ Don Green CCC

### **Vice President**

✓ Bettie Gebara CCE

### **Secretary**

✓ John Larson CCE

### **Treasurer**

✓ Dave Cowan CCC

### **Regional Director**

✓ Albert Kwong CCE

### **Membership Director**

✓ Bruce Dixon CCE

### **Scholarship Director**

✓ Mike Horwitz CCE

### **Certification Director**

✓ Bob Hannan CCE

### **Communication Director**

✓ Chris Schamel CCC

The Atlanta Section greatly appreciates the quick response, by so many of our members, concerning the AACE Annuals Meeting Committee request for local input regarding the Atlanta hotels for a possible 2010 AACE Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

With Atlanta Section member Trevor Crawford on the Committee, we can seek his advice on the requirements of hosting an Annual Meeting. Let's see what we can do to make the 2010 Annual Meeting happen in Atlanta!

Stay tuned to see what happens as HQ looks for a 2010 site.

## Guest Speaker Schedule 2005 - 2006

Date	Speaker	Organization	Topic
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	AACE 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

Section Vice-President **Don Green CCC**, *Heery International*, compiled a speaker program for this year accenting the innovations in cost control technology. But technical skill and the latest technology are not the sole answers in our profession. Don balanced the equation with our March guest speaker **Brent Darnell**, of *Brent Darnell & Associates*, whose topic was Emotional Intelligence. While technical competency is vital, Brent showed the Section how dealing with people has a major role in the success of a project, the success of a company and the success in your private life.

If any portion of your work involves scheduling, you will not want to miss the April meeting to learn the latest in scheduling software and related cost control by *Primavera*.

**Bettie Gebara CCE**, *U.S. Cost* and **Bruce Dixon CCE**, *Faithful+Gould* answered the recent call by Atlanta Section member **Dr. Khalid M. Siddiqi, Ph.D.**, Construction Department Chair School of Architecture, Civil Engineering Technology and Construction, *Southern Polytechnic State University*.

Bettie and Bruce have volunteered to be instructors during the summer session at SPSU.

What makes the SPSU programs so valuable is the mixture of the academic world with instruction from the daily practitioner. It is never too late to become a mentor with SPSU or continue your education in their graduate programs.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter AACE Certification Exam** **Saturday, July 15, 2006**

The Atlanta Section will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Certification Exam on Saturday, July 15, 2006. While both *Boyken International* and *Project Time & Cost (PTC)* offered their facilities for the Exam, PTC has been selected as the 2006 summer test site. An email call for proctors will be made in June.

The Atlanta Section wishes to THANK *Boyken International* and *Project Time & Cost* for their continued support of both AACE and the Atlanta Section.

## GUEST SPEAKER – APRIL 2006

### DEANE EVANS EVANS TECHNOLOGY, INC.

For more than 20 years, Evans Technology, Inc. has represented Primavera Systems as both an Authorized Representative and Authorized Solution Provider. Primavera Systems, Inc. is the world's leading project and portfolio management software company. Primavera software provides the foundation that enables all types of businesses to achieve excellence in managing their portfolios, programs, projects and resources. It is estimated that projects totaling more than \$5 trillion in value have been managed with Primavera products.

*One failed project can eliminate an entire year's profit.* Primavera helps you eliminate the surprises that can keep your organization from managing construction and engineering projects profitably.

Primavera is an integrated product that goes far beyond scheduling providing you with advanced collaboration tools, action alerts and centralized project information.

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## Women in Project Controls



The Task Force on Women in Project Controls was established by AACE International in January 2005 to encourage dialogue and activity by women in the Association. The Task Force aids the Association by providing a means for professional growth, and a forum for interaction.

On the AACE website, you will find our activities and goals, including some background on the Task Force's charge and its members, information about Task Force meetings, and more. The Task Force has a number of items in the works, including outreach, a survey, a series of articles for Cost Engineering journal, and an event at the 2006 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas.

The Task Force is excited about the opportunities to hear from our members, and we thank you for taking the time to visit this site. Please explore the various links, take the survey, and do send us an email to tell us what you think. We extend an invitation to all the women in project controls, to become an active member of the task force and to work with us to fulfill our mission.

## 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. The odds are good but only if you show up.

March winners were Joe Bruscia CCE (Bovis Lend Lease) and Dave Cownan CCC (Southern Company) AACE shirts and John Larson CCE AACE baseball cap.

Bring your business card with you in April and you may be the winner!

## MEETING LOCATION

The meeting location for the 2005-2006 program year is the *Cross Creek Café* ([www.crosscreekcafe.com](http://www.crosscreekcafe.com)) 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 on that 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



### ***TIME IS RUNNING OUT***

**Make Your  
Plans To Attend**

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

**Las Vegas, Nevada**

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



Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity to network with your peers, earn CEUs/PDHs and attend the latest papers on cost, schedule and management at AACE's 50th Anniversary Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A. Take a chance with Lady Luck, dine from buffet to gourmet, tee off at one of the many championship golf courses, watch a spectacular stage show or a top-name celebrity show, visit an engineering wonder and one of the world's largest man-made lakes and the Hoover Dam – it's all waiting for you in Las Vegas!