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As evening approached for the January membership meeting, so did torrential rain. Even with the heavy rains, many Section members braved the high waters in Atlanta streets and were on hand to hear **Matt Wheelis'** presentation on *Constructware*. Section Vice President **Don Green CCC** has assembled a list of guest speakers this year to keep the Section abreast on current cost control technologies. If you were not at the January meeting, you probably missed learning something new. You also missed out on a couple of chances to win an AACE shirt or baseball cap. The Section also welcomed first time attendees: **Tom Doig** of *AMEC*, **Robert Cribb** of *Bellsouth*, **Scott Thompson** of *Project Time & Cost* and **Val Yalyshev** of *Project Time & Cost*.

In the January 2006 Atlanta Section newsletter, we included information that on January 16, *U.S. Cost* was going to hold an 'Exam On Demand'. Six of their employees, **Bettie Gebara**, **Luis Ramos**, **Dan Jamison**, **Chuck Latour**, **Howard Campbell** and **Andreas Kristanto**, all seeking CCE/CCC Certification, were on hand that Monday morning. While *U.S. Cost* has several AACE certified members qualified to be proctors for the in-house exam, the Atlanta Section strongly supports independent proctoring of the On Demand Certification Exam to protect the integrity of the certification process. **Our thanks to *U.S Cost* for supporting independent proctoring.**

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 21, 2006

6:00 – 6:30 PM – Social

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

RSVP by February 20

to Chris Schamel at

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Cross Creek Café

www.crosscreekcafe.com

President's Message

With all of the press of the elections of officers at the national and international level, it's a good time to start thinking about our Atlanta Section election. Please thoughtfully consider serving as an officer next term. Not only is it a good way to give back to the organization, it is an excellent way to make a difference in our own community. New officers bring new energy and ideas. Those of you that are in need of recertification points, serving as an officer earns two (2) points a year.

I have listed the positions with a short job description. I hope you see an area that you would like to serve. If so, please let me or one of the other current officers know of your interest.

AACE Atlanta Section Board of Directors 2006 - 2007

President-

- ✓ Chief Executive Officer of the Section
- ✓ Oversee the other officers in their roles
- ✓ Make scheduled reports to AACE HQ
- ✓ Represent the Section in all functions
- ✓ Present scholarship check at awards banquet

Vice President –

- ✓ Provide speakers / presentations for the monthly meetings
- ✓ If the president cannot make a meeting, the VP will assume the lead; perform duty of the President in his/her absence

Secretary-

- ✓ Maintain section member list
- ✓ Record meeting minutes
- ✓ Maintain the meeting attendance list
- ✓ Provide name tags at the meetings
- ✓ Submit the attendance log to HQ

Regional Director –

- ✓ Advises on requirements to section points awards
- ✓ Maintains a notebook to track points
- ✓ Compiles the note book and submits to HQ for evaluation
- ✓ Receiving and distribution AACE information to section officers and members

Membership Director –

- ✓ Seeks to greet visitors at monthly meetings and introduce them to AACE membership benefits
- ✓ Have membership applications available at all meetings
- ✓ Support the development of student sections at local colleges
- ✓ Reaching out to new members, signing up the prospect, getting new members active, reactivating the inactive members

Scholarship Director –

- ✓ Seeks and reviews applications for AACE scholarships
- ✓ Liaise with local colleges on scholarship
- ✓ Works with the Georgia Engineers Foundation for scholarship awards

Certification Director –

- ✓ Advise on steps for certification or re-certification
- ✓ Coordinate with HQ for local exam locations and proctors
- ✓ Work with local companies to assist in on demand exams

Communication Director –

- ✓ Produce and issue monthly news letters
- ✓ Submit articles on section activities to HQ for publication in CE Journal
- ✓ Contact the restaurant with approximate head count for monthly meeting
- ✓ Issue "blast" with job announcements provided to the section
- ✓ Liaise with web master to update section web 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	AAEII 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 – FEBRUARY 2006

BILL EAST

Bill East is a regional sales manager for Lift-U, a division of Hogan Mfg, Inc. Bill is a 1976 graduate of the University of North Carolina and has been in industrial sales for over 25 years. He has been involved with the accessibility industry for the past 7 years. Regular responsibilities would be to interface with architects, general contractors, public officials (municipal, state, federal) and transportation equipment manufacturers to determine the best solution for their community accessibility needs. Bill has extensive knowledge on accessibility regulations and issues that specification writers, architects and construction industry professionals must address on a regular basis.

Solutions for Accessibility

Whether in new construction or renovation applications, the need for lift systems is becoming more important. It is not always feasible to eliminate lifting devices by designing a single level building, incorporating gradual slopes or providing elevators. There are some areas within a building that require instant change in elevation and cannot be made accessible without the use of some type of lifting device. During the meeting we will look further into: ADA requirements for providing universal access to stage areas; Important design considerations for providing stage access; Available accessibility options and the features of each type of lifting device; Selection criteria for choosing between accessibility options.



2006-2007 AACE Election of Officers

For the first time in AACE history, election of national Officers and Directors will be by electronic ballot only. Official ballots are posted to www.aacei.org by February 15. Information on candidates is also posted on the electronic site.

Your completed ballot must be posted on or before March 31, 2006.

Your vote guides the future of AACE, vote now !!!

Thank You for Your Participation

Bits and Pieces

For those of you use to referring to *Hanscomb Faithful & Gould* as 'Hanscomb', be advised that the name of the organization is now *Faithful + Gould*. Their tremendous AACE Corporate and Atlanta Section support does not wavier with the modification of their name.

If you would like a copy of January's Guest Speaker **Matt Wheelis'** presentation on *ConstructWare*, he has sent us his Power Point presentation. The file size is approximately 4MB. If you would like a copy, please contact Chris Schamel at cschamel@heery.com. **Albert Kwong CCE** has placed a copy of the presentation in our 2005-2006 Section files.



In May 2005, the Atlanta Section membership elected a slate of Officers and Directors for the 2005-2006 program year. **Christine Gallo CCE** was elected to the position of Communication Director. At the time of her election, she was in the midst of her first pregnancy but thought she could balance the duties of Director and motherhood. If you are a parent, you understand that the responsibilities of motherhood have had to take precedent over the Director duties. Former Communication Director **Chris Schamel CCC** accepted the responsibilities and filled in for Christine at the beginning of our program year. In January, the Atlanta Section officially appointed Chris as Communication Director for the duration of the program year.

In recognition of his volunteerism to the Atlanta Section, Section President **Mike Pritchett CCE** (r) presented Chris with a special plaque of appreciation.

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.

January winners were Tom Doig (AMEC) AACEI shirt and Luis Ramos (U.S. Cost) AACEI baseball cap.

Be there in February 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 3rd 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@heerv.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'th 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!