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Atlanta Section members gather at for the beginning of the February membership meeting.

To thank members for attending the regular monthly Section meetings, Section President **Mike Pritchett CCE** has been holding a drawing of business cards for a chance to win AACE apparel. To mix things up for the March meeting and to encourage you to vote in the 2006-2007 AACE Board of Directors' Election, the drawing for the AACE polo shirt will be based on your voting receipt. See page 4 of this newsletter for voting information.

The Atlanta Section, in cooperation from Corporate Sponsor Project Time & Cost as a test site, will host the 2nd Quarter Certification Exam on Saturday, July 15, 2006. Additional information will be in the April newsletter.

The Section welcomed new member and first time attendee **Bill Thompson** of Heery International.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 21, 2006

6:00 – 6:30 PM – Social

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

RSVP by March 20

to Chris Schamel at

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Cross Creek Café

www.crosscreekcafe.com

President's Message

Although Headquarters is gearing up for the 2006 Annual Meeting this June in Las Vegas, the Education Board is already looking to the 2007 Annual Meeting in Nashville, with the goal of designing a seminar program that will meet the needs of cost professionals in the area.

First, they are seeking input for seminar topics and instructors who should be considered for the 2007 Annual Meeting.

Because the area around Nashville has a large presence of DOE, TVA, Army Corps of Engineers programs and projects, we want to offer some seminars that would be of interest to employees in these agencies. If you know of qualified individuals who should receive our *Call for Seminar Proposals*, or if you know of current topics that would benefit cost professionals in your area, please let AACE Staff Director for Education and Administration, **Ms. Charla Miller** (cmiller@aacei.org) know by mid-April.

Secondly, they would appreciate receiving contact information for the appropriate training managers or decision makers in the major firms in our section's area so that we can send them seminar marketing information next year.

Seeking input and feedback from the membership is Headquarters way of keeping the annual meeting interesting as well as relevant to our professional growth. If you have any comments or suggestions, please pass them along to HQ.

Michael

*The Atlanta Section
Wishes To Express
Our Deepest Sympathy To
Section President Mike Pritchett
and Family
On The Passing Of Mike's Father
James H. Pritchett.*

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RECENT
AACE CERTIFICATION**

Bettie Gebara CCE, U.S. Cost

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	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

CALL FOR REVIEWERS

AAE is looking for individuals to review technical articles, books, and software programs for *Cost Engineering* journal and *Transactions*.

If you are interested, please fill out the form found on the AAE.org website and send it to the Publications Department of AAE International

A reminder that as we close in on the end of our program year, consider serving as a Section officer or director next term. It is way to give back to the organization, to make a difference in our own community and to earn re-certification points. In the February newsletter, Atlanta Section President Mike Pritchett CCE outlined the positions and duties of Section Officers and Directors. If you would like to serve, please let any one of the current officers know of your interest.

AAE Atlanta Section Officers and Board of Directors 2006 – 2007: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional Director, Membership Director, Scholarship Director, Certification Director and Communication Director.



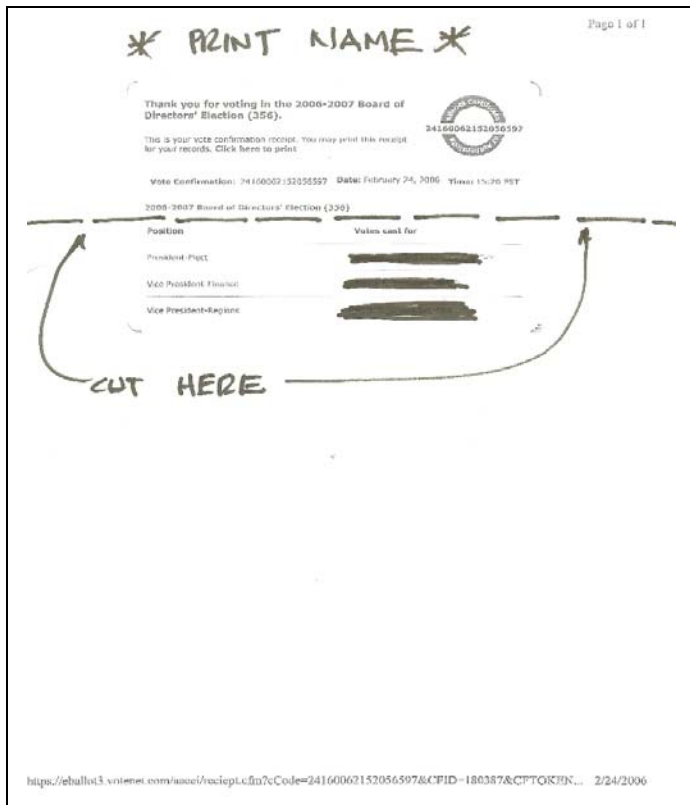
2006-2007 AACE Election of Officers

Time is running out to vote in election of national Officers and Directors now by electronic ballot only. Official ballots are posted to www.aacei.org as well as information on candidates. Candidate information is also available in the December issue of *Cost Engineering*. Region 3/Atlanta Section members can vote for the President-Elect, Vice President-Elect and Vice President-Regions.

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



Sample AACE Voting Receipt

Whether you come to the meetings regularly or not, whether you want a chance to win the polo shirt or not, **PLEASE VOTE!**

It only takes a couple of minutes to *eVote* and you help set the course for our direction as a professional organization. The National Officers and Board of Directors do not know our needs and interests if we don't let them know. Voting is a major voice.

To be eligible for the drawing of the AACE polo shirt at the March membership meeting, print a copy of your receipt from the AACEI website when you have completed your vote. Cut off the top portion of the receipt, print your name on the top half and turn in that top half when you sign-in at the Tuesday meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER – MARCH 2006

BRENT DARNELL

What happens when you cross a Georgia Tech engineering graduate with a writer, teacher, musician, playwright and actor? You get Brent Darnell!

Brent is an author, lecturer, and teacher, facilitating the transformation of people and companies using Emotional Intelligence. He holds a Mechanical Engineering Degree from Georgia Tech and has worked in the construction industry since the age of fifteen. He has work as a Senior Project Manager, Environmental Manager, Quality Manager and as Director of Skanska's only international management development program and has gone on to garner fame on an episode of "In the Heat of the Night", pen several books, and develop a passion for LEED™ and all things "green". One of Brent's areas of expertise is teaching people skills to contractors. A partial list of Brent's clients include: Hardin, Skanska, Caddell, Clark, Hunt, McCarthy, the AGC, and the ABC.

All of us are aware that our business is driven by being able to establish and maintain good relationships. According to Darnell, in technical industries, studies reflect that Emotional Intelligence, or EQ, is more important than IQ, or pure intellect and expertise, when it comes to successful projects and careers. Brent has a solid background in helping contractors maximize their EQ and their people skills. He will also offer solutions to some of the construction industry's most perplexing problems.

A skilled instructor and facilitator, he has worked with people from many different cultures teaching a variety of subjects and helping to create management development programs for many top 100 contractors around the world. He specializes in people skills for technical people using emotional intelligence as a foundation. He also believes that many of the industry's problems such as environmental and safety issues, low productivity, poor customer service, lack of teamwork, poor industry image, increased burnout, and high turnover can be resolved by teaching employees about emotional intelligence. He also believes that when you create fundamental change within the individual, you create lasting, positive change within the organization. His book, *The People-Profit Connection*, was published in May 2005. More information is available at www.brentdarnell.com.

Brent lives in Atlanta with his wife, Andrea and two dogs.



Summer Teaching Opportunity at SPSU

Would you, or someone you know, be interested in teaching two Construction Estimating courses at SPSU during the summer of 2006 (May 15 to August 1)? The only requirement is a Masters Degree or Professional Certification in lieu of Master Degree that is satisfactory to Accreditation Agencies. The classes can be in the evening, and after 5 PM to accommodate the schedules of working professionals. AACE re-certification points are earned by your participation.

Interested parties should contact Atlanta Section member **Dr. Khalid M. Siddiqi, Ph.D.**, Construction Department Chair School of Architecture, Civil Engineering Technology and Construction, Southern Polytechnic State University, Marietta, GA 30060, (v) 678-915-7221, (f) 678-915-4966 or email: ksiddiqi@spsu.edu

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.

February winners were Gary Kersey CCE (Heery) AACE shirt and Bill Thompson (Heery) AACE baseball cap.

Bring your business card with you in March 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) 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@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



**Make Your
Plans Today To Attend**

**AACE International's
50th 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!