

# Atlanta Section



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## Atlanta Section Meeting Schedule 2006 - 2007

Date	Speaker	Organization	Topic
September 19, 2006	Joe Bruseia CCE	Bovis Lend Lease	Costs of Construction Safety
October 17, 2006	Paul Daigler	U.S. Cost	"Tying BIM (Building Information Model) to Estimating
November 21, 2006	Tom Fruman	Georgia Technology Authority	Effective Project Management and Cost Control
December 9, 2006 (Saturday)	-	-	2006 Christmas Party
January 16, 2007	Robert Cribb	AT&T (BellSouth)	IT Construction, Facts and Future Trends
February 20, 2007	Reed Thomas	R.J. Griffin	LEEDS Costs
March 20, 2007	Jared Carlson	U.S. Cost	Seamless Scheduling
April 17, 2007			
May 15, 2007			

### NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**January 16, 2007**

**6:00 – 6:30 PM – Social**

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

**RSVP\* by Friday, January 12**

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**[www.crosscreekcafe.com](http://www.crosscreekcafe.com)**

**54<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
ATLANTA 2010**

# President's Message

I want to once again extend our thanks to **Marilou** and **Mike Ray CCE** on behalf of the Atlanta Section AACE for hosting the annual Christmas Party. Their hospitality was appreciated by everyone in attendance. It was great to begin the festive season in their home with old friends and associates.

The AACE Competitive Scholarship awards will be determined by AACE International's Education Board next month and checks will be distributed in August. Our one and only applicant, **Shailee Pia Sztern**, is currently a student at Southern Polytechnic State University, and permanently resides in Sydney, Australia. *Good luck again Shailee!*

We would like to extend our thanks to chairperson **John Larson CCE**, assisted by **Jay Carson CCC**, **Elena Cuartas-Villegas CCE**, **Rodolfo Morales CCE**, **Michael Horwitz CCE**, **Fred Seidell CCE**, and **Yal Yalyshev CCE** who helped proctor the Certification Exam that was hosted by Project, Time, and Cost on December 2nd. Only about half of the candidates showed up, but it was still a noble effort by the members of our Section.

Dues invoices were mailed out and members are encouraged to make payment as soon as possible. Your prompt payment assists the AACE and our Atlanta Section in being able to meet our financial obligations and members will continue to receive all member benefits without interruption.

Check out the 2007 Annual Meeting information at [www.aacei.org](http://www.aacei.org). Information has been posted about the *Gaylord Opryland Resort and Conference Center* located in Nashville, the site of the July 15-18, 2007 Annual Meeting.

Any section members who had abstracts accepted for the 2007 Annual Meeting are advised that a full written paper is due at Headquarters no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please make every effort to meet the deadline and fulfill the requirements that you agreed to when you submitted and when your abstract was accepted.

For those of you who have been servicing as reviewers, and for those who would like to become reviewers of the "peer reviewed" technical articles that are published in the monthly Cost Engineering journal, a new sign-up form has been posted on the AACE website. Both current and new reviewers need to complete the new online form as review categories have been revised and consolidated. Go to "Resources" in the drop down menu, then to Cost Engineering journal, then to the left to the "Become a Reviewer" tag.

The slate of candidates for the 2007 Board Election was published in the January issue of the Cost Engineering journal. We encourage you to cast your ballot. For the second year now, members will be able to link to the voting site through [www.aacei.org](http://www.aacei.org). Once at the voting site, members will use their member identification number and password to access the ballot and vote. All candidate bios, goals, and photos will be easily accessible for review at the electronic site.

In closing, I hope that you all will turn out for the January meeting to hear **Robert Cribb**, from AT&T/BellSouth, he will be discussing "IT construction, Facts and Future trends".

*Don*

## JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER – ROBERT CRIBB

Mr. Cribb is Director – Network Operations, Engineering/Construction/Records  
Specialty Area: Network infrastructure and system design for the large enterprise

Mr. Cribb has 30 years experience in the telecommunication industry in multiple areas ranging from engineering to information technology development and management. Over the years he has been a BellSouth liaison to BellCore for national application development efforts in the engineering arena, and has designed, developed and copyrighted telecommunications applications for BellSouth that have been nationally marketed. Robert has his Project Management masters certification from George Washington University, and a MS degree in Operations Research from Clemson. He is a nationally recognized speaker and has presented keynote addresses at such conferences as The Gartner Group Computer Architectural Conference in Chicago and the International Computer Forum in San Francisco. Currently he is the Director responsible for IT architectural migration, and new infrastructure projects for the Outside Plant Engineering and Construction area within BellSouth, has served on the board of directors of the Alabama section of AACEI (Association for Advancement of Cost Engineering International), the board of directors of the Engineering Council of Birmingham, the industrial relations board at Clemson University, and is the International Chairman of the IT SIG within the AACEI organization which represents the IT organizations in 38 foreign countries.

The topic for the evening is IT construction, Facts and Future trends.

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## MEETING LOCATION

The meeting location for the 2006-2007 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

*'Thank You'*  
to  
*Mike and Marilou Ray*

*A heartfelt Thank You for hosting the  
Atlanta Section Christmas Party 2006.*

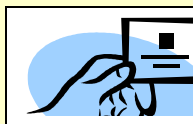
*From a warm and welcoming home, to an  
abundance of good food, to the company of  
friends, your holiday hospitality is greatly  
appreciated!*



Section President Don Green CCC and his wife Patti talk with Bob Hannan CCE (Photo by Ron Winter)



If you left hungry, it was your fault. (Photo by Ron Winter)



**If you have not renewed your AACEI membership yet,  
dues are needed now.**

***Please pay your 2007 AACEI membership dues today!***

## Section Presidents' Calendar

### January 2007

Tuesday, January 2	Deadline for early recertification applications for March 2007 renewals
Monday, January 8	Submittal deadline for March issue of the CE Journal
Friday & Saturday January 12 & 13	AACE International's Winter Board of Directors meeting in New Orleans, LA

### FEBRUARY 2007

Thursday, February 1	Begin publicizing the upcoming Annual Meeting (in Nashville, TN)
Thursday, February 1	Encourage section members to vote on-line in the Board of Directors election
Wednesday, February 7	Submittal deadline for April issue of CE Journal
Monday, February 12	Begin organizing your section's Section Recognition Award submittal – Must be received at Headquarters by <b>June 1</b>
Monday-Friday February 18-24	Engineer's Week – Local sections may want to hold a banquet in conjunction with this event

### March 2007

Thursday, March 1	Deadline of March 2007 Recertification Applications
Thursday, March 1	Submittal of any Fellow nominations to Headquarters
Thursday, March 1	Contact delinquent members to encourage them to pay 2007 dues
Thursday, March 1	Draft slate of section officer nominees
Wednesday, March 7	Submittal deadline for May issue of the CE Journal
Tuesday, March 27	Select representatives to attend Section Leadership Orientation Workshop at the Annual Meeting
Tuesday, March 27	Ensure a selected section member is compiling the information specified on the Section Recognition Entry Form

## AACE's C3PM DESIGN CONTEST

AACE is recruiting you to help AAACE with the design for the C3PM (Certified Project, Program, and Portfolio Manager) marketing image. Winning designer will receive a 5 Days/4 Nights travel package for one (1) person to the AAACE 2007 Annual Meeting in Nashville. This package will include one (1) economy-class round trip airline tickets originating and ending in the major international airport closest to winner, 4 nights lodging at the Gaylord Opryland Resort, and one (1) registration to the AAACE 2007 Annual Meeting. The winning prize is estimated at US\$3200! Deadline to enter is March 30, 2007. The contest is being sponsored by: PT. Mitratata Citragraha, McDonough Bolyard Peck, and AAACE International.

For the official rules and additional information, please see [www.aacei.org](http://www.aacei.org).



**SAVE THE DATE!**

## **AACE International's 51st Annual Meeting**

***Walk the Line to TCM!***

**Gaylord Opryland Hotel  
Nashville, Tennessee**

Sunday, July 15, 2007  
thru  
Wednesday, July 18, 2007

For additional information see AAACEI homepage @ [www.aacei.org](http://www.aacei.org)

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 51st Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, U.S.A.

### **POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER HELP ANNUAL MEETING 2007 Nashville, Tennessee**

While Tennessee is the 'Volunteer' state, they just may need a few more volunteers from other Sections for the Annual Meeting in July.

Suggesting possible volunteer help from our Section, the Atlanta Section has been in contact with AAACEI Region 3 Director Ms. Kerri Hunsaker Stannard. Chairperson Bob McCoy of the East Tennessee Section has not yet finalized plans as to the level of volunteerism needed to host the Annual Meeting Sunday, July 15 – Wednesday, July 18.

If the East Tennessee Section sees a need for additional help, the Atlanta Section has offered to solicit your help for the Annual Meeting via information in our Section newsletter and 'blast emails' to the membership. If you might be interested and able to assist, keep a portion of Saturday, July 14 – Thursday, July 19 open on your schedule.

*Thanks for your Support of AAACEI and the Atlanta Section!*