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## This Month's Letter from the Atlanta Section President

*As you busily shop for Christmas, attend festivities and work on your 2008 New Year's resolution; don't forget to place the upcoming Atlanta Section Christmas gathering in your plans.*

*Please join us at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at US Cost office.*

**PLEASE RSVP as soon as possible to:**

[akwong@uscost.com](mailto:akwong@uscost.com) or

[llwilliams@uscost.com](mailto:llwilliams@uscost.com).

*(We have only received a few to date and need your reply immediately!)*

*For directions go to;*

<http://www.uscost.com/mapatlanta.asp>

*At the Atlanta Section, members from different and often competing firms come together to the betterment of themselves, their industry and our organization.*

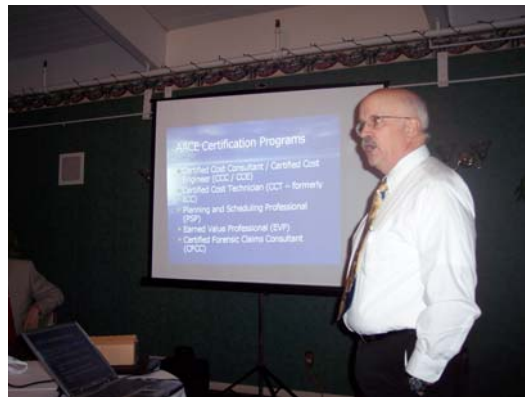
*Your efforts continue to make us successful as participation and membership continues to grow. The Christmas gathering is the right time and the right place to celebrate our organization and all of the good things that come to us through it.*

*I wish all a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am looking forward seeing you at U.S. Costs offices for the December 18<sup>th</sup> section gathering and the upcoming 2008 Section meetings.*

*Albert Kwong, CCE*



## MEETING NOTES & INFORMATION



AACEI President, Bill Kraus addresses the Atlanta Section at the November meeting.

Bill Kraus spoke to a large gathering of Atlanta Section members as he presented the current state and future of AACE International. Bill discussed the various United States and International Sections & Chapters and their locations while relating some of his personal

experiences while traveling for the AACEI, domestically and abroad. Bill reviewed the current AACEI Certification Programs and the organizations plans to expand and improve the certification program by adding new certification programs and refining several of those existing. The evening was capped off with a reminder of the benefits of being an AACEI member and a challenge to continue expanding our membership, which now includes more members than ever before.

Bill also offered a reminder that should your passport be expired, or about to expire, that you should submit for renewal as soon as possible to make sure you're ready to travel to our meeting in Canada **June 29 thru July 2, 2008**

We thank Bill for an excellent presentation which included the new membership incentive programs posted on International's website.

Seasons Greetings to All

## **Second Beta Exam for Certified Estimating Professional**

The Atlanta Section will host the second CEP (Certified Estimating Professional) Beta Exam in March. If you are interested in taking the exam; please send in your registration to AAACE HQ before the deadline. The details are reprinted below from last month's newsletter below.

A distinguished task force of industry experts from both private and public sectors is currently developing AAACE International's Certified Estimating Professional (CEP) certification program. This program is designed to establish credentials, and validate the skills and knowledge for those individuals working in the cost estimating profession. The CEP program is intended to address the qualifications required of a senior or lead estimator, and as such will address both the breadth and depth of cost estimating skills.

The Certified Estimating Professional will require knowledge of both conceptual and detailed estimating concepts, risk evaluation and contingency determination, estimate reconciliation, estimate review and validation; as well as broad understanding of other Total Cost Management knowledge areas. The CEP program is intended to be applicable across different types of industries, and to both owner and contractor cost estimators.

The CEP Task Force announces that the 2nd CEP Beta Examination will be held on March 1 and March 8, 2008, at various locations in the United States and Canada. If you are interested in participating in the 2nd CEP Beta Examination, please contact Sandy Willard at AAACE Headquarters ([swillard@aaacei.org](mailto:swillard@aaacei.org), 1-800-858-COST).

The CEP Task Force is also looking for local AAACE sections in the United States and Canada, and others that are interested in hosting the examination by providing examination facilities and proctors. If you are interested in hosting the examination on one of the dates above, please contact Sandy Willard by Dec 7, 2007.

The CEP Task Force looks forward to a successful 2nd CEP Beta Examination, leading to final rollout of the CEP program later in 2008.

For more information about the Certified Estimating Professional Program, you may also view the CEP website. Just [click](#) here.

The Atlanta Section would like to thank US Cost for hosting the December 2007 Section Christmas Gathering

The Atlanta Section would also like to thank Legis Consultancy for hosting the AACEI Atlanta Section Website throughout the 2007-2008 year.



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**For the upcoming 2008 meeting, Directions to *Cross Creek Café* can be found on their website -**



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

Alternate directions traveling from downtown Atlanta: *Cross Creek Café* is located just north of the I-75/I-85 intersection at Brookwood/Atlantic Station – Take I-75 North to exit 252B (Howell Mill Road). Turn right at the exit of I-75 and Howell Mill Road and travel 0.5 miles north on Howell Mill Road to Collier Road. Turn left (west) at the first traffic signal onto Collier Road. Follow Collier Road, crossing under I-75, approximately 1.3 miles until you reach Defoors Ferry Road. Just past the *Citgo* Station on Collier Road, bear right onto Defoors Ferry Road and travel 0.4 mile to Bohler Road. (This is a ‘T’ intersection with speed bumps) Turn right on Bohler Road and travel approximately 1.0 mile to Cross Creek Parkway. Turn right on Cross Creek Parkway and the Café will be on your left.

***Reminder: Sign In at Meetings for Certification 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**

SAVE THE DATE!

**AACE International's 52nd Annual Meeting & ICEC's 6th World Congress**

Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, Toronto, ON, CANADA  
June 29 - July 2, 2008

**AACE 2007 - 2008 Guest Speaker Schedule**

Date	Speaker	Organization	Topic
September 18, 2007	George Bradshaw	PT&C	Nuclear Power - Learning from History to Understand Costs & Mitigate Risks
October 16, 2007	Mike Bartoli	US Cost	Integration of BIMS & Estimating
November 20, 2007	William Kraus	International Aviation Consultant	Future Directions of AACE
December 18, 2007			Christmas Party @ US Cost
January 15, 2008	Kurt Nolte	US Cost	Web Based Estimating
February 19, 2008	Wade Martin	US Cost	Setting Contingency Using Risk Analysis
March 18, 2008	Mike Ray & Patrick Ray	Legis Consultancy Inc	TBA
April 15, 2008	Tom Doig CCC	AMEC	Risk Management
May 20, 2008	Jim Johnson	Heery International	Reinventing Yourself as a Total Cost Engineer

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From the AACE International Website:

Since 1956, AACE International has been the leading-edge professional society for cost estimators, cost engineers; schedulers project managers, and project control specialists. With more than 5,500 members worldwide, AACE International is the largest organization serving the entire spectrum of cost management professionals. AACE International is industry independent, and has members in 78 countries and 71 local sections. If you are not a member read on to learn what AACE can do for you.

**Cost Engineering Journal** - the monthly international journal of cost estimation, cost/schedule control, and project management read by cost professionals around the world to get the most up-to-date information about the profession.

**Education** - improve your professional expertise and technical skills at AACE educational seminars, the annual meeting, and through regional and local section meetings.

**The Online Bookstore** - learn all you need to know through AACE International's first-rate publications that cover key industry-related issues of the cost and project management profession. Purchase Recommended Practices and Standards, PPG's, Transactions, and all the leading professional estimating books at substantial discounts.

**Library** - AACE International members receive FREE access to the world's largest library of cost estimating, cost/schedule control, and project management literature through interlibrary loans, literature searches, and referrals.

**Online Information** - our website includes a wealth of information. Members have access to Cost Engineering Journal, references for over 8,000 technical publications, a fully searchable database covering thousands of technical books and papers, updates to latest Recommended Practices and Standards, and much more.

**Executive Search and Employment** - find a job in cost/project management through AACE's employment referral service, resume database, or through an advertisement of your services in Cost Engineering Journal, or on our website.

**Professional Development** - increase your knowledge and professional expertise by joining one of AACE's many technical committees, subcommittees, and special interest groups (SIGs) in their effort to develop new and improved techniques for the profession and in standardizing the practice of total cost management.

**Certification** - AACE has been certifying individuals as Certified Cost Consultants (CCC)/Certified Cost Engineers (CCE) since 1976, Interim Cost Consultants (ICC) since 2000, Planning & Scheduling Professionals (PSP) since 2004, and Earned Value Professionals (EVP) since 2005. At the 2007 Annual Meeting, AACE will hold its first public offering of the Certified Forensic Claims Consultant (CFCC). AACE is also working diligently to create the Certified Portfolio, Program, & Project Management Manager (C3PM) and the Certified Estimating Professional (CEP). Accredited by the [Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards \(CESB\)](#), CCE and CCC are the only internationally-recognized certifications for cost management professionals.

**Networking and Contacts** - take advantage of numerous opportunities to network with your peers and expand your circle of valuable business contacts; join a local section and participate in local activities, attend the annual meeting, or join one of our several technical committees and special interest groups.

**Annual Meeting** - see and hear outstanding technical presentations, panel discussions, workshops, tours, and guest speakers at the AACE International Annual Meeting.

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