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## Atlanta Section News

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

*It is very encouraging that we have experienced high attendance at the AACEI Certification Workshops. AACEI Certification is not easy to achieve, but will certainly enhance your career once gained. These workshops allow those of us which are certified to share our knowledge and experience to assist those wishing to go through the process.*

*I want to thank our Certification Director, Andreas Kristanto, for making the Certification Workshops a successful event.*

*I would also like to thank John Larson and Andreas Kristanto for volunteering as instructors for the Certification Workshop.*

*I greatly appreciate Membership Director Jay Carson, Scholarship Director Mike Horwitz, John Larson and Bill Adams for their time and effort in making an excellent presentation at Southern Polytechnic State University, where they met with students to let them know more about AACE.*

*For those who would like to be involved in the*

*process, we are looking for proctors for the Certification Exam to be held in December.*

*As always, I am looking forward seeing at Cross Creek Café for the November 12<sup>th</sup> section meeting.*

*Albert Kwong, CCE*



### MEETING NOTES & INFORMATION

At the October 2007 meeting - **Mike Bartoli** of **U.S Cost** spoke on the topic of "Integration of BIMS & Estimating".

Mike demonstrated how estimating software is being married with the graphic capabilities of BIMS, producing the industry's Estimating and Project Management tools of the future.

The picture that Mike paints is of a rapidly developing integrated system capable of producing three dimensional renderings which can be integrated with the project environment, speeding the design process from conceptual to construction drawings, producing computer generated quantity surveys and corresponding estimates with graphics at an ever increasing level of detail.

Mike also remarked on the software's growing capacity to include shop drawings, production cut drawings, planning and scheduling functions,



### MIKE BARTOLI

along with procurement, resources, change orders and job cost. We would like to sincerely thank Mike for an interesting and informative presentation and the time and effort obviously taken in its preparation.

## UPCOMING NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> , SECTION MEETING

We are pleased that Mr. William (Bill) Kraus of International Aviation is scheduled to speak at the November Atlanta Section meeting on the topic of "Future Directions of AACE"

Bill will focus on the future direction of AACE International and why being a member of AACE International can enhance your career. Bill will also address the AACEI Certification program, its present and its future.

To recap from our October newsletter,

Bill began his membership in AACE International in the Rocky Mountain Section in the mid-1980s. He has also served as section treasurer, president, and certification director. He was Rocky Mountain Cost Engineer of the Year in 1994 and 2002, was honored for his exemplary contributions to AACE International in 2005, and was elected Fellow in 2006.

He is currently serving AACE International as President and works as the Estimating Manager for the Hartsfield-Jackson Development Program, a \$5.4 billion program at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International

Airport.



## Atlanta Section Outstanding Performance Award



At the last Atlanta Section meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>, Past President Don Green (picture left) announced to the membership that the Atlanta Section has been recognized by the AACE International for "Outstanding Performance" for the year 2006-2007.

At the end of each May; the Atlanta Section President is responsible for compiling a section record book for the past year. There are about 12 categories and sub-categories, which include newsletters, program; attendance, the section web site, and other items considered. Once submitted to AACEI HQ, the record book is graded. To receive the "Outstanding Performance Award" , a Section must score over 1000 points. Atlanta Section was awarded 1,510 points out of 1,560 points submitted.

The Atlanta Section 2006-2007 Officers are shown at bottom left receiving the plaque from AACE International on behalf of the membership. Pictured below are:

Front row: Mike Horwitz, Don Green, Bob Hannan, Albert Kwong.

Back row: Bruce Dixon, Chris Schamel and Dave Cowan.

We congratulate the Atlanta Section Officers and all of the membership involved for receiving this well deserved and hard earned achievement!

We are all striving to maintain our record in the 2007 – 2008 year ahead.



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

A distinguished task force of industry experts from both private and public sectors is currently developing AACE 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 AACE Headquarters ([swillard@aacei.org](mailto:swillard@aacei.org), 1-800-858-COST).

The CEP Task Force is also looking for local AACE 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.

# AACEI – Atlanta Section **HOT TOPIC !!!!!!!**



## Certification Workshop

### Guideline for Participants

#### Schedule & Coverage:

Oct 27, 2007 8.30 am -12.30pm	Part I –	Supporting Knowledge and Skills
Nov 3, 2007 8.30 am -12.30pm	Part II –	Cost Estimating and Control
Nov 10, 2007 8.30 am -12.30pm	Part III –	Project Management
Nov 17, 2007 8.30 am -12.30pm	Part IV –	Economic Analysis

#### Study Materials:

All participants are required to have a copy of at least the following certification references:

1. CCC/CCE Certification Study Guide 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Revised by AACEI
2. Skills & Knowledge of Cost Engineering 5<sup>th</sup> ed. by AACEI

#### Format:

**Test-Discuss.** Workshop participants should be ready to take a two-hour test at the start of each session. The leader will discuss and answer the questions for the remainder of the session.

#### Registration

Please contact our Certification Director Andreas Kristanto [akristanto@uscost.com](mailto:akristanto@uscost.com)  
678.481.1621 or any of the Board of Directors.

#### Venue

1200 Abernathy Rd., NE,  
BUilding 600, Suite 950 Atlanta, GA 30328

**Note - Workshop may be canceled if less than five people sign up**

**We are looking for volunteers** to proctor the exam and also volunteer instructors for the certification workshop. Members can get certification points for serving as proctors and workshop instructors. Details will be announced in the next Newsletter.

## AACE INTERNATIONAL SECTION CERTIFICATION NEWS

**We continue to look for volunteers** to proctor the exam and also volunteer instructors for the certification workshop. Members can get certification points for serving as proctors and workshop instructors.

[The remaining portion of the following exam schedule is republished from the AACEI website]

### 2007 EXAM-ON-DEMAND SCHEDULE

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>LOCATION(S):</b>
December 1, 2007	All AACE Certification Exams at different local sections throughout the US and World. Scheduled locations include: to be announced. Excludes Arabian Gulf Section.
December 7, 2007	Exams for AACE Certification, Arabian Gulf Section ( <b>DUBAI only</b> ).

**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***

## AACEI ATLANTA SECTION NEWS

### AACEI Atlanta Section – Student Chapter at SPSU

On Friday October 26, 2007 the Atlanta Section presented the charter for the student chapter of AACEI at Southern Polytechnic State University to Dr. Siddiqi, Chair of the Construction Department.

A presentation was given to the Construction 1000 class (Orientation to Construction Management) to introduce approximately 60 students to the concept of Cost Engineering and encourage student membership.

The officer board is currently developing and should be in place by the end of the year.

Please welcome SPSU students that may attend a section meeting to get a better understanding of our organization.

There is an opportunity here for those in the Atlanta Section AACEI who would like to participate in the program by Presenting a topic at Chapter meeting, giving a workshop towards certification, mentoring or helping the students to obtain their CCT Certification.

If you are interested in being involved, please contact Mike Horwitz or Jay Carson to volunteer for this worthwhile program.



Dr. Yar Makarechi, PhD (Professor of the 1000 Class)(left), John Larson (middle back), Mike Horwitz (3<sup>rd</sup> from right), Jay Carson (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) along with Bill Adams (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) presenting to Dr. Khalid Siddiqi, PhD (right) Chair of the SPSU Construction Department

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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	TBA		

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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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