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## Atlanta Section News

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

*As President of the Atlanta Section of the AACEI, I look forward to seeing and speaking with each of you at the Cross Creek Cafe on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. As we strive to build our membership and strengthen our program, I continue to urge you to invite new candidates for the Atlanta Section of the AACE International to one of our upcoming meetings. For those members who may not have had the opportunity to attend a meeting lately, we miss your attendance and hope you will return soon to experience that which is familiar and that which is new at the Atlanta Section AACEI.*

*Albert Kwong, CCE*



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### **MEETING NOTES & INFORMATION**

At the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting -

Those in attendance were treated to an informative and thought provoking presentation by George Bradshaw in the controversial the topic of Nuclear Power, its risks and its future entitled, “Learning from History to Understand Costs and Mitigate Risk”.

Mr. Bradshaw held everyone’s attention throughout, with the question and answer period lasting almost as long as the power point presentation itself.

Mr. Bradshaw distributed an outline of the presentation at the meeting. Members who were unable to attend the September meeting can obtain a copy of the presentation outline upon request to

[markcundiff@hotmail.com](mailto:markcundiff@hotmail.com)

We would like to extend our appreciation as well as our sincere thanks to Mr. Bradshaw for the time and effort required to prepare and present a quality presentation on this timely issue. Stay tuned – given the contemporaneous information presented by George on the status of new nuclear plants which are well into the planning stages, some

of which are currently on the drawing board. You may find a new nuclear power facility coming to your neighborhood soon!!!! (Or at least to some remote location in your region of the United States)



## UPCOMING OCTOBER MEETING

We are pleased that Mr. Mike Bartoli of U.S Cost is scheduled to speak at the October Section meeting on the topic of "Integration of BIMS & Estimating"

An ever increasing number of major projects are utilizing BIMS technology on an ever-increasing scale of magnitude and detail. The BIMS software capabilities are developing far beyond preliminary marketing

designs and development proposals. The software's power and scope continues to grow almost exponentially to where it has the capability to include graphically driven mechanisms for the "automatic" creation of a quantity survey takeoffs and integrated estimates and system pricing.

Mr. Bartoli's October presentation for the AACEI addresses a leading-edge

tool's subject that is extremely relevant to our trade, its current use and its future.

Mr Bartoli recently joined US Cost about a year and a half ago, Prior to joining US Cost; he worked for IAC at the airport project in Atlanta. He has extensive experience in cost engineering and software development.

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***We are in your service!***

## AN APPEAL TO FOR ARTICLES & PAPERS



A request for Articles and Input to our Members -

In seeking to publish a monthly newsletter of some substance we endeavor to publish information and articles on issues and matters which will benefit of us all. We have already received responses from potential contributors and would like to again solicit our membership to provide information and articles to be published in the newsletter. Consider that as a group, we vary widely in the goods and service our individual members and their firms provide. Our strength as an organization is measured not only by individual accomplishment but by our ability to share our experience, ideas and information to educate and enlighten others. It is our intention

with the active participation of the Atlanta Section's officer's and members to expand this newsletter to further the cause of the AACEI and its members. Proposed articles, photos and information to be submitted can be forwarded to [markcundiff@hotmail.com](mailto:markcundiff@hotmail.com) to be considered for publication in this newsletter.

For information on how to submit Section News to the AACEI Section newsletter and the AACEI Cost Information Journal, please see the article on Page 5 in the previous September's issue.



At the September meeting, William “Bill” Kraus (pictured above), the current AACE President Elect addresses the Atlanta AACEI members at the opening of the meeting about AACE membership. Mr. Kraus is also scheduled as our November speaker .

On Tuesday night; at the Section meeting Bill Kraus focused on the future direction of AACE International (“What’s with all of those new certification programs?”) and why being a member of AACE International is one of the most important decisions a professional in the area of management of project cost and schedules can make to enhance his / her career.

Bill’s focus on those benefits we often take for granted, reminds us how your efforts as a member of AACE International will be repaid with an extraordinary return on your investment in time and money as testified by the continuing professional advancement of our membership.

For those who might yet have the pleasure to become more familiar with Bill, he began his membership in AACE International in the Rocky Mountain Section in the mid-1980s. While Bill will tell you the most important position he has held in AACE International is “member”, he 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.



# 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 (repeated from last month's issue)

**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. Details will be announced in the next Newsletter.

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

### AACEI FOURTH-QUARTER 2007 EXAM SCHEDULE

**Application deadline for ALL fourth-quarter 2007 exams is: October 19, 2007**

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>LOCATION(S):</b>
December 1, 2007	ALL AACE Certification Exams at different local sections throughout the US and World (except for the Arabian Gulf sites which will be determined later). <b>EARLY FEE deadline is Oct. 1, 2007, deadline is Oct. 19, 2007</b>

### 2007 EXAM-ON-DEMAND SCHEDULE

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>LOCATION(S):</b>
October 24, 2007	Primavera 24th Annual Conference in <b>Lake Buena Vista, FL ONLY</b> . PSP Exam only. <b>EARLY FEE and only deadline is October 5, 2007</b>
October 26, 2007	Exams for AACE Certification, India Section in Bangalore, India <b>EARLY FEE deadline is Sept. 4, 2007, deadline is Sept. 26, 2007</b>
November 3, 2007	CPMI (College of Performance Management) Integrated Program Management Conference in <b>Alexandria, VA ONLY</b> . EVP Exam only. <b>EARLY FEE and only deadline is October 15, 2007</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. <b>EARLY FEE deadline is Oct. 1, 2007, deadline is Oct. 19, 2007</b>
December 7, 2007	Exams for AACE Certification, Arabian Gulf Section ( <b>DUBAI only</b> ). <b>EARLY FEE deadline is Oct. 1, 2007, deadline is Oct. 19, 2007</b>

## AACEI ATLANTA SECTION SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

### AACEI Atlanta Section Scholarship Committee

The AACEI Atlanta Section, Scholarship Committee actively promotes applicants for the AACEI International Competitive Scholarships at Georgia Institute of Technology, Southern Polytechnic State University, and Mercer University.

The AACE Education Board has changed the schedule for distribution, receipt and grading of competitive scholarship applications. AACE Headquarters will be sending printed materials to the various sections in early November for distribution to the colleges and universities in your area. Students may submit their applications between January 1 and February 15. The Atlanta Section will be asked to have its judging results back to Headquarters by March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Students are to submit applications directly to AACE Headquarters, because the AACE Headquarters will be

adding a process to its website where students may apply online. The Headquarters' intention is to post applications section-by-section on a limited access page of the AACE website so that the Section Scholarship Officer can review them there, print them out for judging if the Atlanta Sections chooses to use a committee to review them, the Section's rankings can be provided to AACE Headquarters on the same site.

**IMPORTANT:** The schedule for requesting Matching Funds has not changed! The AACE Headquarters Education Board still needs to have this information for next year's budget, so if the Atlanta section plans to request matching funds, the form needs to be sent in no later than December 20<sup>th</sup>. If you can't find the form for an applicant you wish to help apply, let an Officer know and he or she will assist.

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*The 2006 AACEI Atlanta Section Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 was presented to Kathryn (Katie) Lyn Hunley on December 8, 2006.*

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Bill Adams has arranged for the Atlanta Section to speak at Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) CNST 1000 (Construction Management Orientation class) on Friday October 26, 2007 at 1:00 PM. The purpose of the presentation will be to encourage student participation in the student chapter. John Larson, Mike Horwitz, and Jay Carson along with Bill Adams will represent the Atlanta section. If the membership has any questions, Jay Carson, CCC can be reached at the contact information listed below.

Jay Carson, CCC **Project Time & Cost, Inc.** 2727 Paces Ferry Road, Suite 1200, Atlanta, GA 30339 (770) 444-9799 ext. 3088 (770) 444-9586 fax, [jay.carson@ptcinc.com](mailto:jay.carson@ptcinc.com)

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

## This "Past Months" Winner of the Coveted AACE Polo Shirt ????

Mysteriously, to this writer's knowledge, there was no AACE Polo shirt given away at September's meeting! This writer can only posit that the coveted awards have been secreted away in the night by some jealous nefarious agent of one of those "other" professional organizations, never to return again?

Or, will they reappear, with one to be given away at the upcoming **October Atlanta AAECI Section Meeting at Cross Creek Café on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>? Come out and to Cross Creek and find out for yourself!!**



Simon Mortimer CCE (still smiling from when he was the last to receive this coveted prize in July 2007.

### *About Our Organization...*

#### ATLANTA SECTION MEETING LOCATION

The meeting location for the 2007-2008 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: Mark Cundiff at markcundiff@hotmail.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 and when the opportunity presents itself, invite a candidate for membership. □

### 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	Willaim 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	TBA		
March 18, 2008	Mike Ray & Patrick Ray	Legis Consultancy Inc	TBA
April 15, 2008	Tom Doig CCC	AMEC	Risk Management
May 20, 2008	TBA		

## AACEI SECTION ATLANTA, GEORGIA

We're on the Web!

See us at:

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

### 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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# Section Presidents' Calendar

September 2007

*October 16th @ 6:00 - 6:30p.m.*

*Monthly Meeting at the Cross Creek Café -*