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This Month's Letter from the President

I am honored to be elected as President of the Atlanta Section of the AACE International and to have the opportunity to serve this great organization again.

I would like to sincerely thank you all for your support. The Atlanta Section had a very successful program last year, for which we had the honor to receive the Section Outstanding Award at the annual meeting in Nashville. We intend to continue to build on this momentum.

Accordingly, your Board met on July 31, at which time we discussed several actions and programs to serve you, our industry and our growth. To

this end, as a result of our discussions, our scholarship program and affiliation with Georgia Engineering Foundations will continue. Further, we will continue to support the Student Section at SPSU and continue our certification workshop program.

Your new section officers and I are committed to foster professional development and help to increase the knowledge of our members.

I look forward to your continued loyal and committed support. Together, we will make our organization even better and stronger in the upcoming year. Also, I would like to acknowledge

Bill Adams for his dedicated effort in establishing the student section at SPSU.

I look forward to seeing you at the Cross Creek Cafe on Sept 18th, and feel free to invite new candidates for the Atlanta Section of the AACE International to upcoming meetings.

Albert Kwong, CCE

MEETING NOTES & INFORMATION

Since the last meeting in May of 2007, the new officers have met, the torch has been passed

As noted in the last newsletter. The on-line voting proved to be a great opportunity for Section members unable to attend the May meeting to participate in Section activities. Once again, **thanks** to all members who took part in this important process and voted.

Newly elected Board members include:

President: **Albert Kwong CCE**;

Vice President: **Bettie Gebara CCC**

Secretary: **Yolanda Franklin**

Treasurer: **Dave Cowan CCC**

Regional Director: **Gene Reed**

Certification Director: **Andreas Kristanto CCE**

Communications Director: **Mark Cundiff PSP**

Membership Director: **Jay Carson CCC**

Scholarship Director: **Michael Horwitz CCE.**

Please feel free to contact any of your Atlanta Section officers for information or questions. We are here to serve you and the AACEI, together. Ultimately, our goal is to increase our membership and continue to utilize as much of our membership's talents and abilities to the betterment of our association and the construction industry, its standards and practices, as a whole.



UPCOMING SEPTEMBER MEETING

We are pleased that George Bradshaw is scheduled to speak at the September Section meeting on the topic of Nuclear Power, "Learning from History to Understand Costs and Mitigate Risks"

Mr. Bradshaw and his co-author Christopher O. Gruber presented this paper at the 51st AACEI Annual Meeting, July 2007.

Mr. Bradshaw's holds: a Master of Science, Nuclear Engineering, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA); Bachelor of Science, Mechanical

Engineering, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; Registration as a Professional Mechanical Engineer in the State of California; former PMP (No. 00087); and became a CCE in 2005.

With over 40 years of experience as a senior consultant, nuclear power plant project manager, project engineer, project controls manager, and cost engineering, Mr. Bradshaw has presented over twenty professional society papers including two on nuclear power at PMI meetings, two at AACEI meetings and one at an ASME Management meeting.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PAST OFFICERS

The new staff and members would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the efforts and dedication of the past officers of the AACEI Atlanta Section for the 2006 – 2007 terms:

President - Don Green CCM CCC LEED® AP -Heery Int'l;

Vice-President - Bettie Gebara CCC - Jamestown Properties;

Secretary - John Larson PE, CCE,

CPESC - Project Time & Cost;

Treasurer - David Cowan CCC - Southern Company;

Regional Director - Albert Kwong CCE – U.S. Cost;

Membership Director - R.Bruce Dixon CCC - Faithful+Gould;

Scholarship Director - Michael Horwitz PE, CCE - AMEC

Certification Director - Bob Hannan CCE - Project Time & Cost

and

Communication Director - Chris Schamel CCC with Heery International.

THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE!

A NEW FORMAT AND AN APPEAL TO THE MEMBERS

Newsletter Format Revisions

For those of you accustomed to receiving the newsletters past, you will note that with this Issue comes a revised format. The intent of the change is to update the previous format to allow for the additional inclusion of technical and practical articles from the membership, republication (with written permission) of those favorite articles which you would like to share with the membership. In addition, we would like to solicit the membership to provide

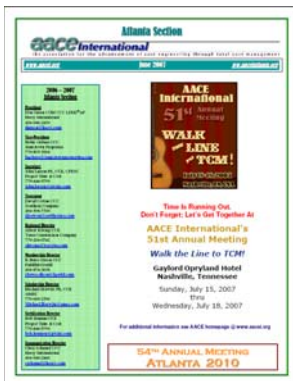
information regarding the various goods and services their company provides by highlighting a new company in each month's newsletter.

It is our intention that with the active participation of the Atlanta Section's membership and officers we will expand this newsletter to further the cause of the AACEI and to internally familiarize and promote our membership, individually, and their firms.

Please consider this to be a solicitation of your individual

participation in helping to provide articles and information accordingly.

All articles, photos and information to be submitted can be forwarded to markcundiff@hotmail.com to be considered for publication in this newsletter. For information on how to submit Section News to the AACEI Cost Information Journal, please see the article on Page 5.



AACEI ATLANTA SECTION CERTIFICATION NEWS

The Atlanta section will host the 4th quarter AACE exams at Dec 1, 2007 at US Cost's offices. The Atlanta Section will also host the certification workshop at US Cost. The workshop dates are tentatively October 27, November 3, 10 and 17. **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.

[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

| DATE: | LOCATION(S): |
|------------------|--|
| 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). EARLY FEE deadline is Oct. 1, 2007, deadline is Oct. 19, 2007 |

2007 EXAM-ON-DEMAND SCHEDULE

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

AACEI ATLANTA SECTION SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

AACEI Atlanta Section Scholarship Committee August 31, 2007

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

The year 2007 is the 21st consecutive year that the AACEI Atlanta Section has been providing scholarships to worthy Georgia college students.

The Atlanta Section has since 1987; the year after the Atlanta Section was host to the 1986 AACEI Annual Meeting, been proud to sponsor the Atlanta Section annual scholarship. Matching funds from the AACEI Education Board have contributed to the value of these scholarships.

The Atlanta Section scholarship is presented at the Georgia Engineering Foundation (GEF) Annual Awards Banquet in November of each year.

The application for the AACEI Atlanta Section Scholarship can be found at <http://www.gefinc.org>

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

on December 8, 2006. Katie Hunley was in her Senior Co-op year at Georgia Institute of Technology and received a degree in Civil Engineering with emphasis in Construction Management.

She was a Deans List student. Katie is now pursuing an MBA while working as a Cost Estimator for Bovis Lend Lease, a firm with active members in the Atlanta Section AACEI.

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.

These scholarships funded by all AACEI members contributing to the Scholarship Fund and are primarily administered by the Education Board of AACEI at the International Headquarters. Atlanta Section Officers review the applications made by the students in Georgia and rate the applicants

prior to sending them to AACEI Headquarters. Student applications are accepted between January 1st and February 28th. Award checks will be sent out the following August. Information about these scholarships can be found at

<http://www.aacei.org>

Ms. Shailee P. Sztern, a Civil Engineering student at Southern Polytechnic State University, was successful in the 2006 competition; and she received an AACEI International Competitive Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.

AACEI COST ENGINEERING JOURNAL SUBMISSION

HOW TO SUBMIT SECTION NEWS TO THE COST ENGINEERING JOURNAL

All submissions should be e-mailed to editor@aacei.org. Information may be included in the body of the e-mail or as an attachment. Microsoft word files are the preferred format.

All photos should be sent as PC tiff or jpg files at 300 dpi. If submitting at only 72 dpi, please send the photo as large as possible as conversion will reduce its size. Include the names and titles of each person shown in any photos.

Many times AACE International Sections have been referred to as chapters. The correct reference should always be to a section. AACE International does not have chapters. Please do not refer to the sections as chapters.

If an event is during the month of publication, it will be listed as an upcoming event even if the members will not receive their journal in the mail until after the listed event. The journal goes to press about a month in advance of the issue date, which is always the first of each month, at which time the electronic version should be posted.

AACE International reserves the right to edit all submissions and to refuse to publish any submissions determined by the editor or executive director to not meet the standards of the journal.

Anyone with questions on submitting copy or photos may contact Managing Editor Marvin Gelhausen at mgelhausen@aacei.org, or Graphic Designer/Editor Noah Kinderknecht at nkinderknecht@aacei.org or IT/Graphics Specialist Robin Donley at rdonley@aacei.org.

Atlanta Sections Readers please note that the above references to format, content and editing also apply to submissions for publication to the Atlanta Section's newsletter. All submissions for publication for the Section's monthly Newsletter should be forwarded to markcundiff@hotmail.com. All submissions which are time sensitive should be submitted well enough in advance of their needed publication to allow for their inclusion in the appropriate monthly issue.



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

Prior to the summer break, **Simon Mortimer CCE**, *Boyken International*, was the envied winner in the **May** drawing for the AACE polo shirt. **Congratulations!**



Simon Mortimer CCE

Section Meetings

Location:

Cross Creek Café
 1221 Cross Creek Parkway
 Atlanta, Georgia 30327
 404-351-1550
 URL: <http://www.crosscreekcafe.com>

Time:

6:00 p.m. Social
 6:30 p.m. Dinner
 7:15 p.m. Business & Announcements
 7:30 p.m. Program Presentation



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 | TBA | | |
| December 18, 2007 | | | Christmas Party @ US Cost |
| January 15, 2008 | Kurt Nolte | US Cost | Web Based Estimating |
| February 19, 2008 | TBA | | |
| March 18, 2008 | TBA | | |
| April 15, 2008 | Tom Doig, CCC | AMEC | Risk Management |
| May 20, 2008 | TBA | | |

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See us at:
www.aaceiatlanta.com

About Our Organization...

From the AACEI 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.

AACEI Atlanta Section 2007 – 2008 Officers

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Regional Director: Gene Reed gene.reed@amec.com

Certification Director: Andreas Kristanto CCE akristanto@uscost.com;

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Section Presidents' Calendar

September 2007

September 18 @ 6:00 – 6:30p.m.

Monthly Meeting at the Cross Creek Café -