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This Month's Letter from the Atlanta Section President

I would like to express my heart felt thanks to US Cost and its employees for hosting the Christmas Gathering; and special gratitude to Lindsey Williams, Natalie Matthews and Julie Moltzen of US Cost for organizing and staying late for the event.

As we kick off 2008, I and the Atlanta Section Officers continue to strive towards perfecting our Atlanta AACEI Section and AAEC International. We will soon be meeting with the AACE International Board to discuss even more improvements to our organization and to continue to plan our future.

Due to your efforts, the Atlanta Section continues to grow and flourish and become increasingly involved in the International forum.

In 2008, we will continue to provide you interesting and informative speakers; expert in their fields, the opportunity to learn, grow,

obtain Professional Certification and recognition and further prosper through our association with the AACEI and more importantly, each other.

Albert Kwong, CCE



MEETING NOTES & INFORMATION

At our Atlanta Section December gathering at U.S. Cost; a good time was indeed had by all! The food was excellent and libations plentiful.



L to R Lindsey Williams, Chuck Latour, Natalie Matthews and Todd Tanner.

Conversation and the holiday spirit filled the air and everyone's cup in plenty.



L to R Bill Kraus, Andreas Kristanto, Howard Campbell, Steve Williams and Mike Bartoli on the right

UPCOMING JANUARY 15, 2008 - SECTION MEETING

During the Atlanta Section meeting on January 15th 2008,

Kurt Nolte of U.S. Cost will present on the topic of

Web Based Estimating

Web Based Estimating software provides Estimators, Project Managers and Owners real-time, simultaneous access to their cost data and estimating projects from any Internet-connected computer. It allows multiple users to securely access, develop and manage estimates through an intuitive web interface. Advanced features can include reporting across multiple

projects allow for detailed analysis of cost estimates and dashboard views of the entire estimating program.

Mr. Nolte's firm, U.C. Cost, produces web based estimating software and support services which feature a combination of off-the-shelf estimating functionality and customization capability with unique estimating requirements, from user-defined parametric cost models to detailed "bottom-up" estimates,

"US Cost is a leader and provider in the web based

estimating. The software can provide instant access to the entire estimating program; archive and manage thousand of estimates from anywhere in the world; it has functions such as digital dashboards, cross project reporting and data analysis; a perfect solution for complex problems.

"Please come hear Mr. Nolte's presentation on a topic that is central to our ever changing profession, organization and industry.



AACE Board of Directors

The AACE (HQ) Board of Directors is coming to Atlanta in February 2008. They will stay and meet at Atlanta Marriot Marquis hotel and convention center where the 2010 Annual Meeting will be held.

Our AACE President Bill Kraus invites Atlanta Section Board of Directors to have dinner on February 1, 2008 with AACE Board of Directors.

Bill's invitation is also extended to past Atlanta Section Board of Directors and Committee members. Please mark on your calendar February 1, 2008.

2010 Annual AACE International Meeting

The Atlanta Section will have the honor of hosting the 2010 Annual Meeting. At the upcoming dinner on February 1st the Atlanta Section Officers will discuss such topics as keynote speaker, local tours for guests and event support and organization.

The place and time of the International Meeting in 2010 will be finalized within couple of weeks. We are open for suggestion for fine dining, lodging and agenda.



Todd Tanner and Chuck Latour are caught looking far too serious at the December 2007 Christmas gathering above

Natalie Matthews and Julie Moltzen were also in attendance (to the right)



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Directions to *Cross Creek Café* can be found on their website –



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

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 | 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 | | |

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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.