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This Month's Letter from the President

At our March meeting, we were lucky to have Mr. Charl Neser and Rick Wiggins of Boyken International made a presentation on a hospitality project located adjacent to Hartsfield Jackson International Airport. Charl and Rick did a great job showing various aspects of the construction, cost and schedule portions of the project. On April 21st, our presenter will be Mr. Frank Kalany of AMEC. Additionally, we will be awarding the Atlanta Section – 2009 Cost Engineer of the Year Award.

*I want to recognize one individual who passed the December exams that I missed in last month's newsletter: **Dan Huff** – CCE. I want to congratulate Dan on a great accomplishment. If you know of*

anyone that was missed in the February newsletter or here, please let me know. Passing one of the rigorous AACE International exams is worthy of recognition.

For the May Atlanta Section Meeting we are going on a field trip to the CONRAC project at the Atlanta Airport on May 19th. Details will be provided as soon as finalized. Please remember, the Atlanta Section newsletter is open for submissions from any member. If you have a pertinent story about a project, person or anything related to our cause, forward your contribution to our communications director Mark Cundiff at markcundiff@hotmail.com or to me at p.ray@legisconsultancy.com

I look forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday, April 21st at Cross Creek. Please remember that anyone can attend so feel free to bring a friend of colleague.



Patrick Ray, CCE

MEETING NOTES & INFORMATION

AACEI SPSU Student Chapter Meet and Greet.

The student chapter at SPSU is inviting AACE members to come an hour early at 5:30 PM to the April 21st AACEI Atlanta Section meeting as part of a "Meet and Greet" with SPSU students.

Several of you have mentioned that you are looking to hire interns.

This is a perfect opportunity to scout out the best that SPSU has to offer. A number of our students have expressed their excitement to participate in this event; we hope that the Atlanta Chapter members will as well.

Thank you and feel free to contact myself at perduecam@yahoo.com

The regular meeting time is 6:30

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April 21st SPEAKER

Frank Kalany, Upcoming Speaker at the April 21st Meeting of Atlanta AACEI

Frank Kalany, PE is manager of Manager Power Engineering of the AMEC Office in Atlanta. He is responsible for the marketing of engineering and the management of the process design of power plants. Frank received his engineering degree from the University of Cincinnati. In addition to his work with AMEC he also worked with Babcock and Wilcox, a manufacturer of large power plant equipment.

Frank has over 25 years of experience in both industrial and utility power plant design. His work has included design, construction and commissioning of large utility power facilities, industrial and pulp and paper power plants, and both simple and combined cycle power plants. His work has included power plant system design and work with boilers, steam turbines, and gas turbines.

Frank will discuss recent trends in the electric power industry and the recent boom in the engineering and construction of renewable energy power plants.





May Section Meeting – Plan Ahead

On Tuesday, May 19, the regular Atlanta Section meeting will entail a tour of the CONRAC (Consolidated Rent-A-Car) facility at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Scheduled to open in November, 2009, completion of the CONRAC facility allows relocation of all car rental activities off the Airport proper, freeing up space both within the terminals and outside. The site of the new CONRAC facility is west of I-85 and south of Camp Creek Parkway, across the interstate from the Airport. An automated people mover (APM) and new access roadway provide direct access between the Airport and the new facility over I-85, the CSX rail line, and MARTA tracks.

The new facility will include operations space for the ten rental car companies currently operating at the Airport, approximately 8,670 ready, return and storage spaces in garage structures with approximately 1,200 ground storage spaces; a customer service center, storage and minor maintenance areas, wash lane facilities, and vehicle fueling positions associated with rental company quick turnaround (QTA) areas. A maintenance and storage facility for the APM is also included. In addition to APM stations at CONRAC as well as at the Central Passenger Terminal Complex (CPTC), an APM station allows for access to and from the Georgia International Convention Center (GICC).

The CONRAC tour will begin at 3:30 PM, Tuesday, May 19 and will be followed by a get-together at Joe's on Sullivan for refreshments and a talk by CONRAC construction staff. The tour is open to the first thirty members signing up as a limited number of participants can be accommodated. Watch for an announcement at the first of the month of May in order to sign up.

A Message from Your Atlanta Section Board



The AAACE BOD 2009-2010 Roster

President – Jay Carson *PTC*
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 Communication Director – Bill Kraus *Atlanta Airport*
 Certification Director – Lowry Rouse *Lauren Engineers*
 Membership Director – James Tyre *L3 Communication*
 Regional Director – Chris Schamel *Heery*

 Past President – Patrick Ray *Legis Consultancy*

ATANTA SECTION BADGES

If you are interested in ordering a new specialized badge from the Atlanta Section Committee for only \$7 dollars (including tax), please email Yolanda Franklin, Membership Director at frankliny@saic.com.

Thanks!
Yolanda Franklin

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - JAY CARSON

Jay is a cost engineer with Project Time & Cost, focusing on architectural, structural, and civil estimating. He is serving presently as Vice President of the Atlanta Section, responsible for among other thing, arranging for programs for our monthly Section meetings. He has previously served the Section as membership director, certification exam proctor, and workshop facilitator.

Jay is a Georgia native, having been born and raised in Atlanta. Jay attended Georgia Tech and graduated from the Building Construction program there in 1987. He began his career in February, 1988 with F.B.A. Properties, Inc. in Atlanta as a construction assistant. Over his career he has worked for a variety of firms including material supply consultants and project management consultants and has a considerable amount of experience working for construction contractors. Jay's experience extends to military, educational, hospitality, recreational, medical and laboratory, retail, and worship facilities, office buildings, parking structures, restaurants, and warehouses. With the variety of his assignments, he has had the opportunity to become accomplished with many different types of computer software for estimating and scheduling construction work. Jay became certified as a Certified Cost Consultant (CCC) by AACE International in 2006 and followed that with a Certified Estimating Professional (CEP) in 2008. He also holds a National Pollution and Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) certificate issued in 2000.

Jay is married and has 2 children and enjoys camping & fishing.



The banner features the AACE International logo on the left, which includes a stylized tower. To the right, the text reads "Save the Date!" in yellow, followed by "53rd Annual Meeting" in large blue font. At the bottom, the dates "June 28 - July 1, 2009" and the location "Seattle, Washington" are displayed in yellow.

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Save the Date!
53rd Annual Meeting

June 28 - July 1, 2009
Seattle, Washington

Newsletter



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CERTIFICATION NEWS

The certification work shop will be held at US Cost Office on Saturday May 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th. Please see more information in our workshop section.

The 2nd Quarter Certification Exam will be held on Saturday June 13th, 2009 at **US Cost Inc.** office. The deadline is April 6th, 2009. We still need volunteer to proctors this exam.



Scholarship Committee News

Michael Horwitz is retiring after years of dedicated service to our industry and our organization. I have been asked to take his position as the new Scholarship Committee Chairman. I would like to thank Michael and the Board of Directors for this opportunity to be involved in such a meaningful way.

I would also like to ask our members to tell their employees and/or children attending Georgia Tech, SPSU or Mercer to make application for the AACEI Atlanta Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 by going to this website:
<http://www.gefinc.org/>

Applications can be submitted now through August 31, 2009.



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To apply for Certification and to register for the Annual Meeting, log on to www.aacei.org/portaltools/login.cfm.

For more information on AACE Certifications, visit www.aacei.org/certification/guide.shtml.



June 28 - July 1, 2009 at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel

AACE Annual Meeting Update

Registration is now open! Be among the first to register & save \$100 off of the late fee and up to \$200 off of the onsite registration fee. Click here to register: www.aacei.org/annualmeeting/register/

While publication of the full slate of technical papers to be presented June 29-July 1 is only a couple of weeks away, the schedule of Continuing Education Seminars June 25-28 and July 2-3 is currently available. Click here to view the seminar schedule and course descriptions: www.aacei.org/annualmeeting/seminars/welcome.shtml

We are excited to welcome you to beautiful Seattle, Washington and the Sheraton Seattle Hotel. Stay at the host hotel and receive a \$100 discount on your 3-day Technical Program and/or your Seminar registration fee(s). To reserve your room online, please click [here](#). For more information, visit www.aacei.org/annualmeeting/hotel/welcome.shtml.

Questions? Email meetings@aacei.org



AACEI – Atlanta Section

Certification Workshop

Guideline for Participants

Schedule & Coverage:

May 2nd , 2009 8.30 am -12.30pm	Part I –	Supporting Knowledge and Skills
May 9th , 2009 8.30 am -12.30pm	Part II	Cost Estimating and Control
May 16th , 2009 8.30 am -12.30pm	Part III –	Project Management
May 30th , 2009 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 2nd edition Revised by AACEI
2. Skills & Knowledge of Cost Engineering 5th 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 678.481.1621 or any of the Board of Directors.

Venue (or other places)

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

Note

Workshop may be canceled if there are less than five people to sign up

UPCOMING CERTIFICATION EXAM

We still need volunteers to facilitate the workshop and to proctor the exam. Please contact Andreas Kristanto – akristanto@uscost.com if you want to volunteer. Volunteer will earn points toward your recertification. The upcoming regular certification exam schedule is

SECOND-QUARTER 2009 EXAM SCHEDULE

Application deadline for ALL second-quarter 2009 exams is listed for each below:

DATE: **LOCATION(S):**

June 13, 2009 ALL AACE Certification Exams at different local sections throughout the US and World. Scheduled locations include: Atlanta, Arizona, Australia-Brisbane, Australia-Melbourne, Australia-Perth, Australia-Sidney, Cascade, Central Savannah River, Connecticut, Doha - Qatar (Arabian Gulf), Great Lakes, Houston Gulf Coast, Montreal, National Capital, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Florida, Oklahoma, Pittsburgh, Rattlesnake Mountain, Rocky Mountain, South Africa, and Southwest Ohio (Cincinnati and Columbus)
EARLY deadline for this exam is March 23, 2009, deadline April 6, 2009.

June 27, 2009 Exams for ALL AACE Certifications at our 53rd Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington only -- One day exam.
EARLY deadline for this exam is March 23, 2009, deadline April 6, 2009.

Renewing Your Membership Dues Online

If you forgot to pay your dues, you can do so on our secure website today by clicking here: <https://www.aacei.org/PortalTools/Login.cfm> and logging in. If you have changed your address, phone number or e-mail address in the past year, please update it once you have logged into your profile, so we can provide membership services to you without interruption.

Please note: You must pay your dues prior to being able to vote in the AACE elections!

If you have forgotten or misplaced your login information, please contact AACE's Headquarters for assistance:

Phone: +1.800.858.2678 / +1.304.2968444

Email: info@acei.org

Application for AACE International Competitive Scholarships at the Undergraduate and Graduate Levels

It is time for Section Members that have employees who are working and going to college to advise them to make application for the AACE International COMPETITIVE scholarships that are awarded for use in the fall term of the 2009/2010 academic year. These AACE International scholarships are available in amounts ranging from \$2000 to \$8000. Specific awards will be determined based on your overall scholarship and collegiate accomplishments.

The process follows this cycle:

January 1 to February 15 – Get your employees that are working and going to college to obtain an application on campus or use one of the electronic applications on the AACE website:
<http://www.acei.org/education/EducFunds/scholarship/>

February 15 – By this date, applications must be received by AACE International.

The mailing address is:

ATTN: Staff Director-Education
AACE International
209 Prairie Avenue, Suite 100
Morgantown, WV 26501-5934

February 17 – All applications received electronically and by mail will be forwarded from AACE Headquarters to Atlanta AACE Section for the first round of judging.

March 1 – After the Atlanta sections' judging committee will have reviewed all applications received and submitted the names of up to four semi-finalists to AACE International Headquarters office by this date.

March 1 to March 15 – AACE Headquarters distributes semi-finalists applications to Education Board for second round of judging

Spring AACE Education Board Meeting – Education Board identifies finalists, and makes determination of awards

July 1 – All candidates are notified of the results of the judging

August 1 – scholarship checks are mailed to the schools of the winners



SPSU Meeting Date and Time

The SPSU Chapter meets the last Wed. of the month. This month it will fall on April 29. at 8:00. This meeting's speaker will either be from Hardin or Evergreen. We'd love to have you attend.

Cam Perdue

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AACEI Atlanta Section Speaker Schedule Fall 2008 ~ Spring 2009

Speaker	Company	Topic	Mtg Date	Comments
Michael Goltz	Land Air Surveying	3D Imaging Technology	16-Sep-08	
Kamyar (Kam) Molavi	Weissman & Zucker, P.C.	Georgia's Lien Law & its Impact on Constr	21-Oct-08	
Todd Yelverton	GA Power Company	Nuclear Opportunities at GA Power	18-Nov-08	
Christmas Party	Mike & Marliou Ray's House		16-Dec-08	
Brian Bowen	Georgia Tech School of Architecture	QS MIA in USA	20-Jan-09	
Jamie Crute	Evans Technology	AACE Certification Tracking w/ Primavera	17-Feb-09	
Charl Nesser / Rick Wiggins	Bayken International	Convention Hotel Construction	17-Mar-09	
Frank Kalany	AMEC		21-Apr-09	
Bill Kraus	International Aviation Consultants	CONRAD - Site Visit	19-May-09	

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Opportunity for Re-Certification Credits

March 26, 2009

Subject: Looking for Recertification Credits?

To: All Certified Individuals

AACE International's Certification Board is offering a seminar for exam question-writing, for which you can earn recertification credits by attending and **IT'S FREE!**

The seminar will be held from 1-4 PM on Sunday, June 28, 2009, in Seattle, Washington, at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel (exact room to be determined.) The first hour will be a presentation of information for good question writing and the remaining two hours will be spent writing exam questions.

The questions to be developed are for all certification exams including CCC/CCE, PSP, EVP, CFCC, and CEP. This seminar will teach the components of a well written question and how to convert an essay based question into a multiple-choice format. The final presentation of the question will be configured to fit each certification exam.

The recertification credits to be earned include 1.0 credit for attending the seminar and additional credits for each question submitted and approved; one credit for each "A" question (compound question which contains 7 multiple-choice questions each) and 0.25 credits for each "B" question (simple multiple-choice question).

The seminar is open to all AACE International certified individuals. Participants need to bring a complete question that has already been thought about, the source of the question's solution, which exam it will be included and what area of knowledge it applies.

If you like more information about the question-writing seminar, please contact Sandy Willard at swillard@acei.org or Anna Marie Smith at amsmith@acei.org via email, phone (800-858-COST or 304-296-8444) or mail (AACE International, 209 Prairie Avenue, Suite 100, Morgantown, WV 26501 USA). No registration is necessary and walk-ins are welcome.

Thanks,
Steve Farris, CCE
AACE Certification Board Chairman

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

East Coast Contractors & Associates, LLC.

is seeking a **Senior Level Estimator** for contract, part time or full time employment in the Atlanta area.

Experience is a must. Candidates should have at least five years experience in quantity takeoff, estimating and preparing bids for commercial construction projects within the \$1M to \$5M range.

Abilities should include quantity takeoff by specification section, (including sitework, cut and fill), general conditions and the solicitation and coverage of subcontract and vender proposals as well as the estimation and pricing of all direct and indirect cost.

Candidates should also be proficient in Microsoft excel and word. Proficiency with estimating software such as Timberline is a plus.

Please send resumes and contact information to
email@eastcoastconstructionga.com

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About Our Organization...

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 6,900 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.

Meetings

Location:

Cross Creek Café
1221 Cross Creek Parkway
Atlanta, Georgia 30327
404-351-1550

Time:

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

URL:

<http://www.crosscreekcafe.com>

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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, Certified Forensic Claims Consultants (CFCC) since 2007, and the Certified Estimating Professional (CEP) was rolled out in summer, 2008. AACE is also working diligently to create the Certified Portfolio, Program, & Project Management Manager (C3PM) and the Certified Estimating Professional (CEP) and a new certification program in risk management. All AACE certification programs are accredited by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB) and the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC). 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.

Money Savings \$\$ - get exceptional member discounts on publications, educational seminars, the annual meeting, insurance coverage, car rentals, cooperative conferences, and much more.

Recognition - AACE members are recognized as part of the only association dedicated to total cost management, the corporate goal for the 21st century.