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This Month's Letter from the President

*I am honored to serve as your President for the upcoming year and am thrilled about the opportunity to partner with all of you over the next year. The Atlanta Section has a long history of great work promoting cost engineering in our area. This year, we intend to stand on the shoulders of those great men and women who came before us and strive to do even better. Your Board of Directors has met over the summer and one unifying theme has been present in all of our discussions – **"PROVIDE VALUE TO OUR MEMBERS"**.*

The Atlanta Section has planned a great year ahead for our members. We have lined up or are lining up a great group of speakers including: architects, general contractors, construction lawyers, surveying experts, etc. If you have any ideas for speakers or topics, please contact Jay Carson at jay.carson@ptcinc.com We are also working with Cross Creek to make food ordering and paying more speaker and attendee friendly.

Additionally, please visit our website at www.aaceiatlanta.com where you will find information on meetings, scholarship, certifications (soon a new addition will appear list all Atlanta section certified individuals), and other resources. We will be upgrading the site as the year progresses, so please keeping visiting. Lastly, we planned to be more involved in the community around us. The board is working on participation with organizations like Habitat for Humanity and mentoring for Georgia Engineering Alliance events including: the student bridge building contest and student design of a future city. I encourage everyone to get involved.

If you are not aware, Atlanta will be hosting the 2010 AACEI Annual Meeting at the Marriott Marquis. This presents a number of great opportunities for the Atlanta Section to highlight our great city, show the strength of our local section and raise much needed funds. There is a lot of work ahead and I hope that many of you will offer your talents.

Finally, I would encourage you to contact your board members and suggest any ideas that you have for the Atlanta Section. Feel free to contact me at p.ray@legisconsultancy.com. Remember, we are here to serve you and we love to hear your ideas.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday, September 16th at Cross Creek. Remember, you do not have to be a member to attend, so feel free to bring a friend or a colleague.

Patrick Ray, CCE

MEETING NOTES & INFORMATION

Since the last meeting in May of 2008, the new officers have meet twice and the torch has been passed again. Thank you to all members who took part in this important process and voted. The newly elected Board members include:

President – Patrick Ray, JD, CCC, PMP

Vice President – Jay Carson, CCC

Secretary – Bill Kraus, PR, CCC

Treasurer – Dave Cowan, CCC

Communication Director – Mark Cundiff, PSP

Certification Director – Andreas Kristanto, CCE

Scholarship Director – Mike Horowitz, CCE

Membership Director – Yolanda Franklin

Regional Director – Bob Hannen, CCE

We are here to serve you and the AACEI in our effort to increase our membership and continue to utilize our experience, talent and abilities to the betterment of our association and the practices and standards of the construction industry as a whole.

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER MEETING

September Speaker:
Michael S. Opitz,

Michael S Opitz is the Vice President of 3D Imaging Services, a division of LandAir Surveying (www.landairsurveying.com)

located at 1875 Old Alabama Road, Roswell, GA 30076.

As Vice President of 3D Imaging Services, he is tasked with market development, product development, marketing, sales, strategic partnership development, and other responsibilities. Michael has served as Vice President since joining LandAir during 2007.

Previously, Michael retired from Lucent Technologies where he held several career positions including, Technical Manager Data Engineering, Technical Manager Records Development, Account Manager, Central Office Switching Sales serving BellSouth, Regional Sales Manager, AT&T Manufacturing Systems.

Michael earned his Masters in Psychology with emphasis in Organization Development and has taught as an Adjunct Professor at Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia, teaching Business Management and Human Behavior.

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The Financial State of the Atlanta Section

AACEI Atlanta Section Treasurer Report – August 2008

Our section is blessed to be in very stable financial condition.

Our initial funds accrued when the Atlanta Section hosted the AACEI Annual Meeting in Atlanta in 1985 at the Atlanta Hilton. Our section received approximately $5000 from hosting this Annual Meeting.

Since that time, our section has been funded primarily from dues payments received quarterly from AACEI National, as our Atlanta Section members pay their dues each year.

The expenses incurred by the AACE Atlanta Section fall primarily in to five categories:

- Georgia Engineering Foundation
- Annual AACE Scholarship, Georgia Engineering Foundation
- AACE annual dues
- Speaker gifts
- Speaker meals, and occasionally Atlanta Section monthly meeting raffle gifts.
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It has been and remains the goal of our Atlanta Section board to grow the Atlanta Section AACE scholarship fund to the point of becoming a self-endowed fund. As we continue to grow as a Section in numbers, strength, and talent we continue to make headway towards achieving this goal.

Currently the section assets are as follows:

1.) Checking account: $1,492.30
2.) Money market: $1,824.69
3.) CD: $17,000.00

Grand total $20,316.99

Dave Cowan

AACE Atlanta Section Treasurer

AACEI ATLANTA SECTION CERTIFICATION NEWS

AACEI – Atlanta Section

Certification Workshop

Guideline for Participants

Schedule & Coverage:

Oct 25, 2008 8.30 am -12.30pm	Part I –	Supporting Knowledge and Skills
Nov 1, 2008 8.30 am -12.30pm	Part II –	Cost Estimating and Control
Nov 8, 2008 8.30 am -12.30pm	Part III –	Project Management
Nov 15, 2008 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 less than five people sign up

AACEI ATLANTA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors of the Atlanta Section of AACE International held planning meetings on July 9 and August 6 to develop plans for the upcoming year. In the first meeting, Board members reviewed and updated job descriptions, identified goals for meetings for the upcoming year, discussed plans for supporting the student section at Southern Polytechnic State University, reviewed the new section website (thanks also to staff IT / IM / Graphics Specialist Robin Donley), discussed plans for the section's involvement in Engineer's week and other community outreach projects, and discussed how we can begin to prepare for the 2010 Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

At the August meeting, specifics of presentations for the first half of the year were discussed, details of monthly meetings were developed including revisions to the sequence of food ordering, serving, speaker introductions, and recognitions were developed, and such details as greeting and welcoming attendees, name tags, speaker gifts, member give-away(s), and member and attendee communications were discussed.

The Section also continues to actively support functions of the SPSU student section, with a presentation by Atlanta Section member Rendy Tendean on On Screen Takeoff by On Center Software held during the student section meeting on June 19. Several members of the Atlanta Section were in attendance to lend support.

We would like to offer a special thanks to past Section President Albert Kwong for his time, support and assistance in this transition and for his excellent leadership during 2007-2008.

FOURTH-QUARTER 2008 EXAM SCHEDULE

Application deadline for ALL fourth-quarter 2008 exams is listed for each below:

DATE:	***LOCATION(S):***
September 1, 2008	ALL AACE Recertifications by Exam or Professional Credit Plan ***EARLY FEE deadline is July 1, 2008, deadline is September 1, 2008.***
December 6, 2008	ALL AACE Certification Exams at different local sections throughout the US and World. Scheduled locations include: Alabama, Atlanta, Catawba Valley, Chinook-Calgary, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Great Lakes, Houston Gulf Coast, Nevada, North Florida, Oklahoma, Rocky Mountain, Seattle, South Africa and Southwest Ohio ***EARLY FEE deadline is October 1, 2008, deadline is October 27, 2008.***
December 19, 2008	Exams for all AACE Certification, Arabian Gulf Section (**DUBAI only**) ***EARLY FEE deadline is October 1, 2008, deadline is October 27, 2008.***

For more information go to; **http://www.aacei.org/certification/**

What is a Certified Cost Technician (CCT)?

The Certified Cost Technician program was established to give less experienced professionals the opportunity to advance their cost engineering skills and professional development, and be distinguished as an Certified Cost Technician prior to obtaining the prerequisite 8 years of relevant experience necessary to become certified as a CCE/CCC. This option requires passing a different exam, and provides an alternative path for becoming certified.

The benefits of becoming a CCT include:

- The CCT gives junior total cost management professionals the opportunity to advance their cost engineering skills and professional development, and be recognized as having achieved the CCT distinction.
- It identifies junior cost engineering professionals who have demonstrated a level of competency, knowledge, and ability in applying total cost management principles early in their career.
- It distinguishes junior cost engineering professionals from their peers to employers, clients, and the industry.
- The professional practices for the cost engineering profession are raised and improved by giving special recognition to those who achieve a high level of competency early in their career.
- Increased awareness of cost engineering principles at the collegiate or junior level of the organizations will occur, and promote more employers hiring junior-level professionals.
- Eligibility; To sit for the exam, at least 4 full years of experience in a cost/schedule related field is required, of which up to 4 years may consist of appropriate college-level academic training.

Application and Payment of Early Fees Members US$100.00 Nonmembers US$150.00

The application (with appropriate experience verification) and fees must be received at least 40 days before the examination date so that you may be scheduled at an appropriate exam site. All fees are subject to change. Verification of Experience/Education Applications are reviewed and experience and education is verified. Please submit a copy of college degree(s)/transcripts and/or letters from employers that could expedite the verification process with your application.

Passing the Examination

To become certified, a passing grade of 70% must be achieved on the 3 ½-hour exam. After passing the exam, the CCT will receive a certificate suitable for framing. AACE International Headquarters will maintain the CCT's file for at least 4 years, or until the CCT's certification expires or they become a Certified Cost Consultant/Certified Cost Engineer.

Exam Format

Part I - 50 multiple-choice questions on Supporting Skills & Knowledge - Closed book 105 minutes allowed to complete this part of the exam

Part II - 50 multiple-choice questions on Supporting Skills & Knowledge - Closed book 105 minutes allowed to complete this part of the exam

Recommended Text for study for CCT:

Skills & Knowledge of Cost Engineering, 5th edition (4th edition if you already have it...this edition is no longer available for purchase). This is available through the AACE International Bookstore. Click on the title to purchase it on-line or email our publications administrator, Sharon Hardman at shardman@aacei.org.

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Association News / Annual Meeting Update
for September 2008 Atlanta Section Newsletter

Annual Meetings

The final tally for attendance at the 2008 AACE International Annual Meeting is in and the result—**901 total attendees**—

This is the second highest total in the fifty-two year history of AACE International annual meetings.

Held in conjunction with the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) in Toronto, Canada the technical sessions were packed, the hotel was crowded, and tours and social events were very well attended.

It's time to make plans now to attend the 53rd annual meeting to be held June 28-July 1, 2009 in Seattle WA.

Certification Program Accreditation

Are you aware that AACE International's certification programs are accredited by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB) and by the International Cost Engineering Council (IC08EC).

Accreditation ensures that certification programs maintain certain minimum standards in terms of financial integrity, secure testing against a defined body of knowledge, and responsibilities to applicants, the public, and consumers.

AACE International is in the process of applying for accreditation of our certification programs under ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024 Personnel Certification Accreditation to provide recognition of those programs under standards more applicable to the global economy.

AACEI ATLANTA SECTION SCHOLORSHIP NEWS

Applications for the AACEI Atlanta Scholarship of $1,500 may be submitted online at http://www.gefinc.org/

The deadline for application submission is August 29.

If you have coop students or graduate students working for your firm, who are also going to college, remind them **NOW** about the opportunity to apply for the AACEI Atlanta Section Scholarship. An application has been submitted by our Section's Assaf Newmark.

Michael Horwitz,CCE
Chairman, AACEI Atlanta Scholarship Committee

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Member Spotlight for September 2008 Atlanta Section Newsletter

—Richard A. Selg, CCE

Richard A. Selg, CCE, has been an active member of AACE International for many years. He has served as a member of the Technical Board, as Vice President—Technical, Education, & Certification, and has authored , edited, and contributed to texts, professional practice guides, recommended practices, and professional papers. He has also been actively involved at the section level. Most recently, he was awarded the Charles V. Keane Distinguished Service Award at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Toronto. This is an endowment award presented by the Association to a member of an AACE International section who has consistently endeavored to enhance the professional image of cost engineering over an extended period of time.

Eastern Europe is in the early stages of capitalism with exorbitant inflation (in double-digit figures) and a monumental challenge to overcome a “closed-market” that was controlled by the government to today where there is an “open market” economy that is open to national and international markets. This high inflation and erratic changes in the pricing indexes caused extreme difficulties in estimating and predicting the outcome of many construction projects planned and under way.

To meet Eastern Europe’s challenge, Richard responded to a request from the Citizen Ambassador Program to serve on a delegation to St. Petersburg and Moscow, Russia and Warsaw, Poland. While serving on the delegation, Richard provided Total Cost Management (TCM) workshops and dialogue, through Russian and Polish interpreters, with executive staff members at major Russian and Polish Universities and construction firms. The TCM provided systematic approach to managing cost on a life cycle basis through the application of cost engineering and cost management methodologies. His meetings and workshops included considerable discussion and exchange of contracting methods; types of financing; special economics; location factors and climatic considerations unique to the construction environment in Russia and Poland. Richard also provided copies of his publication, *Hazardous Waste Cost Control* (Selg, R. A. ed.), Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York., to the above Russian and Polish universities and other universities during his travels in Eastern Europe.

Richard continues to strengthen World-wide ties between project controls professionals responsible for managing cost on major construction projects and to better acquaint the professionals with cost management work and methodologies.

AACEI COST ENGINEERING JOURNAL SUBMISSION

HOW TO SUBMIT SECTION NEWS TO THE COST ENGINEERING JOURNAL

[REPRINTED FROM THE SEPTEMBOR 2007 ISSUE]

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.

Thanks, Mark G. Cundiff, PSP

Atlanta Section Communications Director

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

NEW 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.

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www.aaceiatlanta.com

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 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.

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.

Come & Join the AACE Student Chapter!

"Expand Your Knowledge in Cost Estimating, Cost Engineering, Planning and Scheduling, and Project Management"

*Join us on our **August** AACE Meeting*

Topic: Furthering Your Career With

***AACE** International*

Presenter: Bill Kraus & Albert Kwong AACE International - Atlanta Section

Thursday, August 28, 2008 6:00 p.m

Room H-323

SPSU students are fortunate to enjoy a close-knit relationship with AACEI's Atlanta Professional Section through their very own AACEI SPSU Section. It is the goal of the SPSU Section board of directors to enhance the value, knowledgebase and professional opportunities for its SPSU Section members. The board has coordinated with the Atlanta Professional Section to provide SPSU section members with the following benefits:

Reduced annual student rate membership of only $35.

Monthly on-campus meeting presentations designed to enhance the section members understanding on a host of multidisciplinary cost engineering facets including; estimating, scheduling, project controls, project management, value engineering…etc.

An opportunity to work with presenters on short 30-day case studies for which section members will earn a certificate of completion and a letter of reference from the section. Such certificates of completion may be sited on student resumes.

Monthly meeting presentation with the Atlanta Professional Section which provide SPSU section members to network with professionals and to inquire about internships, co-ops and post graduate employment.

An annual workshop by Atlanta Professional Section toward the preparation of the Certified Cost Technician designation

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