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This Month’s Letter from the President

I recently had the great privilege of attending The Georgia Engineering Foundation Awards Banquet on behalf of the Atlanta Section. The purpose of the dinner was to award scholarships to deserving engineering students in the state of Georgia. I am proud to say that we awarded our scholarship to a very deserving individual, Assaf Newmark. Assaf is an extremely talented graduate student at SPSU. I would like to thank all of our section members because your membership and generosity allows us to help support future leaders in our industry. I sat in awe as the many young engineers’ numerous academic accomplishments were announced prior to receiving their scholarships from local associations. Based on my observations, I can honestly say that our profession is in good hands in the future.

In an effort to better recognize our local members the Board has decided to begin presenting a Cost Engineer of the Year for the

Atlanta Section. The only requirement is that the honoree be a member of the Atlanta Section. The Board will vote and present the award in April or May. Please consider any of your hard working colleagues for this honor. Let me know of anyone who should receive consideration.

In lieu of our regular meeting, the Atlanta Section Holiday Party will be held Mike and Marilou Ray’s house on Thursday, December 18th from 5:30 – 9:30. We want everyone to attend and feel free to bring a guest. A buffet supper will be served and drinks (alcohol and non-alcohol) will be provided. An invitation and a map can be found in this newsletter.

With the holiday season approaching, I would like to thank all of our members and the Board for a great first half of the AACE year. We have some great events and speakers planned for next year. Remember, you don’t have to be a member to attend meetings, so encourage a friend or colleague to attend.

I look forward to celebrating the holidays with all of you on December 18th.

Patricio Ray, CCE



MEETING NOTES & INFORMATION

Todd Yelverton - Nuclear Development Manager at Georgia Power Company, with Southern Company for 20 years, presented at the November meeting to the Atlanta Section members on the state of the Nuclear Power Industry in the United States.

Having served the past two years in Georgia Power Company’s general counsel organization on

the Georgia Power / Southern Nuclear team that negotiated an engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) contract to build two new nuclear units with Westinghouse and Shaw Power Group, Todd shared the knowledge of his unique position to impart his experience on those who were fortunate to attend. Don held everyone’s attention as he discussed the state of art design that has been standardized to the point of allowing a number of

projects to proceed to the Construction phase with a greatly increased degree of certainty of construction cost and operating safety standards. We would like to thank Todd for the opportunity to share a great experience.



Todd Yelverton



Mike, Patrick and Dave
invite you and a guest

to

**Legis Consultancy's
Annual Holiday Party**

on

Thursday, December 18th
5:30 – 9:30 pm

Buffet Supper

at

4171 D'Youville Trace
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

RSVP by 12/14 ~ 770.457.4486

AACEI ATLANTA CERTIFICATION NEWS

AACEI Atlanta Section

The requirement for the certification on demand is provided below. The key is the paper must be submitted at the same time as the application.

We are shooting for first week of January to get all the names, AACE member number, application form and technical paper of those who are interested.

The section or a company can sponsor an earlier certification exam if needed. The on demand certification requirement is as follows:

Headquarters **must** receive a **MINIMUM of sixty (60) days notice** for the exam date and **at least FIVE (5) Participant's COMPLETED* applications** must be submitted into headquarters **AT THE SAME TIME** as the request.

The required technical paper for the CCC/CCE exam must be submitted at the same time as the application. **The application will not be processed unless the technical paper is included** for any CCC/CCE application.

Please refer to AACEI certification web site for more information.
<http://www.aacei.org/certification/>

Sincerely,

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*Global Construction Cost Control &
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**AACEI ATLANTA SECTION NEWS
AACEI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Association News for 2008 Atlanta Section**

Newsletter



the association for the advancement of cost engineering through total cost management

The AACEI Board of Directors began working on a new strategic plan in the Spring Board Meeting held in April 2008.

Included in the new plan are the following strategies:

- Be more responsive to the needs of our members
- Expand awareness, recognition, and influence of profession and association
- Identify and respond to the requirements of our future members and their employers

The meeting ended with identification of a series of action plans to ensure implementation of these strategies and assignments to specific responsible individuals. Shortly after that, the North American Marketing Committee performed a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) on the Association and its programs which the Board thinks provides tremendous insight into the state of the Association. Past President Bill Kraus was assigned the responsibility of adjusting the Strategic Plan to recognize the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats identified by the SWOT analysis. This is a task which will require the efforts of more than one person and must be completed by the Winter Board meeting which is held in mid-January 2009.

If you are interested in assisting Bill in this effort, please contact him at phone 404-530-5647 or e-mail bcproisvcs@att.net

AACEI ATLANTA SECTION SCHOLORSHIP NEWS

AACEI Atlanta Section Scholarship Committee

The spotlight this month is on Assaf Newmark, winner of the Atlanta Section \$1,500 scholarship for this year.

Assaf is a native of Israel, living there until the age of 10 when his parents immigrated to the U.S. They lived in Phoenix, Arizona for four years and then moved to Atlanta. He attended Yeshiva High School of Atlanta until he was accepted for early admission to Yeshiva University in New York where he received a BA in Communications and a minor in Business. His early intention was to become an attorney until he was discouraged from pursuing a career in law by attorneys in practice.

He then went to work for the Israel Ministry of Defense's New York branch, and worked for 2 ½ years as a buyer for the Israel Air Force. During this time, Assaf's responsibilities included procurement of military hardware and miscellaneous services valued at \$2.2 billion; F-15I fighter/bomber, C-130 Hercules cargo, Boeing 707-AWACS application, UH-60L – Blackhawk Helicopter, EC-22 surveillance, and Socata TB-20 light transport. Assaf has worked with Boeing, Lockheed Martin, United Technologies, Rockwell, Honeywell and a host of other defense contractors and suppliers.

In 1998, Assaf relocated back to the Atlanta area, attended real estate school and became a licensed real estate agent and spent eight years working for The Condo Store prior to obtaining his broker's license and starting his own real estate business. After more than 10 years in the real estate business and with the slowdown in the housing market coupled with Assaf's desire to enhance upon his brokerage experience with the knowledge of building techniques and methods and cost of construction, he was persuaded on the advice of an architect friend to enroll at Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) and to pursue a masters degree in construction management. He is pleased with his decision and values SPSU's interpersonal approach to learning and his membership in student chapters of professional associations that offer first hand industry perspectives beyond the classroom setting as well as an opportunity to make enduring contacts with professionals in the industry.

Assaf is a graduate teaching assistant and instructs over 100 students at SPSU in SureTrak scheduling as well as principles of cash flow management in construction finance and feasibility and is in the process of searching for a full-time job in construction. His interests include project management estimating and scheduling. His goals are to eventually earn a PhD in construction and a joint MBA in real estate and finance, work and grow within the construction industry, and to acquire a personal real estate portfolio.

AACEI ATLANTA SECTION SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

AACEI Atlanta Section Scholarship Committee

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Assaf is president of the Southern Polytechnic State University's AACEI student section and is also active as the student chapter president of the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) from whom he has earned the Construction Manager in Training (CMIT) certification and is in the process of establishing a student chapter for the Design Build Institute (DBIA). In addition, Assaf is currently preparing for the Certified Cost Technician (CCT) examination and was recently inducted into the Alpha Chi National Honor Society.





Annual Meeting Update

It's not too early to begin making plans to attend the next AACE International meeting. Next year it will be held in Seattle, WA from June 28 – July 1, 2009. The theme is

TCM: Improving Decision Making in a Green World
and one way to convince your organization to send you to the meeting is to have your proposal to write and present a paper at the meeting accepted. Unfortunately, the deadline for submittal of abstracts is [past](#).

However, another way is to become involved in an associate board (Technical, Education, or Certification) or a technical committee or special interest group (SIG). Each of these groups meets face-to-face at the Annual Meeting in addition to other meetings throughout the year.





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Meetings

Location:

Cross Creek Café
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Atlanta, Georgia 30327
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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
7:15 p.m. Program Presentation

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.

AACEI SECTION ATLANTA, GEORGIA

We're on the Web!

See us at:

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 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. 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, 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.