

Atlanta Area Section News

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Future AACE Calendar

- September 15, Atlanta Area Section Meeting, Cross Creek Café

This Month's Letter from our President, Jay Carson

I am privileged and honored to serve as the Section's president for the 2009-2010 year. The board of directors has met twice this summer to prepare for the exciting year ahead. As most of you know, Atlanta has been selected to be the host city for the 2010 Annual Meeting. With this in mind, I ask that you be willing to serve in the preparation to make this a successful event. By serving with the other Atlanta Area Section volunteers to help carry out a successful 2010 Annual Meeting, you will not only help to ensure the event's success but you can earn valuable points toward your recertification.

I want to make you aware

AACE International 2009 Annual Meeting

Fresh from the 2009 AACE International Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA, attendees from the Atlanta Area Section including Randy Tendean, Howard Campbell, Bill Hunt, Ron Winter, Jim Johnson, Mike Pritchett, Richard Selg, and Bill Kraus reported that the meeting was a success. The Asso-

ciation had feared that economic conditions might limit the number of attendees. While it wasn't as large as the 2008 Annual Meeting in Toronto, which was the second best-attended ever, it rivaled the 2007 Nashville Annual Meeting, which was a very successful meeting as well.



Lowry at lowry.rouse@laurenec.com.

I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting of the 2009-2010 term on September 15, 2009.

Ron Winter was not only an exhibitor and a presenter, but was also named the Outstanding Technical Committee Chair. Richard Selg was recognized as an Honorary Life Member and member Mike Ray received his plaque as a Fel

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low. Richard Selg reports that a panel discussion presented with Jim Johnson and Bill Kraus as an outgrowth of Jim's May 20, 2008 presentation to the Atlanta Area Section drew a crowd which filled the room and sparked an hour-long debate over the pros and cons of specializing or remaining a generalist. Richard was busy as he also presented another paper with Bill Kraus entitled "Strategies for Reduction of Estimating Variances on Pro-

jects at Atlanta's Airport" as well as chairing the meeting of the Environmental Special Interest Group (SIG). Bill also presented a paper on promoting the Association's recommended practices (RPs) with Rocky Mountain Section member and newly sworn-in Vice President of Technical, Education, and Certification, Ken Cressman. Mike Pritchett's term as Director, Region 3 ended during the meeting and he became a member of the Education

Board. Bill stepped down as Past President of the Association and was immediately named Certification Board Co-chair. Rendy Tendean was named Co-chair of the newly-formed Young Professionals' Task Force, organized to promote interests of and recruit young members in the Association. Asoka Pillai of the Central Savannah River

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Member Spotlight—Ron Winter

Ron Winter joined AACE International in 2001. A native of Whittier, CA, he graduated from UCLA with a degree in general engineering and says he's intrigued by "systems stuff". He joined Fluor in 1975 as a scheduler and worked on the Fluor scheduling manual until he was called up for active duty as a navigator in a C130. After his 8 years of active duty, he re-joined Fluor where his assignment included rewriting the scheduling manual. He also spent some time with GTE Sprint in San Francisco writing code for routers. Ron also earned a Masters of Systems Management degree from USC in 1982.

He moved in to construction scheduling in 1990 but found that there was little career opportunity for a scheduler to advance, feeling he had to become either a project manager or be-

come involved in forensics. He had one experience in claims but found he didn't enjoy forensics.

In 1993, he began developing schedule analysis software for his own use, finding Claim Digger inadequate. The 1997-1998 downturn in the construction industry gave him the opportunity to upgrade the software from the version that he used himself and offered as shareware to Schedule Analyzer Professional, available for commercial use. Since that time, he's sold more than 800 copies of the software. In 2003, he rewrote the software entirely for use with what at that time was P3e, now P6.

He became involved with AACE in 2001 and has become a regular exhibitor at AACE International annual meetings and one of its most enthusi-

astic promoters. Ron was a

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founding member of the Planning and Scheduling Professional (PSP) Task Force, the body responsible for development of the PSP certification and was grandfathered as a PSP as a result, is actively involved with the Planning and Scheduling technical committee, often found writing or contributing to the Association's technical products or expressing his views in the Planning and Scheduling forum.

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He is an associate member of the Certification Board and is also a member of the North American Marketing Committee. Ron was named the Outstanding Technical Committee Chair for 2009 after having received the Association's Technical Excellence Award, awarded to recognize publicly and honor exemplary performance, in 2007.

Ron and his wife, Debra, moved to

Atlanta in 2005 to be nearer to family. Their overactive, 5-year old yellow lab shares their home.

When not promoting or tweaking Schedule Analyzer Professional, Ron loves to read science fiction or joins Debra in enjoying their large movie collection.

Ron Winter has authored, either solely or jointly, a total of twelve technical articles or papers in Cost Engineering or annual meeting transactions.

2009—2010 Atlanta Area Section Meeting Schedule

The Atlanta Area Section will meet on the third Tuesday of the month from September through May. Mark your calendar now for the following:

September 15, 2009

October 20, 2009

November 17, 2009

December—Holiday party (to be determined)

January 19, 2010

February 16, 2010

March 16, 2010

April 20, 2010

May 18, 2010

The Atlanta Area Section meets at the Cross Creek Café, 1221 Cross Creek Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30327.

6:00 PM Social

6:30 PM Dinner Orders

7-7:15 PM Business & Announcements

7:15 PM Program Presentation

Meeting location is the Cross Creek Café, 1221 Cross Creek Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30327. For a map and directions, see <http://www.crosscreekcafe.com>

Certification Exam Schedule

The Atlanta Area Section plans on hosting the fall AACE certification exams which will be held in Atlanta at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport on Saturday, November 7 and will also host the spring exams tentatively scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010. For addi-

tional information, consult www.aacei.org/certification/examcalendar.shtml or Atlanta Area Section Certification Director, Lowry Rouse CCC CEP (lowry.rouse@laurenec.com).

Please note that the **early** (early application fees apply) deadline

for the November 7 exam is August 25, 2009 and the **absolute** deadline is September 8, 2009. Applications must be physically in the headquarters office by those dates in order to sit for the exam on November 7.



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Area Section was sworn in as the new Director, Region 3 and promises a visit to an Atlanta Area Section meeting soon.

Ron Cagle ably organized volunteers from the Atlanta Area Section to staff a booth in the exhibit hall to promote the 2010 Annual Meeting in Atlanta and they were pleased to have had assistance from several Project Time &

Cost employees from their Richland WA office and also from members from the Central Savannah River Section in Augusta. Given that many aspects of a local section's involvement in annual meetings have changed over the years which diminish need for a Local Arrangements Committee, the Association Board revised procedures and will no longer create local arrangements commit-

tees, beginning immediately. However, there will still be many opportunities for local section members to get involved and more details will be provided as they are available.



Mike Ray Recognized as AACE Fellow

The following are excerpts from a recent press release regarding Mike Ray's Fellow recognition:

Michael C. Ray PE CCE PSP of Atlanta, Ga. was honored as an AACE International Fellow at AACE International's 53rd Annual Meeting June 28 -July 1, 2009, in Seattle, Wash. AACE's membership grade of Fellow is a selective and prestigious honor for the recipients. Approval of Fellow is a recognition of professional attainment and significant accomplishment in cost management or cost engineering. The criteria used in awarding Fellow classifications are: professional attainment based on contributions to the professional advancement of cost management, cost engineering, or the engineering professional and valuable service to AACE International; constitutions to the knowledge of the

profession and dissemination of that knowledge based on publications, presentations, and bringing cost management/cost engineering to industry, educational institutions, forums, or government agencies.

Mr. Ray joined AACE in 1982, became a Certified Cost Engineer (CCE) in 1986, and was grandfathered as a Planning & Scheduling Professional (PSP) in 2004 as a result of his work on the PSP Certification Task Force, serving as Co-Chair of the Task Force that created the first of AACE's specialty certifications. Mr. Ray is a frequent Annual Meeting presenter and author. He has been an active member, both in the Atlanta Area Section and at the Association level and was elected to the Board as Director-Region 3 (1997-1999). He was named Engineer of the Year in Construction by the Georgia

Engineering Alliance

Mr. Ray became only the 114th Fellow of AACE International's history.

(1999). Mr. Ray currently serves on the AACE Claims and Dispute Resolution Committee and the AACE North American Marketing Committee. In addition, he is on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Engineering Foundation, an institution which grants engineering and science scholarships. AACE first awarded the status of Fellow in 1976. Mr. Ray became only the 114th Fellow of AACE International's history.

AACE International 2010 Annual Meeting in Atlanta—Bits & Pieces

Call for Papers—The Association has issued its call for papers for the 2010 Annual Meeting. Abstracts are due in headquarters no later than September 15, 2009. See <http://www.aacei.org/annualmeeting/transactions/call4papers.shtml> for further details.

Theme announced for 2010 Annual Meeting—Headquarters has announced that the theme of the 2010 Annual Meeting will be “TCM: Cost

Engineering on my Mind”.

Opportunities for Atlanta Area Section Members to Help Out—The Association Board of Directors accepted a recommendation by staff and the Annual Meeting Committee during its recent meeting in Seattle to discontinue the practice of forming local arrangements committees to assist in organizing future annual meetings. Nonetheless, there are numerous opportunities for Atlanta Area Section

members to get involved in the 2010 Annual Meeting.

If you're interested in serving, please contact Ron Cagle at ron@cagleconsulting.com.

Future annual meetings—The 2011 annual meeting will be held at Disneyland in Anaheim, CA and the 2012 annual meeting will be held in San Antonio, TX on the Riverwalk.

Atlanta Area Section Board of Directors' Meeting—June 17, 2009

The Atlanta Area Section Board of Directors met on June 17, 2009 to transition to the 2009-2010 Section year. Officers and directors worked out the details of their respective roles and responsibilities. Treasurer Dave Cowan reported that the Section is in good financial shape and discussed renewal of a certificate of deposit that will mature by month's end. The Board agreed to increase the Section

scholarship contribution from \$1,000 to \$1,250.

Discussion ensued concerning Regional Director Chris Schamel's inability to serve as a result of job-related travel and President Carson agreed to contact Assaf Newmark who has expressed interest in filling the position. There was also discussion concerning proceeding with the en-

graved nametag approach considered last year. Vice President Don Green presented a number of potential presenters for next year's Section meetings for consideration.

Please consider nominating a deserving fellow member as an AACE International Fellow. Contact any Section officer or director for additional information.

Did You Know? AACE Forums

This just in, quoted from the July 2009 issue of Cost Engineering:

AACE Forums are web-based discussion boards accessible to both AACE International members and non-members. The forums not only facilitate internal communications within the various AACE boards and support groups, but also provide for online

discussions on virtually any cost engineering topic. The forums are organized by topical area.

The General, Technical Committee, and Special Interest Group areas are public forums open to all; while the Boards and Specialty areas are private forums with restricted access. The forums are

organized to encourage user participation in posting questions, discussion topics and replies.



In order to use AACE Forums, you must register. This is as simple as visiting www.aacei.org/forums and clicking on "Register" in the top right-hand corner of the screen.

Atlanta Area Section Board of Directors Meeting, July 14, 2009

The Atlanta Area Section Board of Directors met on July 14, 2009 to continue planning for the 2009-2010 Section year. It was announced that the Atlanta Area Section received a Superior Section award for the 2008-2009 year and Regional Director Assaf Newmark agreed to maintain the files for this year's award.

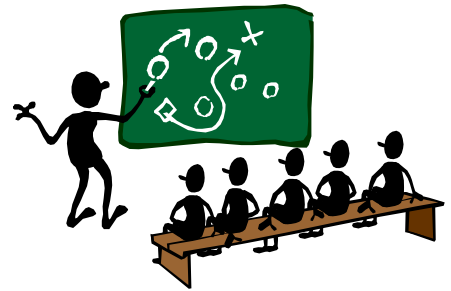
Since Section bylaws have been misplaced over the years and no copy can be found, Vice President Don Green will head a task force to recreate bylaws for the Section. These by-

laws will then need to be approved by vote of the Section membership.

Vice President Green provided an initial schedule of presentations to Section meetings, reporting that three speakers are already booked.

It was agreed that the Section will host the fall certification exams and the site will be Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Exam prep workshops will be held in October at the offices of Project Time & Cost. We will also host spring exams on Saturday,

March 6, location to be determined. Exam prep workshops will be held in February at a location yet to be determined.



New Feature—AACE Trivia

We introduce a new feature with this issue of the Atlanta Area Section News, AACE Trivia.

The contest is open to any member of the Atlanta Area Section and the winner of this month's contest will receive a mystery gift at the September Section meeting (you must be present at the September Section meeting to receive your gift).

This month's winner will be the first person to e-mail the correct answer, in the sole opinion of the judge (Communication Director Bill Kraus) to bcprojsvcs@att.net to the following question:

By accessing the virtual library on the Association website (www.aacei.org), how many entries (technical papers) does the virtual library contain authored, either solely or with others, by

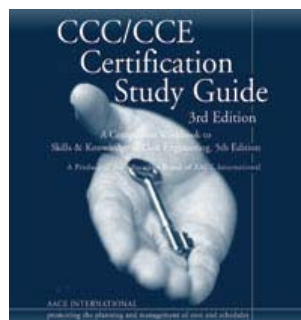
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Trivia Question—How many entries (technical papers) does the virtual library contain authored, either solely or with others, by Atlanta Area Section Member Ron Cagle?

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Atlanta Area Section Hosts June 13, 2009 Certification Exams

The Atlanta Area Section hosted certification exams held on Saturday, June 13. Proctors included Angie Gordon, Deanna Lokey, Nick Adair, and Howard Campbell. Thanks to the proctors and to Certification Director Lowry Rouse, Andreas Kristanto, and to U.S. Cost for your efforts in hosting the



examination.

Twenty individuals sat for examination—15 for CCC/CCE, 3 for CCT, and 2 for PSP.

Atlanta Area Section Members Attend 2009 Annual Meeting in Seattle



Atlanta Area Section member , Mike Pritchett participates in his final Association Board meeting as Director, Region 3 on Saturday, June 27. He now returns to the Education Board.



Mike Ray was in attendance and was presented with his plaque naming him as an international Fellow of AACE International.



Atlanta Area Section member and exhibitor Ron Winter speaks with an interested passerby at the annual Meeting.



Jason Adler of the Project Time & Cost Richland WA office helps staff the 2010 Annual Meeting booth.

New Feature—*TECH CORNER*

The purpose of the *TECH CORNER* will be to provide details as to how to obtain the most from the website.

Many members and friends of AACE International don't realize the popularity and reach of the Association's website, www.aacei.org. The site receives literally hundreds of thousands of hits monthly from all over the world. The purpose of the *TECH CORNER* will be to provide details as to how to obtain the most from the website.

This time, we'll describe how to access the virtual library, a repository for accessing over 4,100 technical papers and articles from annual meeting transactions and past issues of **Cost Engineering**. To begin, access the website, www.aacei.org. Hover your mouse over "PRODUCTS & SERVICES" in the vertical menu at the left of the home page and when it expands, then hover the mouse over "VIRTUAL LIBRARY", and then, when it expands again, click on "TECHNICAL ARTICLE ARCHIVE".

When you arrive at the "Virtual Library/Technical Article Search" page, type a word or phrase into the "Keyword(s) or Phrase" form and

click the "SEARCH" button. For example, when you type "successor" into the form and click "SEARCH", you should land on a page showing 3 matches, including one paper each from the 2007 and 2005 annual meeting transactions and one article from the February 2007 issue of **Cost Engineering**.

Now, let's search for a paper by a specific author. Click the back arrow on your browser to go back to the "Virtual Library/Technical Article Search" page, and click on the "[Advanced Search]" link to go to the "Advanced Virtual Library/Technical Article Search" page. Click the check boxes next to "Title", "Abstract", and "Author" to deselect "Title" and "Abstract" and select "Author". Type "Douglas" into the "Type in a phrase or keyword to search for" form and click the "SEARCH" button. You will now land on a page showing 74 matches for papers authored by a variety of people with "Douglas" as a part of their names.

Did You Know? TCM Framework

Did you know that the Association's TCM Framework: An Integrated Approach to Portfolio, Program and Project Management and all recommended practices (RPs) are available for free download from the Association website (<http://www.aacei.org/aaceonly/tcm/welcome.shtml>) free of charge for non-members as well as members? The TCM Framework "is a structured, annotated process map that for the first time explains each practice area of the cost engineering field in the context of its relationship to the other practice areas including allied profes-

You will notice that most papers have a link entitled "AACE MEMBERS – CLICK HERE FOR FREE DOWNLOAD". If you wish to download the paper, click this link, enter your username and password, and save the .pdf file on your computer. The most recent papers will not include that link as these papers are reserved for purchase as part of Transactions CDs or **Cost Engineering** downloads. If this is your first time logging into the website, your login name will be your member or constituent number (if your member or constituent number is three or four digits, add zeroes to the beginning to make it a five-digit number (for instance, "123" becomes "00123" as a login name) and your password will be your last name (case sensitive, as in "Jones"). If you've customized your login name and/or password, use those updated values.

Now you have an avenue for accessing a portion of the vast intellectual property of AACE International amassed over the last 53 years of its existence.

sions. As the book subtitle says, it is a process for applying the skills and knowledge of cost engineering. A key feature of the TCM Framework is that it highlights and differentiates the main cost management application areas: project control and strategic asset management."



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Cost engineering is defined as the area of engineering practice where engineering judgment and experience are used in the application of scientific principles and techniques to problems of cost estimating, cost control, business planning and management science, profitability analysis, project management, and planning and scheduling.

For a more in-depth discussion of cost engineering, visit <http://www.aacei.org/membership/about/whatIsCe.shtml>.

A note from your Communication Director—An overdue update of the Atlanta Area Section website is underway. If you have any suggestions for improvement or items you'd like incorporated into this newsletter or the Section website, please contact Bill Kraus, phone 615-828-2037, or e-mail bcprojsvcs@att.net. Thanks.

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