

Atlanta Area Section News

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Future AACE Calendar

- October 20, Atlanta Area Section Meeting, Cross Creek Café

A Crowd Learns About BIM at September Section Meeting

Mr. Jason Waddell of The Beck Group led an interesting discussion of Beck's approach to Building Information Modeling at the inaugural 09-10 Section meeting held September 15 at the Cross Creek Café.

The discussion of this topical and current subject had the meeting room bulging at the seams, with several in the audience looking on from the adjacent room. Jason came well-prepared and had, in addition to the traditional PowerPoint

presentation, examples in the BIM software he was demonstrating.

Jason described the difference between what they view as macro BIM and micro BIM and illustrated the macro BIM concept with Beck's DProfiler and then micro BIM with Revit and Inno-vaya. The sign-in sheet reflected thirty-four people in attendance.

Jason graciously provided a copy of his presentation which we hope to have



posted to the Section website soon.

October Section Meeting— Sustainability Performance Solutions

Join us on Tuesday, October 20, for a discussion of Corporate Environment's Sustainability Performance Solutions, which include the following:

- Renewables
 - ⇒ Solar and Wind
 - ⇒ Local Healthy Materials
- Green Maintenance
 - ⇒ Titanium Dioxide Coil Technology
 - ⇒ Water Resonation Field
 - ⇒ Combustion Resonation Field
- Furniture

⇒ Durable & Sustainable Solutions

The discussion will be led by a trio of people from Corporate Environment's Sustainability Performance Solutions:

Patti Miller is a senior salesperson at Corporate Environments. Patti has 27 years of industry experience, having earned her B.S. degree in Interior Design from West Virginia University. Over her career, Patti has contributed to our community through

her active involvement in various IFMA and CREW organizations, as well as professional and personal development programs to enhance and promote her skills. Her strong work ethic coupled with her drive to stay on the leading edge of new solutions gives her a distinct advantage and excellent reputation in the marketplace.

Jay Harper is a partner in Corporate Environments. He holds a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from

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Countdown to the 54th AACE International Annual Meeting in Atlanta

It's T minus nine months and counting...until the Atlanta Section hosts the 2010 AACEI annual meeting at the Marriott Marquis. The theme for the 2010 annual meeting is "TCM: Cost Engineering on My Mind."

AACEI Headquarters is taking a different approach executing the annual meeting this year. Whereas in the past the sponsoring section has made many of the "local arrangements,"



such as field trips, beginning this year more of the local arrangements are to be handled by a specialty contractor engaged by Headquarters. While AACEI Headquarters is currently re-defining the specific duties of the Local Arrangements Committee of the Atlanta Section, there are some items we can be working on now. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, I will be preparing a newsletter update

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Member Spotlight—Nancy Lovell

Nancy Lovell is serving as the vice president of the Southern Polytechnic State University AACE International Student Section while completing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Construction Management. She's enjoyed coursework in facility management, construction estimating, scheduling, and surveying, sustainable construction (LEED), and computer applications in construction and is knowledgeable in the use of OnScreen Takeoff, Success Estimator, CAD, and SureTrak.

Factor that in with the fact that she is also the vice president for the SPSU student section of the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) after having just completed a summer internship as a junior estimator at U.S. Cost and she's got her hands full. She's also a member of the Atlanta Chapter of National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), an active member of ASHRAE and a volunteer for the Young Engineer in ASHRAE (YEA) which en-

hances member benefits for young professional ASHRAE members by identifying activities and services focused on their needs, and was selected for membership into the Rho II Chapter of Sigma Lambda Chi International Construction Honor Society based on her outstanding academic achievements in the Construction Management department at SPSU.

She is a student participant in the 2009 MCAA (The Mechanical Contractors Association of America) student competition as well as having received a faculty recommendation to represent SPSU as a participant of the 2009 AGC (the Associated General Contractors of America) Design Build Competition.

Nancy is a student member of the Atlanta Area Section of AACE International and is in regular attendance at meetings of both sections. She enjoys making contacts with fellow students as well as with members who may provide connections for her future goal of landing a construction man-

ager position with a com-

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mercial construction company, utilizing her knowledge and experience gained in college and work as an estimator and at a Whole Foods market in Boulder, CO where she was assistant manager of the Deli and Bakery Department, the largest department in the store with 45+ employees.

In addition to her current studies, Nancy gained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Agnes Scott College in 1993. If it weren't for the internet revolution and its effect on the travel industry, she would be working for a

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travel agent but says she got out of that business just as its downward slide began. Beyond traveling domestically, Nancy has toured the British Isles, Canada (enjoying Niagara Falls), cruised the Bahamas, taken a river boat tour from St. Petersburg to Moscow, and visited Helsinki, Finland and Hawaii. She is looking forward to working in an industry whose projects are global which continues to promote her love of travel. She comes to the construction industry naturally, having volunteered for some time at Habitat

for Humanity and then as an entrepreneur flipping houses in Colorado Springs. She has also worked as a maintenance staff worker at the University of Colorado and a service company for commercial properties, and worked in residential and commercial property renovation.

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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>

Atlanta Area Section Hosts Certification Exams on November 7, 2009

The Atlanta Area Section will host certification exams on Saturday, November 7, 2009. Exams will be held at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport Technical Support Campus at 1255 South Loop Road, College Park, GA 30337.

Please note that the **absolute** (early

deadline was August 25) deadline is September 8, 2009. Applications must be physically in the headquarters office by that date in order to sit for the exam on November 7.

Exams for all AACE International certification programs (CCC, CCE, CCT, PSP, EVP, CFCC, CEP) will be admin-

istered at the time and location.

Contact Atlanta Area Section Certification Director, Lowry Rouse CCC, CEP (lowry.rouse@laurenc.com) for further information.

See page 7 for information on Section certification workshops for CCC/CCE/CCT.

2010 Annual Meeting in Atlanta (cont'd from page 2)

each month to try to keep the big picture in perspective.

We have begun compiling a list of Frequently Asked Questions, to which we want to continue to add as we progress through the year. These will be placed on the Atlanta Section website's Annual Meeting page for all to see. We will provide a handout of these FAQs at the registration desk in 2010 for all attendees. I am asking each Atlanta member to **put yourself in the shoes of an Atlanta visitor and submit your questions to me for compilation** (if you have good answers for the questions, that would be

great; if you don't, I will find the right answer) – send your contributions to ron@cagleconsulting.net.

Another service we want to provide to visitors next year is realistic advice on matters of safety and security while at the annual meeting. As you probably know, Atlanta's downtown area has a reputation both here in Atlanta and in other cities as being a "dangerous" place to visit. We want to provide a handout (and possibly some personal advice) to visitors at registration next year regarding how to stay safe during their visit to downtown Atlanta. The City of Atlanta is in the midst of

reviewing the downtown "crime" issue; I will be looking at their findings for anything germane to our interests. Also, as we get closer to meeting time, I will be discussing this issue with the Atlanta Convention and Visitors' Bureau staff and sharing the results with Atlanta Section membership. Our focus as hosts of an annual meeting needs to be on the facts – we do not want our visitors to either be in harm's way due to inadequate precaution or to not fully enjoy the many fine features of Atlanta because of undue fear. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions on this subject, please contact me.

October Section Meeting—Sustainability Performance Solutions (cont'd from Page 1)

the College of the Air Force, and M.S. in Aeronautical-Aerospace Engineering from Kingston University. Mr. Harper served for 7 years with the Air Force / Army in Desert Storm, is a USGBC LEED Accredited Professional, a Certified Green Practitioner—Green Advantage, is certified as an Indoor Environmental Consultant, a Registered Environmental Professional, and is a sitting / voting Board member, Green Seal Organization. He heads up the team for emerging technologies with over 15 years working for the Federal Government, having traveled to 120 countries. He authored and trademarked the first set of green cleaning protocols in the US, Uber-Eco Green Cleaning Standards. His spe-

cialties include utility avoidance, alternative technology uses and indoor air purification.

Laurel Hoover is an Architectural, Design & Environmental Representative with Corporate Environments. Laurel manages the architectural and design community relationships, develops educational programs and events, as well as heading the sustainability efforts for Corporate Environments. This initiative is focused on being a resource for sustainable interior spaces including carpet, furniture, walls, and promoting alternative energies through affiliations with alternate energy companies in Atlanta. Laurel founded and owns her own sustainable furniture company for which she

is the sole designer (www.laurelhoover.com). She founded WACSI, We in Atlanta for Conservation, Sustainability & Innovation, is the Sustainability Advisor for the Atlanta Chapter IIDA, serves on the Advisory Council for the Million Mile Greenway as well as the Board for Art in the Atrium. Laurel graduated from Savannah College of Art & Design with a Bachelors degree in Interior Architecture and a minor in Furniture Design Build. She has worked with architectural firms in Manhattan, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta as well as freelanced including the design of an eco-friendly house built in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Special Feature—AACE Trivia

The answer to last issue's trivia question, "What date was the photo taken of SuperCost at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Seattle as posted in the CyberSection Forum?" is June 28, 2009.

To have found this answer, you would have needed to have logged on to the AACE International forums (www.aacei.org/forums), gone to the CyberSection forum, clicked on "Super Cost Flies Into Seattle" and read the caption on the photo.

Winner of the July trivia contest is Ron Winter. Honorable mention goes to Rendy Tendean (you and I know why, Rendy). Ron, please pick up your mystery gift at the October Section meeting (you must be present to re-

ceive your gift). The winner of the first AACE Trivia contest in the July 2009 issue of the Atlanta Area Section newsletter, Rendy Tendean, was not present to collect his gift at the September Section meeting so the gift goes uncollected.

Now, for this issue, answering the trivia question relies on your ability to dig deep, but the answer can be found in a number of places. This issue's trivia question is, "What is the date that the Atlanta Area Section was admitted to AACE International?" Hint: Ask someone who attended the 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting in Las Vegas.



**This Month's Trivia Question—
What is the date that the Atlanta Area Section was admitted to AACE International?**

Consider Nominating an Atlanta Area Section Member as Fellow

Fellow is not an award, but rather a grade of membership in AACE International. According to the AACE International Constitution and Bylaws, a Fellow is a Member who has been approved to have the exclusive privilege of representing himself or herself as a Fellow in AACE. Admission to Fellow shall be by majority vote of the Board upon recommendation by the Vice President-Administration. The requirements for election to Fellow are that the Member shall have practiced cost management and/or cost engineering for a minimum of fifteen (15) years and shall have been a Member of AACE for at least ten (10) years.

Election of a Fellow shall be in recognition of professional attainment and significant accomplishment in cost management and/or cost engineering.

Nomination of an individual to the membership grade of Fellow is on the recommendation of the individual's peers and nomination is undertaken by completion of a nomination form and submittal of five sponsoring letters.

There are many Atlanta Area Section members who meet the criteria and who are richly deserving of being recognized by the Association as Fellows. Please consider nominating

a deserving fellow member as an AACE International Fellow. Contact any Section office or director for additional information.



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Atlanta Area Section Photo Gallery



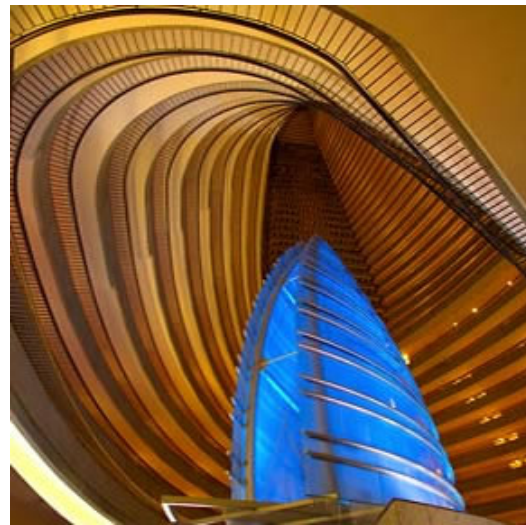
Past Atlanta Area Section President Patrick Ray accepts from Past Director, Region 3 Mike Pritchett, the plaque for Superior Section awarded the to the Section at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Seattle.



Jason Waddell of the Beck Group makes a presentation on Building Information Modeling at the inaugural meeting of the 2009-2010 year on September 15.



Members, guests, and visitors enjoy conversation prior to the September Atlanta Area Section meeting at the Cross Creek Café.



The 54th AACE Annual Meeting will be held at the Marriott Marquis hotel in Atlanta on June 27-30, 2010.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE, FIRST SESSION THIS COMING WEEKEND!

**SIGN UP NOW FOR
CERTIFICATION EXAM WORKSHOP**

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AACE—Atlanta Area Section
CCC/CCE/CCT Certification Workshops
Venue: Project Time & Cost, Inc.
2727 Paces Ferry Road
Suite 1-1200, Training or Conference
Room

October 3, 2009 (9:00 am—12:00 pm)

Part I—Supporting Skills & Knowledge

Presenter: William E. Kraus PE CCE

- Certification Exam Overview (30 min)
- Practice Test (1 hr 45 min)
- Break (15 min)
- Discuss Answers (1 hr)

October 10, 2009 (9:00 am—12:00 pm)

Part II—Cost Estimating & Control

Presenter: (Larry Belvin CCC)

- Practice Test (1 hr 45 min)
- Break (15 min)
- Discuss Answers (1 hr)

October 17, 2009 (9:00 am—12:00 pm)

Part III—Project Management

Presenter: Mark Cundiff, PSP

- Practice Test (1 hr 45 min)
- Break (15 min)
- Discuss Answers (1 hr)

October 24, 2009 (9:00 am—12:00 pm)

Part IV—Economic Analysis

Presenters: John Larson, CCE

- Practice Test (1 hr 45 min)
- Break (15 min)
- Discuss Answers (1 hr)

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.

With the implementation of new association management software (AMS) about a year ago, the AACE International website gained considerable utility. Many of us have noticed that there is now a shopping cart and some tasks have become easier to accomplish through the website. The AMS has failed in some other ways to measure up to expectations and Association staff and the vendor continue to develop solutions to some challenges.

One of the most noticeable (and frustrating) features involves the need to sign in each time one goes to a different area in the website to accomplish another task. For example, if you try to access the member directory, you are required to sign in. If you then want to buy a book, pay your dues, or something having to do with the bookstore, you have to sign in again. As time goes on, I'm sure some if not most of the challenges being experienced with the website will be corrected. Until then, our patience is appreciated.

One impact of the changes is that now every member has the ability (and responsibility) to maintain his/her own profile. The information in the profile determines your current preferred mailing and shipping addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and all other membership information. This information is then reflected on mailing labels for Cost Engineering and other mailings, shipments of items you might buy from the bookstore, and contact information available to other members from the member directory.

In order to maintain the information in your profile, first access the website at www.aacei.org. Let your mouse hover over "LOGIN to Portal" at the bottom of the menu at the left side of the home page and click "**Click here to login**". Then log in by entering your login name and password on the following screen, paying attention to the "If you don't already have a username and password, read the note below" message at the top if you haven't logged in before.

Section Website

The Atlanta Area Section website has recently been updated. Log on to www.aaceiatlanta.com and have a look. Please forward any comments on what you see or any suggestions for improvement or additional information you'd like to see Communications Director Bill Kraus at bcprojsvcs@att.net. Keep checking back as additional changes are in the works.

Once you've successfully logged in, you should see a profile page with "Welcome <Your Name!> at the top. Then click on "My Profile" or one of the subcategories beneath it in order to be able to modify or enter your profile information. Once you have updated addresses and other contact information and categories, you can go to "Change Login/Password" if you desire to make changes there. Once you're finished, click on "Logout" and you're done!

The important thing to remember is that each of us is now responsible for maintaining our individual profile information to make certain that it reflects current and correct information.



Oops!

Errata:

- Lowry Rouse suggests the use of a different e-mail address: wmrouse@comcast.net



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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>.

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