

Atlanta Area Section News

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February's Message from President Jay Carson

Greetings Fellow Members,

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and is having success at keeping New Year's resolutions. I was encouraged to see some new faces as well as old ones at our January meeting. Ron Cagle presented our section with an update of the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held right here in Atlanta. You can look for further updates in the *Cost Engineering Journal*. Ron requested any nominations for keynote speakers be forwarded to him via email at . We received a stimulating and informative message from John Hurst of

Georgia Pacific on the subject of Interior Wall Solutions. John discussed how various products can be used to improve costs, accelerate schedules, and reduce risk. In one case study, he demonstrated how the use of Dens Armor Plus® actually prevented a contractor from having to send several floors of drywall to a landfill after the heavy rain storms produced by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Louisiana. This particular product was able to remain on the project due to its ability to shed moisture and resist mold. For more information you may contact John via email @ jkhurst@gapac.com. I



also would like to mention that the January issue of the *Cost Engineering Journal* displays the list of the 2010-2011 candidates for our organization. Please take time to review the candidates and cast your vote by the deadline of March 15, 2010.

Hey! Vote!

Future AACE Calendar

- February 16, Atlanta Area Section Meeting, Cross Creek Café

Elsewhere in this issue of the Atlanta Area Section Newsletter you will find in Section President Jay Carson's article admonishment for each of you to vote in

AACE International's annual election.

A very sad statistic relating to AACE International is that a very small fraction of

its members determine the future direction of our Association by voting in its elections. Most recently, less than 10% of its members

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Technical paper submission requirements for CCC/CCE candidates have recently changed, effective with the summer (June) exams. Completed technical papers must now be submitted **with** your application. For more information, refer to <http://www.aacei.org/certification/CC/C/techPaper.shtml>

your company, or of another Atlanta Area Section member or associate, please submit it to Communications Director Bill Kraus at bcprojsvcs@att.net for publication in the **Atlanta Area Section Headlines**.

If you have news, either personal, of

February Section Meeting—Michael Opitz of 3D Imaging and Consulting

Our speaker in February will be Michael Opitz of 3D Imaging and Consulting Services. Many will remember Michael from his presentation a couple of years ago on laser imaging. Michael wowed the audience with his demonstration of how this technology could scan existing building characteristics, basically preparing detailed as-built drawings.

February's presentation promises to be even more spectacular. Michael's technologies address a wide variety of applications that extend building information modeling (BIM) beyond its current view, including developing, hosting, and customizing GIS specific data to the client's requirements for improved long term cost effective management. These unobtrusive technologies are considered "Green" which reduces the carbon footprint and is ecologically friendly. 3D Imaging and Consulting Services is a surface and subsurface

imaging consortium that detects, locates, marks, images and maps a wide range of surface and underground phenomena including utilities, duct banks, storage tanks, objects, rebar, building foundations, and human remains that are buried, obscured underground, or embedded in a covering matrix.

Join us on Tuesday, February 16 at 5:30 PM at the Cross Creek Café for an enjoyable and informative section meeting presented by Michael Opitz of 3D Imaging and Consulting Services.

Certification Workshops Scheduled in February

Certification Director Lowry Rouse announces that certification workshops will be held to prepare those interested in sitting for the Certified Cost Consultant (CCC), Certified Cost Engineer (CCE), and Certified Cost Technician (CCT) certification exams.

Workshops will be held on Saturdays in February (6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th) from 9 AM to 12 Noon at the offices of

Project Time & Cost, 2727 Paces Ferry Road, Suite 700, Atlanta, GA 30339.

More information can be found at <http://www.aaceiatlanta.com/cert.html>. You can register by contacting Atlanta Area Section Certification Director Lowry Rouse at wmrouse@comcast.net.

The Atlanta Area Section will host certification exams on Saturday, March 6.

Hey! Vote! An Editorial by Communication Director Bill Kraus PE CCE (cont'd from page 1)

able to vote do so.

Having served for a seven-year period on this Association's board of directors, I have very strong feelings about this. And, before you think that my diatribe here flies in the face of the requirement against campaigning, please be aware that I'm not campaigning for or against any candidate, but rather campaigning that each of our members strongly consider the candidates and vote in whatever way you feel led.

First, I feel that for a candidate for any office in our Association, whether it's at the section or Association level, to run unopposed, gives a false image of our Association. I think it says that we don't have members strongly-convicted enough in the professional project management / project controls principles espoused by AACE International to "put their money where their mouths are" by running for a leadership position.

When I first saw the slate of candidates and saw several of them running unopposed, my inclination was to work to enlist candidates for those positions who could be nominated by petition. However, some of them are

running for offices where I can't vote (directors of regions other than Region 3) and I finally came to my senses. I, like many, have to set my priorities and devote time and attention to those things that matter most to me and I have the best opportunity to influence. I had to drop the idea of trying to add candidates via petition simply as a matter of time. I also have to resolve myself to the fact that it is difficult sometimes to engage people interested in assuming leadership positions because of time and other constraints.

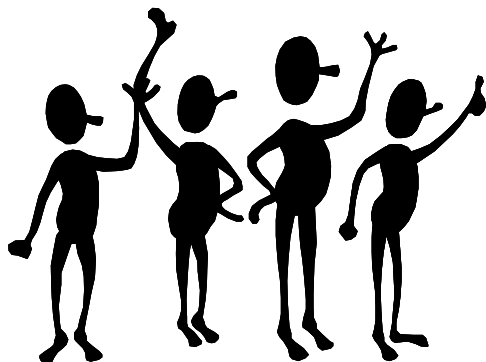
Patrick Ray and I have authored a paper and will be making a presentation to the 2010 Annual Meeting entitled "Increasing Productivity in Volunteer Organizations" in which we discuss techniques intended to get people to take on increasing levels of responsibility in an organization such as ours and why, for all our best interests, it is important. Patrick and I will be making that presentation to the Atlanta Area Section at the regular March Section meeting on March 16 and we encourage all of you to attend. We think we have an engaging presentation which will make you think some about your involvement in AACE International.

Secondly, after my service at the Association level as a regional director, a vice president, and then going "through the chairs" of president-elect, president, and past president, I have developed a strong insight into the importance of experience. I think it's invaluable for someone serving as a vice president to have also seen things from the perspective of a regional director. I think it's important for a president to have had the experience of having served as a vice president. Whether it was as vice president of regions, finance, administration, or technical/education/certification is relatively immaterial, as far as I'm concerned.

Others would say that someone running for the office of president without having served previously on the Association board of directors brings a new, fresh perspective to the volunteer leadership role of the Association.

Whether you agree with me or not, I value your thoughts. Our Section newsletter struggles monthly with not having much input from the membership. The March issue of the Atlanta Area Section Newsletter will be published in plenty of time for any of your opinions to be included and be read by many who may or may not vote in this year's election. Do you have an opinion? Please share it with us.

In any event, Hey! Vote! Voting is online and available to all members and associate members in good standing beginning February 1 and ending March 15, 2010.



January Section Meeting Draws a Crowd to Hear the Latest on Gypsum Sheathing and Insulation

A large audience attended the January Atlanta Area Section meeting on Tuesday, January 19 to hear John Hurst of Georgia Pacific talk about the latest in gypsum sheathing and insulation technology.

There have been a lot of changes in the technology since I entered the construction industry in the early 70s. Indeed, there has been a lot of change in the requirements as well. Paper-faced gypsum sheathing, both interior as well as exterior, were the norm then. However, with the increase in concerns over mold growth and other

moisture-related issues as well as the need for energy efficiency, new technologies have been in demand.

John's presentation focused on modern alternatives to cellulose-based (paper) facings which serve as nutrition to mold. Those alternatives include fiberglass mats instead of paper facings and treatment of gypsum cores with silicone to allow these sheathings to withstand incidental wetting during construction and in service during the life cycle. John also provided insight into finishing

characteristics of these modern products and discussed fire-resistance and other features as well.

He also provided information concerning Georgia Pacific's other gypsum-based products including roof decking able to resist moisture and fire as well as damage from foot traffic and hail and provided information on use of these products to meet LEED and other sustainable requirements.

Join us at the 2010 AACE International Annual Meeting at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis

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>

Special Feature—AACE Trivia

The answer to last issue's trivia question, "How many points will we receive for submitting the Atlanta Area Section entry in the Section Recognition Awards competition in time for it to be in headquarters by June 1, 2010?" is 25 points.

You could have found this answer on the Section Recognition Awards Entry Form on our Section website at <http://www.aaceiatlanta.com/links.html>.

Unfortunately, we received no entries to the January issue Trivia Contest and so, this month, we'll revise this section from a contest to be a repository of trivial but useful and interesting information.

Did you know...?

...AACE's certification program had its start in the early 1970s;

...For many years, the Certified Cost Consultant (CCC) and Certified Cost Engineer (CCE) were the two certifications offered;

...The two programs exist separately because many states limit the use of the term "engineer" to those who hold accredited bachelor (or more) degrees in engineering ;

...Otherwise the CCC and CCE certification programs are identical;

...AACE International now offers additional "specialty" certifications as follows:

- Planning & Scheduling Professional (PSP)
- Earned Value Professional (EVP)
- Certified Estimating Professional (CEP)

- Certified Cost Technician (CCT)
- Certified Forensic Claims Consultant (CFCC)

...AACE International has two new certification programs in development:

- Certified Portfolio, Program, and Project Manager (C3PM)
- A certification in risk management

...AACE International's certification programs are accredited by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB) as well as by the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC)

For more information on AACE International's certification

programs, please contact Lowry Rouse

(wmrouse@comcast.net) or visit www.aacei.org/certification.

This month we reformulate the Trivia Corner from a contest to a repository of trivial but useful and interesting information. Do you have a question you'd like to pose for answering in the Trivia Corner?

New Feature—Tech Corner

As discussed elsewhere in this issue, all members and associate members in good standing are invited to cast your votes online between February 1 and March 15, 2010 for officers and directors.

If you haven't yet reviewed the slate of candidates, refer to the January 2010 issue of Cost Engineering or go to <http://www.aacei.org/vote/>.

Atlanta Area Section members and associate members will be able to cast your votes for president-elect, vice president-finance, and vice president-regions. Our regional director, Asoka Pillai, is in the latter part of the first

year of his two year term as are the vice president-administration and vice president-technical, education, and certification.

You can access the same website between February 1 and March 15 to exercise your vote.

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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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