



January 2010 News Update

The Newsletter of the UpCountry South Carolina Section,
AACE International

President's Message

Members,

Well, we are off to a good start in 2010. Jacobs Engineering has requested that we meet at their building in February. I think it is significant that they "requested" us. It is nice to see companies realize the value of the local AACEI chapter and see it as a benefit to their employees. And, there are many benefits indeed. One of the areas AACEI champions is the promotion of standards within Project Controls. We have come a long way in helping to establish "standards" for the industry in the area of Project Controls. Our goal is that, no matter where you are in the world, the definitions of Project Controls terms will be the same. It also is our goal to increase the education level of all of our members. I believe companies such as Jacobs are realizing the benefit of seeing their Project Controls personnel as well as their Project Management personnel grow in their abilities and skill level. One of the most powerful things we offer is our certification program. We have two (possibly three) who will be sitting for the certification exams this coming July. It is not too late to register to take the exam in July. The exam will be hosted here in Greenville by our section on July 10, 2010. The early fee deadline is 4/27/10 (\$300 for members and \$450 for nonmembers). The regular (final) deadline for registration is 5/11/10 (\$350 for members and \$500 for nonmembers). Be sure to let me know if you decide to take the test in July so we can do everything we can to help you get prepared. We will continue with all these activities in our quest to benefit the world of Project Controls. I commend all of you in our section for helping us do our part to fulfill these goals so that more companies like Jacobs will recognize the value and benefit of the local AACEI section's activities.

Sincerely, Chris Swanson

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Section Announcements

Certification!!

AACEI offers 7 certifications.

1. Certified Cost Technician (CCT)
2. Certified Cost Consultant (CCC) / Certified Cost Engineer (CCE)
3. Planning and Scheduling Professional Certification (PSP)
4. Earned Value Professional Certification (EVP)
5. Certified Portfolio, Program & Project Management (C3PM)
6. Certified Forensic Claims Consultant (CFCC)
7. Certified Estimating Professional (CEP)

For descriptions and requirements regarding each of these certifications go to the AACEI web page (<http://www.aacei.org/certification/certExplained.shtml>).

In recognition for those Section members that have AACEI certifications, we will now have an Honors Roll. The following Section members hold certifications and can be considered Subject Matter Experts, available to help you if you have any questions.

HONORS ROLL

CCE / CCE	PSP	CEP	EVP
Chris Swanson	Donald McDonald	Robert Boyd	Doug Findley
Donald McDonald	Robert Boyd	Jeff Bannister	
Robert Boyd	Doug Findley	Walter Manning	
Doug Findley		Stan Ellzey	
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Please contact Chris Swanson (chris.swanson@fluor.com) if you have any questions or need assistance regarding any of the certifications or workshops mentioned above.

The next certification exams are currently scheduled for:

March 06, 2010 – Location of test in Greenville will be announced later

July 10, 2010 – Location of test in Greenville will be announced later

November 06, 2010 – Location of test in Greenville will be announced later

Deadline to sign up for a certification exam is 60 days prior to the above test dates



Continuing Education!!

Visit the AAACE Online Bookstore (<http://www.aacei.org/technical/ppg.shtml>) where you can order Professional Practice Guides, Recommended Practices and other AAACEI merchandise.

Note that the PSP Certification Study Guide (1st Edition) and the EVP Certification Study Guide (1st Edition) are now available. The Skills and Knowledge of Cost Engineering is now available "On-Line" at AAACEI's website.

AAACE International's 54th Annual Meeting!!

Make plans to attend the next AAACEI annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. It will be held from June 27th thru June 30th.

UpCountry South Carolina Section's Website!!

Please visit our web site that is being maintained by Becky Spencer. Becky continues to improve the website, including job postings. Feel free to provide feedback to Becky or Chris on comments/ideas that you believe would enhance the website.

<http://upcountry-aacei.org/welcome.html>

Section News!!

January's Section meeting was attended by 19 attendees, at Day & Zimmerman's Engineering office.

Chris Swanson, President, opened the meeting by talking about the Time Share Raffle. Tickets are \$20 and the raffle will be held in March. The goal is to sell 100 tickets and the money will be used for our scholarship fund. Our section plans on providing two scholarship awards, one for \$1500 (includes \$500 matching fund from AAACEI) and the second for \$500. The deadline is 15 February for full-time students to submit the competitive scholarship application.

Ken Keith has stepped down as Treasurer due to health reasons and Sharon Owens was introduced as the new Treasurer.

Our speaker for the February Meeting will be Richard Gerspacher. He was the Fluor Project Manager for the Newmont Coal Facility near Elko, Nevada. This project was selected as PMI's "Project of the Year" for 2009.



January 2010 UpCountry SC Section Dinner Meeting Recap

The Upcountry SC Section meeting was held on January 12, 2010 at the offices of Day & Zimmerman. Our guest speaker was John Dillewyn. John is a Quality Control/Assurance Director for the Fluor Power Business Group. He has a BS in Mechanical Engineering and has over 35 years of project management and quality assurance experience in the oil, Gas, Chemical and Power Industries. The title of his presentation was “Habitat for Humanity”.

John began volunteer work in Houston in the 90’s providing home repairs for the needy. In 2004, he relocated to the Greenville area and began volunteering in the Habitat for Humanity Program.

Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller (Feb 1935 – Feb 2009), along with his wife, Linda. Mr. Fuller was a graduate of Auburn University and the University of Alabama. By the age of 29, he had become a successful businessman and lawyer. This success came with a penalty. He had allowed his marriage to suffer and so in 1968, after giving up their wealth to refocus their lives on Christian service, Mr. Fuller and his wife moved with their children to an interracial farming community in southwest Georgia (Koinonia Farm). They lived there for five years until they decided to move to Zaire as missionaries in 1973. As missionaries, they tried a model plan that made housing available to the needy. With this experience, the family returned to the Koinonia Farm in 1976 and began building decent houses for low income families in their community. Since then, Habitat for Humanity has built over 350,000 homes in more than 90 countries. Every 21 minutes a Habitat Home is completed – worldwide.

Families apply and are selected based on level of need, their willingness to become partners in the program and their ability to repay the loan. The future homeowner contributes both time and money for the home. In Greenville, a down payment of \$500 plus 250 hours of service is required from the homeowner (with 150 hours coming from previous home build projects).

Greenville Habitat for Humanity is non-profit and coordinates all aspects of the home. In the last 16 years, Fluor has built 15 homes. The construction typically begins around Labor Day and is generally dedicated in mid December. An approximate weekend schedule follows:

- Week 1 – 3 days of framing, trusses, sheeting, roofing, decking
- Week 2 – 2 day week-end complete roofing
- Week 3 – Install doors, windows
- Week 4 – Complete siding, interior trim, etc.
- Week 5 – Interior paint
- Week 6 – Paint, punch list, etc.
- Week 7 – Complete punch list

Off for subcontractor to install cabinets and flooring

- Week 8 – Landscaping
- A month later – Dedication

It takes about 1300 to 1500 hours to build each house. The size of the family will determine whether the home will be 3 or 4 bedrooms. The houses are approximately 1200 square feet, with no garage, and a small storage shed. The electrical work is done by a licensed contractor.

Mr. Dillewyn provided a video and picture slide presentation of a home completed 2 years ago in Travelers Rest.

This concluded Mr. Dillewyn’s presentation. Chris Swanson then presented a plaque to Mr. Dillewyn, thanking him for his time and presentation.



2009/10 Meeting Schedule for AACE UpCountry SC Section

Description	Day of Week	Date(s)	Presenter & Topic
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	08 Sep 2009	Norm Powell, SRNS, Project Controls in the DOE, SRNS Site
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	13 Oct 2009	Eric Marcantoni, Fluor, Nuclear Power – Past & Future
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	10 Nov 2009	Robert Boyd, Fluor, Escalation; De-escalation; Inflation
UCSC Dinner Meeting	Saturday	12 Dec 2009	Social Dinner at Donald McDonald's house
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	12 Jan 2010	John Dillewyn, Fluor, Topic – Habitat for Humanity
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	09 Feb 2010	Richard Gerspacher, Fluor, Topic – Newmont – PMI's 2009 Project of the Year
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	09 Mar 2010	Larry Philbin, Santee Cooper, Topic – Risk-Based Modeling Approaches for Determining Current Liability for Future Asset Retirement Obligations
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	13 Apr 2010	TBD, Toastmasters Club, Topic – Communication and Leadership Skills
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	11 May 2010	Donald McDonald and TBD, Topic – DEBATE – Float Ownership and Contingency in Schedules