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President's Message

Members,

I thought it might be nice to revisit who and what is AACEI. At their website (<http://www.aacei.org/mbr/whoWeAre.shtml>) you will find that they are a 501(c)(3) non-profit professional educational association founded in 1956. This site also provides their Vision, Mission Statement, What is Cost Engineering and their Current Operations Plan. I have repeated below their Vision and Mission Statements. I suggest that if you haven't visited their website lately, please go there and explore it. At their website, you will find online courses that continue to expand and grow. They are offered to members and non-members at various fee amounts.

Vision: *To be the recognized technical authority in cost and schedule management for programs, projects, products, assets, and services.*

Mission: *The members of AACE enable organizations around the world to achieve their investment expectations by managing and controlling projects, programs, and portfolios; we create value by advancing technical knowledge and professional development.*

As a local section representing this world wide organization, it is our goal to have the same Vision and Mission. An additional goal is to grow and become the association of choice for project control and estimating professionals. I encourage you to provide feedback to us if you feel that we are lacking in providing you with the service you expect from a professional society.

Sincerely, Bob Boyd

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Section Announcements

Certification!!

AAACEI offers 6 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 Forensic Claims Consultant (CFCC)
6. Certified Estimating Professional (CEP)

For descriptions and requirements regarding each of these certifications go to the AAACEI web page (<http://www.aacei.org/certification/certExplained.shtml>). And for educational literature to help you with these exams, 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.

In recognition for those Section members that have AAACEI 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	Eric Marcantoni
Robert Boyd	Doug Findley	Walter Manning	
Doug Findley		Stan Ellzey	
Becky Spencer			
Glen Joseph Colaco			
CFCC			
Doug Findley			

Please contact Stan Ellzey (stanellzey@charter.net) if you have any questions or need assistance regarding any of the certifications or workshops mentioned above.

The next certification exam is currently scheduled for:
 December 10, 2011 – Location of test is Greenville, SC
 March 3, 2012 – Location of test is Atlanta, Ga.

Deadline to sign up for a certification exam is 60 days prior to the above test dates. If you want to take the test in Greenville, please contact one of our officers or our Certification chairperson.



AAACEI Certification Hints and Other Educational Tidbits!!

The question for October's meeting is:

Which of the following types of calculations results in the Cost Performance Index (CPI) for a project?

1. ACWP - BCWS
2. BCWP / ACWP
3. ACWP / BCWP
4. ACWP / BCWS

AAACE International's Meetings and Conferences!!

Make plans to attend AAACEI's Leadership Conference in Houston, Texas on November 12, 2012. This conference is being sponsored by the Diversity Task Force, Women in Project Controls Committee, Young Professionals Committee and Mentoring Advisory Committee. Please go to the AAACEI website for more information.

It's not too early to begin thinking about making plans to attend AAACEI's 56th annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas. The theme of this conference is "A Fiesta for Total Cost Management". It will be held from July 8th thru July 11th. Registration begins in 2012. Watch AAACEI's website for updates.

UpCountry South Carolina Section's Website!!

Please visit our web site that is being maintained by Becky Spencer. It contains some job postings for those of you that are unemployed. Feel free to provide feedback to Becky or Bob Boyd on comments/ideas that you believe would enhance the website.

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

Section News!!

September's meeting had about 10 people in attendance. No announcements were made at the meeting.

Our next meeting on October 10th will be an informative presentation by Mark Spencer on transitioning from an EPC company to an Owner's organization. Mark will also discuss the Owners' perspective, specifically an independent power producer with a private equity fund



September 2011 UpCountry SC Section Dinner Meeting Recap

The UpCountry SC Section meeting was held on September 13, 2011 at Jacob's office with 12 attendees. Our guest speakers for the evening were Pat McKenzie – SCDOT, Christel Allen – A2 Consulting, LLC and Landon Ivie – Lane Construction.

Patrick Mckenzie, SCDOT project manager started the presentation by describing some of the specific of the I-385 Widening Project. He indicated the project is a design-build bid which has the advantages of overlapping activities to accelerate the project and take advantage of the ARRA project. ARRA stands for American Recovery & Reconstruction Act, a government funded program. This project is the largest ARRA project in SC. Total costs is \$65 million. SCDOT, the owner of the project, also owns approximately 62% of all roads in SC.

Lane Construction Corporation is the contractor for the project. You can find more information about current status, updates on their website <http://www.scdot.org/inside/I-385/>.

SCDOT plan is to widened five miles of I-385 to six lanes and rehabilitate two miles of existing pavement from Smith Hines Road to Roper Mountain Road. They will also widen dual bridges at exit 30 and 31. Lane Construction will install approximately 24,800 linear feet of drain pipes.

Landon Ivie, quality control representative, gave a presentation on Lane Construction who has been operating for over 120 years and over \$1 billion annual revenue. They are self-performing all of the work and estimated the project would require 745 calendar days to complete. Stage one is complete and they are currently working on stage 2 and stage 3. The estimate to complete date is October 24th, 2012 and each day the project is delayed, Lane Construction will lose \$20,000 per day. Landon stated they are on schedule, even though they were delayed two months in the beginning due to weather. The company's greatest key factor was the implementation of an innovative approach by using a median access ramp. He stated constructing the median access ramp has saved in costs and provides better safety to the general public. They use a concrete paver that can pore widths of 12' to 39' and they are also self-performing all of the work.

Christel Allen with A2 Consulting presented how they have been involved in keeping the community aware and up to date of the status of the project. They had a public informative meeting on 11-4-10 with 30 attendants and the Greenville news media. She sends out public press releases to Greenville news, local legislators, school superintendents, EMS, Fire departments, etc. to provide information on the process of construction. They have currently given three public meetings to date. They also have a website which is updated the 15th of each month including updated photos, accomplishments, and upcoming work. Christel also stated they have a face book page which is also updated every Wednesday to allow the general public access to up to date progress of the I-385 project. Visit <http://www.facebook.com/I385Widening>.

This concluded the presentation for the evening. A copy of the presentation is available upon request to Eric Marcantoni.



2010/11 Meeting Schedule for AACE UpCountry SC Section

Description	Day of Week	Date(s)	Presenter & Topic
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	14 Sep 2010	Cancelled
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	12 Oct 2010	Bob Boyd, Fluor, Nuclear New Build Challenges
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	09 Nov 2010	Bob Boyd, Fluor, Small Modular Nuclear Reactors
UCSC Dinner Meeting	Saturday	14 Dec 2010	Cancelled
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	11 Jan 2011	Cancelled due to Weather Conditions
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	08 Feb 2011	Eric Marcantoni, Fluor, Certification Testimonials
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	08 Mar 2011	Edward Storer, Financial Planner
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	12 Apr 2011	Cancelled
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	10 May 2011	Dan Springer, Fluor Mega Project Challenges – Nuclear PP
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	14 June 2011	Ward Lambert – Harper, Lambert & Brown What a Lawyer Wants in an Expert
UCSC Social Meeting	2 nd Thursday	14 July 2011	Ball Game Drive vs. BlueClaws
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	09 Aug 2011	Speaker – Bob Boyd Solar Power – Solar PV Plants
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	13 Sep 2011	Christel Allen – A ² Consulting, LLC I-385 SCDOT Project
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Monday	10 Oct 2011	Mark Spencer Topic – An Owner’s Perspective
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	08 Nov 2011	Future Tour of BMW’s International Center for Automotive Research (ICAR) ??
UCSC Social Meeting ??	2 nd Tuesday	13 Dec 2011	Social Gathering ??
			Donald McDonald Panel Discussion
			Future Joint Meeting with NCMA is being discussed with Mike Criss
			Future Presentation on How to Prepare for the CCE exam