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News Update

The Newsletter of the UpCountry South Carolina Section,
AACE International

President's Message

Members,

What Does 2013 Have in Store for You?

We made it to 2013, can you believe it? It is not unusual at the beginning of each year to hear about all those New Years resolutions. So much has happened over the past few years that have affected each of us in some way...and now is a good time to think about what lies ahead as well. I want to use this idea as a springboard to encourage each of you to think forward and use the lessons of the past in that process. For example, we are all in some way, at some point in our lives, at a place that reflects all the decisions we have made to date...and the consequences of those decisions, both welcome and unwelcome. Some of the decisions made by others, whether it is your spouse, friends, co-workers, employer, local officials, or larger US government have also affected to some degree the circumstances of our lives. So with that said, then what can each of us do to affect things going forward? Knowing that we play a large role in our future (using our past as a model), how can we each influence a positive and prosperous future, things we all want and desire?

What I am getting at is planning and influencing our future, rather than being impacted by decision made by others. Now is a great time to think about 2013 and begin laying the foundation for a successful year, both personally and professionally. One way to improve our lives is to be actively involved with things that matter, things that can make a difference in our lives and the lives of others. As this year's President of our local Upcountry Section of AACEI, I can tell you that being involved in AACEI is one way to help yourself and your colleagues professionally while growing personally as well.

Things are tough out there, many of our own friends are struggling to find employment and others are concerned about the job they have. Anything that makes you more employable, strengthens your skill set and exposes you to others in your field is a good thing, in my mind. Again, now might be a good time to come see what AACEI has to offer. Each month we hold a simple dinner meeting and bring in

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presenters that can share relevant topics of interest to our group. In February at our monthly Section meeting we will have the President of AACE International, Mrs. Marlene Hyde, as our presenter. I expect that she will expose us to many of the things AACEI is doing to enhance our profession, and ways that you can benefit from being part of what is going on.

I anticipate a great 2013 for our Section and encourage you to be part of it. Please plan to join us.

Regards, Eric Marcantoni

Section Announcements

Certification!!

AACEI offers 6 certifications and the 7th certification was Beta tested in December.

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)
- 7. Decision & Risk Management Professional (DRMP) Certification (NEW)**

For descriptions and requirements regarding each of the above certifications, go to the AACEI web page (<http://www.aacei.org/educ/cert>). And for educational literature to help you with these exams, visit the AACE Online Bookstore (<http://www.aacei.org/technical/ppg.shtml>) where you can order Professional Practice Guides, Recommended Practices and other AACEI merchandise.

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

<i>CCE / CCC</i>	<i>PSP</i>	<i>CEP</i>	<i>EVP</i>
Chris Swanson	Donald McDonald	Robert Boyd	Doug Findley
Donald McDonald	Robert Boyd	Jeff Bannister	Eric Marcantoni
Robert Boyd	Doug Findley	Stan Ellzey	
Doug Findley			
Becky Spencer			
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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.

And with the recently released CBT program, testing can occur whenever it is convenient for you. Just visit the AAACEI website and follow the links to register and schedule your date for the exam. The test location for Greenville, SC is at:

Greenville Technical College Distance Edu TC
506 South Pleasantburg Drive, Building 112, Room 350
Dental Technology Building
Greenville, South Carolina
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AAACE International Announces Two Webinars on Earned Value Management

AAACE International will be sponsoring two webinars on earned value management in the first quarter of 2013. There is no charge for the webinars but they do require advanced registration to participate and space is limited.

The first webinar entitled “**The [Whole] Truth about ANSI-compliant EVMS**” will be held on February 12 at Noon EST. The presenter will be Michael R. Nosbisch CCC PSP of Project, Time and Cost, Inc. In describing his presentation, Nosbisch observes, “Over the past several years, there have been multiple presentations by government agency representatives and consultants alike that have characterized an earned value management system (EVMS) that complies with the ANSI/EIA 748(B) Standard as simply “good project management,” and as such should not be that difficult for most successful government contractors to implement. It is true that the basic concepts and principles of EVM can absolutely be likened to sound project management.

The second webinar entitled “**Techniques for Choosing and Implementing the Most Appropriate Earned Value Technique for Objective Performance Measurement**” will be held on March 21 at 11:00 AM EST. The presenters for this 75-minute webinar will be Kimberly Meyer, EVP, and Kimberly Hunter, EVP.

More detailed information on the webinar including an expanded description and biography of the presenter is available at the AAACEI website.

AAACE's Online Learning Opportunities

The Online Learning Center features modules based upon actual technical presentations captured at our Annual Meetings. Each recorded unit includes a live audio recording of the speaker synchronized to the slides accompanying the presentation. Each unit includes the technical paper associated with the presentation, and a downloadable audio-only version that you may play on your mobile device or iPad. Completion of each unit earns 0.1 AAACE recertification credits (i.e. 0.1 CEUs). An electronic certificate of completion will be attached to your profile.

Go here for more information on AAACE's Online Learning Center: <http://www.aacei.org/resources/olc/>



CNN Money Cites Cost Engineering Among Top 100 Jobs in America

CNN Money, a website formed by CNN, Money and Fortune magazines, has released its 2012 report on the Top 100 Jobs in America. Jobs are ranked based upon compensation, increased demand and growth potential, perceived working condition factors such as stress, flexibility and benefit to society. Among the Top 100 jobs, according to these three news agencies were six job categories with significant representation from among AACE International members. The job categories are:

Position	Meridian Pay in US Dollars	Top Pay in US Dollars	10-Year Job Growth	Total Jobs*
#17 Construction Estimator	68,800	97,700	36.4%	185,400
#30 Civil Engineer	74,700	107,000	19.4%	262,800
#39 Pricing Analyst	57,700	83,400	41.2%	282,700
#56 Electrical Estimator	68,800	106,000	36.4%	185,400
#66 Constr. Project Engineer	67,800	94,300	19.4%	262,800
#75 Cost Engineer	96,500	143,000	36.4%	185,400

Additional information about the CNN Money list can be reviewed online at:

<http://money.cnn.com/pf/best-jobs/2012/snapshots/75.html>.

“The CNN Money study confirms that the practice of total cost management will be an attractive career choice for the foreseeable future. While this report only reflects the United States market, it is consistent with global trends toward a growing appreciation of the value added that total cost management practitioners bring to the marketplace in both the public and private sector,” commented AACE International Executive Director Dennis G. Stork.

AACE International’s Meetings and Conferences!!

Start planning to attend AACEI’s 57th annual meeting in Washington, DC. Early registration ends June 7th. The theme of this conference is “TCM Blossoms in DC”. Dr. Benjamin Carson will be the keynote speaker. It will be held from July 1st thru July 3rd. See information at AACEI’s website.

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 Eric Marcantoni on comments/ideas that you believe would enhance the website.

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



January 2013 UpCountry SC Section Meeting Recap

The AACE Upcountry South Carolina Section held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the Jacobs Engineering office. There were eleven attendees representing seven different companies. Janna Mullinax introduced Mr. Jay Toadvine as our guest speaker. Mr. Toadvine is an Executive Director with Fluor's Power Group and leads the Transmission & Distribution Business Line. He has been with Fluor for over 26 years, working in Project Management and Design Engineering.

Mr. Toadvine's presentation was on US Transmission Line Activity. Fluor has been in the Transmission & Distribution industry for about 2 years. The market has lot of potential opportunities. Potential projects under contract over the next 2 years range around \$15 billion per year, or about 5,000 miles per year. It could peak in 2015 with about \$30 billion and 10,000 miles before decreasing.

A key driver for new transmission lines is the fact that 70% of existing T/L's are older than 25 years. Switchyards will also have to be replaced in the next 15 to 20 years.

It takes 10 to 15 years to build a T/L. Typical delay barriers include routing approval, permit process, environmental issues and who pays for it. Fluor is currently working with Clean Line Energy Partners. The route of their T/L will cross over Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee. Their design uses monopole structures and High Voltage Direct Current transmission lines which is less expensive and more efficient than previous designs. It also requires a smaller footprint and has improved reliability. They are expecting to get their permit in 2014 and achieve commercial operation in 2017.

This concluded their presentation and Bob Boyd presented a plaque certificate to Jay, thanking him for his time and informative presentation.

Jay Toadvine & Bob Boyd





2012/13 Meeting Schedule for AAACE UpCountry SC Section

<i>Description</i>	<i>Day of Week</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Presenter & Topic</i>
UCSC Dinner Meeting	3 rd Thursday	21 June 2012	Drive Baseball Game Greenville Drive vs. Charleston River Dogs
UCSC Social Meeting	3 rd Tuesday	17 July 2012	Cancelled
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	14 Aug 2012	David Neale – Fluor Project Set-up
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	11 Sep 2012	R Boyd/E Marcantoni – Fluor AAACE Conference Presentations
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	09 Oct 2012	Bert Stuck – GE The Science of Testing: Designing Facilities
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	13 Nov 2012	Greg Garvey & Bob Novak – Fluor Set-up & Health Check Process
UCSC Social Meeting	Na	Dec 2012	Social Gathering (cancelled)
UCSC Dinner Meeting	3 rd Tuesday	15 Jan 2013	Jay Toadvine
UCSC Social Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	12 Feb 2013	Marlene Hyde
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	12 Mar 2013	Jeff Bannister – Working in Mongolia
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	09 Apr 2013	TBD
UCSC Dinner Meeting	2 nd Tuesday	14 May 2013	TBD
UCSC Social Meeting	2 nd Thursday	11 Jun 2013	TBD
UCSC Dinner Meeting	TBD	TBD	Tour of GE’s Facility
UCSC Dinner Meeting	TBD	TBD	Future Presentation on How to Prepare for the CCE exam
USC Dinner Meeting	TBD	TBD	Laurens Electric – O&M and Outage Planning