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News Update

The Newsletter of the UpCountry South Carolina Section,
AACE International

President's Message

Members,

The 100th Monkey...A Story About Change

Many of us...maybe all of us, have had to deal with changes in our work, home and social lives. Change is not always easy nor is it accepted readily.

On an island somewhere in the pacific there were a large number of monkeys foraging for a limited supply of food. The norm for the monkeys was for them to eat green vegetation and insects. The dominant monkeys had enough to eat, but many of the other monkeys were beginning to get hungry because there was not enough vegetation and insects to feed them all plentifully. One day a coconut fell from a tree and landed on a rock, busting open. One of the monkeys observed this and went over and noticed that the inside of the coconut had something in it. He smelled it and then tasted it and decided that it was good, so he consumed the coconut inside. All the other monkeys wailed and shunned the 1st monkey because he was not acting in accordance with the "norm". Undeterred, the 1st monkey continued to eat coconut and he became very healthy and large. Soon, another monkey saw the results gained by the 1st monkey and decided that he would also eat coconut. All the other monkeys shunned the two coconut eaters. But eventually, because of the scarcity of food, and because the two monkeys who were eating coconuts were getting bigger and stronger, others joined the two monkeys. This continued until the hundredth monkey joined in and began eating coconut. At that point, eating coconut became the new norm and all the monkeys ate vegetation, insects and coconut.

Change! The word change has significance in that it causes us to have to accommodate something outside our "norm" and it usually comes with some resistance. Persevere through it.

If you are trying to champion change in your organization, expect resistance. In some cases, expect to be criticized and shunned. But if you can show the benefits of the change, and if you stick with it, eventually others will join you...until the hundredth monkey joins in. At

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that point a new norm will have been instituted.

If you are affected by change, give it a good look. Don't just reject it because it is not what you are comfortable with. There may be something really good hidden inside.

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>
Firas Al-Damook	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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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
United States 29607

AAACEI NEWS

AAACE Elections

Voting Is February 1 - March 15 (at 4 PM Eastern US Time)

Members eligible to vote in the AAACE Elections should login to the **election area of the website** using their six digit AAACE Membership number - from there you will find candidate bios and goals, information on pending AAACE Constitution and Bylaws Amendments, as well as your ballot. If your assigned member number is fewer than six digits, add one or two zeros in front of your number to make the required six digits. Otherwise you will get a message indicating that no ballots are available for your use in voting.

Candidates, members, and sections are prohibited by AAACE and election rules from campaigning for the election for or against any candidate, or a slate of candidates.

Only one candidate will be elected to each Board office.

Candidates Include:

- President-Elect: **Martin Darley, CCC** and **Madhu Pillai, CCC**
- Vice President-Administration: **Nick Kellar, CCC EVP PSP** and **Earl J. "Trey" Seabrook, CCC**
- Vice President-T/E/C: **Pete Griesmyer** and **Donald F. McDonald, CCE PSP FAACE**

While all eligible members will vote for those three offices, members who resided in Region 3, 5, 6, and 8 as of December 31, 2012, will vote for a Director-Region for their respective region. Members residing in Regions 1, 2, 4, 7, and 9 will not vote on Director-Region candidates until the next election.

Regional Candidates Include:

- Director-Region 3: **Mark Cundiff, PSP**
- Director-Region 5: **Logan Anjaneyulu, CCE CEP PSP** and **David Norfleet, CCC CFCC**
- Director-Region 6: **John Haynes, PSP** and **Aniekan Usoro, CCE**
- Director-Region 8: **Asoka Pillai, CCE EVP FAACE**



About the Election:

VoteNet Solutions will be the independent outside entity providing the electronic ballots, but all ballots will be accessed from AAACE's website. Eligible voters were given access to the online ballots beginning at 12:01 a.m. on February 1, and voting will end at midnight (Eastern Standard Time) on March 15.

The AAACE Constitution and Bylaws provides for dues paid members to have the privilege of voting. Associate members do not get to vote on the Constitution and Bylaws amendments but can vote for candidates for office. Student members do not have voting privileges. All eligible voters are urged to participate and cast votes.

Anyone with election questions, or who encounters any problems in trying to vote, needs to email **headquarters** with a brief explanation of the question/problem. The editor/election clerk or another headquarters staff member will email the member back. An attempt is made to reply the same business day during the work week, or no later than the next business day.

AAACE Webinar Register for the Webinar at No Charge

AAACE International will offer a webinar entitled “**Techniques for Choosing and Implementing the Most Appropriate Earned Value Technique for Objective Performance Measurement**” March 21 at 11:00 AM Eastern Standard Time. The presenters for the 75-minute webinar will be Kimberly Meyer, EVP, and Kimberly Hunter, EVP. Additional details on the webinar, including a detailed abstract and biographical information on the presenters, are available at AAACEI's website.

AAACE Awards Calling All Members to Do Your Part!

With the 2013 Annual Meeting just around the corner, now is the time for you, as a Section, to do your part and help AAACE recognize deserving individuals.

Charles V. Keane Distinguished Service Award

This award is given by AAACE to recognize an individual member for their outstanding service to an AAACE Section. **Applications** for this award should be submitted to the **AAACE Past President**. Applications are due no later than April 1, 2013.

Outstanding Woman in Project Controls Award

This award is given by AAACE's Women in Project Controls Committee to honor a female who has overcome obstacles pursuing the career or project controls and who has made a significant contribution to the profession. Applications for this award should be submitted to **Jennie Amos**. Applications are due no later than March 31, 2013.



AACE Upcountry South Carolina Section

Clemson, Greenville, Spartanburg & Surrounding Areas



Outstanding Young Professional Award

This award is given by AACE's Young Professionals Committee to honor a young professional and who has made a significant contribution to the profession. Applications for this award should be submitted to **Jennie Amos**. Applications are due no later than March 31, 2013.

Technical Excellence Award

This award is given by AACE's Technical Board to recognize outstanding technical contributions to AACE. Recommendations for this award should be submitted to the **Chair of the Technical Board**. Recommendations are due no later than March 31, 2013.

Brian D. Dunfield Educational Service Award

This award is given by AACE's Education Board to recognize educational teaching achievements over an extended period of time by an individual. Nominations for this award should be submitted to Charla Miller. Nominations are due no later than March 31, 2013.

TCM Excellence

This award is given by AACE to recognize an individual member for exemplary current service and contribution to AACE. Applications for this award should be submitted to the **AACE Past President**. Applications are due no later than April 1, 2013.

AACE Fellows

This membership grade honor is given by approval of the AACE International Board of Directors to those individuals who have served AACE for a minimum of 10 consecutive years and actively participated and rendered distinguished service. Nominations for this award should be submitted to the Vice President-Administration. Applications are taken year-round, but in order to be considered for recognition at the 2013 Annual Meeting, must be submitted by April 1, 2013.

Honorary Life Members

This membership grade honor is given by unanimous approval of the AACE International Board of Directors to those individuals who have served AACE for a minimum of 15 consecutive years and actively participated and rendered distinguished service. **Applications** for this award should be submitted to the **AACE Past President**. Applications are due no by April 1, 2013.

Award of Merit

This is the highest award AACE bestows on an individual to recognize outstanding contribution or service to the total cost management profession or to the public as a whole. **Applications** for this award should be submitted to the **AACE Past President**. Applications are due by April 1, 2013.

Industrial Appreciation

This award is given by AACE to recognize a company or organization that has rendered exceptional support to the total cost management profession and to AACE's aims and objectives. **Applications** for this award should be submitted to the **AACE Past President**. Applications are due by April 1, 2013.



Online Learning Opportunities

Need Recertification Credits? Here Is an Opportunity For You

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 AACE recertification credits (i.e. 0.1 CEUs). An electronic certificate of completion will be attached to your profile.

Go to AACE's website for more information on **AACE's Online Learning Center**.

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" and it will focus on Government. Dr. Benjamin Carson, Sr. MD, recipient of the highest civilian honor awarded by the President of the United States, will be the motivational keynote speaker at the 2013 Annual Meeting. It will be held from July 1st thru July 3rd. See information at AACEI's website.

The 2014 annual meeting will be held in New Orleans and will focus on Energy and Petroleum. The 2015 annual meeting will be held in Las Vegas and will focus on Mining.

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>

February 2013 UpCountry SC Section Meeting Recap

The AACE Upcountry South Carolina Section held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at the Jacobs Engineering office in Greenville.

There were eighteen attendees representing seven different companies. Eric Marcantoni introduced our speaker for the evening, Marlene Hyde, president of AACE International.

Marlene works for CH2M Hill and is also an independent consultant on Department of Homeland Security and DOE contracts. She has over 35 years' experience in project and construction management, cost engineering, scheduling and project controls.



Presentation

“State of the Association”

Marlene opened the presentation with a brief discussion on the background and formation of AACEI which was founded in 1956. As of today they have a total of nine regions with four being international. The international regions comprise of 40% of the total membership. Since 2005, membership has seen a growth of 60% from about 5,000 members to 8,000 members. Marlene believes the mentoring programs have made an impact on their increased membership by having more of a diverse task force such as: women in project controls, young professional's task force

AACEI Goals for 2013 Consists of:

1. Emphasis on webinars (First webinar was broadcasted February 21 and next schedule webinar is scheduled for March 21.
2. International emphasis (Growing Task Forces)
3. Rolling out estimating and DRMP study guides.

AACEI Recent Achievements:

1. New Source bimonthly digital publication focuses on association activities. The Source is published in even numbered months, while the cost journal is published on odd number of months for a total of six publications each.
2. Online learning center launched September 2012.
3. Three seminars in a box are currently available to all sections.
4. The DRMP exam is expected to be released in 2013.

Marlene Hyde & Eric Marcantoni



The 2013 Annual Meeting will be held June 30 thru July 3, 2013 at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, DC. This is a great opportunity to network and earn CEUs.

Marlene concluded the presentation by asking from feedback from the attendees. This concluded the presentation and Eric Marcantoni presented Marlene a plaque certificate in appreciation of her time and informative presentation.



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