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### Mark your Calendars:

<u>UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA</u> SECTION MEETINGS

4/28/2011 – Combined meeting with the American Nuclear Society-SR William Ellie Daniel, Plant Vogtle 5/26/2011 – Fred Humes, Economic Development Partnership

#### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5/1/2011 – Deadline for AACEI Members to vote for the new 2011-2012 Board of Directors.

5/20/2011 – PSP Certification Workshop – Augusta State University

#### **Additional Certification Exams**

5/14/2011 – Exam - Augusta State University

8/29/2011 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam 9/13/2011 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam 11/12/2011 – Exam - Augusta State University

6/19/2011 Thru 6/22/2011 – The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA

9/8/2011 – Central Savannah River Area College Night – James Brown Arena



Join us at the next
AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting
April 28, 2011



### William Ellie Daniel, Plant Vogtle

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### **Members & Friends Spotlight**





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### President's Corner



Kathy Roberson AACEI-CSRA Section President

Spring is here. The days are warm. Another Master's Tournament is in the history books. Is it Global Warming? Is it Global Cooling?

How Cold was it? It was so cold ....

And so what was the winter of 1709-08 like?

Wikipedia reports the following:

Chickens' combs froze solid and fell off.

Major bodies of water like lakes, rivers and the Baltic sea froze solid or froze over. Soil froze to a depth of a meter.

Trees exploded from the extreme cold.

Fish froze in rivers, game died in the fields, and small birds died by the millions.

Herbs and exotic fruit trees died, as did hardy oak and ash trees.

The wheat crop failed.

People went to bed and woke to find their nightcaps frozen to the bedstead.

Bread froze so hard it took an axe to cut it.

There several dinner meetings left before the summer break. We hope to see you there to hear some interesting speakers, enjoy a good meal and see some friends.

#### **2011-2012 Board of Directors**

The Nomination Committee is presenting the roster for the 2011-2012 AACEI-CSRA Board.

Members of the CSRA section of AACE-I are asked to vote by May 1st.

See page 6 for more details.

#### **AACEI-CSRA Board of Directors**

<u>President</u>
Kathlene M. Roberson, EVP

<u>Director - Memberships</u> Gary Bunker, CCC

<u>Director - Programs</u> Laurel H. Wilson <u>Director – Education &</u> <u>Certification</u>

James E. Hammond, EVP

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Myron Berry, CCC, PMP

<u>Director - Marketing</u> Joseph H. Knick, PE, EVP, PMP <u>Director -</u> <u>Communications</u> Stephen M. Gross, EVP

<u>Past President</u> Ronny R. McIver, CCC, EVP

Fellow & Director, Region 3

AACE International

Asoka K. Pillai, CCE, EVP

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AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting April 28th, 2011

The American Nuclear Society of the Savannah River area (ANS-SR) will join us for the monthly dinner meeting.

Please RSVP by COB 4/25/11 to either: Laurel H. Wilson, 208-0656, laurel.wilson@srs.gov or Kathy Roberson, 952-6207, kathlene.roberson@srs.gov

5:45 p.m. Registration and Networking 6:30 p.m. Dinner and Program Cost: Members \$15 per person Non-Members \$20 per person Guests/Spouses are welcome



William Ellie Daniel, Plant Vogtle
Communications Supervisor
Vogtle Visitors Center
Southern Nuclear Public Affairs

Location:

North Augusta Community Center 495 Brookside Ave. North Augusta, SC

31 years of experience in the nuclear construction and operations area with most of career spent in public affairs at Plant Vogtle.

Previous work experience: Also worked at Plant Hatch near Baxley, Ga. and Plant Scherer near Macon, Ga.

Graduate of Augusta State University with a Bachelors of Business Administration degree with a major in Management (1982).

Family: Denise is a Realtor with Keller Williams and two daughters: Heather, Graduate of the University of Georgia and Ashlyn, Senior at Greenbrier High School

Enjoy jet skiing at Thurmond Lake, golf and tennis.



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# AACEI-CSRA Section is offering the PSP Workshop this Spring:

May 20th, 2011

Planning & Scheduling Professional (PSP)

Certification Workshop

Augusta State University
Augusta, Georgia
Instructors: Donald McDonald, PE, CCE, PSP
Christopher M. Epps, PSP
Asoka Pillai, CCE, EVP

(Reserve your seat by May 12th, 2011)

The objective of the workshop is to improve Cost Engineering Skills and enable Professional Development in Planning and Scheduling. This workshop will also help candidates to prepare for the Planning & Scheduling Professional (PSP) certification examination offered by AACE-I. This course is intended for any one in the field of project management, project engineering, cost, planning, scheduling, finance, estimating or other project control related work. AACE-I has been retained by many organizations for the cost engineering / project management support including DOE-HQ for their Cost Engineering Guide support.

The cost of each workshop is \$395.00 per person. The training workshop is co-sponsored by Augusta State University. A Continuing education unit, 0.8 CEU, will be awarded by ASU and attendees will receive a certificate from ASU. The cost includes course handouts, breakfast, lunch, and an Augusta State University (ASU) parking decal.

Remit payment (checks only) to: AACE International, CSRA Section PO Box 749 Jackson, SC 29831-9998

- Note: The workshop is authorized by SRS Site Training, and payment for SRS employees is possible with:
- a) Management approval by completing and routing an Electronic Offsite Event Request (OER) through Lotus Notes (Sitewide Apps) and
- b) Forwarding a <u>hard copy</u> of the approved OER and the Class Flyer to:

  SRNS Accounts Payable (Jonell Obryant).

  SRR Accounts Payable (Erin Booth or Matthew Soule), 704-66S, Room 15.

For Reservations:

Jim Hammond, EVP; (803)215-5416, email: <a href="mailto:jhammd@gmail.com">jhammd@gmail.com</a>

Kathlene Roberson, EVP; (803)952-6207, email: kathlene.roberson@srs.gov



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## AACE International's 55th Annual Meeting TCM: Imagine the Possibilities!

at the Disneyland Hotel Anaheim, CA Sunday, June 19, 2011 thru

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity to network with your peers, earn CEUs/PDHs and attend the latest papers on cost, schedule and management



# Keynote Speaker Sherron Watkins- Enron Whistleblower

Sherron Watkins is the former Vice President of Enron Corporation who, in August 2001, alerted then-CEO Ken Lay to accounting irregularities within the company, warning him that Enron "might implode in a wave of accounting scandals." Lauded in the press for her courageous actions, *Time* magazine named her as one of their 2002 "Persons of the Year for believing-really believing-that the truth is one thing that must not be moved off the books, and for stepping in to make sure that it wasn't."

# Salary and Demographic Survey of Project and Cost Professionals - Results Now Available

Each year, AACE conducts a <u>Salary and Demography Survey of Project and Cost</u>

<u>Professionals</u>. In 2010, approximately 1,300 people participated in this survey.

The survey shows an increase in salary for all project and cost management professionals employed on a full time basis. The survey shows the salary compared to the job function, years experience, gender, and many more break downs.

Access to the <u>Salary and Demographic Survey</u> is complimentary for AACE members.

Go to the AACE-International Web site. Click on Professional Resources, then Salary Survey.

You will need your AACE-I user name and password.

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The Nomination Committee requests that **members** of the CSRA section of AACE-I vote for a candidate for the following positions for the new 2011-2012 Board of Directors.

President – Kathlene M. Roberson, EVP
Vice-President – Asoka K. Pillai, CCE, EVP
Past President – Ronny McIver, CCC, EVP
Director of Programs – Laurel H. Wilson
Director of Education – James E. Hammond, EVP
Assistant Director of Education – Scott Macklin, CCC
Director of Membership – Gary Bunker, CCC
Director of Marketing – Blake Waller
Treasure – Myron Berry, CCC, PMP
Director of Communications – Stephen M. Gross, EVP
Web Master – Sarah Mazul

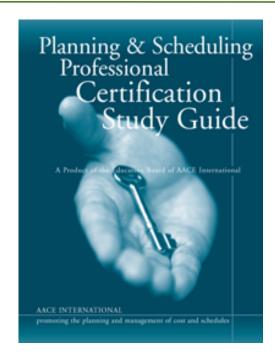
To vote – send an email to the Nomination Committee by May 1<sup>st</sup>:

Joe Knick – <u>joseph.knick@srs.gov</u> or Robert May – robert.may@srs.gov

### PSP Certification Study Guide, 1st Edition

# by Peter W. Griesmyer, Editor AACE International, 2008

This study guide is intended to assist you in your study and review of the overall topics as one step toward successful Planning and Scheduling Professional certification. The outline provides a listing of the terms you should know & topics for which you should have a good understanding of how to apply the concepts to solve problems. Each chapter also contains sample exercises, which test your knowledge of that chapter's concepts. Additional sample questions are provided in an appendix. Price: Member Price \$65.00, Non-Member Price \$95.00





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## Highlights from the March Dinner Meeting

#### **Snapple Facts Says:**

#22 Alaska has the highest percentage of people who walk to work.
#23 The San Francisco cable cars are the only mobile national monument.
#24 The state of Maine has 62 lighthouses.

Aiken County has Elliott Levy

According to Wikipedia, in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Aiken served as a winter playground for many of the country's wealthiest families such as the Vanderbilts, Bostwicks, and the Whitneys.

Tourism accounts for about \$192 Billion per year of revenue around the country. About two thirds of that tourism is due to an interest in Heritage. Here in the Aiken area we certainly have our share of interesting heritage.

When you think back at all the years you spent in school right through high school and college, many people can remember one or two teachers that really made that class come alive and made the class interesting. **Elliott Levy**, the curator of the Aiken County Historical Museum made the history of the area come alive for us.

It's one thing to read in Wikipedia that Dwight Filley Davis, (founder of the Davis Cup in tennis), Lee Atwater, Andy Williams, Winston Churchill and many of the best jazz musicians stayed here. It's a horse of a different color to hear Elliot spend a few minutes describing what it was like at the time, what was going on and how events effected the area.

There's the story of how Fred Astair used to go the the old Aiken Post Office to pick up his mail. As the story goes, he used to dance his way up the stairs, get his mail, and dance his way back down. But you should have heard Elliott tell it.

Another story is about the Hitchcock family who left a huge impression on the area. Tommy Hitchcock Jr. was considered the greatest polo player of all time. A veteran of WWI, he also served in WWII where he was killed in the service of his country. But you should have heard Elliott talk about the life of Tommy Hitchcock.



Elliott Levy – Curator, Aiken County Historical Museum





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