



## Central Savannah River Section

### *Mark your Calendars:*

#### **UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA SECTION MEETINGS**

**4/26/2012 – April Dinner Meeting –  
Michael R. Nosbisch, President, AACE  
International**

**5/24/2012 – May Dinner Meeting – Tony  
Robinson, ASU Acting Dean**

#### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Workshop Dates:**

**FALL 2012 – CCC/CCE Workshop**

##### **Certification Exam Dates:**

**7/21/2012 – Exam Day, Augusta State  
University**

**4/11/2012 – Early Registration  
Deadline for Exam**

**5/9/2012 – Final Registration Deadline  
for Exam**

**12/8/2012 – Exam Day, Augusta State  
University**

**8/8/2012 – Early Registration Deadline  
for Exam**

**9/5/2012 – Final Registration Deadline  
for Exam**

**7/8/2012 thru 7/11/2012 – AACEI's 56<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX**

### **AACEI–CSRA Dinner Meeting April 26th, 2012**



**Michael R. Nosbisch, President,  
AACE International**

#### **Members & Friends Spotlight**



#### **Have you renewed your dues for 2012?**

If you haven't done so already, now is a good time. You can do so now via our secure website by going here: <https://www.aacei.org/PortalTools/Login.cfm> to log in.

**If you do not pay your 2012 invoice by April 30, your invoice will be removed from the database and you will have to rejoin as a new member!**

## President's Corner



Kathy Roberson  
AACEI-CSRA  
Section President

**Asoka Pillai, CCE, EVP**, announced his retirement at the March Dinner Meeting. An AACE member since 1994, Asoka has held several positions on the CSRA Executive Board for the past 17 years, participating as the Section President, Programs Director, Treasurer, Vice President and Communications Director. Asoka also made major contributions to the AACE International Board as the Director for Region 3, Chairman of the EVM Committee, and participated on the Technical Board. Asoka was awarded Fellow in 2007. We wish the best for you and your family. Keep in touch!

**Brandon McBride, CCC, PMP**, has volunteered to serve on the CSRA Board for next several months. Brandon will serve in Asoka's place until the upcoming elections are completed.



The CSRA Section conducted an Earned Value Professional (EVP) Workshop at the Augusta State College on March 23 & 24, 2012. The 16 hour workshop was attended by 15 students.

### 2011 – 2012 AACEI-CSRA Section Board

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### AACEI–CSRA Monthly Dinner Meeting April 26th, 2012

**Please RSVP by COB 4/23/12 to either:**  
**Tambra Craven, 208-2257,**  
[tambra.craven@srs.gov](mailto:tambra.craven@srs.gov)  
**Stephen Gross, 208-2028**  
[Stephen.gross@srs.gov](mailto:Stephen.gross@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

**Location:**  
**North Augusta Community Center**  
**495 Brookside Ave.**  
**North Augusta, SC**



**Michael R. Nobsch, President,  
AACE International**

Michael has over 23 years of experience in project management and controls within both the government and private sectors. He has worked for several of the leading engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) firms in the industry, to include URS Corporation, Jacobs Engineering, Kiewit, and Parsons Corporation. In 2009, Michael joined a leading management consulting firm, SM&A, and was responsible for their successful EVM Compliance and Consulting practice. In May of 2011, he joined Project Time & Cost as Managing Principal, Western Region, and EVM Practice Lead, based in Long Beach, CA. Michael is also an adjunct professor at the University of Southern California, teaching graduate level courses in heavy construction estimating and scheduling.

Michael was certified as a PMP in 1999. He has also been an active member of AACE International since 1999, earning numerous professional certifications as well as currently serving as President of the Association. In addition, Michael is an active member of both NDIA's Program Management Systems Committee (PMSC) and the Energy Facility Contractor's Group's (EFCOG's) Project Management Working Group (PMWG).

**Specialties:**

Project controls management, earned value management, project management, government contract administration.



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### The Retirement of Asoka Pillai, CCE, EVP

#### **AACEI-CSRA Involvement**

Member since 1994

Executive Board member for 17 years

- President
- Programs Director
- Treasurer
- Vice President
- Communications Director

#### **AACE International Board**

- Director for Region 3
- Chairman of the EVM Committee
- Technical Board
- Fellow (2007)

#### **Helped Establish**

- CSRA Section's EVP/ PSP Certification Prep Course
- CSRA Section Scholarships



#### **Before hitting the highway, I have a little travel quiz for our friend Asoka**

Asoka wants to do some traveling during retirement so we found him the perfect mobile home



1. How many eyelids does a camel have?
2. What U.S. state has the highest percentage of people who walk to work?
3. How much time does the average person spend waiting for traffic lights to change in one's lifetime?
4. Where were solid blocks of tea used as money until the 19<sup>th</sup> century?
5. How many teeth does the average mosquito have?
6. What U.S. state permits residents to cast absentee ballots from space?
7. In what country were the first sail boats built?
8. How many time zones does China have?
9. What does the ZIP in ZIP code stand for?
10. What size sandal does the Statue of Liberty wear?

Answers are on the last page

And some travel tips from the great philosopher Yogi Berra

- If you don't know where you're going, chances are you will end up somewhere else
- I knew I was going to take the wrong train, so I left early
- AND - If you come to a fork in the road, take it

Congratulations and good luck to our good friend, Asoka Pillai



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### **AACE Certification Update**

#### **CCC/CCE and CCT Certifications Achieve Maximum Term of Re-Accreditation with CESB**

AACE International is pleased to announce the **Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB)** re-accredited AACE International's Certified Cost Consultant (CCC), Certified Cost Engineer (CCE) and Certified Cost Technician (CCT) certifications at its recent 2012 Annual Meeting, for the maximum term of five years; each certification is accredited until December 31, 2016.

Valerie Venters, Chair of AACE International Certification Board, stated, "On behalf of the Certification Board, we are pleased to receive, for the first time since accreditation, the maximum accreditation period of five years with no mandatory actions required. The recent decision of the CESB Board is recognition of our efforts to ensure the quality and integrity of our certification program."

**AACE International's** Planning and Scheduling Professional (PSP) and Earned Value Professional (EVP) certifications are also accredited by CESB, expiring December 31, 2014. It is the intention of the Certification Board to submit an accreditation application for its Certified Estimating Professional (CEP) certification by December 31, 2012.

Accreditation involves a detailed evaluation of all aspects of a certification program's operations to determine compliance with CESB's Accreditation Guidelines.

CESB is an independent, voluntary membership body created for its member organizations who recognize, through specialty certification, the expertise of individuals practicing in engineering and related fields created in 1990. As an accrediting body, CESB provides basic criteria and guidelines for certification programs for engineers, technologists, technicians, and related scientific specialties. CESB's Accreditation Guidelines and other information are available at [www.cesb.org](http://www.cesb.org).

**AACE International** Certifications have been a mark of distinction for over 30 years. As the industry leader, our professional certifications will distinguish you as an individual who has the knowledge and skills that impact the bottom line. Our certifications provide exam and experience validation that lets employers, clients, and colleagues identify those who meet the program's competency standards.

**With AACE Certification, you demonstrate that you have met the highest professional standard available in the industry.**

### **2011 Certification Progress Report**

In keeping with our accreditation guidelines of the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB), the Certification Board of AACE International announces the 2011 Annual Certification Progress Report is now available and published on our website for review here. (The AACEI Web Site)

To summarize, the report reveals a 21% increase in 2011 active certifications, compared to 2010, with a grand total of 3,717 certified individuals.

The Certification Board is also pleased to report the results of the **Amnesty Program**, whereby previously expired certified individuals were given an opportunity to regain their credentials until December 31, 2011. Under the program, 90 applications have been received; 80 have successfully regained their credentials to date, while several applications are still pending due to documentation currently being evaluated.

The Certification Board will update this information on an annual basis. If you have any questions, comments and need additional information, please contact Penny Whoolery, Manager, [Certification at pwhoolery@aacei.org](mailto:pwhoolery@aacei.org) or 304-296-8444, ext. 104.

## Highlights from the March 22d Meeting



**John Lopez,  
DOE-SR, Acting Deputy  
Director ARRA Project,  
Savannah River Site**

**The March Dinner Meeting** was highlighted by our guest speaker, Mr. John Lopez, who is the Acting Deputy Director of the Savannah River Recovery Act Project. This project was undertaken as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site and focused on three key objectives. These objectives were (1) the reduction of the site's active footprint, (2) the disposition of legacy Transuranic (TRU) waste, and (3) the investment in the purchase of new equipment or upgrades to existing equipment related to the site's Liquid Waste Program.

The reduction of the site's active footprint was the main objective of the project and involved targeting several areas that were no longer engaged in active nuclear operations and accelerating the closure of these areas. This footprint reduction mission included performing the necessary environmental remediation activities and disposition of the former nuclear facilities. Significant accomplishments included the in-situ decommissioning of P Area Reactor and R Area Reactor, the complete decommissioning of the Heavy Water Components Test Reactor (HWCTR), and the remediation of the P and R Area Ash Basins.



Answers to the travel quiz:  
1. three, 2. Alaska, 3. 2 weeks, 4. Siberia, 5. 47, 6. Texas, 7. Egypt, 8. One, 9. Zone Improvement Plan, 10. size 879

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