



Central Savannah River Section

Mark your Calendars:

UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA SECTION MEETINGS

- 1/23/2012** – January Dinner Meeting -
A panel discussion at the URS Center for
Performing Arts (Aiken Community
Playhouse)
- 2/23/2012** – February Dinner Meeting
- 3/22/2012** – March Dinner Meeting
- 4/26/2012** – April Dinner Meeting –
Michael R. Nosbisch, President, AACE
International
- 5/24/2012** – May Dinner Meeting

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workshop Dates:

3/23 & 24/ 2012 – EVP Workshop, ASU
RSVP by 3/15/2012

March 2012 (TBD) – CCC/CCE Workshop

Certification Exam Dates:

3/10/2012 – Exam Day, Augusta State University
12/6/2011 – Early Registration Deadline for Exam
1/3/2012 – Final Registration Deadline for Exam

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

1/21/2012 – Future City Competition

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

Members & Friends Spotlight



Dues Time

Dues are Due by January 1st, 2012

If you haven't done so already, now is a good
time to renew your dues. You can do so now
via our secure website by going here:

<https://www.aacei.org/PortalTools/Login.cfm>
to log in. If you have changed your address,
phone number, or e-mail address in the past
year, please update it once you have logged
into your profile so we can provide
membership services to you without
interruption.

If you need assistance, contact AACE

Headquarters:

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(email) info@aacei.org

**Congratulations to Edie Nicholson, Director of
SRNS Project Controls.** She took advantage of the
Arranged Exam Program and sat for and passed the
Earned Value Professional (EVP) certification exam in
September of this year.

An Arranged Exam must be requested in advance by
completing the Arranged Exam Request Application and
submitted to the Certification Manager of AACEI-HQ for
review and approval.



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President's Corner



Kathy Roberson
AACEI-CSRA
Section President

Happy Holidays from AACEI-CSRA

Once, Yogi Berra's wife Carmen asked, "Yogi, you are from St. Louis, we live in New Jersey, and you played ball in New York. If you go before I do, where would you like me to have you buried?" To this, Yogi replied, "Surprise me."

Our President has been traveling lately so I thought I would surprise her with a nice story of a slightly religious nature in her "President's Corner".

The following, reportedly took place in a small Southern Baptist Church

Four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a container of good, clean soil. At the conclusion of the sermon, the minister reported the following results: The first worm in alcohol ... dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke... dead. The third worm in chocolate syrup... dead. The fourth worm in good, clean soil... alive.

So the minister asked the congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?"

An old woman who was sitting in the back quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke, and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!" That pretty much ended the service!



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AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting January 23d, 2012

AACEI-CSRA is planning to join several other organizations for a discussion of:

Engineering and Technology in the CSRA

SWE CSRA and URS in conjunction with other professional societies (ANS, HPS, etc.) are hosting a meeting on January 23rd at 5 p.m. at the URS Center for Performing Arts (Aiken Community Playhouse).

The evening topic is Engineering and Technology in the CSRA. A panel of speakers will include representatives from URS, Aiken Technical College, Kimberly Clark, etc.

There will also be a mini-career fair.

If you are interested in attending, please notify Michele O'Shaughnessy (michele.oshaughnessy@swe.org) NLT 1/13/12.

You can RSVP to:

Tambra Craven (208-2257)

tambra.craven@srs.gov or

Asoka Pillai, (208-7114)

asoka.pillai@srs.gov

**through email by COB Tuesday,
January 10d, 2012,**

**who will forward your RSVP to
Michele O'Shaughnessy or you
can notify Ms O'Shaughnessy
directly by 1/13/2012.**



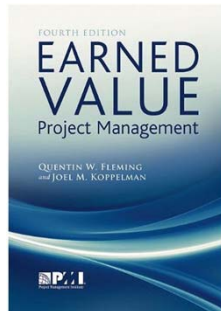
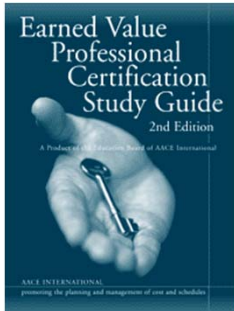
The Aiken Community Playhouse is located at 126 Newberry St. NW, Aiken, SC (803-648-1438), Off Richland Ave, 2 blocks east of Laurens St.

Additional details will be forthcoming.



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AACEI-CSRA Section is offering a 2-day EVP Workshop



EVP Certification Study Guide, 2nd Edition

by Ken Cressman
CCC EVP and Gary C.
Humphreys, Editors
AACE International,
2009

Earned Value Project Management, 4th Edition

by Quentin W.
Flemings and
Joel M.
Koppelman

The workshop is intended for anyone in the field of project or program management, project controls, cost engineering, planning, scheduling, finance, estimating or any other project or program related work who is preparing to take the EVP Certification Exam. Professionals attending the EVP Certification Workshop should be fairly knowledgeable and have at least an intermediate level of project or program experience.

The cost is \$495.00 per person. The training workshop is co-sponsored by Augusta State University. Continuing education units, 1.6 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 or pass.

For Reservations:

**Jim Hammond, EVP; (803)215-5416,
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Kathlene Roberson, EVP; (803)208-8727,
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**March 23d & 24th, 2012
Earned Value Professional (EVP)
Certification Workshop
Augusta State University
Augusta, Georgia**

Great Value! Tuition includes:

- 2 Study/Reference Books
- AACEI EVP Course Materials
- Sample questions, problems
 - Answer Keys
 - Case Studies
- Continental Breakfast and Lunch
(both days)
- August State Continuing Education
Certificate (PDUs: 16/CEUs: 1.6)

**Reserve your seat by
March 15th, 2012**

**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 **hard copy** of the approved OER and the Class Flyer to SRS Accounts Payable (Jonell Obryant) for SRNS and Erin Booth or Matthew Soule for SRR.



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Steve Job's Commencement address at Stanford University in 2005

Part 4

My third story is about death.

When I was 17, I read a quote that went something like: "If you live each day as if it was your last, someday you'll most certainly be right." It made an impression on me, and since then, for the past 33 years, I have looked in the mirror every morning and asked myself: "If today were the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today?" And whenever the answer has been "No" for too many days in a row, I know I need to change something.

Remembering that I'll be dead soon is the most important tool I've ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life. Because almost everything — all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure - these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important. Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. You are already naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart.

About a year ago I was diagnosed with cancer. I had a scan at 7:30 in the morning, and it clearly showed a tumor on my pancreas. I didn't even know what a pancreas was. The doctors told me this was almost certainly a type of cancer that is incurable, and that I should expect to live no longer than three to six months. My doctor advised me to go home and get my affairs in order, which is doctor's code for prepare to die. It means to try to tell your kids everything you thought you'd have the next 10 years to tell them in just a few months. It means to make sure everything is buttoned up so that it will be as easy as possible for your family. It means to say your goodbyes.

I lived with that diagnosis all day. Later that evening I had a biopsy, where they stuck an endoscope down my throat, through my stomach and into my intestines, put a needle into my pancreas and got a few cells from the tumor. I was sedated, but my wife, who was there, told me that when they viewed the cells under a microscope the doctors started crying because it turned out to be a very rare form of pancreatic cancer that is curable with surgery. I had the surgery and I'm fine now.

This was the closest I've been to facing death, and I hope it's the closest I get for a few more decades. Having lived through it, I can now say this to you with a bit more certainty than when death was a useful but purely intellectual concept:

No one wants to die. Even people who want to go to heaven don't want to die to get there. And yet death is the destination we all share. No one has ever escaped it. And that is as it should be, because Death is very likely the single best invention of Life. It is Life's change agent. It clears out the old to make way for the new. Right now the new is you, but someday not too long from now, you will gradually become the old and be cleared away. Sorry to be so dramatic, but it is quite true.

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.

When I was young, there was an amazing publication called *The Whole Earth Catalog*, which was one of the bibles of my generation. It was created by a fellow named Stewart Brand not far from here in Menlo Park, and he brought it to life with his poetic touch. This was in the late 1960's, before personal computers and desktop publishing, so it was all made with typewriters, scissors, and polaroid cameras. It was sort of like Google in paperback form, 35 years before Google came along: it was idealistic, and overflowing with neat tools and great notions.

Stewart and his team put out several issues of *The Whole Earth Catalog*, and then when it had run its course, they put out a final issue. It was the mid-1970s, and I was your age. On the back cover of their final issue was a photograph of an early morning country road, the kind you might find yourself hitchhiking on if you were so adventurous. Beneath it were the words: "Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish." It was their farewell message as they signed off. Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish. And I have always wished that for myself. And now, as you graduate to begin anew, I wish that for you.

Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish.

Thank you all very much.



AACE'S 56th Annual Meeting



AACE's 56th Annual Meeting
A Fiesta for Total Cost Management
at the
Marriott Rivercenter Hotel
San Antonio, TX, USA
Sunday, July 8, 2012
thru
Wednesday, July 11, 2012



Keynote Speaker: Connie Podesta

Connie Podesta, an expert in the psychology of human behavior and leadership development, is internationally known for her high-energy, interactive, powerful, entertaining and result oriented sessions.

AACE International Total Cost Management Conference [Call for Papers](#)

Abstracts Due February 28, 2012

To [present a paper](#) at the AACE International Total Cost Management Conference, an abstract of the proposed paper must be submitted on the [abstract form](#) with this call for papers. Papers for the technical program are selected based on the abstract, and in the case of previous speakers, also on evaluations of prior presentations.

Also use the [abstract form](#) to request a place on the program for panel discussions, forums, technical subcommittee meetings, or any other special event that may not have a prepared paper.

The deadline for submitting the abstract is February 28, 2012.

If you have any questions, please call 800.858.COST / +1.304.296.8444, or send us e-mail at trans@aacei.org.

SOUTH CAROLINA REGIONAL FUTURE CITY COMPETITION

JUDGES AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA REGIONAL FUTURE CITY COMPETITION 1/21/2012

In support of National Engineers Week, Savannah River Site in partnership with the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center, is proud to sponsor the ninth annual South Carolina Future City Regional Competition. What is Future City? Across the nation, teams of middle school students work with educators and engineer mentors to build cities of the future. Student teams plan cities with SimCity™4 software; build tabletop scale models with recycled materials; research and write solutions to an engineering problem; and present their ideas before judges at the Regional Competition in January.

Judges are needed in the following areas:

- 1.) Essay
- 2.) SIMCity Computer City Design
- 3.) City Narrative
- 4.) Model & Presentation

Below are the winners from last year's competition



***** Reminder *****
AACEI-CSRA SCHOLARSHIPS

The AACEI-CSRA Section will be accepting Scholarship Applications starting in December, from qualified rising sophomores through graduate students who are attending school in either Georgia or South Carolina, and who are pursuing a related degree/associate degree in engineering, construction management, building construction, computer sciences, business, quantity surveying, information technology, etc.

Applications are due 2/29/2012



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Highlights from Previous Dinner Meetings



Chuck Smith of Edward Jones Co. with Tandra Craven, AACE-CSRA Programs Director



Kenneth A. Chacey (in the middle), P.E. Ameresco Federal Solutions with Kathy Roberson, AACE-CSRA President and Brandon McBride



Douglas E. Hintze (on the left), DOE-SR Assistant Manager for Integration and Planning with Asoka Pillai, AACE-CSRA Vice-President



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