



# ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COST ENGINEERING – INTERNATIONAL (AACEI) Central Savannah River Area Section

Central Savannah River Section, P. O. Box 749, Jackson, SC 29831

February 2008

## Mark your Calendars:

### UPCOMING AACEI SECTION MEETINGS

- 2/28/08 Lark Jones, Mayor of North Augusta
- 3/27/08 Fred Humes, Aiken/Edgefield EDP
- 4/24/08 Therese Rosier, Augusta State University
- 5/22/08 Elliot Levy, Curator, Aiken County Historical Museum

### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- 3/31/08 Scholarship Applications Due
- 5/05/08 Fee Deadline – AACEI Certification Exam
- 5/09/08 EVP Workshop - ASU
- 5/23/08 PSP Workshop - ASU
- 6/14/08 Certification Exams (Locally at ASU)
- 6/29/08 52nd Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

### AACEI-CSRA SCHOLARSHIPS

The AACEI-CSRA Section will be accepting Scholarship Applications from rising sophomore and junior college students for the Fall of 2008. Applications are due 3/28/08.

(click on the below links)

**Scholarship  
Letter**



**Application**



### LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS!

**Got a couple of spare minutes?  
Your Section needs you help!**

- Scholarship Review Committee  
(Contact Jim Hammond)

### NEED TO CONTACT US?!

[aaceicsra.org@gmail.com](mailto:aaceicsra.org@gmail.com)

## AACEI Meeting February 28, 2008 (Thursday)

**"The Future of North Augusta,  
Planning and Managing for Success "**



**Presented by:  
Mayor Lark Jones  
North Augusta, SC**

5:45 p.m. Registration and networking  
6:30 p.m. Dinner and Program

Location: North Augusta Community Center  
101 Brookside Drive  
North Augusta, SC

Cost: \$15 per person  
Spouses are welcome

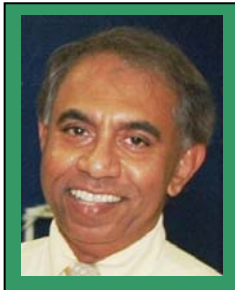
Please RSVP to [david.larsen@srs.gov](mailto:david.larsen@srs.gov) or  
[asoka.pillai@srs.gov](mailto:asoka.pillai@srs.gov) through email by  
Monday, February 25, 2008



**ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF  
COST ENGINEERING – INTERNATIONAL (AAACEI)  
Central Savannah River Area Section**

Central Savannah River Section, P. O. Box 749, Jackson, SC 29831

February 2008



**President's Corner  
by Asoka Pillai, CCE, EVP**

The month of January has been a busy one after the holidays. We had a great turnout for our January Section Meeting, featuring Major Shane Liptak, of the U.S. Army. His presentation on the **“Realities of War Lessons of Dynamic Leadership”** was very applicable to the types of management situations we deal with everyday.

In addition, AAACEI-CSRA members Myron Berry and Dave Larsen spent a Saturday morning judging the Future City Competition at the USCA. The Section will also continue it's support to the enrichment of our students by offering scholarships to rising sophomore and junior college students. Our Director of Education, Jim Hammond, will be issuing a special communication to everyone with the details for application.

This month, on February 28th we will be featuring North Augusta's Mayor Lark Jones, at the North Augusta Community Center. His discussion on **“The Future of North Augusta, Planning and Managing for Success”** is sure to be of great interest to many of you. I urge you to join us for a fun evening of networking and great food. See you there!

**AAACEI – CSRA LEADERSHIP TEAM**

President

Asoka Pillai, CCE, EVP

Communications Director

Kathlene Bell, EVP

Education Director

Jim Hammond, EVP

Vice President

Joseph Knick, PE, PMP

Treasurer

Myron Berry, CCC

Programs Director

David Larsen, PSP

Certification Director

Ronny McIver, CCC, EVP

Memberships Director

Gary Bunker, CCC

Past President

Richard Selg, CCE



## ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COST ENGINEERING – INTERNATIONAL (AACEI) *Central Savannah River Area Section*

---

Central Savannah River Section, P. O. Box 749, Jackson, SC 29831

February 2008

---

**AACE-I Meeting  
February 28, 2008 (Thursday)  
North Augusta Community Center  
101 Brookside Drive  
North Augusta, SC**

**“The Future of North Augusta,  
Planning and Managing for Success”  
Lark Jones  
Mayor of North Augusta**



**Mayor Lark Jones  
of North Augusta**

Mr. Jones is a lifetime resident of North Augusta, South Carolina. He graduated from the University Of South Carolina School Of Business in 1971 with a degree in Accounting. In 1974, Mr. Jones graduated from the University Of South Carolina School Of Law. He is a practicing attorney in North Augusta since 1974. Mr. Jones has served as a North Augusta City Councilman starting in 1985 through 1997, and he has been Mayor since 1997.

Mr. Jones and his wife Christy have been married for 35 years. They have two grown children, one living in Charleston and the other in Boston. His hobbies include golf, antique cars, college football, and maintaining his weight.

---

**AACEI Headquarters INFO!**

**For the latest news from AACEI Headquarters, please visit the website.  
Visit <http://www.aacei.org/> and see for yourself!**

***Highlights from our 1/24/08 Dinner Meeting***

**Realities of War  
Lessons of Dynamic Leadership  
by Major Shane Liptak**

During September, 2005, Major Shane Liptak and the 3rd BCT deployed with 101st ABN DIV, to Kuwait. With 120-135 degree heat, his section's mission was to provide 24/7 communication services for a 3500+ Soldier Brigade Combat Team simultaneously across 6 geographically diverse locations.

The personnel in his team included Six soldiers (1 officer, 1 warrant officer, 4x NCO), all with minimal training, The constantly changing scenarios, shortage of critical personnel, lack of training, laptop, hard drive and server equipment failures, inter-operability problems, power, and environment variables, were just a few of the mission pitfalls and distracters. But no matter how complex or difficult the situation or environment, Liptak always managed to keep the mission focus and accomplish the primary objective(s).

Applying the management or control cycle process of Plan, Do, Check and Assess (PDCA) was a key component to the success of their mission. Breaking down the complexities of the mission into manageable pieces, focusing on planning the mission ensured that all scenarios and contingencies were recognized during the planning process. During the implementation of the mission, the constant assessment and reality checks provided the data to quickly and efficiently adjust the plan according to the situation, and enabled the team to anticipate impending scenarios and to take corrective action for the remainder of the mission.

In closing, Major Liptak summarized his lessons learned into three main thoughts. First, it's what we accomplish now that makes a difference. Winning is everything – no one plans to fail – one always plans to succeed and accomplish the mission. Second, always keep in mind that people can be your greatest asset or liability. (Which one are you?) And finally, life is full of variables – and the only constant is how you choose to react to the given scenario and challenges.



Ashok Pillai, Section President and Guest speaker  
Major Shane Liptak



**Lessons Learned In Dynamic Leadership**

**LESSON 1:**

Keep the mission focus – and accomplish the primary Objective.

**LESSON 2:**

Sometimes things are not as complex as they appear. (They could be worse!)

**LESSON 3:**

Seek help when needed – Just be sure it's the right kind of help.

**LESSON 4:**

Sometimes the problem is right in front of your face.

**LESSON 5:**

Simple solutions are sometimes the best.

**LESSON 6:**

Its not always about winning – Actually it is! (No one plans for failure.)

**LESSON 7:**

Don't loose sight of what is important.





# ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COST ENGINEERING – INTERNATIONAL (AACEI) Central Savannah River Area Section

Central Savannah River Section, P. O. Box 749, Jackson, SC 29831

February 2008



For the latest Exam Schedules go to:  
<http://www.aacei.org/certification/examCalendar.shtml>

## 2008 BETA EXAM SCHEDULE

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>LOCATION(S):</b>
March 1, 2008	Certified Estimating Professional (CEP) BETA Certification Exam at different local sections throughout the US and World. Scheduled locations include: Chicago Section, Delaware Valley Section, Houston Gulf Coast Section, Metro New York Section, National Capital Section, San Francisco Bay Section, and Southern California Section <b>Deadline is February 8, 2008.</b>
March 8, 2008	Certified Estimating Professional (CEP) BETA Certification Exam at different local sections throughout the US and World. Scheduled locations include: Alaska Section, Atlanta Section, Catawba Valley Section, Chinook-Calgary Section, Great Lakes Section, Greater Miami Section, Nevada Section, North Florida Section, Rocky Mountain Section, and Seattle Section <b>Deadline is February 8, 2008.</b>
March 16, 2008	Certified Estimating Professional (CEP) BETA Certification Exam at the Western Winter Workshop in Monterey, CA <b>Deadline is February 8, 2008.</b>

## SECOND-QUARTER 2008 EXAM SCHEDULE

**Application deadline for ALL second-quarter 2008 exams is listed for each below:**

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>LOCATION(S):</b>
March 1, 2008	ALL AACE Re-Certifications by Exam or Professional Credit Plan <b>EARLY FEE deadline is January 1, 2008, deadline is March 1, 2008.</b>
June 13, 2008	All AACE Certification Exams, Arabian Gulf Section ( <b>DUBAI only</b> ) <b>Deadlines to be announced..</b>
June 14, 2008	ALL AACE Certification Exams at different local sections throughout the US and World. Scheduled locations include: to be announced <b>EARLY FEE deadline is May 1, 2008, deadline is May 5, 2008.</b>
June 28, 2008	Exams for ALL AACE Certifications at our 52nd Annual Meeting in Toronto, Ontario, Canada only -- One day exam. <b>EARLY FEE deadline is May 1, 2008, deadline is May 5, 2008.</b>

### **AACEI Headquarters INFO!**

**For the latest news from AACEI Headquarters,  
please visit the website.**

**Visit <http://www.aacei.org/> and see for yourself!**

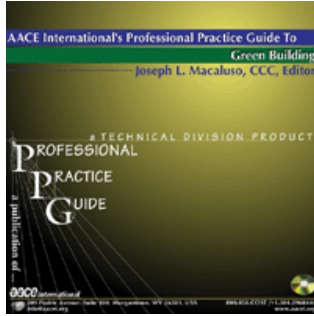


# ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COST ENGINEERING – INTERNATIONAL (AAACEI) Central Savannah River Area Section

Central Savannah River Section, P. O. Box 749, Jackson, SC 29831

February 2008

## DID YOU KNOW...



**CD-ROM Version**  
**Item #4060-26**  
**\$80.00 Non-member**  
**\$60.00 AAACE Member**

Newest AAACE Professional Practice Guide Now Available  
**PPG #18: Green Building (CD)** by Joseph L. Macaluso CCC, Editor, AAACE International, 2008

**Covers:**

- Recognition of Affects and Economic Costs on the Environment
- Formulating Ways of Addressing Green Building Strategies and Associated Economic Costs
- Specific Green Building Strategies and Project Costs
- Budgeting and Justifying the Cost of Sustainable Practices
- Evaluating Competing Sustainable Strategies: Using Value Engineering
- Evaluating Competing Sustainable Strategies: Other Techniques



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 at AAACE's 52nd Annual Meeting in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

### AAACE International's 52nd Annual Meeting & ICEC's 6th World Congress on Cost Engineering, Project Management and Quantity Surveying

*TCM - Cost Engineering for the Global Community*

**Toronto, Ontario Canada**


**Sunday, June 29, 2008  
thru**

**Wednesday, July 2, 2008**

#### Are your papers in order?



Remember Passports are needed for the AAACE International 2008 Annual Meeting and the ICEC 6th World Congress on Cost Engineering, Project Management, and Quality Surveying

The Sheraton Centre  
June 29 - July 2  
Toronto, Canada 

**AAACE INTERNATIONAL**  
[www.aacei.org](http://www.aacei.org)

#### Central Savannah River Section News

**Editor: Kathlene M. Bell, EVP**

Published for the members of the AAACEI – Central Savannah River Section. AAACEI is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to promoting the Planning and Management of Cost and Schedules. Since 1956, AAACE International, has provided its members with the resources they need to enhance their performance and ensure continued growth and success.

Membership is open to cost and management professionals and visitors are welcome at Section meetings.

For further information, please contact us at [aaceicsra.org@gmail.com](mailto:aaceicsra.org@gmail.com).