



Central Savannah River Section

Mark your Calendars:

UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA SECTION MEETINGS

- 2/25/10 Carla Caldwell, Project Vision
- 3/25/10 Aaron Clements, C&C Automotive
- 4/29/10 Jim French, April Dinner
- 5/20/10 Joint Meeting with PMI

6/27-30/10 Annual Conference

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

If anyone is interested in attending a workshop in preparation for taking the CCC/CCE or EVP examination, contact Jim Hammond, Kathy Roberson or anyone on the board of directors of the AACEI_CSRA section.

The 54th Annual Meeting in Atlanta GA

- 6/26/10 -- Certification Exams**
- 4/27/10 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam**
- 5/11/10 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam**

Members and Friends Spotlight



AACEI Monthly Dinner Meeting February 25, 2010 (Thursday)



**Carla Caldwell,
Project Vision, Aiken County
United Way**

It's that time again to renew your membership to AACEI

If you forgot to pay your dues, you can do so on our secure website today by clicking here: <http://www.aacei.org/PortalTools/Login.cfm> and logging 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.



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President's Corner



Kathy Roberson
AACEI-CSRA
Section President

Predicting the Future can be Tricky

“Thou knowest no man can split the atom”

---John Dalton (British chemist and physicist responsible for the modern conception of atomic energy), 1803

“There is not the slightest indication that [nuclear] energy will ever be obtainable. It would mean that the atom would have to be shattered at will”

---Dr. Albert Einstein (physicist), 1932

“Nuclear powered vacuum cleaners will probably be a reality within 10 years”

---Alex Lewyt (President of the Lewyt Corporation, manufacturer of vacuum cleaners), quoted in The New York Times, June 10, 1955

“By 1980 all ‘power’ (electric, atomic, solar) is likely to be virtually costless”

---Henry Luce (Founder and Publisher of Time, Life, and Fortune magazines), The Fabulous Future, 1956

Something we can do is try to prepare the best we can. There is a renewed emphasis here at SRS on performance measurement, integration between cost and schedule information, Earned Value Measurement and other Project Controls and Project Management concepts. The workshops offered by AACE-I focus on all these topics.

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AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting February 25, 2010

Please RSVP by COB 2/22/10 to either:
David Larsen, 208-0815, david.larsen@srs.gov
Ronny McIver, 952-5942, ronny.mciver@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 Drive

North Augusta, SC



**Carla Caldwell,
Project vision, Aiken County
United Way**

Carla Caldwell is a native of Augusta, GA. Her parents were Army and she credits her military upbringing with setting the foundation for community involvement. Carla began volunteering at Golden Harvest Food Bank at the age of 13. She successfully coordinated her first food drive for disaster relief victims of Hurricane Andrew at 14 years old. "I remember when Golden Harvest Food Bank setup the empty tractor trailer in the parking lot of the old Hardees on Washington Rd., and thinking to myself, "can I really do this" but with the help of some other teen volunteers we filled it, sorted and shipped it off to the victims."

She went on to work with Habitat for Humanity in college; afterwards she moved to Atlanta and continued to volunteer with Inner-Strength, a program for inner city youth. It was through Inner-Strength and her corporate job that she became familiar with United Way. She began serving as an ambassador for United Way in 2000.

In 2004, she returned to the CSRA, enrolled in Augusta State University's MPA Program and a year later began working for Aiken County's Planning & Development Department as the Subdivision Planner, where she became familiar with Project VISION. "Project VISION days became my favorite work days. Oftentimes, people think of how much our project means to the recipient, but it also means a great deal to the volunteers." "I am delighted to have the opportunity to be the director of a results oriented program that enhances the quality of life for members of the community."

Carla considers Aiken her second home, "Aiken is so much a part of me that I even learned to ride horses." She obtained a Bachelors of Science in Political Science from Georgia Southern University and Master of Public Administration from Augusta State University.

CERTIFICATION EXAM CALENDAR

Upcoming Certification Exam Dates for the CSRA

3/06/10 Certification Exams – Augusta State Univ.

At the 54th Annual Meeting in Atlanta GA

6/26/10 Certification Exams

4/27/10 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam

5/11/10 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam

7/10/10 Certification Exams – Augusta State Univ.

4/27/10 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam

5/11/10 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam

11/6/10 Certification Exams – Augusta State Univ.

8/23/10 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam

9/06/10 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam

Changes to the CCC / CCE Technical Paper Submittal Requirements (Beginning Summer 2010)

To improve the overall Certification process, the Certification board has changed the deadline for submitting the Technical Paper required with the CCC/CCE certification.

The submittal of the Technical Paper now coincides with the registration deadline date as posted on the AACEI website (and in this newsletter).

Candidates failing to submit the Technical Paper by the registration deadline will not be permitted to sit for the CCC/CCE exam.



TCM: Cost Engineering on My Mind

At the Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Atlanta, GA

Sunday, June 27, 2010 thru
Wednesday, June 30, 2010

AACE Annual Meeting Update: General Peter Pace, USMC (Ret.) is the Keynote Speaker

General Peter Pace retired from active duty on October 1, 2007 after more than 40 years of service in the United States Marine Corps.

Pace was sworn in as sixteenth chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Sep. 30, 2005. In this capacity, he served as the principal military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council. Prior to becoming chairman, he served as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Pace holds the distinction of being the first Marine to have served in either of these positions.

Highlights from the January Dinner Meeting



Beth Bilson, the Vice President of Business Services for SRNS was our speaker for the January dinner meeting.

Ms. Bilson provided a very informative presentation about the management challenges that are taking place under the relatively new SRNS contract. There was good interaction with the attendees. We posed some direct questions and received some direct and insightful answers from our guest.



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

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