



Central Savannah River Section

Mark your Calendars:

UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA SECTION MEETINGS

- 2/24/2011** – Gary Fitzpatrick –
Tritium Programs, SRNS
- 3/24/2011** – Elliott Levy – Curator,
Aiken County Historical Museum
- 4/28/2011** – April dinner meeting
- 5/26/2011** – May dinner meeting

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

3/18&19/2011 – EVP Certification Workshop –
Augusta State University
(See Page 5 for details)

Additional Certification Exams

- 2/28/2011** – Early Deadline for Certification Exam
- 3/15/2011** – Final Deadline for Certification Exam
- 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

2/28/2011 – Deadline to apply for the
AACE International – CSRA Section
Competitive Scholarship Program

6/19/2011 Thru 6/22/2011 – The 55th
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 February 24, 2011



Gary Fitzpatrick
Manager, Program Management and
Business Planning and Integration
Honeywell/Savannah River Nuclear
Solutions Tritium Programs

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Members and Friends Spotlight





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President's Corner



Kathy Roberson
AACEI-CSRA
Section President

The month of January has been a busy one after the holidays.

A big WELCOME to our new members! Efforts to reach out to our peers and co-workers has resulted in nearly doubling our membership in the past year. Many thanks to the support of our Corporate Sponsors, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), Savannah River Remediation (SRR), Energy Solutions, and Project Time & Cost.

AACEI-CSRA member Myron Berry spent a Saturday morning judging the Future City Competition at the USCA (See page 6). The Section continues to collect scholarship applications from rising sophomores and junior college students. Deadline for submittal is 2/28/11!

Next month's dinner meeting (3/24/2011) features the return of Elliott Levy, Curator for the Aiken County Historical Museum. Elliott joined us in September, 2008, shortly after moving to the Aiken area, sharing many anecdotal pieces of area history and the CSRA's path to continual business, cultural, and agricultural growth. He captivated the audience and left many of us wanting to visit the Aiken County Museum to learn more! Join us for a fun evening to hear what Elliott has been up to the past 2 years! See you there!



Elliott Levy, Curator for the Aiken County Historical Museum (9/08)

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<http://www.aacei.org/>

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AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting February 24th, 2011

Please RSVP by COB 2/17/11 to either:
Laurel H. Wilson, 208-0656,
laurel.wilson@srs.gov or
Kathy Roberson, 952-6207,
kathy.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

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



Gary Fitzpatrick
Manager, Program Management and
Business Planning and Integration
Honeywell/Savannah River Nuclear
Solutions Tritium Programs

Gary will be reviewing and speaking to our group on the comparison of the Program Planning and Controls organizations across the sites within National Security Enterprise and the Department of Energy.

Gary Fitzpatrick is the Manager of Program Management and Business Integration for Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Tritium Programs and Sr. Staff member for Honeywell Federal Manufacturing & Technologies (FM&T). Based in Aiken South Carolina, SRNS manages the Savannah River Site under a prime contract with the U.S. Department of Energy, which includes the National Nuclear Security Administration's Tritium Program. Honeywell FM&T manages and operates the National Nuclear Security Administration's Kansas City Plant and a partner operating the Pantex Plant in Amarillo TX. In his position at SRNS, he is responsible for all external customer focused programs including responsive infrastructure, strategic planning, program management and internal responsibilities include for Business Planning and Integration and Program and Project Planning and Controls.

A 30-year veteran of Honeywell's Aerospace business, Fitzpatrick has held leadership positions in manufacturing, product realization, supply chain, and infrastructure. In his recent role as senior project specialist in national security programs, Fitzpatrick led strategic business projects, including development and negotiation of site contract performance agreements and development of Program Integration and Controls functions to integrate financial, resource and program management data at the Kansas City Plant.



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Section Membership Dues

The annual membership dues in 2011 will be \$143, an increase from \$130. This will be the first AACEI dues increase in nearly a decade. Members can renew via our secure website by clicking here: <https://www.aacei.org/Portal/Tools/Login.cfm> to log in.

A REMINDER:

This year, AACEI is returning to a calendar year renewal. In recent years, member's dues have not been due at the first of the calendar year but rather according to each member's expiration date. The renewal amount for 2011 will be prorated based on your due date. You will receive a letter in the mail for renewal. The form will have amount due for 2011.

If you have changed your address, phone number or e-mail address in the past year, please update it once you have logged in so AACE can provide membership services without interruption.

AACE Releases Membership Recruitment Presentation and New Member-Get-A-Member Promotion

As US President Teddy Roosevelt prepared for his famous charge up San Juan Hill in Cuba, he took the precaution of sewing several pairs of eyeglasses into the lining of his uniform in case his glasses broke during the assault. Roosevelt's fear was that his severe nearsightedness would leave him helpless on the battlefield. While Roosevelt may have been physically nearsighted, he possessed a powerful vision of the future that shaped North and South America's history more than any world leader of his era. A man of strong opinions and no reticence to express them, Roosevelt famously observed: "Every man owes a part of his time and money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No man has a moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere."

Both Roosevelt's rhetorical style and sentiment sometimes feels a bit dated in an era where "what's in it for me" often trumps a sense of professional obligation. Successful associations in today's competitive marketplace for time, money and commitment understand that they must provide a compelling value proposition to attract and retain new members.

With that end in mind, AACE International recently unveiled a new membership recruitment presentation highlighting the benefits of belonging to the Association. The highly engaging presentation uses vivid graphics and music to reinforce our core vision and mission. It can be viewed at <http://www.aacei.org/mbr/presentation/>.

Individuals who sponsor a new member before December 31, 2011, will be placed in a drawing and the winner of the drawing will receive round trip airfare, hotel accommodations and complimentary registration to attend the 2012 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, plus \$500 for incidentals. In addition, AACE will have a quarterly drawing during the year for \$250 in credit for AACE logo items from the new [Lands' End](#) store featuring AACE merchandise. For more information on AACE membership, go to <http://www.aacei.org/mbr/>.



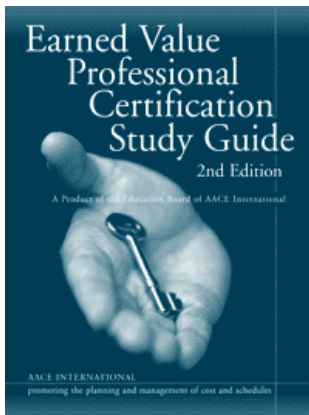
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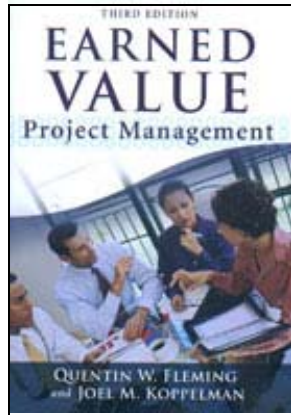
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AACEI–CSRA Section is offering a 2-day EVP Workshop



EVP Certification Study Guide, 2nd Edition
by Ken Cressman CCC EVP
and Gary C. Humphreys,
Editors
AACE International, 2009



Earned Value Project Management, 3rd 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)952-6790,
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Kathlene Roberson, EVP; (803)952-6207,
email: kathlene.roberson@srs.gov**

**March 18th & 19th, 2011
Earned Value Professional (EVP)
Certification Workshop
Augusta State University
Augusta, Georgia**

PDU: 16/CEUs: 1.6

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 10th, 2011)

**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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South Carolina Regional Future City Competition - January 22, 2011

SRNS and DOE, in partnership with the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center/USC Aiken, cosponsored the 19th Regional South Carolina Future City Competition, where middle school students are encouraged to consider careers in engineering by creating their own cities and developing a large tabletop model of the city. More than 60 teams from 25 South Carolina and Georgia Schools registered for the event, which impacted over 750 students. More than 100 SRS volunteers assisted with engineer mentoring and judging of the competition. The SC competition culminated on Saturday, Jan. 22, at USC Aiken's Business and Education Building, with 36 teams making it to the regional finals. The South Carolina Regional Future City Competition was one of 34 happening nationwide.



**Award Category – Best Planned City
Sponsored by the AACEI-CSRA Section**

W.A. Perry Middle School, South Carolina. Keandra Anderson, Dadrian Kelly, Lanisha Boyd, Michael Bannister, Debra Evans, (Teacher), Thomas Kohlsaat (Mentor)



**Award Category – Excellence in Biomedical Engineering
Sponsored by The University of South Carolina Biomedical Engineering Program**

**1st- Blythewood Middle School, Blythewood, SC
Jessica Fox (Teacher), Valerie Miller, Lillie Buschmann,
Anthony Richards, Nicole Schuldes (Teacher), Not
Shown - Steven King (Engineer Mentor)**



**Award Category – Best Project Management Plan
Sponsored by the Savannah River Chapter of the
Project Management Institute**

**2nd- Kennedy Middle, Aiken, SC
Alex Coleman, Margo McDowell Gore (Teacher),
Lacie Leach, Randy Coleman (Engineer Mentor),
Makenzie Cude**



**Award Category - Best Futuristic Transportation System
Sponsored by The South Carolina Society of Professional
Engineers – Education Foundation**

**3rd- Aiken Area Home Educators, Aiken, SC
Marjorie George, Aaron George, Alexis Ansede, Vickie
Boyd (Teacher), Jacob Boyd, Ian Stenbridge,
Samuel Boyd, Not Shown- Larry Morris (Engineer Mentor)**



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I intended to include a couple other short articles from the book "The Secret of Shelter Island" and then I came across this article about George Washington from the same author. It's a little longer at 2 full pages but still, as a tribute to **President's Day** I thought it would be more appropriate than the other articles. (I have permission from the author to share his articles in this publication.)

Why You Should Know "The Indispensable Man"

January 14, 2011

By [Alexander Green](#)

Dear Reader,

Over the holidays, I had some friends and neighbors over for a dinner party and a number of guests asked about the painting hanging over my fireplace.

It is a large oil-on-canvas replica of the famous 1851 painting by Emanuel Leutze that depicts Washington crossing the Delaware. It was – you may recall – Washington's first move in his successful surprise attack against Hessian forces on Christmas Day, 1776.

Although the original painting – like my replica – is striking, it is riddled with historical inaccuracies. For starters, the crossing took place in the dead of night. But that wouldn't have made a particularly inspiring work of art. The flag shown – the original "Stars and Stripes" – did not exist at the time of his crossing. The boats are wrong. They were larger with higher sides. The men did not bring horses. It was raining. Washington was – in all likelihood – not standing and certainly not in such a heroic fashion. The Delaware at what is now called Washington Crossing is far narrower than the river in the painting. It was not filled with icy crags. And, not incidentally, Washington and his men are heading in the wrong direction.





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Why You Should Know “The Indispensable Man” (continued)

Chuckling at these artistic liberties, one neighbor asked why I had the painting hanging over my mantle. That is a story I'm only too happy to tell.

George Washington was one of Virginia's wealthiest men. (And, like virtually all plantation owners of his day, a slaveholder.) Yet few risked more in defying tyranny. When the revolutionary leaders pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor, these were more than just fine-sounding words. This was treason. The founders knew that if the king's soldiers caught them, they would be hung. Yet Washington left his comfortable, aristocratic life and led a ragtag army of ill-trained, poorly-clothed, underfed soldiers against the armed forces of the King of England and won our independence.

That's not the reason I own the painting, however.

Washington was unanimously elected President and served two terms. In 1787, he presided over the Convention that drafted the American Constitution, the document that not only limited his power but became a model and inspiration for free people everywhere. Many historians regard Washington as “The Indispensable Man,” the crucial founding father and one of the two or three greatest Presidents ever.

But that's not why the picture is over my mantle either.

Washington's greatest act, the one that made him internationally famous, was his resignation as commander-in-chief after the war.

Following the signing of the peace treaty and British recognition of American independence, Washington stunned the world when he surrendered his sword to Congress and retired to his farm at Mount Vernon.

In all of history, this was something completely new. Read the stories of Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great, Napoleon and other famous generals. Conquerors had always made sure they received political and material rewards commensurate with their achievements. And far from giving up the powers they possessed, they pressed on to acquire more.

Yet Washington took nothing, asked for nothing. This was simply not how the world worked.

Thomas Jefferson was not exaggerating when he declared in 1784, “the moderation and virtue of a single character... probably prevented this revolution from being closed, as most others have been, by a subversion of that liberty it was intended to establish.”

News that Washington had voluntarily relinquished power – as he would again when he resigned the Presidency without asking for so much as a pension – traveled fast. People around the world were simply agog.

No one was more disbelieving than George III. Upon hearing that Washington – having risked everything, suffered much, and defeated the most powerful army on earth – had turned the nation over to his countrymen and gone back to Mount Vernon, he declared, “If that is true, he'll be the greatest man who ever lived.”

That is why his image is over my mantle.

Carpe Diem,

Alex Green



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Highlights from the January Dinner Meeting **“URS Information Management and Document Control”**

Learning Objectives

- Understand the importance of managing project information
- Understand the URS approach to project information management
- Understand the project startup processes for information management
- Describe the roles and responsibilities of the Project Information Management function



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