



Central Savannah River Section

Mark your Calendars:

UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA SECTION MEETINGS

3/24/2011 – Elliott Levy – Curator, Aiken County Historical Museum

4/28/2011 – William Ellie Daniel, Plant Vogtle

5/26/2011 – Fred Humes, Economic Development Partnership

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

3/18 & 19/2011 – EVP Certification Workshop – Augusta State University

5/20/2011 – PSP Certification Workshop – Augusta State University

Additional Certification Exams

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

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
March 24, 2011**



**Elliott Levy – Curator,
Aiken County Historical Museum**

(See page 3 for details)



Congratulations to Manan Vakil



Twenty-five Year Member

**Manan N. Vakil,
CCE, EVP, PSP,
PMP & PMI-SP
AACEI-CSRA**

One of 50 people
who have been
AACEI members for
25 years or more!

Did you know.....AACE International was founded on June 2, 1956, in Durham, New Hampshire, by 59 visionaries intent on professionalizing their work. There are seven founding members alive today.



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President's Corner



Kathy Roberson
AACEI-CSRA
Section President

Spring Break and the Masters is just around the corner. I'm sure everyone enjoying the warmer weather and the many outdoor activities that come with it.

Our dinner meeting on 3/24/11 features the return of Elliott Levy, the Curator of the Aiken County Historical Museum. Elliott spoke to us about 2 years ago about the trials and tribulations of balancing the bottom line of a non-profit organization – the museum. He's a great speaker, and has lots of interesting facts about the local historical efforts in our community.

2011-2012 Board of Directors

Are you interested in participating of the AACEI-CSRA Section Board of Directors? The Nominating Committee is working on the roster for next year's AACEI-CSRA Board membership. **Contact Joe Knick** if you are interested in participating!

Potential candidates should submit a brief biographical sketch to Joe Knick by April 15th. The Nominating Committee will present the list of candidates to the general membership and Board of Directors on May 2nd.

Serving on the AACEI-CSRA Board is an excellent way to earn credits towards your certification renewals!

Manan Vakil, CCE, EVP, PSP **25 Years with AACEI**



It was indeed an honor to present Manan with a 25 Year Membership Certificate with AACEI! Active in AACE International and our local CSRA Section, Manan has attained the CCE, EVP and PSP certifications, as well as the PMP and PMI-SP certifications from PMI. Manan has served many years in multiple capacities on the AACEI-CSRA Board, supported our local section teaching several cost management / cost estimating topics for workshops and proctoring AACEI certification exams. He regularly reviews and comments on AACEI's "Recommended Practices" and has been selected by AACEI to grade CCE/CCC exams and technical articles. Manan is a Life Member of AACEI. Congratulations Manan!

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AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting March 24th, 2011

Please RSVP by COB 3/21/11 to either:
Laurel H. Wilson, 208-0656,
laurel.wilson@srs.gov or
Kathy Roberson, 952-6207,
kathlene.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



**Elliott Levy – Curator,
Aiken County Historical
Museum**

Before coming to Aiken Elliott had earned a Masters Degree in American History. He is a Vietnam Veteran (Awarded the Bronze Star).

He restored two National Historic Landmarks (The vessel used on the last log drive and The Maine State Building, which was built for the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago.)

He was a chef and owned his own restaurant, and taught gourmet cooking at the college level.

He was married in 1996 to his wife Marlene, when he was 49-his first. He was one of 49 applicants for the Executive Director's job here in Aiken.



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**Planning & Scheduling Professional (PSP)
Certification Workshop
May 20, 2011
(reserve your seat by May 12th)**

Instructors:

**Donald McDonald, PE, CCE, PSP
Christopher M. Epps, PSP
Asoka Pillai, CCE, EVP**

The cost of each workshop is \$395.00 per person. The training workshop is co-sponsored by Augusta State University. A Continuing education unit, 1.0 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.

**Remit payment (checks only) to:
AACE International, CSRA Section
PO Box 749
Jackson, SC 29831-9998**

**Workshop location:
Augusta State University
Allgood Hall, Walton Way
Augusta, Georgia 30901**

The objective of the workshop is to improve Cost Engineering Skills and enable Professional Development in Planning and Scheduling. This workshop will also help candidates to prepare for the Planning & Scheduling Professional (PSP) certification examination offered by AACE-I. This course is intended for any one in the field of project management, project engineering, cost, planning, scheduling, finance, estimating or other project control related work. AACE-I has been retained by many organizations for the cost engineering / project management support including DOE-HQ for their Cost Engineering Guide support.

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:
SRNS Accounts Payable (Jonell Obryant).
SRR Accounts Payable (Erin Booth or Matthew Soule), 704-66S, Room 15.

For Reservations:

**Jim Hammond, EVP; (803)952-6790, email: james.hammond@srs.gov
Kathy Roberson, EVP; (803)952-6207, email: kathlene.roberson@srs.gov**



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AACE International's 55th Annual Meeting TCM: Imagine the Possibilities!

at the
Disneyland Hotel
Anaheim, CA
Sunday, June 19, 2011

thru
Wednesday, June 22, 2011

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



Keynote Speaker **Sherron Watkins- Enron Whistleblower**

Sherron Watkins is the former Vice President of Enron Corporation who, in August 2001, alerted then-CEO Ken Lay to accounting irregularities within the company, warning him that Enron "might implode in a wave of accounting scandals." Lauded in the press for her courageous actions, Time magazine named her as one of their 2002 "Persons of the Year for believing-really believing-that the truth is one thing that must not be moved off the books, and for stepping in to make sure that it wasn't."

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

It's that time of year again - Golf

I call golf 'Connect the sand traps'. I can play four or five rounds without having the ball touch grass once. --- Jack Benny

It took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did the same thing in one afternoon on the golf course. --- Hank Aaron

Golf --- Jackie Gleason after being asked what his handicap was.

Buddy Hackett and Jimmy Durante were once playing golf and Durante was having a particularly bad game, his score was well over 200. At the end he asked Hackett what he should give his caddy. '**Your clubs,**' Hackett replied. ---Des Lynam



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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 the amount due for 2011.



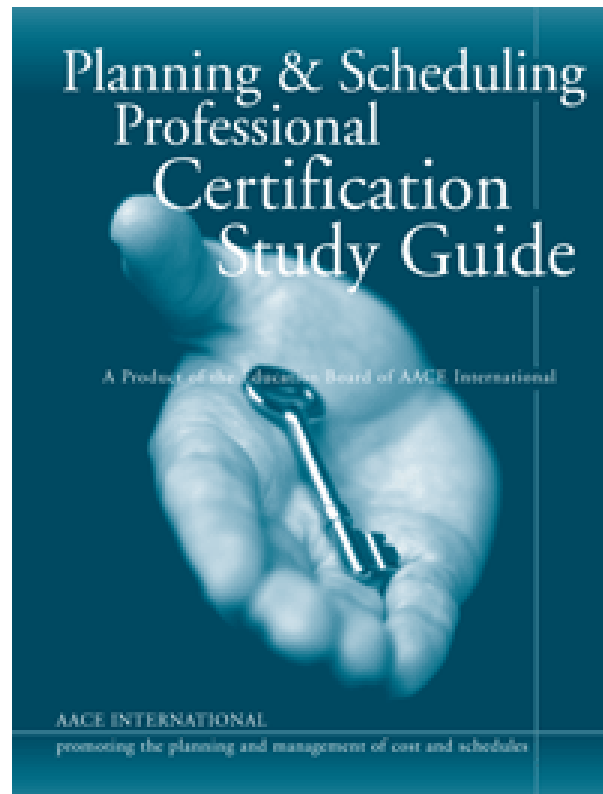
PSP Certification Study Guide, 1st Edition

**by Peter W. Griesmyer,
Editor**

AACE International, 2008

This study guide is intended to assist you in your study and review of the overall topics as one step toward successful Planning and Scheduling Professional certification. The outline provides a listing of the terms you should know & topics for which you should have a good understanding of how to apply the concepts to solve problems. Each chapter also contains sample exercises, which test your knowledge of that chapter's concepts. Additional sample questions are provided in an appendix.

Price: Member Price \$65.00, Non-Member Price \$95.00



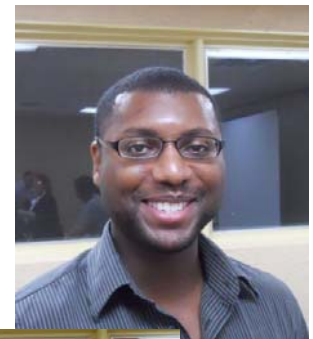
Highlights from the February Dinner Meeting

A comparison of the Program Planning and Controls organizations across the sites within National Security Enterprise and the Department of Energy.



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

- *SRS invests a high percentage comparably in Program/Project Controls.*
- *SRS has grown PPC 35% since 2007*
- *There is a commitment to improve PPC*
 - *The tools*
 - *The processes*
 - *The utilization of EVMS*
 - *The development of PPC professionals*



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Editor: Stephen M. Gross, EVP

Published for the members of the AACEI – Central Savannah River Section. AACEI is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to promoting the Planning and Management of Cost and Schedules. Since 1956, AACE 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.