



Central Savannah River Section

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Mark your Calendars:

UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA SECTION MEETINGS

3/22/2012 – March Dinner Meeting –

John Lopez, DOE-SR, ARRA Program

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

May 2012 (TBD) – CCC/CCE Workshop

Certification Exam Dates:

**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**

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

AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting March 22d, 2012

**John Lopez,
DOE-SR, Acting Deputy Director
ARRA Project,
Savannah River Site**

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**

Members & Friends Spotlight



President's Corner



Kathy Roberson
AACEI-CSRA
Section President

February's dinner meeting featured **Mr. Hawthorne Welcher, Jr.**, the Assistant Housing Director for the City of Augusta's Housing and Community Development Department. The City of Augusta's plans to revitalize and rejuvenate the Laney Walker - Bethlehem section Augusta is one of the many on-going projects in the CSRA.

Join us Thursday, March 22, 2012, when John Lopez, DOE-SR, Acting Deputy Director ARRA Project, Savannah River Site will be our guest speaker!

2012-2013 Board of Directors

Are you interested in participating in 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** (208-8268) if you are interested in participating on the Board!

Potential candidates should submit a brief biographical sketch to Joe Knick by April 16th. The Nominating Committee will present the list of candidates to the general membership and Board of Directors at the April 26th Dinner Meeting.

Serving on the AACEI-CSRA Board is an excellent way to earn credits towards your certification renewals! **Join us as a member of the 2012-2013 Board of Directors.**

Have You Taken Time Lately for Reflection:

- *Did you give your best performance today?*
- *Did you set clear goals for yourself ? For someone you work with or share information with?*
- *Did you praise someone today? Did you tell someone that you appreciated their efforts and you were glad they were on your team?*
- *Did you remember that those around you cannot read your mind – communication is the key to working successfully with others!*

2011 – 2012 AACEI-CSRA Section Board

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AACEI–CSRA Monthly Dinner Meeting March 22d, 2012

**John Lopez,
DOE-SR, Acting Deputy Director
ARRA Project,
Savannah River Site**

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

Please RSVP by COB 3/19/12 to either:
Tambra Craven, 208-2257,
tambra.craven@srs.gov
Asoka Pillai, 952-4079,
asoka.pillai@srs.gov

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

John Lopez joined the Department of Energy at the Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC) in 2006 as a Program Analyst assigned to several small remediation sites across the US. His responsibilities included providing Project Controls/Project Management support to Federal Project Directors assigned to these projects. In 2009, he was promoted to Recovery Act Site Representative at the Savannah River Site in Aiken, SC. Currently, he is Acting Deputy Director on the \$1.6 Billion ARRA Project at the Savannah River Site responsible for day to day operations of the project.

Prior to working with DOE, Mr. Lopez began his professional career with Westinghouse Materials Co. of Ohio in 1987 while working at the Feed Materials Production Center located in Fernald, OH. His area of expertise was Project Controls/Project Management. In 1991, he began working for an environmental firm subcontracted to perform environmental remediation services for US Navy and the US Army Corps of Engineers where he served as a Project Controls Manager. In 1993, when Fluor Corporation won the environmental remediation contract at the Fernald Project, Mr. Lopez assumed the position of Project Controls Manager. After several years of working as a Project Controls Manager, he moved in to various project manager positions until the Fernald Project completed in 2006.

Mr. Lopez holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology and Computer Science from California University of Pennsylvania. He is a certified Project Management Professional and a Level I Federal Project Director.



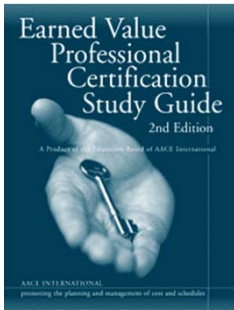
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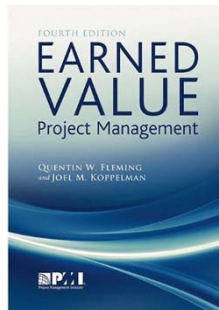
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AACEI-CSRA Section is offering a 2-day EVP Workshop



**EVP Certification
Study Guide, 2nd
Edition**

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



**Earned Value
Project
Management,
4th Edition**

by Quentin W.
Fleming 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,
email: jhammd@gmail.com**

**Kathlene Roberson, EVP; (803)208-8727,
email: kathlene.roberson@srs.gov**

**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

The workshop is authorized by SRS Site Training, and payment for SRS employees is possible by completing the following steps:

1. Complete SRNS Offsite Event Request Form found on Lotus Notes Server – Site Wide Applications - If you want the company to pre-pay then enter Zero. – Level 4 approval required.
2. Complete APV (Accounts Payable Voucher) OSR- 22-40 – Level 4 approval required.
3. If more than one from the same organization, please combine into one APV.
4. Attach copy of all approved Event Request Forms to the back of the APV.
5. Attach copy of invoice, flyer, and other supporting documentation to the back of the APV.
6. Mail to Travel, Rm1105, 730-1B, SRS
7. Site questions can be forwarded to Teresa Jennings.
8. Option to pay by personal check and reimbursement is possible. Payment must be received no later than one week prior to the workshop.

Remit payment (checks only) to:

**AACE International, CSRA Section
PO Box 749, Jackson, SC 29831-9998**

For SRR, contact Erin Booth or Matthew Soule



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In the November, 2011 newsletter I included a short article on George Washington's *110 Rules for Civil Behavior*. I decided to include the whole article this time because I think it's important to have the whole story. Again, the article is reprinted here with permission from the author.

The Key to Civility... and Greatness

October 24, 2011, By Alexander Green

Dear Reader,

At Mount Vernon last night, I had the pleasure of hearing historian Richard Norton Smith deliver the second of three planned talks on the life of George Washington.

Washington, of course, is best known as the leader of the Continental Army, the first President of the United States and the man who 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.

Yet while most of us are familiar with Washington's major achievements, few know much about the man himself. And the little we do know is usually folklore or myth. Young Washington never chopped down a cherry tree. And his dentures were not made of wood.

The important thing to know about Washington the man is that he impressed his contemporaries as much by his extraordinary character as with his accomplishments.

Everything about his presence and demeanor commanded respect. Over six feet two inches tall, Washington held himself ramrod straight, was always impeccably dressed and displayed the manners of a European court. On first meeting him in 1774, Abigail Adams wrote to her husband John Adams:

"You had prepared me to entertain a favorable opinion of him, but I thought the half was not told me. Dignity with ease and complacency, the gentleman and the soldier look agreeably blended in him. Modesty marks every line and feature of his face."

Washington worked on developing his character from an early age. As a teenage boy, he admired and copied into a little notebook 110 Rules for Civil Behavior that originated from a Jesuit textbook. He took the rules to heart, carrying the handwritten list with him from his military days at Valley Forge and Yorktown to his two terms as President.

Some of them are antiquated. It's unlikely, for example, that you need to be reminded to "Spit not into the fire," or "Kill no vermin, fleas, lice, or ticks in the sight of others." But most of his rules describe a simple decency that's often lacking today.

He wrote, for example:

- * Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present.
- * Do not speak badly of those who are absent.
- * When in superior company, speak not until you are asked a question.
- * Sleep not when others speak, sit not when others stand, speak not when you should hold your peace, walk not on when others stop.
- * Show not yourself glad at the misfortune of another.
- * Do not overtly value your own accomplishments.
- * When you speak, be concise.
- * Submit your ideas with humility.
- * If you are corrected, take it without argument. If you were wrongly judged, correct it later.
- * Do not be hasty in believing disparaging reports about others.
- * Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation. It is better to be alone than in bad company.
- * Do not reprehend others when it is not your place to do so.
- * Do not be curious about the affairs of others.
- * Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.



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The Key to Civility... and Greatness (Part 2)

October 24, 2011, By Alexander Green

To Washington, it was not enough to be well-born, well-connected, or well-educated. You had to be – above all – a person of character.

Washington believed that the inner man is cultivated by perfecting the outer man. You show integrity in how you treat others, especially those with whom you profoundly disagree.

All this is not to suggest that Washington was without his faults. Like virtually all plantation owners of his day, he was a slaveholder. (Although Washington was the only Founding Father to free his slaves.) He made military blunders and many errors of judgment, including trusting Benedict Arnold right up until he ran off with the enemy. And he was famous throughout his life for a volcanic temper. After one cabinet meeting, Thomas Jefferson recorded that President Washington “got into one of those passions when he cannot command himself.”

Yet Washington endeared himself to his contemporaries because he combined authority with modesty, skepticism and doubt. He was honored, praised – even revered by his fellow countrymen – like no American since. Yet he never lost sight of his shared sense of humanity. In Robert Frost’s words, Washington was “one of the few, in the whole history of the world, who was not carried away by power.”

He was recognized for his generosity, too. Historian David McCullough notes that “Once, when a friend came to say he hadn’t money enough to send his son to college, Washington agreed to help – providing a hundred pounds in all, a sizable sum then – and with the hope, as he wrote, that the boy’s education would ‘not only promote his own happiness, but the future welfare of others.’”

Washington contributed \$20,000 in stock to the founding of what would become Washington and Lee University in Virginia. His gift was the largest donation ever made to any educational institution in the nation until then, and has since grown to a substantial part of the endowment.

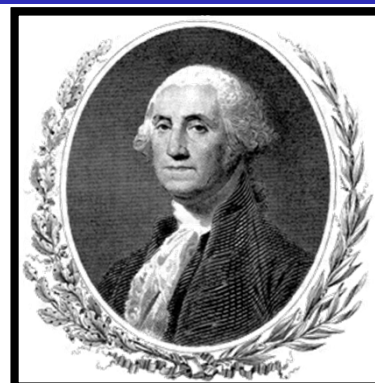
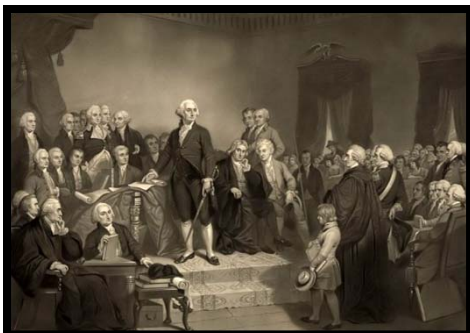
But two acts, above all others, show the extraordinary nature of the man. The first was when Washington surrendered his sword to Congress after defeating the British army.

When George III heard that General Washington – having risked everything, suffered much and defeated the most powerful army on earth – had relinquished his command, 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.”

The second act was when he voluntarily resigned the Presidency after his second term, setting a national precedent for the peaceful, orderly transfer of power.

Daniel Webster wrote, “America has furnished to the world the character of Washington, and if our American institutions had done nothing else, that alone would have entitled them to the respect of mankind.”

To Washington, only civility, conscience and character can create the harmony, the unity essential to the survival of a republic. Funny, isn’t it? The man most responsible for self-government showed the world that the really important thing is how you govern yourself.





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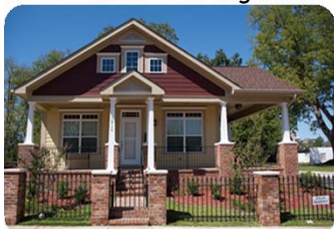
Highlights from the February 23d Meeting



**Hawthorne Welcher Jr.,
City of Augusta
Laney-Walker/Bethlehem
Revitalization Project**



Picture of area before
Revitalization began



Picture of recently
completed new home

The February Dinner Meeting was highlighted by our guest speaker, **Mr. Hawthorne Welcher, Jr.**, who is the Assistant Housing Director for the City of Augusta's Housing and Community Development Department. The City of Augusta has undertaken a revitalization effort to rejuvenate the Laney Walker - Bethlehem section of the city that has been plagued by blight and disinvestment for decades. The goal of the Department is to use \$3.5 million of city funds to jump start this effort and then realize a return on its investment through the sale of new home construction. The remaining project funding would come from either private financing or other state/federal government financing.

The multi-phase project will encompass over 1,100 acres and include the building of the following individual developments:

Heritage Pine – flagship development that was recipient of the Georgia Planning Association's Outstanding Plan Implementation award consisting of 44 new homes with a mix of 2 and 4 bedroom homes

Holley Street Commons – development arranged around a community style "cul-de-sac" that will consist of 20 new homes

East Mill Village – a future development within walking distance to schools and churches that will consist of new homes for purchase or rental

Twiggs Circle – future development of a senior village that will consist of 16 one-story duplexes and 8 single family homes

Foundry Place – future development conveniently located to the Georgia Health Sciences University that will be highlighted by 1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments positioned above retail property

The Boulevard – future development featuring the rehabilitation of buildings for professional use to transform the streetscape of Laney Walker Boulevard



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

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