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November/December

Mark Your Calendar

Section Meetings

January 24, 2013 February 28, 2013 March 28, 2013 April 25, 2013 May 23, 2013

Workshops

CCC/CCE Workshop **TBA EVP Workshop**

Community Events

January 26, 2013 **Future City Competition**

Member Spotlight



This month, we spotlight one of our potential SRNS members. Meet Dale Johnson, who works in Site Services Project Controls. Let's take a minute and convince him (as well as others) to join AACEI-CSRA!





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Remember, remember, it is November!

Annual membership renewal is upon us. Your membership and involvement in our local Section is important in many ways. Without your annual dues, the Section would not be able support local programs such as the CSRA College Night, Future City's Competition, or different scholarship programs here in the CSRA.

The greatest value the Section receives is your involvement. I encourage you to look for opportunities to get more involved within the Section. This could include setting an early New Year's Resolution to attend all five Monthly Dinner Meetings planned for Spring 2013, serve as an elected Board Member, or volunteer your time in any of the upcoming outreach projects. Any of these activities offer a chance to collect continuing education credits towards your certification. If you have not received an invoice for membership renewal or if you wish to renew on-line, follow the link

http://www.aacei.org/mbr/regular.shtml) and corresponding instructions for membership renewal. Give AACEI Membership Coordinator, Sharon Hardman, a call at (304) 296-8444 if you have any questions during the renewal process.

The October Membership Drive was a huge success and was highlighted by Past AACEI President, Michael Nosbisch. We had over twenty potential new members in attendance. If you know a nonmember who attended, please follow-up with them to see if they have any questions regarding the benefits of AACEI membership.

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The CSRA Section is once again offering scholarships to full-time students who are pursuing a degree/associate degree related to cost/schedule management in engineering, construction, manufacturing, business, information technology, etc. Please see the sidebar on page 4 for more details.

I thought the remainder of this page would serve well to look forward to some events we have coming up in the New Year. The January Dinner Meeting will be highlighted by a first-time presentation from Bridgestone to discuss the expansion of the Aiken Plant. The February Dinner Meeting will feature a demonstration of US Cost's "Schedule Exchange" software. An Earned Value Professional Certification Workshop as well as the Certified Cost Consultant / Certified Cost Engineer Certification Workshop will be rescheduled for some time during the spring.

Future City Competition

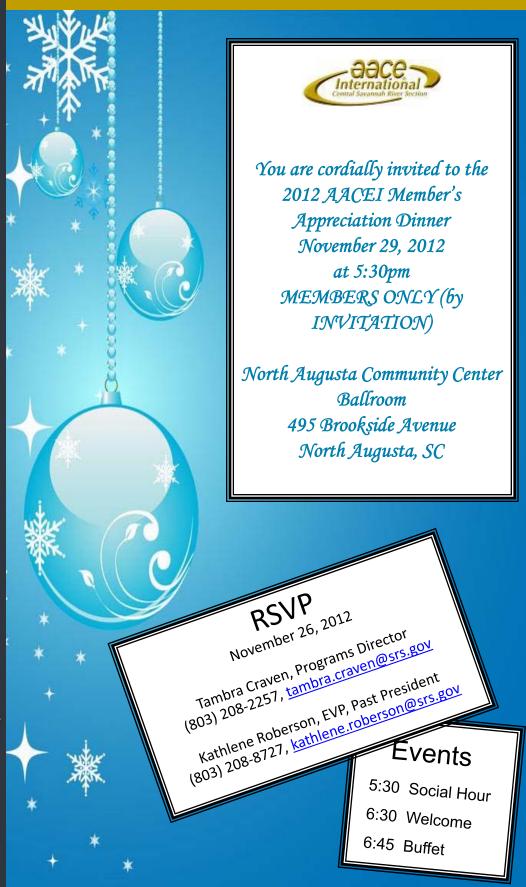


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The Future City Competition is a national, project-based learning experience where students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades imagine, design, and build cities of the future. Students work as a team with an educator and engineer mentor to plan cities using SimCity™ 4 Deluxe software; research and write solutions to an engineering problem; build tabletop scale models with recycled materials; and present their ideas before judges at Regional Competitions in January. Regional winners represent their region at the National Finals in Washington, DC in February.

2012 Winners







RECAP: Michael Nosbisch and the Annual Membership Drive

Our Vision is to be the recognized authority in cost and schedule management for programs, projects, products, assets, and services. Join the dynamic network of professionals who make up AACE International and have proven solutions and technical expertise at your fingertips. You can harness the collective expertise, experience, and wisdom of thousands of the best total cost management practitioners willing to share their best ideas with you and others, sharing the passion to make this profession the best it can be.

Join us at anytime and invite anyone, friends or coworkers, who would be interested in the following membership benefits:

- Visual Total Cost Management Framework –demonstrates the integration of the strategic asset management and project controls process maps
- Mentoring take advantage of Boxwood Technology for the mentor/mentee matching process
- International Total Cost
 Management Conference –
 November 14-15, 2012 in Dubai,
 United Arab Emirates
- Cost Engineering Journal editorial emphasis on practical, transferable ideas and techniques
- Source electronic magazine
- AACE Presents online webinar regarded technical presentations
- Online Forums allow members to discuss areas of interest
- AACE International Website includes industry news from a variety of global sources
- Career Center members can post their resumes and to find employers offering new career options
- Expanded Virtual Library now boasts more than 4,700 articles and technical
- Professional Development online education and training, and local certification workshops
- 15 Months of Membership pay 2013 dues with new membership after October 1, 2012, and receive 15 months of membership benefits before making first renewal decision

2013 Scholarship

The CSRA Section is once again offering scholarships to full-time students who are pursuing a degree/associate degree related to cost/schedule management in engineering, construction, manufacturing, business, information technology, etc. Our scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,500 and are available to those who will be college sophomores through graduate students for the fall semester of 2013. Applicants for these scholarships must be currently enrolled full-time students, attending school within Georgia or South Carolina, who have achieved at least second-year academic standing in a program related to cost engineering / cost management. Applicants in their final undergraduate year must have been accepted to attend a full-time graduate program in the next academic year to qualify for a scholarship

2012 Scholarship Winner



AACEI-CSRA was proud to award the 2012 scholarship to

Errin Barnett,

a senior Construction
Management major at Southern
Polytechnic State University. She
was inducted into Sigma Lambda
Chi, an International Society of
Construction since she is within
the top 20 percent of her class.
Her other memberships include
the SPSU-KSU BCM, SPSU
Student Chapter of ABC, and
student membership of the ICC.

New: Computer Based Testing

After years of discussing, planning and developing, AACE International has reached, yet again, another milestone in its quest for certification excellence: Computer Based Testing. Finally, AACE International joins hundreds of other credentialing associations in replacing traditional pencil and paper examinations with computer based testing (CBT).

This is a very exciting time for AACE International and a perfect time to make the decision to get certified. CBT gives you the flexibility and convenience of testing on your own time line. Nothing can stop you now.

CCC/CCE Workshop

TBA (Spring)

Augusta State University

Contact Jim Hammond for more information.

This course will enable attendees to be better prepared to take the Certification Examination beyond what they would likely achieve on their own. Professionals who attend this 2-day Certification Review Course are expected to be fairly well prepared to sit for the examination before arrival. This course is not intended to prepare a professional who routinely works in only one sub-element of cost engineering to pass the challenging Certification Examination, if they have done little study before the seminar. Attendees should have read and worked some problems in *Skills and Knowledge of Cost Engineering, 5th Ed* and *Certification Study Guide, 3rd Ed*, to become relatively comfortable with the contents of these books. They should also reacquaint themselves with college algebra, such as logarithms and exponents. Ideally, attendees would have completed, at some time in the past, a baccalaureate course in business or engineering statistics, as well as engineering economy or finance. **The cost of the workshop is \$495 per person.**

Find us on LinkedIn under Events: AACE-CSRA CCE/CCC 2 day Certification Workshop

This Month's Journal Spotlight

The Value of Damages: More Than Cost Impacts, Jack W. Harris; Sonia Desai, 2011 AACE International Transactions, CDR.683, AACE International, Morgantown, WV, 2011.

We have all encountered construction claims for cost impacts caused by delay, disruption, acceleration, differing site conditions or scope changes. In today's complex business environment, where sustainable growth

and profitability depend on access to credit, reputation, the potential for damages in include long-term impacts on the company's The issues and methodologies presented in matters successfully addressed by the demonstrates the techniques used to identify value of a company as well as future lost and business valuation will be examined. will be addressed, including the issue of address in any damage calculation.

bonding capacity, and contractor
construction disputes has expanded to
value and future profitability.
this paper are based on actual litigation
authors. Specifically, this paper
and measure permanent diminution in
profits. Concepts in financial modeling
Challenges in using these methodologies
speculation, which is a critical issue to
Obtained via the AACE International Virtual Library.

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For less than a latte per week at most coffee houses*, you can take advantage of a wide range resources and networking opportunities to advance your career. As an AACE International member, you receive the following:

- An annual subscription to the highly acclaimed Cost Engineering journal, a monthly publication
- Instant access to more than 4,000 technical papers through our Virtual Library on topics applicable to your work
- Online networking with more than 7,500 other professionals through our forums and special interest groups
- Networking opportunities online, locally through section meetings and internationally at our Annual Meeting
- Career development opportunities by taking AACE International courses leading to our highly regarded certification programs
- Access to our Career Center that allows you to seek new career opportunities, sharpen your job hunting skills or help find the best talent for your organization's future.
- Unique online summaries of news impacting the cost engineering profession

The benefit from your latte may last a few hours. The benefit of your investment in AACE International can last a lifetime in the form of improved knowledge and skills that will "rev up" your career.

Think of it as caffeine for your career!

For more information, come to www.aacei.org or call (304)-296-8444.

*\$2.75 per week, based upon \$143 annual dues



Mentorship Program

The structured, self-guided mentoring program promises to be a great opportunity for AACE International to accelerate the growth of the next generation of Association leaders while increasing the diversity of our profession and membership. AACE International has structured the mentoring program based upon best practices within the association community but also customized selected resources to be more accessible and relevant to members and the total cost management profession. Please visit www.aacei.org/career/mentor/ for more information.

2012-2013 Board of Directors



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