



Central Savannah River Section

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Mark your Calendars:

UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA SECTION MEETINGS

1/26/2012 – January Dinner Meeting
2/23/2012 – February Dinner Meeting
3/22/2012 – March Dinner Meeting
4/26/2012 – April Dinner Meeting
5/24/2012 – May Dinner Meeting

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workshop Dates:

3/23 & 24/ 2012 – EVP Workshop, ASU
RSVP by 3/15/2012

March 2012 (TBD) – CCC/CCE Workshop

Certification Exam Dates:

3/10/2012 – Exam Day, Augusta State University
12/6/2011 – Early Registration Deadline for Exam
1/3/2012 – Final Registration Deadline for Exam

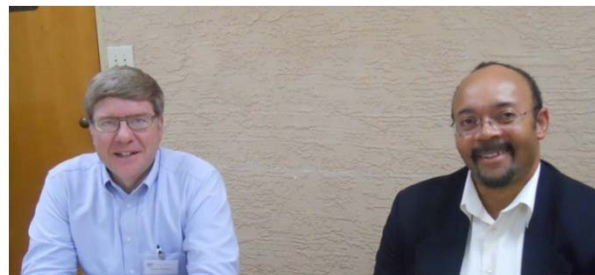
7/21/2012 – Exam Day, Augusta State University
4/11/2012 – Early Registration Deadline for Exam
5/9/2012 – Final Registration Deadline for Exam

12/8/2012 – Exam Day, Augusta State University
8/8/2012 – Early Registration Deadline for Exam
9/5/2012 – Final Registration Deadline for Exam

1/21/2012 – Future City Competition

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

Members & Friends Spotlight



****** Reminder ******

AACEI-CSRA SCHOLARSHIPS

The AACEI-CSRA Section will be accepting Scholarship Applications starting in December, from qualified rising sophomores through graduate students who are attending school in either Georgia or South Carolina, and who are pursuing a related degree/associate degree in engineering, construction management, building construction, computer sciences, business, quantity surveying, information technology, etc.

Applications are due 2/29/2012

Dues Time

Dues are Due by January 1st, 2012

If you haven't done so already, now is a good time to renew your dues. You can do so now via our secure website by going here:

<https://www.aacei.org/PortalTools/Login.cfm>
to log 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.

**If you need assistance, contact AACE
Headquarters:**

**(phone) +1.800.858.2678 / +1.304.296.8444
(email) info@aacei.org**



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President's Corner

Happy Holidays from AACEI-CSRA



Kathy Roberson
AACEI-CSRA
Section President

The season is in high gear including black Friday and cyber Monday. With the arrival of the commercialized holiday season I am reminded again of the "Indispensable Man". The February 2011, President's Day, AACEI-CSRA newsletter included a 2 page article on George Washington. President Washington didn't believe in giving advice but he did believe in personal civility, conscience and character.

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. Here are a few of those rules.

- * 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.*
- * 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 be curious about the affairs of others.*

The above information is from an article by Alexander Green who visited Mount Vernon and heard a presentation by historian Richard Norton Smith who delivered the second of three planned talks on the life of George Washington.

This article was contributed to the newsletter by your Editor

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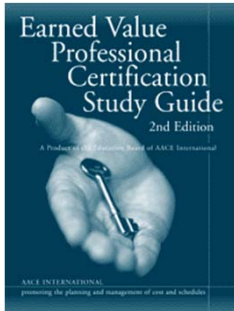
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For the latest news from AACEI Headquarters, please
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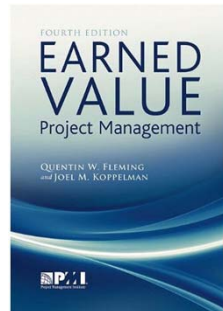
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AACEI-CSRA Section is offering a 2-day EVP Workshop



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.
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)215-5416,
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**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**

**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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Steve Jobs' Commencement address at Stanford University in 2005 Part 3

My second story is about love and loss.

I was lucky — I found what I loved to do early in life. Woz and I started Apple in my parents garage when I was 20. We worked hard, and in 10 years Apple had grown from just the two of us in a garage into a \$2 billion company with over 4000 employees. We had just released our finest creation — the Macintosh — a year earlier, and I had just turned 30. And then I got fired. How can you get fired from a company you started? Well, as Apple grew we hired someone who I thought was very talented to run the company with me, and for the first year or so things went well. But then our visions of the future began to diverge and eventually we had a falling out. When we did, our Board of Directors sided with him. So at 30 I was out. And very publicly out. What had been the focus of my entire adult life was gone, and it was devastating. I really didn't know what to do for a few months. I felt that I had let the previous generation of entrepreneurs down - that I had dropped the baton as it was being passed to me. I met with David Packard and Bob Noyce and tried to apologize for screwing up so badly. I was a very public failure, and I even thought about running away from the valley. But something slowly began to dawn on me — I still loved what I did. The turn of events at Apple had not changed that one bit. I had been rejected, but I was still in love. And so I decided to start over.

I didn't see it then, but it turned out that getting fired from Apple was the best thing that could have ever happened to me. The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again, less sure about everything. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life. During the next five years, I started a company named NeXT, another company named Pixar, and fell in love with an amazing woman who would become my wife. Pixar went on to create the worlds first computer animated feature film, Toy Story, and is now the most successful animation studio in the world. In a remarkable turn of events, Apple bought NeXT, I returned to Apple, and the technology we developed at NeXT is at the heart of Apple's current renaissance. And Laurene and I have a wonderful family together. I'm pretty sure none of this would have happened if I hadn't been fired from Apple. It was awful tasting medicine, but I guess the patient needed it. Sometimes life hits you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith. I'm convinced that the only thing that kept me going was that I loved what I did. You've got to find what you love. And that is as true for your work as it is for your lovers. Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So keep looking until you find it. Don't settle.

This looks like a good place for - Dilbert-Like Quotes

Starting with the following from a "Dilbert Quotes" contest recently held by a magazine. To enter, people were asked to submit actual quotes from real-life Dilbert-like managers. Here are the winners:

'As of tomorrow, employees will only be able to access the building using individual security cards. Pictures will be taken next Wednesday, and employees will receive their cards in two weeks.' (*This was the winning quote from Fred Dales, Microsoft Corp.*)

'E-mail is not to be used to pass on information or data. It should be used only for company business.' (*Accounting manager, Electric Boat Company*)

'We know that communication is a problem, but the company is not going to discuss it with the employees.' (*Switching supervisor, AT&T Long Lines Division*)



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SOUTH CAROLINA REGIONAL FUTURE CITY COMPETITION

JUDGES AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA REGIONAL FUTURE CITY COMPETITION

In support of National Engineers Week, Savannah River Site in partnership with the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center, is proud to sponsor the ninth annual South Carolina Future City Regional Competition. What is Future City? Across the nation, teams of middle school students work with educators and engineer mentors to build cities of the future. Student teams plan cities with SimCity™4 software; build tabletop scale models with recycled materials; research and write solutions to an engineering problem; and present their ideas before judges at the Regional Competition in January.

Judges are needed in the following areas:

- 1.) Essay
- 2.) SIMCity Computer City Design
- 3.) City Narrative
- 4.) Model & Presentation

The Essay (1000 word max)

The 2011-2012 Essay Topic- *Fuel Your Future- Imagine New Ways to Meet our Energy Needs and Maintain a Healthy Planet. Choose one alternative energy source and design a way to generate electric power for your city that does not deplete natural resources and has limited impact on the environment.*

· Judges read and score the Essay from December 2, 2011 – December 15, 2011

The City Narrative (500 word max)

Students write a narrative describing their future city's key features and design attributes. This gives the judge a quick overview of the infrastructure and its public services.

· Judges read and score the City Narrative from January 10, 2012 – January 17, 2012.

SimCity Computer City Design:

- Judging will take place at the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center – January dates to be determined
- Training session will be held at the beginning of each judging session.

Model and Presentation Judges (January 21, 2012):

Judges and Volunteers are needed the day of the competition at the University of South Carolina Aiken to help in the following areas:

- Preliminary judges to judge models and presentations. Judges will be trained prior to competition.
- Volunteers are needed to help as Timers, Score Keepers, Runners, Team Helpers, Set-up and clean-up.

For additional information about the Future City Competition, visit the national web site:

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

If interested in becoming a judge or volunteer please contact Regional Coordinator, Kim Mitchell, **kimberly.mitchell@srs.gov or 952-8782.**



AACE'S 56th Annual Meeting



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



Connie Podesta, an expert in the psychology of human behavior and leadership development, is internationally known for her high-energy, interactive, powerful, entertaining and result oriented sessions.

Having worked with hundreds of corporations nationwide, Podesta has an insider's knowledge of organizations and uses this unique perspective to create customized presentations on key issues such as personal accountability, communication, life balance, customer service, leadership, sales, team building, change and productivity.

Multi-faceted and uniquely able to involve her audience, Podesta combines her business expertise with her diverse talents as a comedienne, author, Licensed Professional Counselor and radio/TV personality to inspire her audiences to reach new heights in their personal and professional development. Podesta is also a Board Certified Professional Counselor and a member of the American Psychotherapy Association.

With both the experience and personality to captivate an audience, Podesta has encouraged millions of people to achieve the success they desire, the happiness they seek and the personal and professional life they deserve.

Podesta has several specific fields of expertise that enable her to relate on a more personal level with audiences. Her specialized understanding of the corporate, dental, education and health care fields help Podesta connect with these audiences as a colleague who's walked in their shoes and knows exactly how they feel about certain issues.



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Highlights from the October Dinner Meeting



**Douglas E. Hintze, DOE-SR Assistant
Manager for Integration and Planning**

The October CSRA Sectional Meeting was highlighted by guest speaker, Doug Hintze. Mr. Hintze is the Assistant Manager for Integration and Planning for the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site and he discussed the Strategic Plan for the Savannah River Site. The plan focuses on partnering with private industry in developing new missions by leveraging the vast resources that the site possesses to develop new business segments. This is a shift from the traditional business lines that the site has operated under for over 50 years, which has been to complete various missions for both the Department of Defense and Department of Energy. These new missions will focus on three specific business segments: Environmental Stewardship, National Security, and Clean Energy.

The Environmental Stewardship business segment will focus on transforming liabilities into assets to reduce the environmental legacy of nuclear materials and radioactive waste at SRS in a way that utilizes technology to provide innovative solutions to speed and improve SRS processing. This will allow the site to leverage these solutions to other DOE and non-DOE locations and customers.

The National Security business segment will focus on enhancing national security by providing innovative, customized solutions to the global nuclear nonproliferation and detection, counterproliferation, deterrence and threat reduction challenges through the application of unique nuclear materials, technology and systems assets at SRS.

The Clean Energy business segment will focus on accelerating the deployment of small nuclear reactors through public and private partnerships that solve critical nuclear material storage, processing and disposition challenges, and use the site's broader expertise to support regional energy sustainability while maintaining environmental health.



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Highlights from the November 2011 Member's Appreciation Dinner



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