



## Central Savannah River Section

### Mark your Calendars:

#### UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA SECTION MEETINGS

- 10/30/08 Joe Berry, Aiken County Director of Public Works
- 11/06/08 *Member Appreciation Night (RSVP Now!)*
- 12/08 No Meeting Scheduled
- 01/29/09 Norman Powell, VP Site Integration, SRNS
- 02/26/09 TBD

#### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/27/08 Deadline - Cert Exam Registration
- 11/14/08 PSP Workshop Registration Deadline
- 11/21/08 PSP Certification Workshop (Augusta State Univ)
- 12/06/08 Certification Exams (Augusta State Univ)

***AACE Certification Update: Important Changes in the Policies and Procedures (See Page 6 for details)***

### ***PSP Workshop Rescheduled 11/21/08***

Due to instructor unavailability, the PSP Workshop previously scheduled for Friday, October 24, 2008 has been rescheduled to **Friday, November 21, 2008**, another AA off day. The workshop will be held 8:00am – 5:00pm, in Room 116, Washington Hall at Augusta State University. Registration Deadline: 11/14/08. **Contact Jim Hammond (803-952-6790) to RSVP.**

### Member Spotlight



## **AACEI**

### **Monthly Dinner Meeting October 30, 2008 (Thursday)**

### **“Controlling Project Cost - Beyond the Basics ”**



**Joe Berry,  
Aiken County Director of  
Public Works**

- 5:45 p.m. Registration and Networking
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner and Program

**Location: North Augusta Community Center  
495 Brookside Drive  
North Augusta, SC**

**Cost: \$15 per person  
Guests/Spouses are welcome**

**Please RSVP to:  
Ronny McIver (2-6829), [ronny.mciver@srs.gov](mailto:ronny.mciver@srs.gov), or  
Asoka Pillai (8-0054), [asoka.pillai@srs.gov](mailto:asoka.pillai@srs.gov)  
through email by COB Monday, October 27, 2008.**



**The Central Savannah River Area Section  
Cordially invites you and your spouse/guest**

**To our**

*Annual Social Night*

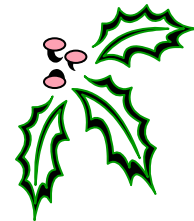
*Thursday, November 6, 2008*

*at 6:30 pm*

*North Augusta Community Center*

*495 Brookside Drive*

*North Augusta, SC*



*We sincerely hope that you will take advantage  
of this opportunity to meet and socialize with other  
fellow members and guests.*

**Please RSVP by 10/31/08**

**Program**

**6:30: Social Hour  
7:30 Welcome/Introductions  
7:45: Buffet Dinner with wine  
(Complimentary)**

**Ronny McIver, CCC, EVP**

**President**

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## Central Savannah River Section



### President's Corner by Ronny McIver, CCC, EVP

**Have you sent in your RSVP for the 11/6/08  
Members Appreciation Night?**

**Please RSVP by October 31, 2008**, for both you and your guest. This year we will gather in the Grand Ballroom of the North August Community Center for a fun filled night. We sincerely hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to meet and socialize with other fellow members and guests. The event is complimentary - just our way of providing a means to socialize with fellow professionals and say "Thank You" for your support!

Our October 30th dinner meeting will feature Mr. **Joe Berry, Aiken County Director of Public Works**. Mr. Berry is currently serving as the Interim Public Works & Engineering Director for Aiken County. He has served as the County Engineer since April of 1989, and has been the project manager on such projects as our Center for Hydrogen Research facility, the New Detention Center, Renovations to the Aiken Library and the Banksia Museum, the Nancy Carson Library in North Augusta, The Aiken Department of Social Services Building in Aiken, and many other area projects. Join us and find out what other area projects are planned for the future!



Thanks to the efforts of **Kathy Roberson** and **Jim Hammond**, the Earned Value Professional Certification Workshop held at the Augusta State University on 10/10/08, was a great success! You still have the opportunity to sign up for the Planning and Scheduling PSP Workshop which



has been rescheduled for Friday, 11/21/08. Our next Certification Exams will be held on 12/6/08. See the [aacei.org](http://aacei.org) website for details and to sign up (Exam sign-up deadline is 10/27/08).

#### AACEI-CSRA Leadership Team

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### Highlights from the 9/25/08 AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting

The AACIE-CSRA Section's September dinner meeting featured Mr. Elliott Levy, Executive Director of the Aiken County Historical Museum. AACEI-CSRA Section President, Ronny McIver, introduced Mr. Levy as the person who "can put more names and specifics to the history of Aiken, SC than anyone in the area."

Mr. Levy provided us with an evening full of colorful local history, focusing on how a small South Carolina town has continually changed throughout the years. "Just like any good business – if you do not constantly re-invent yourself, you will not survive the future." Mr. Levy shared his perspective on breathing new life into the Aiken Museum and the cost challenges of managing a non-profit organization. Housed in a former winter colony mansion, the museum displays items that reflect the county's history from the earliest settlers to the present. Mr. Levy described how he leveraged the limited museum budget to improve its focus on significant events in Aiken history within the confines of limited museum space. To accomplish this, Mr. Levy redesigned the museum layout in the 14,000 square foot historic mansion, to better reflect the significance of each exhibit.

Speaking to a crowd of over 20, Mr. Levy shared many anecdotal pieces of area history and the CSRA's path to continual business, cultural, and agricultural growth. In the 1830's, William Aiken, from Charleston, raised \$956K to build railroad from Charleston, SC to Hamburg, SC. The original route did not include the Aiken area due to the difficulty of the steep grade (600 ft above sea level) required to reach to Hamburg. But the surveyor, AA Dexter, found a way to route the railroad through Aiken to appease his prospective father-in-law, William Williams, one of the largest land owners in what is now Aiken, SC. The completion of the railroad, 2 weeks before the marriage, ensured the prosperity and future business of the Aiken community. Several textile mills and other factories were subsequently built in the area.



Elliott Levy, Aiken Historical Museum Curator, received an appreciation Plaque from AACEI-CSRA President Ronny McIver.

Following the completion of the railroad, Aiken soon became the favorite "winter colony" for many wealthy and influential people, including members of the Rockefeller family. The Midland Valley area brought a different kind of crowd. "It was known as Little Chicago because the gangsters from Chicago came," he said.

Aiken is also a county of many firsts. For eight years after the completion of the railroad in 1834, Aiken boasted the longest railroad in the world for 8 years. Aiken was the asparagus capital of the world from 1925 – 1934, and "was the smallest community to have a liberty ship named after it," said Mr. Levy. "It took 18 days to build, and it was women who built it during World War II. That changed the American labor force." The 1950's brought even more changes to the area with the building of the Savannah River Site, which has continued to evolve through the years to its current status as one of the largest employers in the CSRA area. Aiken is also home for the Center for Hydrogen Research, focused on creating an environment where hydrogen and fuel cell expertise and technologies can be easily used to create cost-effective and consumer-accepted products and services.



Mr. Levy captivated the audiences and left many of us wanting to visit the Aiken County Museum to learn more!



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### *The PSP Certification Workshop has been rescheduled!*

**November 21, 2008**

**Planning & Scheduling Professional (PSP)  
Certification Workshop**

**Augusta State University  
Augusta, Georgia**

**Instructors: Terry McNew  
Ashok Pillai**

**Registration Deadline: 11/14/08**

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

**For Reservations:  
Jim Hammond, EVP; (803)952-6790,  
mail: [james.hammond@srs.gov](mailto:james.hammond@srs.gov)**

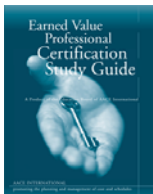
This workshop is intended for anyone in the field of project or program management, project controls, cost engineering, planning, scheduling, finance, estimating or any other project or program related work who is preparing to take the PSP Certification Exam. Professionals attending the PSP Certification Workshop should be fairly knowledgeable and have at least an intermediate level of project or program experience.

**The cost of each workshop is \$295.00 per person.** The training workshop is co-sponsored by Augusta State University. Continuing education units, 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.

*Note: Both workshops are 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).*

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*Chris A. Boyd CCE and  
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## **AACE Certification Update: Important Changes in the Policies and Procedures**

***The AACE International Certification Board has implemented several changes that are effective immediately:***

**EVP and PSP exam** candidates must pass Part IV (the written memo) in order to pass the exam and obtain their credential. (There is no change in the procedure for the CEP candidates as passing Part IV of the CEP exam has been part of the CEP process.)

**CCC/CCE candidates** must submit their 2,500-word technical paper on CD to the exam proctor at the time of the exam. Even if the candidate submitted their paper with their application, they must submit the paper on a CD to the proctor at the exam site. Candidates failing to submit their paper on CD to their proctors will not be permitted to sit for the exam.

**CCC/CCE candidates** applying under the Exam on Demand option are required to submit their paper at the same time as their application. Candidates failing to submit their paper at the time of their exam will not be processed.

**When applying for AACE certifications**, AACE will no longer accept an applicant's resume/vitae as verification of employment or your degree. Verification of work can simply be a short paragraph from an applicant's supervisor stating how long the applicant has worked there and a brief description of the applicant's duties. If the applicant is unable to contact a previous employer, AACE will accept a statement from the applicant's current employer that the current employer did check the applicant's previous employer and verified what they found. If the applicant is self-employed, the applicant can write a short paragraph explaining their work situation and then have the signature notarized. To verify a degree, AACE will accept a copy of the applicant's diploma or transcripts from the awarding college/university.

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### Central Savannah River Section News

**Editor: Kathlene M. (Bell) Roberson, EVP**

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

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