

October
2012

Mark Your Calendar

Section Meetings

November 29, 2012
January 24, 2013
February 28, 2013
March 28, 2013
April 25, 2013
May 23, 2013

Workshops/Exams

November 3 & 4, 2012
CCC/CCE Workshop

Community Events

TBA
Future City Competition

Social Events

October 23, 2012
Membership Drive
November 29, 2012
Member Appreciation

Member Spotlight



This month, we spotlight one of our SRR members. Meet Angela Foreman, who works as part of the Six Sigma Team. She is a Black Belt who assists with efficiency.



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Let the October-fest continue!!

The Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering, International – CSRA Section is offering a Certified Cost Consultant (CCC) / Certified Cost Engineer (CCE) Certification Workshop on November 2 & 3, 2012 at Georgia Regents University. The workshop is intended to prepare participants to sit for the CCC / CCE Certification Exam, but is also open to those looking to expand their knowledge of Cost Engineering. Please check out the workshop flyer (later in the newsletter) for more details.

Effective October 1, 2012 AAACE International now offers computer based testing (CBT) as the standard delivery for all certification examinations. The transition from paper based testing to computer based testing has eliminated the need for selected examination dates and specified locations. We can now offer examinations at virtually any time of the year through Kryterion, our CBT vendor, at one of their many testing centers.

In order to take an AAACE Certification Examination, there are two steps each candidate must follow:

REGISTRATION

A candidate must first register for an AAACE Certification exam by submitting an application and payment, as well as fulfilling all eligibility requirements related to the exam. You can log into your account, or create one, by going to the AAACE portal. After ALL of your application information has been received and verified it will take approximately 45 days to communicate your eligibility to sit for the exam.

SCHEDULING

Once you have been cleared to sit for the exam by AAACE Certification Staff, you will receive instructions on how to schedule an examination at a Kryterion testing center located near you. This will require you to create a test taker profile in AAACE's computer based testing (CBT) environment, Webassessor, and schedule your exam on a date and time at a location most convenient for you, based upon the testing center's availability. A one-time-use voucher code will be issued to you to act as payment when scheduling your exam with Kryterion. No one will be permitted to schedule an AAACE exam without a valid voucher code assigned by AAACE Headquarters staff. A CBT exam scheduling tutorial is available for viewing on <http://www.aacei.org>

We are happy to provide AAACE certification opportunities with more flexibility and convenience for exam candidates and trust you'll agree!

WANT TO KNOW THE LOCATIONS NEAR YOU BEFORE REGISTERING?

To view the nearest Kryterion's testing center to you, go to:
http://www.kryteriononline.com/host_locations/

Recap: NNSA's MOX Fuel Facility and U.S. Plutonium Disposition Program

During our last dinner meeting, we got to hear from a MOX Facility representative. He discussed with us the plans and goals set forth by their program and gave us a brief description of where stand today. Below is an overview:

“On August 1, 2007, the National Nuclear Security Administration's Office of Fissile Materials Disposition broke ground on the Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site near Aiken, South Carolina. One of the largest construction projects in the Southeastern United States, the MOX facility currently employs more than 1,800 construction workers, designers and engineers. In addition to its economic impact, the MOX facility will play an important role in U.S. national security and energy policy.

The MOX facility will blend surplus weapon-grade plutonium with depleted uranium oxide to make mixed oxide fuel for use in existing nuclear power plants. Once the MOX fuel assemblies have been irradiated in commercial power reactors, the plutonium can no longer be readily used for nuclear weapons. It will take approximately 15 years for the MOX facility to process the 34 MT of plutonium.”

We wish the program success and look forward to hearing more about their accomplishments in the upcoming years.



Annual Membership Drive

Location:

North Augusta Community Center
495 Brookside Drive
North Augusta, SC

Cost:

\$15 per member
Free per non-member
Guests & Spouses are welcome!

Time:

Registration & Networking 5:30p
Dinner & Speaker 6:30p

RSVP:

No later than **October 23, 2012** to
Tambra Craven (tambra.craven@srs.gov)
Kathy Roberson (kathlene.roberson@srs.gov)

PDU:

2 PDUs earned

Speaker Information



Michael Nosbisch

Project Time & Cost
Managing Principal and EVM Practice Lead
University of South Carolina
Adjunct Professor
AACE-International
Past President 2011-2012

General Membership Information

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.

October is a great time to join AACE International! Join us for the Annual Membership Dinner on October 25, 2012, and bring a guest 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

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

November 2 & 3, 2012

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 Role of Construction Cost Auditing Within Project Controls, Jake Ortego, PE; Antonio Fratangelo, CCC, Cost Engineering, Vol. 54, No. 02, AACE International, Morgantown, WV, 2012..

Even with the most effective project control techniques, there are some project costs that cannot be fully evaluated until the construction project has been completed. For this reason, a construction audit of the final costs should be a standard part of an effective project controls program. This article will discuss the benefits of interim and final audits to owners, contractors and construction managers. Recommendations that will help make a stage of construction. It will also address differences between construction auditing actual case studies will be provided to help produce beyond standard project controls how objective auditing can aid the closeout potential litigation which may be beneficial to not only construction managers as well.



project controls program. This article will discuss construction cost audits to owners, Additionally, this article will provide project more easily auditable at any some of the similarities and and project controls. Examples from illustrate the results that audits may techniques. Finally, the article will show process and may lower the risk of project owners, but contractors and

Obtained via the AACE International Virtual Library.

AWARDS

Section Award

AACEI-CSRA is proud to announce that we have been awarded the Gold Award for 2011-2012.



This is only possible thanks to our wonderful members. Please continue to let us know how we can better server you.

AACEI-HQ Kindle Winner

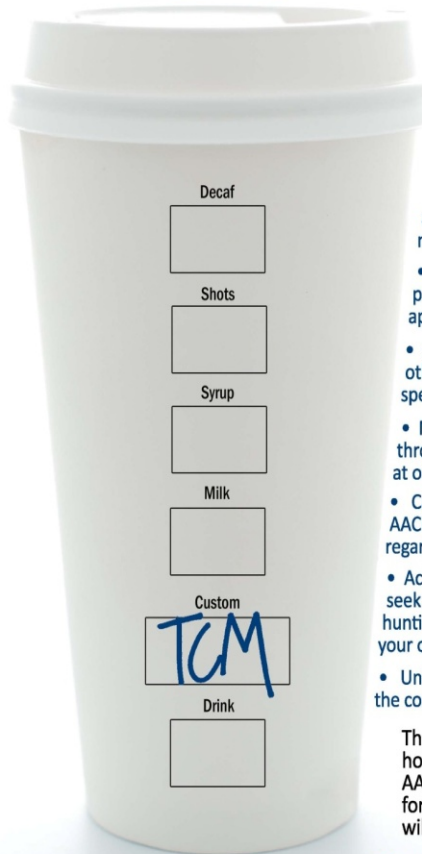


Congratulations to our very own **Steven Gross**

winner of the Amazon Kindle Fire! AACEI-HQ issued a survey in February 2012 focused on future Annual Meeting sites. Location appeared to be an important determining factor to the Individuals responding to the survey with 59.6% indicating that location was either An Important or Significant Factor in determining whether to attend the Annual Meeting. At the completion of the survey, members were entered into the drawing and a winner was selected at random.

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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.

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*\$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.

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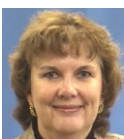
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