



Central Savannah River Section

Mark your Calendars:

UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA SECTION MEETINGS

09/24/09 Jim LaClair, Shaw Areva MOX Services LLC
10/22/09 Chris Gentile, Tritium Programs, SRNS
11/07/09 Member Appreciation Dinner
01/28/10 Norm Powell, V.P. Site Integration, SRNS

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

10/09/09 EVP Certification Workshop – Augusta State Univ.
10/23/09 PSP Certification Workshop – Augusta State Univ.
11/07/09 Certification Exams – Augusta State Univ.
8/25/09 - Early Deadline for Certification Exam
9/09/09 - Final Deadline for Certification Exam
1/23/10 South Carolina Regional Future City Competition

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future City Competition

The AACEI-CSRA Section will be sponsoring one of the awards given at the 2010 Future City Competition. If anyone is interested in joining us for this event, Contact Myron Berry, CCC, PMP (803) 557-4936 or myron.berry@srs.gov

There is also a need for more people to help out proctoring the exams coming up in November. If anyone is interested, please contact Jim Hammond, EVP (803) 952-6790 or Kathlene Roberson, EVP (803) 208-8727

Member Spotlight



AACEI Monthly Dinner Meeting September 24, 2009 (Thursday)

Jim LaClair Shaw Areva MOX Services LLC

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 Member
\$20 per Non-Member

Guests/Spouses are welcome

Please RSVP to:

Ronny McIver (2-5942), ronny.mciver@srs.gov, or
David Larsen (208-0815) david.larsen@srs.gov
through email by COB Monday, September 21, 2009.

Workshops In October
Earned Value Professional (EVP)
Planning & Scheduling Professional (PSP)
See page 3 for details!



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President's Corner



Kathy Roberson
AACEI-CSRA
Section President

The August AACEI-CSRA dinner meeting was a great success and our guest speaker, Dr. J. D. Chiou was an excellent choice in providing us his perspective of planning and quantifying the effect of ARRA at SRS.

Our September 24th dinner meeting will feature Jim LaClair, Project Controls Manager for the MOX Project. Jim has been a member of AACEI for over 25 years and associated with 3 different sections, the Greenville section, the Rocky Mountain section and the CSRA section for the last 3 year. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

We are again offering 2 workshops this October, the Earned Value Professional (10/9/09) and the Planning and Scheduling Professional

(10/23/09). If you are planning on taking the EVP or PSP certifications in the near future, both classes are an excellent way to prepare and gear up for the exams!

Also – be sure to mark your calendars for the November 5th Members Appreciation Night! This year we will again 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.

Thank you to all the AACEI-CSRA Section members who participated at the 9/10/09, CSRA College Night at the Augusta-Richmond County Civic Center. In addition to sponsoring the AACEI Booth, the Chapter contributed \$250 towards the event scholarship fund. High school students who participated had the opportunity to meet recruiters from more than 150 colleges and universities and compete for scholarships

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AACEI–CSRA Section is offering 2 Workshops this Fall:

October 9, 2009

**Earned Value Professional (EVP)
Certification Workshop**

Augusta State University
Augusta, Georgia

Instructors: Kathlene M. Roberson, EVP
Ronny McIver, CCC, EVP

(Reserve your seat by October 1, 2009)

October 23, 2009

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

Augusta State University
Augusta, Georgia

Instructors: Terry McNew

(Reserve your seat by October 15, 2009)

Both workshops are 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 or PSP Certification Exam. Professionals attending either the EVP or PSP Certification Workshops should be fairly knowledgeable and have at least an intermediate level of project or program experience.

The cost of each workshop is \$395.00 per person. Both training workshops are 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.

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

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).**

For Reservations:

Jim Hammond, EVP; (803)952-6790, email: james.hammond@srs.gov

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

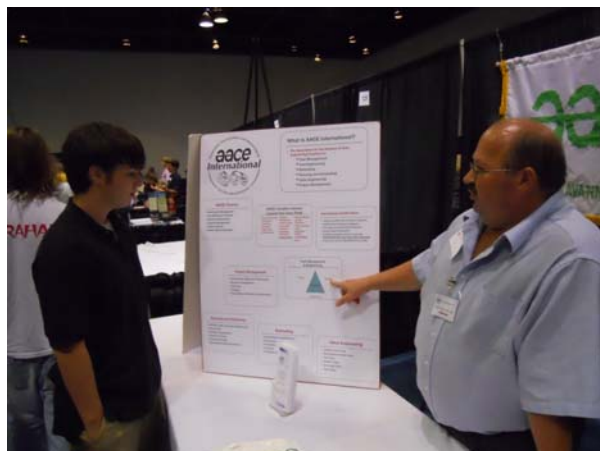
CSRA College Night 2009

**Took place Thursday, September 10, 2009
5:00 – 8:30 pm**

**The James Brown Arena
(formerly known as)
Augusta-Richmond County Civic Center
Located at 601 Seventh Street
Augusta, GA 30903**



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Highlights from the 8/27/09 AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting



The AACEI-CSRA Section held its August dinner Meeting with Dr. J.D. Chiou as the guest speaker. Dr. Chiou described the various challenges facing the ARRA Program in the area of Project Controls as well as Logistics and Engineering challenges that lie ahead.

Dr. J. D. Chiou is the Vice President of Area Completion & Solid Waste Management (AC&SWM) for Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS). He is responsible for soil and groundwater remediation, facility D&D, and solid waste disposition for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Savannah River Site. The ongoing AC&SWM scope of work is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Dr Chiou discussed the efforts to greatly reduce various footprints at SRS which will make way for future missions & accelerating the timetable for the Environmental Management mission which will save money. He discussed techniques for dealing with millions of gallons of water, thousands of cubic feet of soil and the de-commissioning of old reactors at the site.



The planned MOX Facility



Highlights from the 8/27/09 AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting, continued

We say that there are three main reasons for attending our monthly Section Dinner Meetings.

1. Network with fellow professionals in the area.
2. Earn valuable credits toward maintaining professional certifications.
3. Learn new skills, concepts and strategies from accomplished leaders in the profession.

I am continually impressed and amazed by the vast experiences that people have in this area. At every dinner there are some people who come out maybe only once in a while. Sometimes I'll see someone who I worked with years ago and have lost touch with. And sometimes I'll meet someone who has had a long and fascinating career and it seems like they are just getting warmed up. I met some folks at the August Dinner, Bob and Sandie Bero that I would like you all to meet. Bob was kind enough to provide me with some information about himself and his family.

Bob and Sandie Bero



I was a previous employee of BSRI from 1988 - 2007 when I took the early retirement. I started out at SRS as a Senior Startup Engineer, responsible for the initial commissioning of several HVAC and process water systems at the Defense Waste Processing Facility. I spent about three years in work control as a technical reviewer of work packages and in 1996 transferred into Project Controls as part of the Fire Protection Line Item project. I also served as B Area lead Construction project controls, SRTC Lead Project Controls, and F Area lead project controls and finally H Tank Farm Lead Project Controls up to retirement. The past 19 months I was lead Cost Controls for Flint Energy, at the Firebag 3 Oil Sands project at Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada. The project was suspended in February due to falling oil prices. It is currently out for rebid, expected to start back up in January 2010. I hired on with ACTS incorporated on the ARRA projects with Site Infrastructure project controls, currently responsible as the project Controls Engineer for the P&R area Batchplants, P&R Area Railroad Refurbishment, P&R Area Road upgrades, K to L Area Domestic Water Tie-ins, and the 784-A Fire Water Pump House and Services upgrades.

Married 27 years to Sandie, who is the Westside Baptist church bookkeeper, three children, Bethany, married, age 24, two years college at ASU, and James, age 22, recently joined the Navy in the Nuclear power Program after two years at Maranatha Baptist Bible college. His twin, Matthew, who recently passed away in August from an unexpected illness.