



Central Savannah River Section

Mark your Calendars:

UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA SECTION MEETINGS

9/22/2011 – Ken Chacey, Site Manager for Ameresco Federal Solutions

10/27/2011 – Doug Hennsey, DOE Systems Manager of Integration and Planning

11/10/2011 - Member's Appreciation Dinner

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

(9/13/2011 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam)

11/12/2011 – Exam - Augusta State University

1/21/2012 – Future City Competition

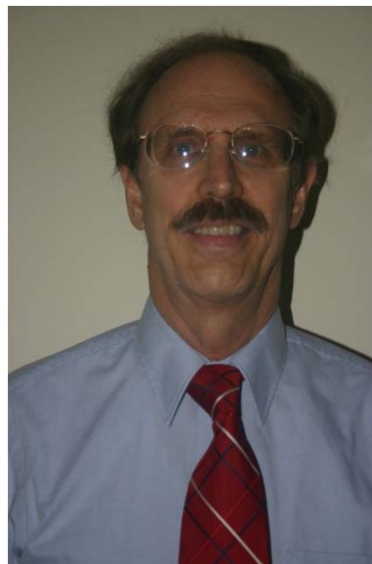
EVP & CCC/CCE Workshops

We are tentatively planning to offer the Earned Value Professional (EVP) workshop in the Spring as well as the CCC/CCE workshop no later than March of 2012. If you are interested in either workshop, please contact anyone on the AACEI-CSRA Board of Directors listed on page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

The material for the EVP workshop has been updated and expanded to cover more of the concepts in the latest study guides and to better prepare the attendees to take the certification exam.

The deadlines will have passed to sign up for the November 2011 exam but exams are offered 2 or 3 times per year as well as Arranged Exams.

**Join us at the next
AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting
September 22, 2011**



**Kenneth A. Chacey, P.E.
Ameresco Federal Solutions**

**Members & Friends
Spotlight**





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President's Corner



Kathy Roberson
AACEI-CSRA
Section President

Here's an interesting bit of trivia for you. Did you know that 31 of our 75 members hold one or more AACEI Certifications? Congratulations and Kudos to the folks listed below in recognition for **your** AACEI certifications achievements. The following Section members hold certifications and can be considered Subject Matter Experts, available to help you if you have any questions.

Focus on Ethics: In September's Cost Engineering magazine, there is an article about the revisions to AACEI's Canons of Ethics which will become effective on 1/1/12. The new ethics will apply to all members renewing their 2012 membership. Ethics changes will focus on intellectual property violations, integrity of the examination process and the responsibility for all members to report alleged unethical violations. This revised AACEI Canon of ethics will be posted on the AACEI website soon after the Board of Directors approves it this fall.

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Name	Certification	Name	Certification
Myron Berry	CCC	David Larsen	PSP
Orval Bradt	EVP	Scott Macklin	CCC
Samuel Budenstein	EVP	Robert May	CCC
Gary Bunker	CCC	William Mayson	EVP
Mark Chostner	CCE EVP	Brandon McBride	CCC
Elena Cuartas-Villegas	CCE	Ronny McIver	CCC EVP
Brenda Davis	CCC	Terry McNew	EVP
Christopher Epps	PSP	Billy Joe Medlin	EVP
Fred Evans	CEP	Ruth Metcalf	CCE
Stephen Gross	EVP	Asoka Pillai	CCE EVP
James Hammond	EVP	CJ Plummer-Wooley	EVP
Robert Hannan	CCC	Kathlene Roberson	EVP
Gary Howard	CCE	Manan Vakil	CCE EVP PSP
Christopher Jones	CCE	George Whyte	CCC CEP EVP
Rudy Jones	EVP		
Joseph Knick	EVP		

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For the latest news from AACEI Headquarters, please visit the website.
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AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting September 22d, 2011

Please RSVP by COB 9/19/11 to either:
Tambra Craven, 208-2257,
tambra.craven@srs.gov
Asoka Pillai, 208-7114,
asoka.pillai@srs.gov

5:45 p.m. Registration and Networking

6:30 p.m. Dinner and Program

Cost:

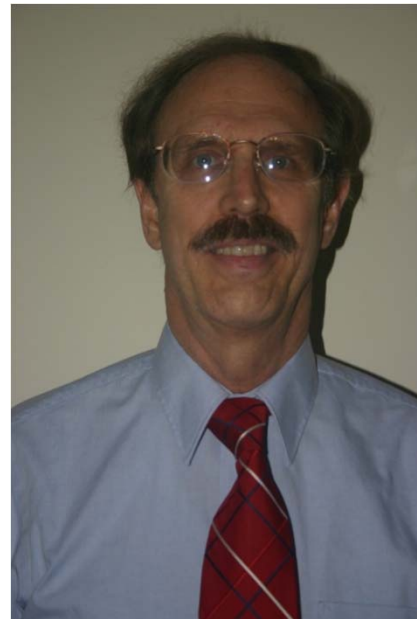
Members \$15 per person

Non-Members \$20 per person

Guests/Spouses are welcome

Location:

**North Augusta Community Center
495 Brookside Ave.
North Augusta, SC**



Kenneth A. Chacey, P.E.
Ameresco Federal Solutions

Kenneth A. Chacey joined Ameresco in July of 2009, after retiring from 36 years of federal service. He is the Ameresco Site Manager at the Savannah River Site, and is responsible for the construction of the Biomass Cogeneration Facility, which will replace the old D area coal-fired power house. This is the largest federal biomass facility in the country, and will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 100,000 tons per year. Construction of the facility began in September of 2009, and was completed in March of 2010. The two 120,000 PPH boilers were set on August 27, 2010, and the plant is scheduled to be on line in December of 2011. The facility will operate a 20-MW turbine, providing electricity to the site grid.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Chacey was the Assistant Deputy Administrator of the Office of Fissile Materials Disposition, in the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). While in that position, he obtained start-of-construction approval for the Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility. Mr. Chacey also managed the Elimination of Weapons Grade Plutonium Production (EWGPP) program; in this capacity, he was responsible for closing the last three plutonium production reactors in Russia.

Mr. Chacey first worked at SRS in 1984, as a Project Engineer for the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF). He transferred to DOE Headquarters in 1987, as Director of Site Engineering and Construction Management, and was responsible for MOX, as well as the Pit Disassembly Conversion Facility and the Waste Solidification Building. While at Headquarters, he also directed several Environmental Management (EM) programs, including the Savannah River Site HQ Office, the Office of Program Integration, the Office of Spent Fuel Management, and the Foreign Research Reactor Program. Mr. Chacey also served as Division Director of the Tank Waste Remediation System at Hanford, WA, and Manager of the DOE Vitrification Projects Division.



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The CSRA Section of AACEI contributed to the college scholarship fund that was awarded on College Night, September 8th, 2011.



The winners for the 2011 - 2012 annual AACEI-CSRA scholarship are:

Emily Shaw

Junior

Wofford College

Chemistry Professional Degree

Plans to get a PhD in Organic Chemistry or

Specialized Fragrance Training. Has worked part

time in the fields of synthetic organic chemistry of

flavors & fragrances and home fragrances research & development.

Chidiebere Ezeh

Senior

Southern Polytechnic State University

Construction Management

Plans to get a Master's in Construction or

Project Management. Has worked part time

as a scheduler and cost controller at a design and build firm.



Amnesty Recertification by Professional Credit Plan

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning." The exponential growth of AACE International's Certification Program in recent years has certainly been a desirable achievement, but it has also uncovered areas for improvement to keep us on a successful path.

We have listened to those of you who have told us the recertification process is an area where improvement is needed and wanted.

In review of what we have learned from your experiences, the Certification Board has recently approved and implemented significant improvements to the recertification process, as detailed below:

AACE International now offers a limited window of opportunity for individuals who allowed their certification to lapse to reinstate those certifications without taking the examination. To take advantage of this one-time, limited amnesty program, individuals must submit a special recertification application with payment by December 31, 2011, along with proof that they have met or exceeded the recertification required by AACE International to maintain the certification status.

As of January 1, 2012, any individual who has lapsed the recertification will be required to retake the examination to reinstate the certification. AACE International has announced that we will be more assertive in assuring that individuals with lapsed AACE certifications are not claiming the status on their business cards, letterhead and professional resumes.

For more information on how to reinstate your certification, contact [Valerie Smith](#) or [Amanda E. Hildebran](#) at AACE International Headquarters.



Steve Job's Commencement address at Stanford University in 2005 *Part 1*

(I broke up the article into 4 parts for inclusion in our newsletter)

I ran across this article about Steve jobs and sent it to my daughter who has started her fourth year of college.

Dear Sarah:

I don't know if you've seen this speech. I did a copy/paste to have it here.

This is the kind of speech I wish you and your fellow grads could hear next year.

Steve Jobs, who stepped down as CEO of Apple Wednesday after having been on medical leave, reflected on his life, career and mortality in a well-known commencement address at Stanford University in 2005.

Here, read the text of of that address:

I am honored to be with you today at your commencement from one of the finest universities in the world. I never graduated from college. Truth be told, this is the closest I've ever gotten to a college graduation. **Today I want to tell you three stories from my life.** That's it. No big deal. Just three stories.

The first story is about connecting the dots.

I dropped out of Reed College after the first 6 months, but then stayed around as a drop-in for another 18 months or so before I really quit. So why did I drop out?

It started before I was born. My biological mother was a young, unwed college graduate student, and she decided to put me up for adoption. She felt very strongly that I should be adopted by college graduates, so everything was all set for me to be adopted at birth by a lawyer and his wife. Except that when I popped out they decided at the last minute that they really wanted a girl. So my parents, who were on a waiting list, got a call in the middle of the night asking: "We have an unexpected baby boy; do you want him?" They said: "Of course." My biological mother later found out that my mother had never graduated from college and that my father had never graduated from high school. She refused to sign the final adoption papers. She only relented a few months later when my parents promised that I would someday go to college.

(to be continued in next month's newsletter)

This looks like a good time for a good old-fashioned communist joke

A man saves up his rubles and is finally able to buy a car in Soviet Russia. After he pays his money the he is told he will have his car in three years.

"Three years!" Then he asks, "What month?"

"August."

"August? What day in August?" he asks.

"The second of August," is the reply.

"Morning or afternoon?"

"Afternoon. Why do you need to know?"

"The plumber is coming in the morning."

Highlights from the August Dinner Meeting

“Planning and Budgeting Life”

Chuck Smith of Edward Jones Co.

A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore.
-- yogi berra



The following are some examples of the investment advise from Chuck Smith

- Buy quality
- Re-invest dividends
- Own stocks in all asset classes
- Buy shares when they're down
- Avoid using the rear-view mirror
- The Municipal Bond market is alive and well
- Hope for Bear markets so you can buy stocks cheap

From - Reminiscences of a Stock Operator

--the book first published in 1923 about the famous trader Jesse Livermore.

You remember Dickson G. Watts' story about the man who was so nervous that a friend asked him what was the matter.

"I can't sleep," answered the nervous one.

"Why not?" asked the friend.

"I am carrying so much cotton that I can't sleep thinking about it.

It is wearing me out. What can I do?"

"Sell down to the sleeping point," answered the friend.



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

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