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President's Message

Dear AACE Seattle
Members & Friends,

It is my honor to introduce myself as the new President of the Seattle Section. This past year has been a busy one as we hosted the AACEI Annual Meeting at the end of June. We were graced with beautiful weather that week, and we had some great feedback from the 700+ attendees that visited with us.

I'm excited to be involved in the Seattle Section and to be working with the terrific group of Professionals that make up our new Board. Please join us at our first Section meeting of the year to welcome and congratulate them all.

Looking ahead, I am anticipating a great year. Our board has been working hard on creating a lineup of exciting speakers for our monthly meetings. We are also reaching out to other engineering, construction and infrastructure related organizations to bring new faces into our meetings and create new network-



ing opportunities for
you, our members.

We are also setting the groundwork for a Spring Seminar that offers more content than in the past. If you're interested in volunteering for that effort, please contact me or talk to me at the next meeting.

Despite the recession, there has never been a better time to be a project controls in the Puget Sound area, with so many mega projects coming down the pipe and the constant public discourse about infrastructure. As such, there has never been a better time to get involved with AACEI.

I welcome your involvement and input, and I hope to meet you at an upcoming meeting.

Respectfully,

John Potter
AACE Seattle President

Annual Meeting Recap

From June 29—July 1, AACEI International held their Annual Meeting at the Seattle Sheraton in downtown Seattle. The conference was kicked off by an energizing keynote address by football great Tom Flick.

Technical presentations were made on seven tracks, including BIM, Dispute Resolution, Planning and Scheduling, Cost Estimating, and Total Cost Management.

Basic Skills seminars were also available for early career professionals.

The weather was great, even by Seattle summer standards, and it would not be surprising if we saw a sudden influx of Project Controls Professionals moving to the Puget Sound, based on the comments of many attendees!

Many thanks to the Seat-

tle Section members who helped host the concierge table, and to Mark Chen for coordinating all the volunteers.



Weather was great for the AACEI Annual Meeting in June/July

Next meeting:

*Sept 10, 2009
5:30 PM (Social Hour)
6:30 PM (Dinner/Program)
Doubletree Guest Suites, Tukwila, WA*

Topic:
An Introduction to Schedule Risk Management

Presented by:
*Steven Wageman
MWH Program Management Central Services*

September Meeting Announcement

Our first meeting of the fiscal year will be held Thursday, September 10, 2009 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Tukwila, WA.

Steve Wageman, CCC, PSP, EVP is a past president of AACE—Seattle, will be presenting a primer on Schedule Risk

Management. In addition to answering some basic questions about Probabilistic Scheduling, he will discuss Monte Carlo Analysis and how to apply these techniques to your projects.

Steve has over 25 years of experience in Project Controls and is currently

the director of Education and Training Programs at MWH Program Management Central Services.

Don't forget to reserve the 2nd Thursday of each month for great AACE programs like this one!

Call for Papers—AACEI Annual Meeting 2010

The deadline for submitting an abstract for consideration for the AACEI 2010 Annual Meeting Technical Program is coming up on September 15, 2009.

Join the most well-respected technical experts in the Project Controls Profession by simply coming up with a great



idea and writing about it. Abstracts must be no more than 150 words and must be submitted

online at:

<http://www.aacei.org/annualmeeting/transactions/call4papers.shtml>

The 2010 Annual Meeting, "TCM—Cost Engineering on my Mind" will be held June 27—June 30 in Atlanta, Georgia.



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The Seattle Section of AACE International meets at 6:30 PM on the second Thursday of September — November and January — June, typically at the Doubletree Hotel in Tukwila, WA. Our section includes members from Puget Sound, to west of the Cascades, to south of the Canadian border, to north of the Oregon border. This web site is intended to improve communications with all section members and others interested in Total Cost Management.

Since 1956, AACE International, the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering, has provided its members with the resources they need to enhance their performance and ensure continued growth and success. With approximately 7,000 members world-wide, AACE International serves cost management professionals: cost managers and engineers, project managers, planners and schedulers, estimators, value engineers, and claims specialists. AACE International has members in 78 countries and currently includes 70 local sections.

For more information, contact us at aaceseattle@gmail.com

Board Members & Volunteer Opportunities

Due to career changes and other commitments, we have two opportunities to serve on the AACEI Seattle Board this year.

The first is the Treasurer position. Duties include responsibility for the budget, checkbook, and section financial reporting. Thanks so much to Resa Conway for holding this position for so long.

Second is the Director of Education. Responsibilities include coordination of any certification activities done by the Section and helping to coordinate Seminars and Symposiums.

If you are interested, please contact John Potter at john.potter@alphacorporation.com

Join AACE on Linked In & AACEI Forums

By now, everyone has heard of social networking and WEB2.0 as a valuable tool for growing your professional network and doing research, but have you been taking advantage of your AACEI ties?

This year, AACEI launched a group on linked in. Join this group and jump in on a discussion about mentoring, networking, or a technical topic. Job opportunities are posted as well.

Subgroups on Linked In include the Women in

Project Controls and AACEI Younger Members. Connecting on Linked in is an easy way to stay connected to folks you met a Conference or a seminar.

To join, sign up at www.linkedin.com. You will have to create a profile (if you don't already have one) and search groups for AACEI. If you need a hand, feel free to email brookm@gmail.com

Also, AACEI has a whole series of forums on its website. Go to



www.aacei.org and click on "Forums" at the top of the page. They are divided into technical groups, and you'll have to sign in as a member to participate.

There are dozens of active participants that are sitting around to muse with you about all things project controls!