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OCTOBER TECHNICAL MEETING

October 20, 2010

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: On the Border, Route 1, West Windsor (Princeton)

Subject: **What's New in Oracle Primavera P6 Release 8**

Speaker: **Jake Campbell, Envision Consultants**

RSVP to: John Stone at 215-299-4530 or jostone@deloitte.com or Mike Bennink at (609) 497-2283 or michael.bennink@marsh.com. Please RSVP so we can provide an accurate count. The cost of the event is \$25 per member or non-member. Checks should be made payable to "New Jersey Section AACE". Please RSVP to ensure an accurate head count for the meeting room.

President's Message:

Please join us at our meeting on October 20 at On the Border on Route 1 in Princeton.

Developing business opportunities, meeting people in your profession, pursuing job leads, and learning or improving on technical skills – all are fundamental concepts in developing professionally and all are the potential benefits of attending an AACE NJ Section meeting (or any AACE Section). This month we are hoping you will join us for what promises to be an interesting evening of learning and socializing. The NJ Section is pleased to have Jake Campbell of Envision Consultants to speak on "What's New in Oracle Primavera P6 Release 8." Please consider attending!

Michael J Bennink
President, AACEi NJ Section



Tom Walker (center) presenting at the September 2010 NJ Section meeting in Princeton, NJ

ABOUT ENVISION CONSULTANTS

Envision Consultants, Ltd. is an established woman owned business headquartered in New Jersey. The firm provides professional project and construction management services to parties engaged in the construction industry encompassing owners, government agencies, municipalities, developers, design professionals (architects and engineers), construction managers, contractors, subcontractors, manufacturers, and suppliers. With close to two decades of dedicated service to the construction industry, our commitment to client satisfaction has resulted in the successful completion of diversified construction projects on highways and bridges, transit systems, educational institutions, as well as commercial and industrial facilities throughout the United States.

Envision's corporate philosophy is to focus on our clients' specific needs and objectives with tailored project and construction management support services required to manage complex projects. This is accomplished with expert knowledge and experience, and technical expertise in the implementation of state-of-the-art project management and control systems.

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About Envision Consultants

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“On time and on budget” is the ultimate measure of a project’s success. In today’s fast paced environment, coupled with the ever demanding requirements for timely project delivery, effective planning is the key to successfully achieving project scheduling and budgeting objectives. Envision has been engaged on projects throughout the nation and oversees the implementation of effective project management and control systems. Envision’s team of seasoned professionals maximize the use of sophisticated management tools to seamlessly track progress and project resources, evaluate the impact of change orders to the schedule and budget, and analyze/document contentious issues that may potentially lead to a dispute - thus assisting in avoiding costly construction claims.

September Meeting Summary

The NJ Section was pleased to have NJ Section Secretary Tom Walker, PE, CCE present at the September 2010 Section meeting in Princeton, NJ on “The Effects of Incorrect Engineering on Capital Projects”.

Tom’s presentation included two case studies that contemplated the real world impacts of deficiencies in the design and planning of capital projects. The discussion focused on planning, design, estimating, sub-contracting, project delays and the lessons learned from experiences.

Tom’s experience and expertise provided for a lively evening of insight and discussion. The Section was grateful and thanks Tom for giving his presentation!



*NJ Section President **Mike Bennink** (right) thanks **Tom Walker** (left) for his presentation at the NJ Section’s September 2010 meeting.*

AACE International New Jersey Section News:

Certification News:

The NJ Section will be hosting the 4th quarter AACEI certification exams to be held in November 2010. Details and dates for the 2011 exams being hosted by the NJ section will be determined soon.

Please visit <http://www.aacei.org/certification> to know more about the certification programs offered by AACEI.

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NJ Section Website:

Please send us your comments and suggestions for improving the website. Many thanks again to the new NJ Section Webmaster, **Danielle Bonhomme-Delprato, CCC**.

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NJ Section Newsletter:

The success of the NJ Section depends on your participation and input. As such, this Newsletter is a vehicle for all of the New Jersey members to get and gather information. We encourage the members to submit articles, abstracts or any other announcement that they would like published. Suggestions about the newsletter are also welcome.

If you have anything you would like to include or any questions regarding the newsletter, please feel free to contact: **John Stone, CCE - Newsletter Director** at jostone@deloitte.com.

Membership:

The Association's programs, products, and services are a reflection of the high quality of its members and their chosen career path and interests. Where the value is clear the decision is easy. AACE International has the energy and momentum to bring greater value to its members. With your involvement, we can keep the New Jersey section strong and active!

Danielle-Bonhomme Delprato, CCC
Director, Membership

Corporate Sponsorship:

It is never too late in the year to consider becoming an AACEI Corporate Sponsor. AACEI Corporate Sponsors will receive a discount for the Annual Meetings and discounts for the upcoming Certification exams as well as AACEI publications. If your organization has several AACEI members, please consider becoming a Corporate Sponsor; it will begin paying for itself immediately.

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*NJ Section Past-President and current AACE International Vice President of Finance **John Ciccarelli** (left) presents NJ Section President **Mike Bennink** (right) with the Section's Outstanding Performance award for the 2009-2010 season at the September 2010 meeting.*

News from Morgantown:

(Note: Information regarding AACE International news and events is taken from the official AACE International website and membership e-mails)

AACE Board of Directors Announces 2011 Membership Dues Increase

The AACE International Board of Directors announces that regular membership dues for 2011 will be \$143, a ten percent increase from this year's level. "Amazingly, this will be the first AACE dues increase in nearly a decade," noted AACE President Stephen O. Revay, CCC CFCC.

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"With Association expenses continuing to rise and AACE services and benefits expanding, it was apparent that we needed to bring dues up to a level to support our mission. Based upon the U.S. government consumer price index, we actually would require \$157.66 to replicate the purchasing power of \$130 in 2002, the first year that dues rate was implemented. With membership dues contributing less than 30% to our operational budgets, we believe our members receive a tremendous value for their dues investment when compared to peer professional associations," Revay commented.

The dues increase will be reflected in 2011 renewal statements for memberships expiring on or after January 1, 2011. Members joining for the first time may join AACE International for a 12-month period for the current dues of \$130 plus a \$10 processing fee until January 1. The dues increase will also change the corporate sponsorship program which will not be set at \$1144, a 10% increase for the 8 memberships that are included in the price of the CSP membership.

For more information, contact Sharon Hardman (membership@aacei.org) at AACE International headquarters.

2010 Leadership Retreat October 2, 2010 Houston, TX

The deadline for early-bird registration has been extended until September 24 for the 2010 Leadership Retreat. Visit AACE's website for more information on this one-of-a-kind event or to register:



Save the Date! AACE's 55th Annual Meeting June 19-22, 2011



AACE's Technical Board reports that over 300 abstracts have been received for the 2011 Annual Meeting -- an increase of 25% from 2010. At their Fall Technical Board Meeting, they will now be faced with the most difficult challenge of reviewing and selecting an estimated 100 abstracts to fill the 2011 Annual Meeting's technical presentation slots.

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AAACE's Board of Directors Announces AAACE Goals for 2010-2011

The AAACE International Board of Directors is releasing its 2010-11 tactical operations plan based on deliberations at its August 20-21, 2010, meeting in Morgantown, WV. According to President Steve Revay CCC CFCC, the Board identified three major areas of focus for the coming year:

1. Improve communications and marketing efforts with members and major stakeholders to better communicate the value-added of membership in AAACE;
2. Improve section leadership training and enhance resources available to sections; and
3. Improve the congruence and alignment of goals and objectives among the Board, associate boards, committees, regions, sections and members.

"Each of these three major areas of emphasis will be supported by specific tactics and actions to achieve our goals by our June 2011 Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA." Revay stated: "While we will provide continuing support for other aspects of the Association, we believe these represent the most critical areas of focus for this administrative year."

Revay outlined several planned improvements to the Association's marketing and communications efforts, including plans for a comprehensive redesign of the monthly *Cost Engineering* journal as well as expanding coverage of practical transferable techniques and greater cross referencing between the journal and the Virtual Library on the website. Plans were also announced to freshen the website's appearance as well as provide a more intuitive navigational scheme for members and other stakeholders in our mission. Other efforts include conducting a comprehensive membership survey to provide crucial information for decision makers as well as adapting member profiles to allow members to identify areas of professional interests. The Association will create improved membership recruiting resources that can be customized for targeted market segments as well as potential corporate sponsors.

Because of the key role sections play in the growth and vitality of the Association, the Board will launch a series of initiatives designed to enhance the resources and training available to section leaders. This includes providing more robust online tools for section leaders to use to administer their section as well as providing ongoing leadership training through webinars. A new e-newsletter, *The Section Connection*, will be introduced to improve communications with section leaders. The Association will also be providing sections with education seminars that can be offered locally. These "seminars in a box" programs will be designed to expand options for members to grow professionally and provide sections with a new option for quality, cost-effective programming. The Association will also be expanding support for sections to more effectively recruit, welcome and retain members through a better designed new member acknowledgment process.

The third major focus, better alignment of organizational strategies, goals and tactics will include a greater emphasis on strategic planning by the Board and enhanced communication among the Association's component parts. "We will examine the Association's governing structure to identify how we can best be organized for the future needs of our members and the profession. We want to make sure we align ourselves effectively to provide the maximum value to our members and stakeholders," Revay noted. As part of this effort, the Board will be exploring options to orient current and future leaders on the respective role and scope of all the major entities within the Association structure.

"Your elected Board leaders have committed to achieve these consensus goals by June 2011. While an ambitious program of work, this public commitment underscores the confidence we have in our volunteer leaders and staff to perform," Revay concluded. For more details on the 2010-11 tactical plan, please consult the online [PowerPoint presentation](#) on the web

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AACE's Certification Board Announces Arranged Exam Opportunities for 2011

The Certification Board has developed a new approach for exam dates called "ARRANGED EXAMS" as an option for potential exam candidates.

The "normal" Spring, Summer, and Fall/Winter Certification Exam cycles at the local section level will remain unchanged; the intent of the Arranged Exam approach is to offer additional opportunities to those interested in certification.

WHAT IS AN ARRANGED EXAM?

An Arranged Exam:

- is a flexible opportunity for those pursuing multiple certifications
- offers alternative exam dates available to sections, AEPs, and exam candidates in remote locations
- must be requested in advance by completing the Arranged Exam Request Application and submitted to the Certification Manager for verification and approval

The 2011 Exam Calendar has been expanded to 18 possible exam dates. All exam dates are available to all sections, AEPs, and exam candidates who may or may not be near an active section who regularly hosts certification exams.

The exam dates are grouped, keeping the 60 day exam registration deadline intact for each possible exam date. The registration deadline dates will not be compromised for any section, AEP, or individual exam candidate. All guidelines and requirements established by the Certification Program will be consistently maintained.

By using the Arranged Exam approach, an exam candidate could feasibly sit for a different exam on any of the given exam dates; as long the candidate meets the requirements to sit for the exam and the exam venue/two proctors have been identified, verified

and approved by the Certification Manager.

Another new addition to the Exam Calendar is the introduction of weekday exam opportunities. Each group of possible exam dates has a weekday opportunity, as well as the normal Saturday opportunity.

HOW ARRANGED EXAMS WORK:

1) The [2011 Certification Exam Calendar](#) will show all exam dates and which sections/locations have been confirmed. An individual person or group of people can choose any of the listed exam dates from the Exam Calendar.

The Certification webpage will directly link those interested to "learn about Arranged Exams".

2) If after reading "learn about Arranged Exams", there remains an interest - the person requesting the Arranged Exam will be required to identify two Proctors, confirm the exam date and exam location, identify which exam(s) will be administered, and who the contact person will be for this specific Arranged Exam.

The request will be electronically acknowledged to the requester.

3) All preliminary information must be verified and approved by the Certification Manager. Once an Arranged Exam has been approved - meaning, two Proctors are identified and approved, exam location has been approved, and the principal contact information is verified - the exam candidate(s) will be sent an electronic link via email to actually register and pay for the exam.

From this point, the candidate is following the usual process and steps for registration and payment of certification exams.

For more information or to apply for an Arranged Exam, visit [AACE's website](#).

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New Calendar of Courses Feature Added to the Website

In order to provide you with educational opportunities available to you - right at your fingertips, AACE International has added a new [Calendar of Courses](#) to our website.

The calendar lists dates and locations of courses that are offered by our Approved Education Providers (AEPs). It will be frequently updated so that you can find upcoming courses to be held in your area.

Courses offered by AEPs are pre-approved by AACE and designed to provide you, the cost and management professional, a means of identifying suitable development courses. These courses may be offered by professional trainers, consultants, AACE Sections, professional organizations, or others that can supply quality educational opportunities intended for public use or client-specific in-house courses.

The Calendar of Courses will help guide you to what courses are being offered in your area or via the web. The Calendar of Courses will be listed in date order to help you plan your continuing education opportunities accordingly.

For more information, please visit the [Calendar of Courses](#) today.

AACE's 2010 Membership Survey Coming Soon

On September 22, 2010, AACE members will receive an invitation via email to participate in the online 2010 AACE Membership Survey. The survey will close on October 13.

Why should you participate in the survey?

- To express your point-of-view on AACE's current offerings of products and services
- To help AACE gain a better understanding

about what is important to you

- To increase AACE's knowledge about our operational successes or areas for improvement

Do you need another reason to participate? By providing your candid and anonymous feedback, you have the option to be entered to win a [Kindle 3G Wireless Reading Device](#) from Amazon.

The results will be published on AACE's website and in *Cost Engineering* journal.

Your opinion matters! Plan to participate in the 2010 Membership Survey and help AACE better meet your needs!

Western Winter Workshop February 2-6, 2011 Pebble Beach Resort, CA

In 1961, AACE's San Francisco Bay Area Section started its long tradition of hosting the Western Winter Workshop -- the longest running workshop of any section activities. This year's event marks the 50th anniversary and the event will be returning to the famed Pebble Beach Resort. Plan now to attend as this is a special event you won't want to miss.



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AACE® International signs a cooperative agreement with the Defense Acquisition University

AACE® International and the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) signed a Cooperative Agreement at DAU, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The missions of both DAU and AACE share a mutual commitment to excellence in learning and strategic collaboration for the best training. The training builds on the expertise of both communities in terms of estimating, cost engineering, scheduling, and earned value management (EVM) - collectively known as "project controls" - within the Department of Defense and Industry. This Cooperative Agreement formalizes an ongoing relationship with the objective of continuing to support each other's efforts by leveraging the best practices of both government and the contracting community to provide first class training and education.

Dr. James McMichael, DAU's Acting President and Mr. Stephen O. Revay CCC CFCC, President, AACE, signed the Cooperative Agreement on August 19, 2010 at Fort Belvoir. The strategic partnership established by the Cooperative Agreement creates the framework for AACE and DAU to pursue mutually beneficial educational opportunities. AACE and DAU will each appoint a "sponsor" to explore these opportunities, propose the specific details on what each party will pursue, and how the details associated with each area should be managed.

Executive leadership from both AACE and DAU were in attendance at the signing, along with senior leadership from DAU's Business, Cost Estimating and Financial Management (BCEFM) Department, Capital Northeast Region.

In addition to Revay, AACE was represented by President-Elect Michael R. Nosbisch CCC PSP, and Government Liaison Co-Chairs Osmond F. Belcher CFCC and Charles E. Bolyard Jr. CFCC PSP.

After the ceremony, the group ate lunch together and discussed common interests. [Go here](#) to see the cooperative agreement and click on this link to learn more about DAU: <http://www.dau.mil/default.aspx>.

Networking Opportunities



Join AACE on these networking venues!

Calendar of Events

October 20, 2010 - Dinner Meeting, Primavera / Scheduling, Princeton, NJ

November 17, 2010 – Technical Meeting, Earned Value Analysis, Bridgewater, NJ

December 1, 2010 – SAME Meeting – Philadelphia, PA

December 15, 2010 – Technical Meeting hosted by Faithful + Gould, Ewing, NJ

June 19 to June 22, 2011 – AACE International's 55th Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA

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NJ Section - 2010-2011 Technical Programs

<i>Mtg No.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Topic/Speaker</i>	<i>Host</i>
1	9/15/2010	Princeton, NJ	Case Study - The Effects of Incorrect Engineering on Capital Projects / Tom Walker, PE, CCE, Jersey Central Power & Light	Tom Walker
2	10/20/2010	Princeton, NJ	Primavera/Scheduling / Jake Campbell, Envision Consulting	John Stone
3	11/17/2010	Bridgewater, NJ	Earned Value Analysis – Why it Doesn't Work / Joseph A. Lukas, PMP, PE, CCE	Danielle Delprato
4	Dec 2010	Philadelphia, PA	SAME Meeting, Philly	Mike Bennink
5	12/15/2010 Wednesday	Ewing, NJ	Meeting hosted by Faithful + Gould	TBD
6	1/20/2011	Bridgewater, NJ	BIM/Joint Meeting with ASCE Central Jersey	Mike Bennink
7	2/17/2011	TBD	Joint Meeting	
8	3/16/2011	Trenton, NJ	Construction Cost and Contract Compliance / Brett Bisaga, P.E.	
9	4/22/2011	NJIT, Newark, NJ	Student Meeting/Subject TBA	John Ciccarelli
10	5/18/2011	Edison, NJ	Refinery Estimating/Bob Mathur	

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