

Delaware Valley Section

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September 2010

AACE International Delaware Valley Section **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Jeffrey E. Sueck, CPE, CCC, CEP, PSP, AVS, MRICS
Section President



The AACEI – Delaware Valley Chapter President Mr. Jeffrey E. Sueck, CPE, CCC, CEP, PSP, AVS, MRICS would like to welcome all of our AACEI Delaware Valley Section Members back for the 2010 – 2011 year. Over the summer months we have been working diligently to set-up our newly interactive website (www.aacei-dv.org). This website will be connected to email address aaceidvs@yahoo.com. It has been develop with button to link current topics in our industry, news of upcoming meeting, newsletters from past meeting, job posting within our industry. For the 2010 – 2011 year, we hope to continue to improve current member participation. We are also working to increase our membership and retain our current members. We have changed the venue in which we now host our meetings. There are new options that will include a host bar when possible, three choices for dinner selection, and accommodations for special dietary needs are included. Our meetings will have new and exciting topics. AACEI-DVS is currently in the process of working on the Education & Scholarship Committee with local area schools. If anyone knows of any students that are interested in participating and submitting a paper to qualify for local and national scholarships please contact Warren Tasca who is our Education & Scholarship Committee Chairman at warren.tasca@stvinc.com. I hope to meet you all in our upcoming meetings.



September Meeting Summary:

The AACEI Philadelphia Delaware Valley Section hosted “General Information Session” on September 22, 2010 at The Hilton Hotel, which is located at the Philadelphia Airport. Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis (SCEA Mid-Atlantic Chapter) graciously joined us for this kick-off meeting. The section was pleased to announce its speaker Jeffrey E. Sueck CPE, CCC, CEP, PSP, AVS, MRICS. Mr. Sueck is the President for the AACEI Delaware Valley Section and President for the SCEA Mid-Atlantic Chapter. We had a very interactive social event meeting and would like to thank everyone who attended from both AACEI and SCEA and for bring thoughts, ideas and recommendations. Our Secretary commenced this meeting by having everyone introduced themselves. Mr. Sueck provided insight of how these two professional organizations are common and different in each industry. He gave an overview of each section. He discussed about ways that AACEI-DVS can improve member participation through our monthly meetings, volunteering in Habitat for Humanity, possible company sponsored events, site visit of ongoing construction projects within the Philadelphia area, company sponsored golf outing, expand and grow our education and scholarship committee by visiting local area colleges and university and informing students of the opportunities that are available for scholarship money. We briefly discussed our survey and hope that we get more participation in future surveys.

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Please see below a brief overview of the survey participation that we received from our members. We were looking to get more feedback from our members. This purpose of this survey was to get a feel for us to better serve our members and be more accommodating to their needs. If any of our members has any suggestions to ways in which we can improve our section, location and suggestion for monthly meetings and ways in which can improve our monthly meeting and make to increase attendance please e-mail us your suggestions at aaceidvs@yahoo.com. We would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to provide us with any suggestions that you may have. Please remember that by voicing your opinion we can improve our ACEI Delaware Valley Section.

Survey Type: Online Survey
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Launched	08/12/2010 - 2:09 PM
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Email Invites	0
Visits	27
Partials	0
Completes	12
Screen Outs	0
Over Quota	0

Interested in presenting at a monthly meeting



If anyone is interested in providing us with a presentation or know of someone who would be interested in speaking at one of our monthly meetings; please contact Ricardo Aviles or Warren Tasca. We appreciate your help and would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to participate and improve our section. We are looking for speakers and would be greatly appreciated for your assistance to help us cover some dates. Please see listed below a list of tentative dates and topics.



Please join me in extending a warm welcome to SCEA Mid-Atlantic Chapter that joined us at our September 22, 2010 monthly meeting. The Mid Atlantic Chapter of the Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis (SCEA) was chartered in March 2009. We are truly dedicated to improving cost estimating and analysis in government and industry and to enhancing the professionalism and accomplishments of our members of this Mid-Atlantic section. Today SCEA still sets the standard for promoting cost estimating and analysis within Government and industry, for providing training in the Body of Knowledge, and for propagating of ethics and

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standards of conduct throughout the profession Our chapter board goals include expanding our chapter membership, we plan to facilitate professional development through training events, provide social functions for our members, schedule speakers on items of current interest, host monthly meetings, stay engaged and interact with the national office, and explore better ways of serving chapter members through initiatives. Please feel free to visit their website at <http://www.midatlsccea.org>. The SCEA Mid-Atlantic Chapter Officers are Chapter President - Jeffrey Sueck, Chapter Vice President - Warren Tasca, Chapter Secretary - Peter Pizzutillo and Chapter Treasurer - Anthony Walsh

Current Member Participation in the Meeting approx. 7%:

We had 10 AACEI attendees (3 AACEI no-shows), and 13 SCEA attendees. Please support your Section. The total current membership for 2010 & 2011 as of August 2010 is 148.



Tentative Dates and Topics for Upcoming Meetings:

October 13, 2010 - Topic - "Better Project Outcomes: How Project Control Delivers on the Promise"

November 10, 2010 - Construction Management/Scheduling, Updates from Primavera Conference, Primavera new technology and insight into Oracle and E-Discovery.

December 8, 2010 - The Philadelphia Post of SAME will host ASCE, CMAA, The Engineers Club, PSPE Philadelphia Chapter, AACE-DVS and PMI for a multi-society meeting that was held on

January 12, 2011 - Joint meeting with SCEA - (Society for Cost Estimating and Analysis). Topic is to be determined and will be provided at a later date.

February 9, 2011 - Joint meeting with AACEI New Jersey Chapter. Topic is to be determined and will be provided at a later date.

March 9, 2011 - This meeting will be based on one company presenting their project of the year to our AACEI - Delaware Valley Section. We are open to volunteers who are interested in presenting at this meeting and greatly appreciate your involvement and participation in presenting.

April 13, 2011 - This meeting will be a young professionals meeting. We will have college students presenting a meeting to us from a local area College or University. Topic is to be determined and will be provided at a later date.

May 11, 2011 - Topic is to be determined and will be provided at a later date.

May 11, 2011 - Topic "Habitat for Humanity" - Volunteer Work - Weekend Work. (We need at least 10 volunteers for this to happen. Additional information will be provided at a later date as to place, date and time.

June 8, 2011 - Pre- planning meeting will be held to discuss to-date and ongoing Delaware Valley Business information.



AACE International - Upcoming Testing Information

AACEI Delaware Valley Section is sponsoring the certification exams for November 6, 2010. Please contact AACE International headquarters to register for any test. We thank you in advance for your support and volunteering to host/proctor. If anyone wishes to host/proctor future exams please send us your request.

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- ✚ The AACE Headquarters Certification Staff and the Certification Board are committed to offering a quality exam product by improving the overall Certification process, as well as the ability to release exam results faster. In order to accomplish these goals, the Certification Board has changed the deadline for submitting the Technical Paper required with the CCC/CCE certification. The submittal of the Technical Paper now coincides with the registration deadline date as posted on the website. Candidates failing to submit the Technical Paper by the registration deadline will not be permitted to sit for the CCC/CCE exam.



Arranged Exam Opportunities

The Certification Board of AACE has adopted a *Controlled Chaos* approach to the 2011 Certification exam calendar and exam process. This new approach is called “ARRANGED EXAMS”. With the increasing demand for AACE certifications, both domestically and internationally, the Certification Board has developed and approved 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. 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. Different from Exam on Demand, the Arranged Exam approach expands the 2011 Certification exam calendar to specific dates which are controlled by the Certification Program. Exam on Demand was popular and easy to market, but it was unpredictable and very often an unexpected surprise to the Headquarters Certification staff. 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. These 18 specific exam dates make exam preparation predictable and organized. Headquarters Certification staff can now plan their work and work their plan in an organized and efficient manner. 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. Over the past year, there have been multiple requests from sections and AEPs to permit candidates to sit for multiple exams during an exam cycle. By using the Arranged Exam approach, an exam candidate could feasibility 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. There is a growing interest, both domestically and internationally, in taking exams during the week instead of only on Saturday. Each group of possible exam dates has a weekday opportunity, as well as the normal Saturday opportunity. The arranged exam works 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

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Exams”. 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. 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. The Certification Program feels this approach is a win-win for all – A win for the Association. For more information on Arranged Exams, visit www.aacei.org certification link.



Career Opportunities

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If you know of any available career opportunities that are available in our industry we would greatly appreciate it if you could e-mail the relevant job information to aacidvs@yahoo.com

AACE International 55th Annual Meeting



AACE International's 55th Annual Meeting
TCM: Imagine the Possibilities! at the Disneyland
Resort in Anaheim, CA Sunday, June 19, 2011
thru Wednesday, June 22, 2011

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