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

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Section President



The AACEI – Delaware Valley Chapter President Mr. Jeffrey E. Sueck, CPE, CCC, CEP, PSP, AVS, MRICS would like to thank all of our AACEI Delaware Valley Section Members who attended the meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2011. I am very pleased with the increased number of attendees at our monthly meetings and would like to thank all of our members for support as we can continue to grow our AACEI – Delaware Valley Chapter. We are constantly seeking individuals within our industry who would be interested in presenting. If anyone is interested in presenting at one of our monthly meetings please feel free to contact us. at aaceidvs@yahoo.com. Please include your name, phone number, e-mail address, topic of discussion, date you would like to present, and a short bio about yourself. We are going to continue to improve current member participation and meeting attendance; having presentations about interesting and interactive topics is a good place to start. This will help us attract new members and increase current member participation/retention. Our members should be aware that we have made a few changes to the meetings. These changes include the addition of a host bar, three choices for entrée selection, and being able to accommodate special dietary needs as well. We will have new and exciting topics at our chapter monthly meeting. We are currently in the process of working on our Education & Scholarship Committee with local area schools. If anyone knows of any students that are interested in participating and submitting an application to qualify for local and national scholarships please contact Warren Tasca, the Education & Scholarship Committee Chairman at warren.tasca@stvinc.com



April Meeting Summary:

The AACEI Philadelphia Delaware Valley Section hosted its April monthly meeting. The topic of discussion was “LEED v3 as it relates to Cost Estimating and Scheduling” on April 13, 2011 at The Hilton Hotel which is located at the Philadelphia Airport. The section was pleased to announce its speaker Mr. Aaron Roche. Aaron Roche is a Certified Cost Technician (CCT), LEED Green Associate and an estimator with STV’s Project Controls Division located in Philadelphia. He has proven experience estimating design, construction, and feasibility studies for projects in various markets, including transportation, education, institutional, hospitality, commercial, parks & recreation, infrastructure, and land development. He has developed estimates at various stages of project development, from feasibility and preliminary design, through final design and construction. Mr. Roche has also assisted in civil design of roadways and stormwater and sewage management systems, as well as performed land surveying duties.

The presentation will also be given at AACE’s Annual Meeting on the 22nd of June in Anaheim, CA.

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In the presentation, Mr. Roche mentioned that buildings in this country account for seventy-two percent (72%) of electricity consumption, forty percent of raw materials use (42%), thirty-eight percent of carbon dioxide emissions (38%), thirty-two percent of solid waste output (32%), twenty-four percent to fifty percent of energy use (24% – 50%), and fourteen percent of potable water consumption (14%). The big question is, “can this remain constant?”

Some of the other highlights of the presentation were as follows: the various LEED professional accreditations, multiple project owner types, and strategies that can be used to accurately describe the cost and time resources associated with green building projects. The crowd was engaged in the presentation and asked questions that will allow for the conversation to continue regarding how green buildings affect estimators and schedulers. Please contact Aaron (aaron.roche@stvinc.com) with additional questions or comments pertaining to his presentation or any other items relating to the topic of environmental sustainability and our built environment.

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 greatly appreciate your assistance to help us cover some dates. Please see below a list of tentative dates and topics.

April 16, 2011- Habitat for Humanity Build Day – recap.



Volunteers of the AACE – Delaware Valley Section participated in a build day at Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia’s warehouse located at 1829 N. 19th St. The group displayed a very productive work rate and assembled the wall system for the 2240 Latona St. house being constructed by Habitat. Mark Sanders, AACE – Delaware Valley’s point of contact with Habitat noted that since June 2009, AACE – Del Val has raised a total of \$10,350 for Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia. He would like to thank all of the contributors and volunteers as follow:

Andy Anderson – Essayons Consulting, Ricardo Aviles, Tom Gaines – Hill International, Peter Giovinco – Resolution Management, Nataraj Jayaraman – Weston Solutions, Cheryl Myers, Mark Nagata – Trauner Consulting Services, Tracy Riper, Aaron Roche – STV Construction, Inc., MaryAnn Sanders, Mike Sanders – Thornfield Energy Associates, Megan Syrnick – Hill International, Jerry Thibideau – Resolution Management, Bill VanWagenen – CH2M/Hill, and George Weaver.

Member Participation in Meeting approx. 20%:

Please support your Section. Below please find a list of upcoming events.

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Tentative Dates and Topics for Upcoming Meetings:

May 11, 2011 – Mr. Jim Martin - New Jersey Transit and the Agence Métropolitaine de Transport (AMT) of Montréal, Canada have embarked on a program to procure 46 dual power locomotives

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 hosting an exam on July 9, 2011 at Hill International Offices located in Marlton, NJ. Please contact Warren Tasca at warren.tasca@stvinc.com for more information.

AACEI Delaware Valley Section is also currently seeking volunteer proctors and locations for the AACE International 2010 certification exams for December 20, 2011. 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 does agree to host/proctor an exam we will send a request for more specific information from you at a later date.

✚ 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.



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

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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 deadlines 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 feasibly sit for a different exam on any of the given exam dates; as long as 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 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. For more information on Arranged Exams, visit www.aacei.org certification link.

Job Posting



RESOLUTION MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS, INC. is a professional consulting firm specializing in providing select project management and construction claims services to the public and private marketplace. We are seeking an individual with a background in engineering or construction with project/construction management and/or construction claims analysis experience. Experience with critical path method (CPM) scheduling and Primavera software is desired for use in schedule development or review or for use in “after-the-fact” claims analysis. Assignments may include horizontal or vertical construction, with client contact and responsibilities concomitant with your abilities. You may work with little supervision on smaller assignments or be part of a team on major projects. Your capability to perform will dictate the level of responsibility which you will be given. Travel may be required, depending upon the type of services being performed, with project management assignments having the higher likelihood of travel for longer periods of time. Work may be in the office or in the field, depending upon the assignment. In-house work would be performed out of the Company’s home office in Marlton, NJ. BS degree required, with advanced degree, professional registrations, and/or certifications desired. Company has continuing

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education policy to help financially achieve these goals. Preferred experience level is entry level to 3 years. Excellent benefits package. Salary commensurate with experience in the areas noted above. EOE/EOB.

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If you know of any 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



Networking Opportunities



Join AACE on these networking venues!



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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