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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, October 13, 2010. 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 our individuals within our industry who would be interested in presenting on a topic. If anyone is interested in presenting at one of our monthly meetings please feel free to contact us. at [aaceidvs@yahoo.com](mailto: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; interesting and interactive topics is a good place to start. This will help us in attracting new members and increasing current member participation/retention. If our members are not aware we have made a few changes to our meetings. We have included a host bar, we now offer three choices for entrée selection and we are accommodating special dietary needs as well. We will be having 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 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](mailto:warren.tasca@stvinc.com)



#### October Meeting Summary:

The AACEI Philadelphia Delaware Valley Section hosted “Better Project Outcomes: How Project Control Delivers on the Promise” on October 13, 2010 at The Hilton Hotel which is located at the Philadelphia Airport. The section was pleased to announce its speaker Brett Bailey. Mr. Bailey is the General Manager of the Management & Consulting Division of Pathfinder, LLC. Brett has more than 25 years of domestic and international Project Management experience in a variety of projects/programs ranging from capital expansions to new product development programs. He has been responsible for developing and managing capital strategy/budgets, development/execution of capital projects and improving operational efficiency for several manufacturing facilities. Brett is experienced in effectively managing annual capital budgets as large as \$100 million. Brett's responsibilities include overseeing all of Pathfinder's internal resources to assure our clients receive the most qualified/best suited project professionals for the assignment. Brett

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also supports consulting and training assignments as needed. Pathfinder, LLC was created in the mid 1970's. They recognized that the expertise to successfully plan, execute and commission domestic and international capital plant projects, hard-earned by the Chemical Process Industry (CPI) during its unprecedented worldwide growth in the 1960s and 1970s, needed to be retained as a vital industry resource available "on call" to industry participants in the future. Pathfinder is established to provide a stable, totally independent and fully focused project management organization. Pathfinder is dedicated to the collection, preservation, enhancement, application and transfer of this vital and dynamic body of knowledge. Mr. Bailey talked about how is project control utilized at your location, how does project control provide added value, how can project control be improved , that Pathfinder has provided quality project management support services for over 3,100 projects for various process industry organizations. If you would like to learn more about Pathfinder and what services they offer please feel free to visit their website at [www.pathfinderinc.com](http://www.pathfinderinc.com)

#### 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 appreciate for your assistance to help us cover some dates.

Please see listed below a list of tentative dates and topics.

#### Member Participation in Meeting approx. 14%:

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



#### Tentative Dates and Topics for Upcoming Meetings:

**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

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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 also currently seeking volunteer proctors and locations for the AACE International 2010 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 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 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

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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 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 – A win for the Association. For more information on Arranged Exams, visit [www.aacei.org](http://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 education policy to help financially achieve these goals. Preferred experience level is entry level to 3

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*Career Opportunities*

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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](mailto:aacidvs@yahoo.com)

#### AACE International 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting



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

#### Western Winter Workshop



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 50<sup>th</sup> 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. This Western Winter Workshop will take place on February 2, 2011 to February 6, 2011 in Pebble Beach Resort, CA.



#### Networking Opportunities



Join AACE on these networking venues!

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