

Delaware Valley Section



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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, May 11, 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 their support with presentations, attendance, and volunteering as we can continue to grow within 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 in our monthly meetings, volunteering, or assisting with event please feel free to contact us at aaceidvs@yahoo.com or our Secretary Ricardo Aviles at Ricardo@eclimited.com. Please include your name, phone number, e-mail address, topic of discussion, and a short bio about yourself. We will be hosting our next planning meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. I encourage all board members and regular members to attend this planning meeting for the 2011/2012 year. We are going to plan upcoming meetings, events, discuss ways to increase our membership participation, education and scholarship committee and certifications. 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

We are currently in the process of completing our 2011 Section Recognition Award. Jeffrey Sueck, Warren Tasca, Aaron Roche, Ricardo Aviles and Mark Sanders have been working diligently to collect this information so we can present our application for our AACEI Delaware Valley Section on June 1, 2011. I want to extend a thank you to Warren Tasca, Aaron Roche, Ricardo Aviles and Mark Sanders for all their hard work in compiling all of this information so we have it prepared to submit prior to June 1, 2011



May 2011 Meeting Summary:

The ACCEI Philadelphia Delaware Valley Section hosted its May 11, 2011 monthly meeting. The topic of discussion was “New Jersey Transit and the Agence Métropolitaine de Transport (AMT) of Montréal, Canada have embarked on a program to procure 46 dual power locomotives” at The Hilton Hotel which is located at the Philadelphia Airport. The section was pleased to announce its speaker Mr. James A. Martin, PE, PMP. Mr. Martin has 20 years of experience in railcar procurement and overhaul programs, from concept to final closeout. His

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expertise includes program management, vehicular structure and interior engineering and design, system integration, and warranty and reliability administration. He has led the development of transit vehicle rehabilitation specifications and has led engineering teams for a major electric multi-unit (EMU) rehabilitation project. Mr. Martin has worked on many vehicle assessment, overhaul, and procurement programs across the country. He has an in-depth knowledge of a variety of passenger coach and locomotive types, giving him the versatility required to address vehicle-specific issues as they relate to component replacement and overhaul. Mr. Martin explained how the program is unique in that it is a collaboration of two rail authorities who are trying to realize the economies of scale by procuring a common locomotive. The new locomotives are unusual in that they operate in outlying non-electrified territory under diesel power, and are then capable of converting to electric mode via overhead catenary to complete the trip and thus providing a one seat ride. With a maximum weight of 72,000lbs per axle and a height no greater than 14'6", the packaging of a locomotive that utilizes two diesel engines and is capable of 4200hp in diesel mode and 5360hp in electric mode has been a challenge to say the least. Designated the ALP-45, three pilot locomotives have been recently completed and are about to begin testing at the Transportation Technology Center located in Pueblo, Colorado as well as on-site testing at the authorities respective properties.

Please see below some photographs:



Member Participation for May Meeting was approx. 12%:

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



Tentative Dates and Topics for Upcoming Meetings:

June 15, 2011 – Planning meeting will be held to discuss up to date and ongoing Delaware Valley Business information, and 2011-2012 Planning.

September 14, 2011 – TBD.

October 12, 2011 – TBD.

November, 2011 – TBD.

December, 2011 – SAME Annual Multi-Society Dinner Meeting, and Toys for TOT.

January, 2012 – TBD.

February, 2012 – TBD.

March, 2012 – TBD.

April, 2012 – TBD.

May, 2012 – 2012-2013 Elections, and Topic TBD, and Habitat for Humanity volunteering,

June, 2012 – Planning Meeting

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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.

AACEI Delaware Valley Section is also currently seeking volunteer proctors and locations for the AACE International 2011 to 2012 certification exams starting with the 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.

Visit: www.aacei.org head quarter certification link.

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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 aaceidvs@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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