

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 participated in compiling information for our “Section Recognition Award”. 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 will be hosting our second meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2011. We have a new meeting location which for 2011/2012 year which will be at the Marriot located next to the Philadelphia Airport. I would like to thank all of our board members for organizing the meetings and obtaining speakers to do a presentation at our monthly meetings. We are looking forward to a great year fill and with new topics some very informative and educational topics for our monthly meetings. I look forward to another great year for the

2011/2012 year. I hope to have increased member participation for this forthcoming year. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with the planning of our monthly meetings and events. We take a great amount of dedication, devotion and pride to promote our AACEI Delaware Valley Section. If any of our current members are interested in assisting us with planning meetings and planning events to promote our AACEI Delaware Valley Section you can contact us at aaceidvs@yahoo.com. Please include your name, phone number, and interest of how you can help our section. 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 meetings. 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.

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New Meeting Location

Our board members have voted to move our meeting location to the Marriott-Philadelphia Airport. The address is One Arrivals Road Philadelphia, PA 19153. If you should need directions please call 215-492-9000. We are going to be receiving superior service, our room rental fee is waived, we are provided with all audio visual equipment at no cost, a wide variety of menu choices, complimentary orderves during the social time and complimentary parking(just park your car at the Marriot and a free parking exit ticket will be handed out during meal time). We will continue to commit our time and dedication to our members. We appreciate the opportunity that our members

have provided in past years, and we hope to continue to receive your support.



September Meeting Summary:

The ACCEI Philadelphia Delaware Valley Section hosted a meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at The Hilton Hotel which is located at the Philadelphia Airport. The topic of discussion was "Walt Whitman Bridge Suspension Spans and Anchorage Spans Deck Replacement". The section was pleased to announce its speaker Mr. Keith Shuster, PSP(new DVS Section Director). Keith Shuster graduated from The Pennsylvania Institute of Technology in 1987 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has over 24 years experience as a

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Project Scheduler for Urban Engineers, Inc. on a variety of projects in the construction industry including airports, buildings, highways, rail facilities, suspension bridges and water treatment facilities. Mr. Shuster discussed The Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) of Pennsylvania and New Jersey is undertaking a \$128 million project deck replacement on the Walt Whitman Bridge which crosses the Delaware River connecting the Cities of Philadelphia and Gloucester. The existing bridge deck will be replaced with a modern orthotropic grid deck partially filled with light weight concrete and bituminous overlay. The design and material was selected to reduce the structural dead load induced on the bridge. In addition to being lighter the new bridge deck will have no intermediate expansion joints as compared to the existing design which has joints every 300 feet. To accommodate the differential longitudinal movements more than 3,000 elastomeric bearings will be installed. The project also includes the replacement of over 6 million pounds of steel. The Walt Whitman Bridge, whose main suspension span is the 27th longest in the world, currently carries approximately 120,000 vehicles (AADT) across the Delaware River each day. On summer weekends, the bridge carries as many as 150,000 vehicles per day. One-way toll collection began on the bridge in 1992, and in 1999, the bridge joined the EZ-Pass regional toll collection network.

Please see below some photos of Walt Whitman Bridge.



Tentative Dates and Topics for Upcoming Meetings:

October 12, 2011- Michael La Bate from Lightspeed Technologies, Inc. – AIA Accredited “Classroom Acoustics and Student Learning HSW: NA.” = 1 LU credit.

November 9, 2011- Open - ??

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December 7, 2011 - The Philadelphia Post of SAME will host -Topic is to be determined and will be provided at a later date

December 10, 2011 – Exam Date: Final Registration deadline 10/10/11. Location – Philadelphia, PA. Want to earn credit towards your certification? You can volunteer.

January 11, 2012 -Topic is to be determined and will be provided at a later date

February 8, 2012 – “CH2MHILL - Open Plan scheduling presentation – PennDOT I95 Project”

March 14, 2012 – “Field Trip” – Location To Be Determined.

April 11, 2012 – Open ?? – Habitat for Humanity Volunteering

May 9, 2012 – Open - ?? - Voting for 2012/2013 section board members will be held on this night.

June 13, 2012 – Pre- planning meeting will be held to discuss to-date and ongoing Delaware Valley Business information.



ACE International - Upcoming Testing Information

ACEI Delaware Valley Section is also currently seeking volunteer proctors and locations for the ACE International 2011/2012 certification exams. If you would like to volunteer on 12-10-11 please contact Ricardo Aviles at Ricardo@eclimited.com. Please contact ACE 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 ACE 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.

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Exam Opportunities

Certification Information:

<http://www.aacei.org/educ/>

Exam Calendar Dates: USA - PA - Delaware Valley Section (Philadelphia) 12/10/11. For additional dates and locations see:

<http://www.aacei.org/educ/cert/examCalendar>.

Arranged Exams:

<http://www.aacei.org/educ/cert/arranged.shtml>

Frequently asked questions:

http://www.aacei.org/Educ_FAQ.shtml

Job Posting



No job posting at this current time. If you would like to have a job posted on our website send us and email with your contact information and a PDF of the job posting for review and approval. Contact us at: aaceidvs@yahoo.com



Networking Opportunities



Join AACE on these networking venues!

AACE International 55th Annual Meeting



“A Fiesta for Total Cost Management”

This annual meeting will be held at the address listed below.

Location:

Marriott Rivercenter Hotel
San Antonio, TX, USA

Time:

Sunday, July 8, 2012 thru Wednesday, July 11, 2012

<http://www.aacei.org/am/future.shtml>

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