



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings:

We have two speakers coming up that have topical presentations. One presentation is on risk and one on Earned Value Management (EVM). However, getting the presentations scheduled presented challenges to us so far. We are trying to schedule the risk presentation as a technical training workshop.

EVM is a benchmark requirement at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. EVM impacted the award fee of the operating contractor at The Los Alamos National Laboratory. Both the risk and EVM presentations should be interesting topics and clearly a topic for all those working in project management and project controls.

Our January meeting topic was on AAACEI certification. Of the eight certifications offered by AAACEI, one is Decision and Risk Management Professional (DRMP) and one is an Earned Value Professional (EVP). If any of you are considering one or more of the certifications offered, visit the AAACEI website for the requirements for certification. We currently have two members considering certification and are anticipating taking the examination this summer.

As an aside, and as mentioned previously, certification (and membership) helps in marketing of your company's project management services. If you are with one of the area government agencies, membership and certification also gives you access to standards and recommendations published by AAACEI International (The Authority for Total Cost Management).

Don't forget to renew your membership. We will keep you informed on upcoming presentation dates. Also, don't forget to visit our local

chapter's website to see about job opportunities, meeting times, and a general background on activities of the chapter.

**Michael Ebbers, PE, CCP**  
**President AAACEI NM Section**

### CERTIFICATIONS/EDUCATION BOARD:

If you are also considering examination and registration, please begin your application process and completion of the necessary requirements. If you work in any type of cost and schedule disciplines on a part-time or continuous basis you should seriously consider becoming certified in your area of expertise. Certification validates your professional background and your commitment to providing services within your area of expertise.

Check the AAACEI.org website under certifications for the necessary requirements for certification. The AAACEI is going to computer based testing. R. Watenpaugh has actually sat for an exam here in town that used the computer based testing.

The current listing of certifications includes:

- Certified Cost Professional (CCP)
- Certified Cost Consultant (CCC) – NO LONGER OFFERED
- Certified Cost Technician (CCT)
- Certified Estimating Professionals (CEP)
- Certified Forensic Claims Consultant (CFCC)
- Earned Value Professional (EVP)
- Planning & Scheduling Profession (PSP)
- Certified Scheduling Technician (CST)
- Decision and Risk Management Certification (DRMC) – currently under BETA testing

Please note that our local section has workbooks that are available to you for reference and use as a study guide in the pursuit of certification. Contact Mike Ebbers for



use of the books.

- Other materials provide by the AAACEI Education Board includes:
- Seminar in a Box
- On-Line Learning Center
- S&K 6th Edition
- Study Guides
- Decision and Risk Management
- Cost Estimating
- Scheduling Primer
- Estimating Primer

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

We have an ongoing campaign to give a book scholarship to an in-state post-secondary student in the construction and engineering disciplines. To this date, I believe we have had zero applicants. If you know of a student who is eligible, please let them know of the scholarship. Contact Tim Cynova for information or see our Sections website [www.aacei-nm.org](http://www.aacei-nm.org) for additional details.

Per one of our recent meetings at UNM, it was noted that there are more scholarships than applicants for the scholarships. If your niece, nephew, son, granddaughter is enrolled at UNM, it might be worthwhile to set up a date and go see what scholarships are available.

**February LUNCH MEETING:**

**Date:** Friday, Dec 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 AM -1:00 PM

**Location:** Copper Canyon Cafe  
5455 Gibson SE  
Albuquerque, NM

TOPIC: TBD

**Previous Month Meeting/ Speaker Recap:**

**Janary Meeting:**

Attendees:

Mike Ebbers, Tim Cynova, Ryan Bettinger, an Al Milton.

Mr. Ebbers discussed AAACE professional certifications and provided certification reading materials for the group. Additionally, we discussed Mr Bettinger’s progress for taking his upcoming Certified Cost Professional (CCP) examination that he will be taking later, this year.

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**JOB LISTINGS:**



\*\* SEE Career Column at AAACEI website!!!

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## **NEW MEXICO SECTION WEBSITE:**

If you haven't already, please visit the New Mexico Section Website <http://www.aaacei-nm.org/>

Any suggestions on additions to the NM Section Website would be appreciated!

## **AAACEI Events:**

### **Certification:**

*For those of you seeking to be certified in one of the many AAACE certification categories, please Remember that the certification exams are held as scheduled – see the web site at [www.aaacei.org](http://www.aaacei.org) for schedules and the online book store.*

*Please register for the exam as early as you can so that you do not run out of time between preparing for the exam and writing your technical paper.*

*Our New Mexico section has guidance books, which you can borrow, as you prepare for the CCP and CCC exam. Remember also that a technical paper will need to be submitted prior to the exam.*

*Please see the listing of specific certification categories on the AAACE website. Also note the specific requirements for the exam and the technical paper on the website and give AAACE headquarters a call (800-858-COST) with any questions you may have.*

## **Members Corner:**

**Got comments, suggestions or want to provide informational articles for future Newsletter editions???**

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## **Food for Thought:**

The purpose of AAACE Certification is to provide a means for well-qualified individuals in the cost and management industry to establish credentials to recognize their skills, knowledge and experience, in addition to providing the public and the industry a means of distinguishing individuals who have met stringent criteria and competency in order to be AAACE Certified.

**Don't forget about AAACE International's 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. It will be held in Toronto, Ontario Canada.**

