

President's Message ~ January 2017

Remember to pay your 2017 membership dues, and try to get a colleague to become a member of the AACEI. Now is the most cost effective time to join AACEI as you get the benefit of membership for a whole year.

We have a full slate of activities planned through May of 2017. Please NOTE the activity dates and plan your schedule around these dates so that you can attend and support your local chapter. From the December meeting, the following activities are planned:

1. Presentation of "Cost Uncertainty" - January 20th, at Copper Canyon Cafe
2. Professional PR Agent – February 17th, at Copper Canyon Café
3. Field Trip to "ART" Project - March 2 or 9th
4. Speaker – Al Milton from Tecelote. Also nominations & scorecard requirements – April 21st, at Copper Canyon Café
5. Installation of new officers, audit, and closeout – May 19th, at Copper Canyon Café
6. Also, put on your calendar, if you can attend, a meeting of Los Alamos group (Valle Grande Section?) around the 16th of February

More to follow on above, but we have scheduled the meetings to be held in a centralized location in order to encourage your attendance and to minimize your time away from your most productive work schedule.

The 2016 fall activities included speakers L. Sheron (November) and R. Bettinger (September). Also the October meeting with the UNM students went well but the student turnout was not quite as strong as in past years. A Los Alamos informational and technical meeting was held December 13th with 30 attendees, thanks to L. Sheron and the Garza's for putting this meeting together.

The AACEI regional symposium that was held in early November in Houston was a success. Chris Caddell, our regional lead, sent \$300 disbursement to our section due to the symposium's success. We will most likely use the monies to help fund a trip to the next symposium.

We always need speakers for the monthly meetings and if you are particularly adept at an area of project controls, estimating, scheduling, management, construction, etc.; please step forward and volunteer to speak on a subject.

Also, don't forget to visit our local chapter's website to see about job opportunities, upcoming meeting times, and a general background on activities of the chapter. See you Friday, January 20th at lunchtime at the Copper Canyon Cafe.

Michael Ebbers, PE, CCP

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 AACEI.org website under certifications for the necessary requirements for certification. The AACEI is computer based testing. R. Bettinger is our most recent member who qualified as a CCP.

The current listing of certifications includes:

- Certified Cost Professional (CCP)
- Certified Cost Consultant (CCC)
- 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 AACEI 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 now have two scholarships available. The first scholarship is the book scholarship. It is an NM AACEI Section 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 for additional details.

Our second scholarship is the “Top Cat” scholarship. It is being sponsored by Power Engineering out of Colorado and is in honor of Andy Padilla. Andy was a long time ACEI member of our local chapter and worked at both the local and national levels during his lifetime. This scholarship is \$1,000 per year and will be available for 5 years.

Per discussion with advisors 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.