



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Spring! We hope that you all are emerging from the winter ready for the NM winds...

We have commenced with our spring series of technical meetings and plan to have a good set of topics to attend. In January Don Shannon provided a presentation on risk from a contracting officer perspective. Our February meeting was cancelled due to me being ill. This meeting is being rescheduled to March 22 and I will talk about modeling the lifetime storage and sustainment costs for the Air Force's retired Minuteman and Peacekeeper ICBM motors.

We have also just submitted our revised section bylaws to AAACEI HQ for approval. This will align our operating and fiscal years to the same calendar.

All members are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. If you are interested in presenting a topic, please contact Al Milton (emilton@tecolote.com)

Don't forget to visit our local chapter's website (www.aacei-nm.org) for meeting times and locations, general section information/background and local section news.

Ryan Bettinger, CCP, EVP

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 computer based testing.

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 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 one scholarship available. This is the book scholarship. It is an NM AAACEI Section ongoing campaign to give a book scholarship to an in-state post-secondary student in the



construction and engineering disciplines. 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.

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.

March Lunch Meeting:

Date: Friday, March 22nd, 11:30 AM -1:00 PM

Location: Copper Canyon Cafe

Presenter (s): Ryan Bettinger

Topic: Modeling Storage and Sustainment Costs for the Air Force's Retired Minuteman and Peacekeeper ICBM Motors.

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JOB LISTINGS:

** SEE Career Column at AAACEI website!!!

NEW MEXICO SECTION WEBSITE:

If you haven't already, please visit the New Mexico Section Website <http://www.aacei-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.aacei.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 AACE website. Also note the specific requirements for the exam and the technical paper on the website and give AACE 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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