



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy late Summer/Early Fall! We hope that you all are enjoying the last days of summer before moving into the fall season.

The Section Officers conducted the fall planning on September 4 to plan out the fall schedule of topics and meetings. Due to current COVID precautions, we will not be physically gathering for any meetings, rather conducting them via Zoom. I prefer to hold off on continuing in-person meetings until restaurants are open at full capacity. The tentative fall schedule is:

- September 25: DCMA Schedule 14-Criteria (Ryan Bettinger)
- October TBD: Virtual Meeting with UNM Students and/or Possible Technical Meeting (depending on UNM Meeting)
- November 20: Technical Meeting (Need Presenter and Topic)
- December 18: Holiday Gathering and Officer Installation

In February, Mr. Mike Ebbers provided a discussion on Scope, Schedule and Cost. To dovetail that discussion, I will provide a presentation on “Assessing the Health of a Schedule” on September 24. Stay tuned for meeting notice.

Lastly, our election cycle will kick-off in Oct/Nov. The list of nominees will be released in November, voting will happen in early December and the new officers will be installed at the December meeting. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please let me know. It is a great (and easy) way to earn CEUs for your certifications.

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.

Septemeber Lunch Meeting:

Date: September 24, 2020

Location: Virtual

Presenter (s): Ryan Bettinger

Topic: Assessing the Health of a Schedule

2020 NEW MEXICO SECTION OFFICERS

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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:

The 2020 Conference and Expo will be virtual this year. Please visit



<https://web.aacei.org/conferences-events/2020ConEx> for more information.

Certifications:

For those of you seeking to be certified in one of the many AACE 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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