



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! We hope that you all enjoyed the holidays and new year. Good riddance to 2020, let's hope 2021 brings back a sense of normalcy.

We conducted our initial technical meeting of 2021 on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Mike Ebbers led a discussion focused on AAACE's interpretation of Estimate Accuracy as described in Recommended Practice No. 87R-14. Subsequently, we conducted a planning meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> to plan out the rest of the spring series of technical 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 planned schedule is:

- February 26: Earned Value Techniques
- March 26: Risk Analysis/Contingency
- April 23: TBD
- May 21: TBD

Our new set of officers were installed right before the new year, please see 2021 New Mexico Section Officers below for a listing.

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

Don't forget to visit our local chapter's website ([www.aacei-nm.org](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> Edition
- Study Guides
  - Decision and Risk Management
  - Cost Estimating
  - Scheduling Primer



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## **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](http://www.aacei-nm.org) for additional details.

## **February Lunch Meeting:**

**Date:** February 26, 2021

**Location:** Virtual

**Presenter (s):** Ryan Bettinger

**Topic:** Earned Value Techniques

## **2021 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 2021 Conference and Expo will be Jun 20-23 in Boston this year. Please visit <https://web.aacei.org/conferences-events/2021-aace-international-conference-expo> for more information.*

## **Certifications:**

*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](http://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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