

President's Message

Dear Rocky Mountain Section Members and Friends,

I trust you have seen the May meeting announcement by now and are seriously considering attending our last meeting of the season before summer break. The RMS Board started the year with a desire to offer more technical and informative content at our monthly meetings, some general interest presentations, and a traditional tour. Even though we were a bit backwards and broke with tradition by having the tour first rather than last, I think we have accomplished our overall objectives. By the end of the year, we will have heard technical topics such as contingency estimating, concurrent schedule delays, earned value management, decision analysis, risk management, and fundamentals of a project controls system. On the general interest side, presentations were given on specific projects including the Panama Canal reconstruction effort, the Los Angeles Metro link project, and construction at the London Olympics. We also had a discussion and comparison of scheduling software tools and, as you likely know, we offered a one-day training session for both the CCC/CCE and the PSP certifications. This was quite a year and I want to personally thank each speaker/presenter/instructor and all others within the Section who helped put this program year together.

As a quick summary of the "Spring *Your Career* Forward" Seminar, we had nearly 40 total people in attendance (including instructors) with 17 sitting through the CCC/CCE training, 8 for the PSP training, and the balance attending the afternoon presentations.

As I mentioned in the last message, the time has come to fill the Directors and Officers positions for the upcoming 2013-2014 year. Please contact me if you are willing to serve in one of the following open positions for the RMS:

President-already filled
Vice President-already filled
Secretary-**open**
Treasurer-already filled
Director-Certification and Training-**open**
Director-Scholarship and Awards-**open**
Director-At Large-**open**

Additionally there are various Committees that will need dedicated support throughout the year such as Membership, Publicity, Nominations, and Programs. Each of these Committees will assist the responsible Officer or Director in fulfilling his or her duties so that one person isn't overburdened with the work.

I will not be able to devote much (if any) time to the RMS next year since I am going to be serving on the AACE International Board of Directors as the Director for Region 5 and that will take all of my available time. Therefore, please consider one of these positions or committees to help out the incoming RMS Board.

We are also in need of a "specialized" volunteer to take over the web site duties. You may be aware that we experienced a couple of viruses during this past year and that was not a good situation. I want to thank those who brought this to our attention and apologize for any inconvenience anyone might have experienced as a result of these unfortunate situations. We corrected the problems as quickly as possible each time and have now made a more sustainable fix with a new hosting service, an entirely new web site design, and as many preventative measures as possible so this doesn't happen again. We want the RMS web site to be an interactive place where Members can get the latest information; where we

publish interesting articles; and where we also have a proactive job posting section with up-to-date postings. This effort will require someone to take charge of inputting and maintaining the content so I hope you will consider volunteering for this position. Please check out our new design at www.aacermms.com.

Thank you for your membership and support and please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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